

*Welcome back!*

## SHOWCASE

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

9:30~11:30 am

Orinda Community Church

### OML Branch Kick-Off General Meeting

*Read all about our Priorities & Branch Activities on page 3.*

*Review the OML proposed budgets on pages 5 & 6.*

## “Like College ... Only Better”



*Judy Helder and Mary Leigh Miller enjoy the sights in Costa Rica.*

Road Scholar Ambassador, ANN WHITE, will take us all on an exciting journey toward getting the most of our travel adventures.

From inspiring instructors, spirited conversations to finding new friends and new experiences – being a Road Scholar encompasses the best of the university experience. You’ll learn from expert faculty and meet fellow Road Scholars, who, like you, are students of the world. Road Scholar offers thousands of in-depth, insider learning expeditions to 150 countries.

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Our speaker, Ann White, is an ambassador of Road Scholar. She will speak about the history of this organization, its mission and wide variety of travel experiences that you can find with them. Join us as she takes us on a tour of the world. Invite your friends to come.

**Coming next month**

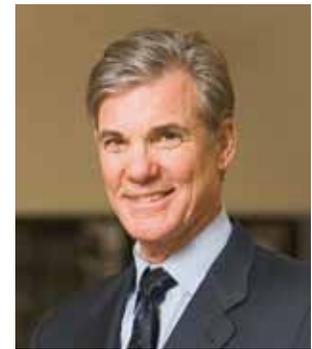
## TOM TORLAKSON

**California State  
Superintendent of  
Public Instruction**

**TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 17**

9:30~11:30 am

Orinda Community Church



The OML Branch welcomes Tom Torlakson, the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI), to AAUW’s general meeting October 17. Torlakson will address the state of education in California.

Tom Torlakson was re-elected to a second four-year term as California’s 27th State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 2014. As chief of California’s public school system and leader of the California Department of Education, Torlakson applies his experience as a science teacher, high school coach, and state policymaker to fight for our students and improve our state’s public education system.

*Public Education is a priority of AAUW. We hope you will mark your calendars for this special Public Policy event!!*

## ... from LAURA'S DESK

**Greetings:**

This summer was exciting for me as I hosted my 21-year-old granddaughter, Denise Sallee (*with me in the photo*), for eight weeks while she took an internship with Madera Group, a consulting organization that works with groups starting up nonprofits that address social and political issues.

What made this extended visit of particular interest for our

AAUW-OML branch was Denise's attendance at **AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)** in May.

When she headed off to the conference, she didn't know what to expect. Once there she found herself surrounded by bright young women who were involved in their communities and eager to make a difference. "It was so exciting to be amongst like-minded women, who were standing up and becoming engaged in improving their campus and their communities," she said. The program addressed important leadership issues of the day for women and girls. They were coached on working with difficult people, creating a resume that gets attention and gaining the knowledge and skills to negotiate salaries and benefits. They discussed the importance of establishing relationships with local AAUW branches and leading campus events to build on-campus communities for women. The skills she acquired at NCCWSL she brought to her internship and to several of the board members of AAUW-OML who met with her to learn about NCCWSL.

At the board member's strategic planning meeting in July, we addressed some challenges we face as an organization. Denise participated in many conversations that took place after that meeting. She attended our Cocktails and Conversations in June, was a guest at our Movie Group (leading our discussion on the movie *Wonder Women*) and had small group conversations with several of our committee chairs. One meeting in particular was with **Mary Ann McLeod** and **Stacia Cragholm** in which we considered the value of sending a **Saint Mary's College** student to NCCWSL as an alternative to our current scholarship program. Another idea was to work more closely with several departments at Saint Mary's to develop an internship/mentoring program in which students would work with us as "college ambassadors," helping with our projects and providing administrative support in the areas of social media and technology.

I enjoyed sharing my granddaughter with my friends and colleagues at AAUW-OML. She was an inspiration to us all, and we inspired her by sharing our interests and enthusiasm for our work to give women a fair chance to achieve their dreams. She looks forward to returning to California for her gap year after graduation, working in a social service program with the goal of pursuing a career in public policy and/or politics by attending the Goldman Institute.

Our work at AAUW and AAUW-OML is important. Reaching out to our young women through mentoring and by supporting them, directly or indirectly, transforms their lives.

**Laura Wittenberg,**  
President

## Board Meeting HIGHLIGHTS Tuesday, August 8

Over the summer, your board has been busy planning and organizing for the coming year. There are so many things to do and so many ways to get involved:

How about asking one of your favorite stores or restaurants to advertise in the Triad? Such advertising is a major fundraiser for our branch. **Pat Lopker** has an excellent committee that works on securing ads, but she welcomes help from any and all members who can join the effort. Just give her a call for information.

Our Program Co-Chairs, **Jill West** and **Janette Maher**, have lined up outstanding speakers for some of this year's programs, and they are seeking your ideas for other programs. Drop them an email if you have a suggestion or favorite topic.

Wow – since May our members have donated \$1,650 to AAUW Funds. Co-Chairs, **Lynda Leonard** and **Marie Bonilla** will let us know how our donations are being used. Watch for their articles on the various funds in upcoming Triads.

Those of you interested in Public Policy – and some 22 of you have indicated that you are – should keep a look out for formation of a committee to discuss how we should proceed. Co-Chairs **Laura Monin** and **Jan Coe** will set up a meeting soon.

And, finally, the board has reviewed and approved budgets for our branch as well as our Community Outreach Fund. Check out the proposed budgets in this Triad and come to the meeting prepared to vote.

**Judy Hammon,**  
Secretary

**FOCUS ON ... SHOWCASE**

**HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED  
on Tuesday September 19th, 2017**

You won't want to miss September Showcase when our branch gets to talk about "US" – the good work we do advancing our priorities and informing members about the many active interest groups that provide relationships and fun.

**State, National and Branch Priorities**

The National and State priorities are: **AAUW FUND**, raising money for landmark educational studies, legal advocacy, educational and leadership programs; **START SMART** salary negotiation workshops; and **TECH TREK**, enabling seven local middle school girls to attend a week-long science-based camp at Stanford. **PUBLIC POLICY** keeps us informed about what AAUW National and State are doing with a public policy committee in the works to plan advocacy activities as a way for members to promote AAUW positions locally and nationally.

Our Branch priorities include **SCHOLARSHIPS**, which raises and provides financial support for girls from our three high schools and Saint Mary's College; **EYH/STEM CONFERENCE** held in March for middle school girls in collaboration with Saint Mary's; and **COMMUNITY OUT-REACH PORJECTS** providing library workers and tutors at Burckhalter Elementary School in Oakland.

Each of these priorities are run by committees that need new members to volunteer. There is always something to be done, just ask! You can sign up at Showcase.

**Interest Groups**

We currently have 10 active interest groups. There is probably one, or two or three for you, so sign up and make new friends. If you like to read, there are two **READING GROUPS**. I hear the readers discussing their books at meetings and branch events. If you like to discuss current events, join **GREAT**

**DECISIONS** when it starts in February. Held over an eight week period, the readings and discussions are thought provoking. The **GOLF GROUP** plays twice a month (usually 9 holes) and all skill levels are welcome. Believe me I know, I play just to be outside and have fun. The **BIKERS** ride on level trails at a relaxed pace the 1st Friday of the month. We are looking for someone to lead the **MUSEUM MAVENS** – a popular group that takes turns picking a museum, date and time and to organize the carpools. This group has lunch together at the museum, making for a nice day.

There is an **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL** group that meets the 1st Saturday of the month in the evening. A **LETS GO TO THE MOVIES** group sees the movies on one's own and then meets on the 3rd Friday evening to discuss the movie. We also have a **MEMOIRS AND MUSINGS** group that gets together to support each other in writing her own story. These last three groups often have limited capacity, unfortunately, since the meetings are in members' homes. Therefore, we encourage you to consider starting a second movie group or another travel group (which could even focus on local or national travel). There are one or two people interested in beginning a second Memoirs and Musings group. The **BRIDGE** group is often full, so we are hoping there are at least four people who would like to start a new table. If you do, sign up at the bridge table.

Would you like to be part of a "Science and Technology Discussion Group" to discuss scientific articles in these fields? What about a "Singing Group" or an "Evening Salon" in which we would meet in each other's homes for dessert and discuss issues of the day. Or be part of a "Walking Group" in your community? We will have some sign-up sheets for each of these groups at Showcase to determine interest. Perhaps you have another idea. If so, let me know and we will have a sign-up sheet for that group too.

**Denise Burian,  
President Elect**

**TECH TREK REUNION**

Our 2017 AAUW-OML Tech Trek girls – Katie, Kiara, Namratha, Isabelle, Maia, Olivia, Cathy – plus dorm mom, Christine Walwyn and instructor, Gail Chesler returned from camp with great stories about the successful week!

You are invited to join us for a reception and mini reunionn on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, from 7 to 8 pm** at **MIRAMONTE GARDENS CLUBHOUSE, 1 Miramonte Drive, Moraga**. This will be a very casual evening to welcome the girls back and hear their impressions of the camp. Please RSVP to [jancushman@comcast.net](mailto:jancushman@comcast.net)



## PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES



AAUW gained some major wins at the state level during the first 8 months of 2017 from passage of a bevy of equal pay bills to the expansion of rights for victims of sexual assault and even the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in Nevada.

We already have much to celebrate, but we also anticipate more progress in the coming months and lots of preparation for 2018. Health care and redistricting battles are on the horizon. The push for better family-friendly workplace policies will continue. And the ever-constant need to improve our education systems will keep us on our toes.

### Attempts to Repeal Health Care Law Fail in Senate

Repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) failed in a 49-51 Senate vote in late July. Sens. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Susan Collins (R-ME), and John McCain (R-AZ), along with all Senate Democrats, voted against the harmful proposal. The defeat of ACA repeal preserves women's access to affordable and quality health care. The most recent Senate plan, called the Health Care Freedom Act (HCFA) or "skinny repeal," would have eliminated essential health care provisions of the law and jeopardized health care coverage for millions of Americans. AAUW opposed the HCFA, as well as earlier repeal proposals. We will continue to oppose any efforts that seek to weaken women's access to affordable, quality health coverage, and any attacks that endanger women's access to key health care services provided by Planned Parenthood health centers.

### State Abortion Restrictions Are Bad for Women's Health Outcomes

To date, states have enacted 53 new abortion restrictions during the 2017 legislative session. While proponents of these laws often argue that they are intended to help women, new research from the Center for Reproductive Rights and Ibis Reproductive Health finds that states with more anti-abortion laws tend to have poorer health outcomes for women and children when compared to states that have fewer restrictions. Specifically, the study looks at access to primary care providers, maternal mortality rates, vaccinations, and access to mental health care for children. This suggests that abortion restrictions do not actually benefit women and children and in fact do the exact opposite.

**Jan Coe & Laura Monin,**  
Public Policy Co-Chairs

## BURCKHALTER UPDATE

### Back to School for Burckhalter Volunteers

*Beginning our 25th year of service to Oakland's Burckhalter Elementary School.*

OML's Burckhalter Project has been a Branch Priority since 1993. Our chapter provides library services and tutors to this wonderful but underserved school. Returning this year are eight regular volunteer librarians, four alternates, and four tutors. The library is open three days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Some of our volunteers even work two days a week! They teach library skills, introduce new books through "book talks," provide specialized programs as needed or requested by the teachers and, of course, read stories. Our tutors provide individual and small group assistance with language arts, math and computer science.

If you have been looking for a volunteer opportunity, now is the time to talk to us about the rewards of working at Burckhalter, conveniently located in East Oakland, just one block off of Highway 13. You will be warmly welcomed by the teachers and the students! This is a very enthusiastic, creative and congenial group and they will be happy to welcome some new helpers for the 2017-18 year. Email **Pat Beckner** at [patbeckner@yahoo.com](mailto:patbeckner@yahoo.com).

**BASICS FOR BURCKHALTER  
AT SEPTEMBER SHOWCASE  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

With the Oakland School District budget freeze, teachers and students at our adopted school find themselves short on even the necessities. Teachers were asked what they needed most. Below are their sometimes surprising answers. We will have donation boxes at the Burckhalter table at Showcase.



**Paper Towels & Kleenex  
Hand Sanitizer  
Antibacterial Wipes  
#2 Pencils  
Glue Sticks  
Expo Markers (black only)  
Paint Brushes  
(for our very artistic 5th grade teacher)**

**Pat Beckner,**  
Community Outreach Co-Chair

**AAUW OML Operating Fund Budget - 501(c)(4)**

	2016/17 Budget	2016/17 actual income	2016/2017 actual expenses	2017/18 Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Membership branch dues	\$ 3,504.00	\$ 3,475.00		\$ 3,600.00
Advertising	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 5,200.87		\$ 5,000.00
Interest	\$ 160.00	\$ 7.00		\$ 10.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 8,464.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,682.87</b>		<b>\$8,610.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Administration</b>				
Bookkeeping	\$ 500.00		\$ 266.00	\$ 300.00
Computer - software license	\$ 400.00		\$ -	\$ 100.00
Filing Fees	\$ 30.00		\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Miscellaneous - \$0 budget	\$ 300.00			
Insurance	\$ 650.00		\$ 555.00	\$ 600.00
Membership Interbranch Council	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Constant Contact	\$ 400.00		\$ 168.00	\$ 168.00
Memorial Gifts - not a budget item			\$ 50.00	
Postage, include PO Box (\$134)	\$ 330.00		\$ 169.23	\$ 170.00
Printing/Copies	\$ 250.00		\$ 137.61	\$ 140.00
Tax Preparation - postcard filing	\$ 1,000.00		\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$ 3,910.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,435.84</b>	<b>\$ 1,568.00</b>
<b>Community Involvement</b>				
AAUW FUND	\$ 100.00		\$ 42.75	\$ 40.00
Community Involvement: marketing	\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ 100.00
Public Policy	\$ 50.00		\$ 32.41	\$ 150.00
State Funds Assessment	\$ 60.00		\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00
Community Involvement Other	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Community Involvement</b>	<b>\$ 260.00</b>		<b>\$ 140.16</b>	<b>\$ 355.00</b>
<b>Leadership Recognition</b>				
Distinguished Woman Award	\$ 300.00		\$ 417.73	\$ 360.00
May Luncheon	\$ 100.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 293.98	\$ 100.00
Natl Convention (schedule changing)	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 3,700.00	\$ -
Past President's Pin	\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ -
Regional/ District Mtg/ Training	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
State Convention (even yrs)			\$ 50.00	\$ 3,000.00
<b>Total Leadership Recognition</b>	<b>\$ 2,550.00</b>		<b>\$ 4,561.71</b>	<b>\$ 3,560.00</b>
<b>Meetings</b>				
April Awards Event	\$ 250.00			\$ 200.00
Hospitality Supplies	\$ 350.00		\$ 408.45	\$ 380.00
Past Presidents Event \$0 budget	\$ 125.00		\$ -	\$ -
Program	\$ 1,600.00		\$ 901.16	\$ 1,600.00
Room Rental	\$ 1,610.00		\$ 1,190.00	\$ 1,450.00
Special Allocation - Board Retreat				\$ 600.00
<b>Total Meetings</b>	<b>\$ 3,935.00</b>		<b>\$ 2,499.61</b>	<b>\$ 4,230.00</b>
<b>Membership</b>				
Advertising - our expense	\$ 100.00		\$ 70.00	\$ 100.00
Gift Membership	\$ 100.00		\$ -	\$ -
Overview/ Directory	\$ 700.00		\$ 535.83	\$ 475.00
Triad, incl paying members; budget for NET	\$ 150.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 142.32	\$ 150.00
Membership Activities postage, copying, "on us", booth	\$ 400.00		\$ 615.85	\$ 640.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>\$ 1,450.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,364.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,365.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,105.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,001.32</b>	<b>\$11,078.00</b>
Income subtract expenses				<b>(\$2,468.00)</b>
If needed, funds to cover any (-) may be withdrawn from reserves				2,468.00

**BRANCH PROPOSED BUDGETS**

As is required by our by-laws, a proposed budget for the OML Branch Operating Corporation for fiscal year 2017-2018 was drafted by the Budget Committee and presented to the board on August 8, 2017 (see budget at left). The new by-laws for the Community Outreach Fund requires the same process for the budget (found on the next page) of this 501(c)(3) organization {non-profit, tax-exempt}. Both budgets were approved by the board at that meeting. We now must present them for consideration and approval by the general membership at our meeting on September 19th.

Those two spreadsheets are printed here in the Triad and are included on our website. Go there if you'd like to see them. If you have questions about either budget, please contact **Gail Chesler, Finance VP**, or any other board member.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE**

The 2017-18 Directory will be available at the October 17th General Meeting. Besides the upcoming year's schedules and updated branch information, it will include advertising, the revenue source that supports OML's general administrative needs.

But, most importantly, the Directory includes a complete up-to-date list of our membership. *During this past year has any of your personal information changed (i.e., new email address, change of phone listing)?* If so, please contact **Sheila Apte**, the branch database coordinator (376-1849, sheila.apte@gmail.com) so these changes can be included in the new Directory.

Mary Leigh Miller,  
Directory Editor

**AAUW-OML 501(c)(3) - Community Outreach Funds**

<u>Fund/Item</u>	2016/17 Budget	2016/17 actuals	2017/18 budget
<b><u>Burckhalter</u></b>			
Carryover/ beginning balance 7/1/17	\$ 2,874.94		
Donations/ income	\$ 500.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 500.00
Expenses	\$ (1,400.00)	\$ (621.00)	\$ (1,400.00)
<b><i>Estimated Ending Balance Burckhalter</i></b>			<b>\$ 1,974.94</b>
<b><u>Scholarship</u></b>			
Carryover/ beginning balance 7/1/17	\$ 20,560.75		
Remaining Gayle Uilkema Bequest 7/1/17	5,000.00		
Fundraising/ donations	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 11,703.97	\$ 6,100.00
Expenses	\$ (260.00)	\$ (1,800.84)	\$ (470.00)
Gayle Uilkema Fund Scholarship	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ (5,000.00)
Scholarship Awards AAUW-OML	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (6,000.00)	\$ (3,600.00)
<b><i>Estimated Ending Balance Scholarship</i></b>			<b>\$ 22,590.75</b>
<b><u>Tech Trek</u></b>			
Carryover/ beginning balance 7/1/17	\$ 8,930.95		
RestaurantWalk/ Parents/ ShredFest/ Donations/ yardsale	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 7,357.67	\$ 8,500.00
Scholarships to Tech Trek (6 @ \$1,000 each)	\$ (5,400.00)	\$ (6,000.00)	\$ (7,000.00)
Expenses	\$ (2,350.00)	\$ (1,706.42)	\$ (1,600.00)
<b><i>Estimated Ending Balance Tech Trek</i></b>			<b>\$ 8,830.95</b>
<b><u>AAUW/ EYH STEM Conference</u></b>			
Carryover/ beginning balance 7/1/17	\$6,098.12		left indented => in kind
<i>In-kind Saint Mary's main hall &amp; classrooms &amp; IT support</i>	\$6,676	\$10,677	\$12,000
Attendance fees \$25 x 160 (budget 4 2018 event) + parents' fees	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 3,467.00	\$ 4,800
Donations (corporate & organizations & Individuals)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,483.00	\$ 7,200
<i>In-kind donations from grocery stores, coffee, members</i>	\$1,186	\$1,434	\$1,400
Total income <b>omitting "in-kind"</b>	\$ 10,850.00	\$ 10,950.00	\$ 12,000
Expense, not including costs of <i>in-kind</i> items	\$ (8,264.00)	\$ (7,262.05)	\$ (13,360)
<b><i>Estimated Ending Balance STEM Conf</i></b>			<b>\$4,738.12</b>
<b><u>Start Smart</u></b>			
Carryover/ beginning balance 7/1/17	\$ 5.00		
No budgeted income or expenses at this time			
<b><i>Estimated Ending Balance Start Smart</i></b>			<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b><u>Sister 2 Sister</u></b>			
Carryover balance 7/1/17	\$3,679.50		
No budgeted income or expenses at this time			
<b><i>Estimated Ending Balance S2S</i></b>			<b>\$3,679.50</b>

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Welcome to a New Member**

Welcome to new member, **Joan Foster**. A friend of President, Laura Wittenberg, Joan and her husband live in Orinda. Joan has a degree in education from UC Berkeley. She is no stranger to AAUW as she is a dual member with the Alamo-Danville branch, where she was Treasurer at one point. She noted an interest in volunteering at Burckhalter and joining several interest groups including Best Sellers, Great Decisions and Bridge.



**Thanks to Rheem Starbuck's "Polar Bears"**

Heartfelt thanks to the 12 members who braved a cold and windy Moraga morning outside at Starbuck's on August 12th for Coffee on Us. The polar bear weather didn't stop attendees from enjoying each other's company in lively conversation about movies, aqua aerobics, politics and, oh, yes, some AAUW projects. Sorry for the weather folks but there was no room inside and it was August after all!

**Wine and Conversation, October 12th at Amoroma**

If you're looking for a "warmer" (weather wise) environment for getting to know other members, mark your calendars and come to the next Wine and Conversation gathering at Ristorante Amoroma on Thursday, October 12 from 5-7 pm. Amoroma is in Moraga at 360 Park Street next to the Rheem Theater. On Thursday nights the restaurant does a wine tasting which includes light appetizers. The branch will pay the \$5 tasting fee for you on October 12. Additional wine and appetizers are available for purchase. New members are especially encouraged to come to these gatherings – either coffee or wine, or both – as they offer an opportunity to meet other members in a less formal environment than a monthly meeting.



**Dues Are Past Due – Don't Be Deleted From the Database!**

Although annual dues were to be in by June 30, as of this writing many members still have not paid. An email was sent to all those overdue (who have emails) and phone calls will begin at the end of August. Those who still have not paid by October 1st will be deleted from our database. Contact **Gail Chesler** if you need help renewing on line. Don't be deleted!

If the reason you haven't renewed is because you are not participating in branch activities, why not consider your membership as a charitable contribution, \$46 of which is tax deductible? You would be getting great value for your contribution in supporting AAUW in its mission of equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and important national research studies.

**Mary Levey and Alison Mackenzie,  
Membership VP Co-Chairs**

**SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY OCTOBER 12 • 6:30 pm**

**Civic Park Community Center • Walnut Creek**

**LEARN HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!**

**Empowering Local Women to Get Involved in Government**

**Guest Speaker: State Assembly Woman, CATHARINE BAKER**

**Sponsored by Contra Costa AAUW Branches & Junior League, East Bay**

**SPECIAL INTERESTS  
NEWS**

**CRITICS CHOICE  
BOOK GROUP**

Do you like to read? Do you want to read bestsellers but don't want to pay for each book? Here's an opportunity to read ten to twelve bestselling books between October 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018 for a total cost of \$20.

In the AAUW Critics Choice Book Group, we buy several copies of recent fiction and non-fiction books in September and circulate them through a neighborhood reading group of ten to twelve members. You read one book each month beginning in October; then you deliver it to your neighbor on the first of the following month. Your last selection of the year is yours to keep. We meet once a year to discuss the past year's selections and to choose books for the coming year.

You can reserve a spot in the group by sending a \$20 check, payable to **Mary S. Smith**, to Mary at 1096 Sanders Drive, Moraga, 94556. Sign-ups for this fun and entertaining group will also be taken at the first AAUW meeting in September.

**Notice to current Critics Choice members:**

The selection meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 12th**, at 10:30 am at my home. You will soon receive an email about renewal.

**MUSEUM MAVENS**

Museum Mavens is looking for a coordinator. Usually one of our group has an interest in visiting a special exhibit. She will choose the exhibit, and determines a date. We can send out an email to the members and organize those interested. We gather at BART or at a carpool location. We enjoy a lovely day that often includes lunch and wonderful camaraderie for all. Contact **Maryellen Judson**, 283-2387 or [thjudson@aol.com](mailto:thjudson@aol.com).

## AAUW FUND REPORT

## Empowering Women: Our Donated Dollars at Work The Educational Opportunities Fund

*Cost of education is measured in a dollar amount,  
while validation of worth is priceless. AAUW gives both.*

This is the second in a series of articles about AAUW Fund and the work that our donations support.

The **Educational Opportunities Fund** supports educational and learning opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success. The programs include Fellowships and Grants, Fellows Alumnae Initiative and Tech Trek.

The **Fellows Alumnae Initiative** inspires women by providing access to

the network of past and current AAUW fellows and grantees, and we're all familiar with **Tech Trek** and the important role it plays in introducing eighth grade girls to science, technology, engineering and math.

For **Fellowships and Grants** there are hundreds of endowed fund numbers, each for a specific fellowship, including the Career Development Grant (\$2,000-\$12,000), the Community Action Grant (one-year grant \$2,000-\$7,000, two-year grant \$5,000-\$10,000), the International Fellowships (\$18,000-\$30,000), the International Project Grants (\$5,000-\$7,000), the Selected Professions Award (\$5,000-\$18,000) and the American Fellowship (\$6,000-\$30,000). Applications are now being accepted for the 2018-19 academic year. Deadline dates vary. For the 2017-18 academic year, 250 women and community projects serving women and girls will receive \$3.7 million from AAUW.

One of this year's awardees is hard at work just over the hills from us: 2017-18 American Fellow Zawadi Rucks-Ahidiana is a doctoral candidate at UC Berkeley. Her current project documents how the media portrays

*"To have an organization like AAUW saying, 'We support your research, we support you, you're on the right track,' that really empowered me and restored my confidence as a scholar."*

*– Bonnie Williams, 2015-16  
AAUW American Fellow*

gentrification in order to better understand the depictions that influence public perceptions of class-based neighborhood changes and policy responses to gentrification. She hopes to continue her work as a tenure-track professor.

By easing the pressure of financing their academic and community work, AAUW's awards help women tackle the growing burden of student debt and focus their efforts on the task at hand: developing the skills and confidence they need to excel in their fields.

**Become a Panelist on a Selection Committee.** Panelists engage in an online process to review applications to select awardees for recommendation to the AAUW Board of Directors for approval. Panelists may also participate in teleconferences. Two-year terms begin January 1. The application deadline is October 31.

**Marie Bonilla and  
Lynda Leonard,  
AAUW Fund VPs**

Important Fundraisers for  
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TUESDAY,  
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Spend a delightful evening  
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**OML ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN**

Fall approaches and branch activities gear up. Likewise, the 2017 Advertising Committee is busy selling and renewing ads. This is the last month current 2016-17 advertisers are listed in the side-column as seen here. Please thank them for their generous and ongoing support. Among these are member advertisers: **Diane Bell-Rettger, Maxine Christison, K deGroot, Joan Evans, Elaine Gallaher, Soraya Golesorkhi, and Lana Reichick.** We acknowledge them and are excited they are each renewing ads for 2017-18.

Summer ad sales continue by 10 members who are great at meeting this challenge. They are **Diane Bell-Rettger, Stacia Cragholm, K deGroot, Elaine Gallaher, Bonnie Gallogly, Maryellen Judson, Pat Lopker, Mary Leigh Miller, Lana Reichick, and Laura Wittenberg.** Newly returned AAUW member, **Caroline Wood,** is also helping the committee seek new ads. After publishing expenses are met, this OML income helps secure excellent program speakers and contributes to AAUW OML Community Outreach.

I would personally like to thank **Mary Leigh Miller,** TRIAD Editor, **Bonnie Gallogly,** AAUW OML Webmaster, and **Jeanne Melaugh,** Website Backup Assistant, for your conscientious detailing of ads. Your expertise and cooperation makes what you do a well done part of the picture.

While appreciating the advertisers who continue, new businesses are welcome and needed. You, the OML membership, can personally make great suggestions to this ad campaign! Please call or email me. Together building awareness, we add strength in advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. With kudos for past and hopeful for future sponsor/advertising,

**Pat Lopker,**  
**Advertising Coordinator**  
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**SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE**

**Our five 2017 Awardees Are Off to School!**

**Saint Mary's College:**

Valeria Martin: Univ. of Texas, Austin, advanced study in Ed. Administration

Annie Dao: USC, Physical Therapy major at the Ostrow School of Dentistry

**Acalanes:** Cara Wolfe – UC Berkeley

**Campolindo:** Zoe Portnoff – UC Irvine

**Miramonte:** Blake Sharp – Stanford University

**Bonnie Fend** and **Maryellen Judson** are working with *Tried and True Testing* to continue our fundraising efforts this year. Our committee will be reading essays written by local students and meeting with them as we decide who will receive our scholarships in 2018.

Scholarship meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. Branch members interested in our committee can attend the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting at Mary Ann McLeod's home.

**Mary Ann McLeod,**  
**Scholarship Coordinator**

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## SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

### 1 FRI – BIKE GROUP

Contact Ellen Beans, ellen.beans@gmail.com

### 2 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

*There is no meeting this month*

Contact Sara Lautenbach for info

### 5 TUES – BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon – Joyce Dickey 825-7991

### 5 TUES – TECH TREK REUNION

7-8 pm – MIRAMONTE GARDENS CLUB HOUSE

### 11, 25 MON – GOLF

Contact Jan Gee for t-time and venue, 938-1316

### 12 TUES – CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP MEETING

10:30 am – Home of Mary Smith, 1096 Sanders Drive, Moraga

### 12 TUES – PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

12 noon – Orinda Community Church

### 12 TUES – BOARD MEETING

1 pm – Orinda Community Church

### 15 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK

*The Door* by Magda Szabo

10 am – Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda

Contact Mary Hake, 254-1435

### 15 FRI – LETS GO TO THE MOVIES

Contact Mary Leigh Miller, 631-9694, for more info.

### 17 SUN – STEM CONFERENCE Kick-Off Celebration

5-7 pm – Home of Stacia Cragholm.

RSVP at staciawater@hotmail.com

### 19 TUES – SHOWCASE

#### September General Meeting

**Keynote Speaker: Ann White From Road Scholar**

**9:30 am – Orinda Community Church**

### 20 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS

1-3 pm – Contact Carol Messinger for details, 283-8741

### 21 THUR – SCHOLARSHIP Committee Meeting

9:30 am – Home of Mary Ann McLeod

### 21 THUR – STEM CONFERENCE Meeting

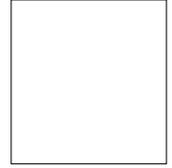
1 pm – Dryden Hall at Saint Mary's College

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### 24 SUN – OCTOBER TRIAD DEADLINE

Send items to mlmiller602@gmail.com

## OCTOBER

(look for more listings in the OCTOBER issue)

### 3 TUES – RESTAURANT WALK

6-9 pm – Downtown Walnut Creek

### 10 TUES – BOARD MEETING

1 pm – Orinda Community Church

### 12 THUR – WINE AND CONVERSATION

5-7 pm – Amoroma Wine Bar next to the Rheem Theatre

*For more info, turn to page 7*

### 12 THURS – LEARN HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

6:30 pm – Civic Park Comm. Center *(See info on page 7)*

### 14 SAT – SHRED-FEST

9 am-1 pm – 5-A RENT-A-SPACE, Moraga

### 17 TUES – OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Tom Torlakson, CA Superintendent of Public Instruction

9:30 am – Orinda Community Church

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL

### SPECIAL INTEREST COORDINATORS:

*If your group decides to meet on a different day or time than normal, please contact our Calendar Coordinator, BONNIE GALLOGLY, so she can update the website calendar.*