



May Luncheon Celebrates Service, Incoming and Outgoing Board Members



INCOMING ELECTED BOARD L to R: *Denise Burian, Gail Chesler, Judy Hammon, Laura Wittenberg, Lynda Leonard, Marie Bonilla, Mary Levey, Mary Ellen Judson.* Not pictured: *Alison MacKenzie, Jill West, Janette Maher.*

SUMMER BOARD MEETING

AAUW-OML meeting of the outgoing and incoming board, elected and appointed, will attend a Strategic Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 13, from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm at the Orinda Community Church. Lunch will be served.

The purpose of the meeting is to take a fresh look at OML's mission and priorities, and renew our commitment. A similar meeting took place eight or nine years ago. In reviewing that plan it was impressive to note how we have met our goals and followed through with the commitments we made at the time. This meeting will be facilitated by Sandi Gabe, State Director and Dawn Johnson, Parliamentarian, from the AAUW-CA leadership team.

Anyone who would like to participate is welcome. Please contact Laura Wittenberg directly if you would like to join us on that day.

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Gail Chesler



Marie Bonilla, Diane Bell-Rettger, 2017 Named Gift Honoree.



2017 AAUW-OML Distinguished Woman Mary Ann McLod and Pat Lopker, 2015 Distinguished Woman.

...From LAURA'S DESK



Greetings:

Reflecting upon this past year I felt compelled to share my summary of the accomplishments of our year in this letter as well as at the May luncheon.

Our mission is to advance equity through education, advocacy, philanthropy and research. During the past year we have worked together to make a positive impact on advancing AAUW's mission through our support of our local and national priorities:

Public Policy and Programs Committees put together some great meetings this year. They provided some wonderful speakers on current issues that attracted numerous visitors to join us at our meetings.

EYH-STEM Conference for middle school girls – brought together more than 150 girls, some through outreach, to participate in experiential workshops in STEM fields and hear from young women from the worlds of business and technology about their careers and new opportunities for them to aspire to attain. The parent education portion of the conference attracted over 50 parents who heard from professionals about ways they could support their girls.

Tech Trek: Seven – 7th grade girls will be attending Tech Trek Camp at Stanford this summer due to the hard work and generosity of many. They closed the year with a garage sale May 20, where they raised \$1,000 towards funding next year's Tech Trek camp awards.

Scholarships: The scholarship committee awarded scholarships to three high school senior girls and two Saint Mary's graduating seniors for their graduate studies in the coming year.

Community Outreach: Burkhalter Elementary School Library and Tutoring Volunteers provided many hours of service, helping to enrich these students educational experience. I hate to think what they would miss out on if our members were not there.

AAUW Fund: Our members donated over \$ 8,000.00 towards AAUW Fund, as was reported by **Marie Bonilla** at the May luncheon.

All of these programs took many volunteers and willing workers to accomplish. We wrapped up the year with a beautiful luncheon where we honored **Mary Ann McLeod** with the **Distinguished Women Award**, acknowledging all the ways she has contributed to AAUW-OML and our greater community.

I believe everyone deserves a round of applause and a big pat on your backs for jobs well done. The best is we had a lot of fun while building very rich friendships. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of such an awesome group of women and to lead your efforts as your president. I can honestly say it has been a wonderful experience and I look forward to continuing to work with you in the coming year. Have a great summer!

**Laura Wittenberg,
President**

Diane Bell-Rettger Is the 2016 AAUW Fund Named Gift Honoree

Every year, the branch has the opportunity to name a woman as the branch named gift honoree. This honor pays special tribute to a person who has given extraordinary service and supported our AAUW branch in the AAUW Fund area. We are very pleased to announce that this year's branch named gift honoree is **Diane Bell-Rettger**.

Diane joined our branch in 2010-11 as a dual member with San Ramon. Immediately Diane became actively involved. She was our president in 2012/13, our AAUW Funds LAF VP in 2013-14, and was our program VP for two years from 2014-2016.

She is passionate about our mission and her work in the programs she was involved with certainly demonstrated this enthusiasm. She spear-headed the January 2014 IBC program on sexual assault at the Lafayette Library – where we showed the documentary film *Naming the Unnamed Conspirator* followed by a panel discussion with experts on this important issue. She was also instrumental in obtaining the film *Killing Us Softly* about the unhealthy image of women in advertising which our branch showed at the Rheem Theater in November 2011.

Diane has given of her time, talent, and treasure to AAUW-OML and to AAUW Fund. Thank you, Diane, for your efforts and support.

Thank you to Maryellen Judson, Jean Tuemmler, Lynda Leonard, Jenny Offringa, and Marie Bonilla for helping on this year's named gift honoree selection committee.

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome three new members this month.

Diane Bianchi has a BA from Cal State University in Business Marketing and an MA from Saint Mary's College in counseling. She is interested in our public policy priority and a number of interest groups. She and her husband Denis live in Orinda.

Antonia Edwardson has an interest in working with us on program planning, Burckhalter and membership among other things. She has an MPA in public administration from George Washington University and a BA from Marist College in political science. She is currently employed in real estate and lives with her husband Bryan in Moraga.

Ellen Sturm has a BS from the University of Tennessee in special education and an MA from JFK University in clinical psychology. The AAUW priority that is of special interest to her is Start Smart. She is willing to chair a short-term project or event and would like to start a new monthly recipe network interest group. She and her husband Jeff live in Lafayette. Welcome one and all and we look forward to working with you and getting to know you.

WINE AND CONVERSATION

Speaking of getting to know each other, come join us for our next Wine and Conversation gathering. It's Thursday, June 22, from 5-7 pm at Piccolo Napoli, 2 Theatre Square in Orinda. Free parking! Mark your calendars. You will enjoy meeting new members and old with a chance to chat in an informal setting.

By the way, we will have a "Coffee on Us" gathering in July. Watch for the date and place to be announced.

DUES RENEWAL DEADLINE, JUNE 30TH

By now you've gotten your yearly member profile and dues form. Be sure to get your renewal completed by June 30. See the May TRIAD for details on renewal-- online, paying by credit card, or mailing in a check. Whatever way you renew, DO IT NOW! June 30 will be here before you know it.

Mary Levey and Alison Mackenzie,
Membership Co-chairs

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

TECH TREK YARD SALE A GREAT SUCCESS!

The yard sale on May 20 raised over \$1,000 for Tech Trek scholarships! Happy buyers walked away with treasures that were donated by our branch members, neighbors, and community members. Jan Cushman's garage was full of donations that went out in the driveway for the sale. Buyers got great deals on some wonderful things.

The day of the sale was the hottest day this year – 90 degrees in the shade and much hotter in the sun. Thanks to Sandy Fox-Sohner for providing her shade canopy! We sat in the shade when we could, drank lots of water and had a lunch of cold salads.

Special thanks to everyone who helped out by donating items, pricing items, advertising, loaning tables, especially helping on the day of the sale ... and even buying some wonderful things themselves! Thanks to **Marie Bonilla, Gail Chesler, Stacia Cragholm, Jan Cushman, Elaine Davis, Nancy Kornfield, Sara Lautenbach, Heidi Meyer, Lana Reichick, Marty Schimbor, Sandy Sohner, Christine Walwyn, Laura Wittenberg.**

2017 AAUW National Election

Your vote is your voice. Have you exercised your right to vote in the AAUW National Election? Weigh-in on the new AAUW Board of Directors, proposed changes on issues such as the membership requirement, and more. Online voting closes at 9 p.m. ET on June 15, 2017. Cast your ballot today! You'll need your voter PIN located in the spring issue of AAUW Outlook magazine."

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Book Recommendation by Lana Reichick: COMING OUT FROM BEHIND THE BADGE, SECOND EDITION

When I arrived at work after the Christmas holiday in 2015, I saw this book on the work table at King Florist, with Greg Miraglia's name on the cover. I asked owner Arlene Kohn, longtime OML advertiser, "Is that your son's book?" Affirmative. His third book.

It is a personal, local story, and a big-picture historical account of the life and rights of the LGBT community.

As a Moraga youth, author Greg Miraglia attended Joaquin Moraga School; that is important in his story. From a very young age, Greg was driven in his pursuit of a career in law enforcement, beginning as a 15-year-old explorer scout with a local agency. He served in several East Bay law enforcement units, his responsibilities steadily progressing. He always knew his career was at risk if his secret, closeted, true self were discovered.

It was the hate-crime murder of Wyoming college student Matthew Shepherd that led Greg to find the courage to "come out" from behind his own badge in 2004. At that time, he had a 25-year career in law enforcement and was Dean of the Criminal Justice Training Center and Police Academy at Napa Valley College.

This book includes valuable documentation of the key events and evolution of the gay rights movement and courageous personal stories. I was very moved by Greg's journey and the anecdotal ac-

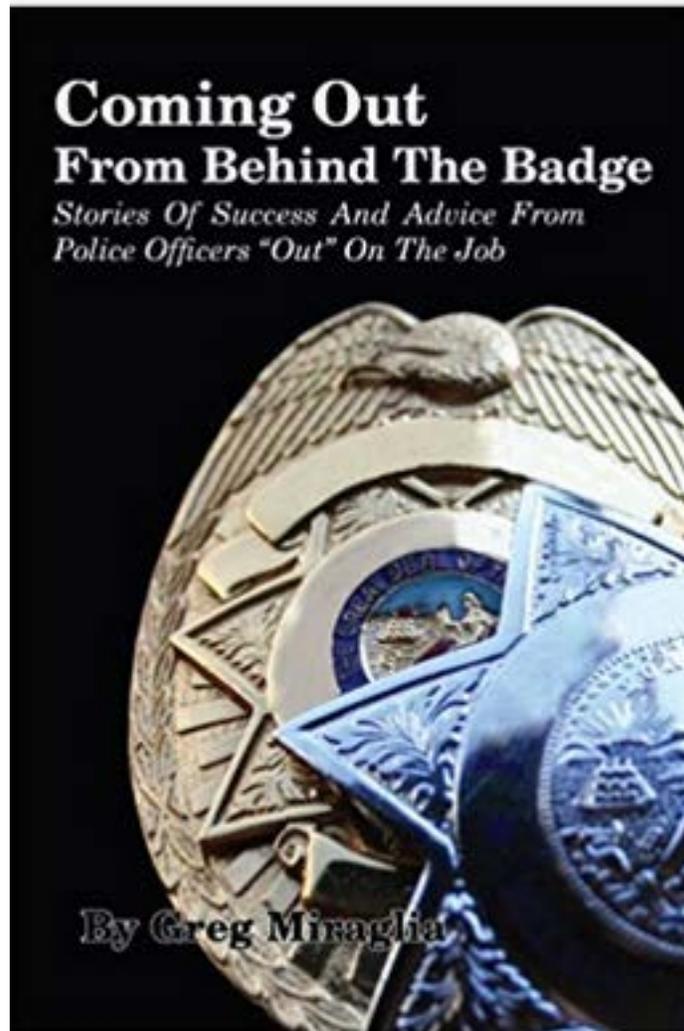
counts of other officers—male and female—who risked their lives and their careers every day, who found their way to come out.

Both the original publication, written a decade ago, and the updated 2nd edition reflecting the dramatic changes in gay rights, support a charitable foundation that helps LGBT law enforcement professionals in their career struggles.

book was an education. I encourage everyone to read it.

Notes From AMAZON, About the Author:

Greg Miraglia is the dean of criminal justice training at Napa Valley College. Since 1986, he has been teaching a variety of law enforcement courses including cultural diversity, human relations, work place harassment and discrimination prevention, community policing, and one of the only state certified hate crimes investigations courses in the State of California. In 2011, he authored curriculum for an accredited LGBT Studies Program now offered by Napa Valley College. This was the second program of its type in the State of California. He is active as a member of the Matthew Shepard Foundation Advisory Board, a faculty member of the "Stop The Hate" program, and as a mentor for Positive Images of Santa Rosa, California. Mr. Miraglia has a Masters Degree in Education Administration, a Bachelor's Degree in Business, and is a graduate of the California P. O. S. T. Master Instructor Development Program.



Having worked much of my career in the fashion industry, I thought I knew a lot about the gay community. I just didn't know what I didn't know. This

COMING OUT FROM BEHIND THE BADGE,
2nd Edition: Available on Amazon.com in hard cover, paperback, and Kindle editions. (Paperback, \$19.05; Kindle, \$9.99)

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

There has recently been a lot of conversation about the successes and challenges of President Donald Trump’s first 100 days in office. From the Women’s March in January to Equal Pay Day events in April, AAUW members have spent the past four months actively engaged in advocacy efforts to support women and girls. It’s important to hold elected officials at all levels of government accountable and to support efforts that increase equality for all women. Although it can be easy to lose sight of the forest for the trees, it’s important to remember that advocacy is a marathon, not a sprint.

Trump’s Budget Proposal: AAUW believes the federal budget should be an expression of our values and a signal of where women and girls stand in the government’s priorities. Yet President Donald Trump released a budget proposal that, if enacted, would have a severe and detrimental impact on women and families’ economic security, access to education, and civil rights. It is up to Congress to reject President Trump’s budget and instead pass one that supports women and families, not harms them.

The Trump Administration’s budget includes harmful proposals such as:

Slashing key programs that make it possible for women to go to college. The budget would eliminate subsidized student loans and public service loan forgiveness, cut the Pell grant program, and zero-out funding for on-campus childcare.

Cutting hundreds of billions of dollars from the Medicaid program, putting health care out of reach of those most in need. In addition, the budget proposal would prevent Planned Parenthood from participating in federal programs including providing cancer screenings funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, helping with Zika virus prevention, providing HIV/AIDS testing and prevention, using Violence Against Women Act grants to prevent sexual assault, and engaging in maternal and child health programs.

Reducing staff in the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights, the office that enforces Title IX.

Lisa Maatz Resignation: AAUW announced the resignation of Lisa Maatz, the guiding force for AAUW’s policy efforts for the past 15 years. She has been instrumental in AAUW’s many successes both on the Hill and off. Her expertise and reputation have given AAUW a respected voice on many issues. We often think of AAUW as being a watchdog, and Lisa has embodied that. She is unafraid of speaking truth to power about policies that concern women and equally unafraid of calling out the everyday sexism that holds all women back. She always made sure AAUW had a place at the policy table, because—as she likes to remind us—“if you’re not at the table, you’re the meal.”

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2 FRI– BIKE GROUP
Contact Ellen Beans, ellen.beans@gmail.com

6 TUES – BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon – Joyce Dickey 825-7991

12, 26 – MON – GOLF
Contact Jan Gee for t-time and venue, 938-1316

21 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS
Contact Carol Messinger 925 891-4201 (new number)

16 FRI – LET’S GO TO THE MOVIES
Contact Mary Leigh Miller, 631-9694, for more info

22 THUR -- WINE AND CONVERSATION
5 - 7 p.m. Piccolo Napoli, 2 Orinda Theatre Square

JULY

4 TUE - BRIDGE

6 THUR - BRIDGE

10, 24 MON - GOLF

13 THUR – RETREAT & BOARD MEETING
9:30 am – 2:30 pm, Orinda Community Church

19 WED - MEMOIRS AND MUSINGS

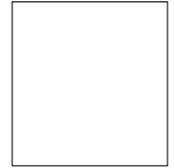
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