



January General Meeting Tuesday, January 17 Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church 1700 School Street, Moraga

LOOK HOW FAR WE HAVE COME, LADIES!



OML's January program will focus on the connection between AAUW and education. The importance of educating women and obtaining a college degree has always been a cornerstone of AAUW.

The famous Berkeley architect, Julia Morgan, represented by Betty Marvin, an architectural historian, will be bringing her story to Lamorinda AAUW on Tuesday, January 17. The story chronicles her challenges in getting an Engineering Degree from the University of California in 1894 and, since no architectural degree was offered she decided to study architecture at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris. Betty Marvin, who is well versed in the details of Julia Morgan's life and work, is an impersonator extraordinaire. Her presentation will reveal interesting details in the development of Hearst Castle and many other unique buildings that have become her signature creations.

Though women today don't encounter the same struggles to gain entrance to male-dominated halls of higher education, there are still hurdles for women trying to attain their educational goals. To highlight the connection between AAUW and the programs it supports, our second speaker is the recipient of an AAUW Fellowship.

With the help of AAUW's Fellowship, Yalda Asmatey has been able to pursue a Ph.D. in Anthropology at U.C. Berkeley. She grew up in Southern California after she and her parents escaped from Afghanistan during the Russian/Afghan conflict. This fellowship is making it possible for her to do research on the topic "How Green is My Valley: An Ethnographic Inquiry of Man-Made Toxic Disasters in the San Joaquin Valley." It is a case study of Kettleman City, California, home of the largest Class 1 toxic waste dump in the Western United States. Through ethnographic and archival research, Asmati's doctorate examines the incremental, catastrophic transformations in the San Joaquin Valley on humans, flora and fauna in the face of toxic contamination and scientific uncertainty. She is a dynamic speaker and she clearly articulates her passion for this study.

This program is sponsored by AAUW Educational Funds, which support the Fellowships and Grants to American and International women seeking doctoral and post-doctoral degrees as well as Career Development grants. It is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women. AAUW has been providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 240 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2011-2012 academic year. Guests are invited.



Historian Betty Marvin, in the persona of Julia Morgan

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Plan to attend the January 29 Interbranch forum:

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: What Is It? How Can You Make a Difference? Sunday January 29, 2-4 p.m. at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

Come hear from three government and non-profit sector experts from our area: Jennifer Alderete, special agent with Homeland Securities Investigations, Cindy Liou, staff attorney with Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, and Ms. Caritas Foster with the Holy Family Sisters organization.

They will discuss the scope of the problem (nationally and locally), suggest ways to com-

bat human trafficking, and inform attendees of non-profit and government resources.

This program advances education and advocates effective action that can be taken on these issues by AAUW members and the local community. Sponsored by AAUW Contra Costa Interbank Council and the Contra Costa County Commission for Women.

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SAN RAMON AAUW CELEBRATES WOMEN IN FILM FRONT ROW THEATER, JANUARY 21, 2012

6:30 pm, \$25, showing and discussion of HBO film *Temple Grandin* CONTACT: Jane Young (925) 648-3267 netint-erj@aol.com

The San Ramon Branch of the American Association of University Women presents its third annual Celebration of Women in Film on Saturday evening, January 21, 2012, with a showing and discussion of the HBO film *Temple Grandin*. Proceeds from the event, which will be held at the Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center, San Ramon, will go to AAUW funds that support women seeking fellowships and grants to further their education and research.

The winner of seven Emmys, a Golden Globe and a Peabody Award, *Temple Grandin* stars Claire Danes in a riveting portrayal of a young woman whose struggles against sexism are compounded by a brain disorder – autism – that is misunderstood to this day. As *Grandin* has said herself, she sees and experiences life differently, and her differences made her subject to bullying in school and being discounted by most of her teachers.

Tax-deductible tickets are \$25, with a small processing fee for tickets charged online or mailed. To purchase tickets, call (925) 973-3343 or go to <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks/theater/default.htm>. The Front Row Theater is located at 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the event begins at 7:00 p.m. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served at the intermission.



Claire Danes and Temple Grandin

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3 TUES #1 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Joyce Dickey, 825-7991

2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, MON and THU TENNIS

8:15 am Tory Courtney 376-1295

5 THU #2 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Virginia Semrau 283-8056

7 SAT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP

6:00 pm Contact K. Soster-Olmer, 254-5439

9, 23, MON GOLF

10:00 am Contact Jan Gee for t-time 938-1316

10 TUES BOARD MEETING

9:00 G.Uilkema's office, 3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette

10 TUES #3 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Patricia Bentley, 284-2936

11 WED DAYTIME MOVIE GROUP

Contact Mary Helene Tietz mhken@pacbell.net

12 THURS E-NEWS DEADLINE

Send items to Bonnie Gallogly bonniegal5@me.com

13 FRI GREEN THUMB LADIES

Contact Ann Collins 254-1044, Andrea Green 276-7087

17 TUES GENERAL MEETING

9:00 am See page 1 for information

18 WED MEMOIRS AND MUSINGS

1:00 pm Home of Carol Messinger

RSVP messengerd@aol.com

19 THURS #4 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Jessie Dolman 254-5019

18 FRI ANYONE WHO'S READ THE BOOK

10:00 am Orinda Book Store

18 FRI MOVIE GROUPS Group 1, Mary-Leigh Miller

631-9694; Group 2, Mary Stephens Smith, 376-5726; #3

Judy Hammon, 253-4972.

23 TUES PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON

11:00 Contact Deana Vick Davidson

24 TUES FEBRUARY TRIAD DEADLINE

Send items to mgschimbor@comcast.net

24 TUES #5 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Coordinator: Joan Myers, 363-1962

25 WED WISE WOMEN

1:30 pm Carrol Foxall, 376-7388

29 SUN HUMAN TRAFFICKING

2 pm, Lafayette Library (See page 2 for info.)

Merci! Danke! ¡Gracias!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who brought gifts of food and toys for the children and families at the Monument Crisis Center and the Bay Area Crisis Nursery. OML's Annual Holiday Gift Drive was a great success once again.

Carol Messinger, Chair
Community Projects