



## CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH YOUR OML FRIENDS

This year, the Program committee selected two homes, scheduled on different days and times, with the hope of attracting as many members as we can to join in the spirit of the season. Everyone is encouraged to attend either one or both.

**RSVP so we know which event you are attending.**



RSVP to Pat Lopker ~ [califpal@aol.com](mailto:califpal@aol.com)

- \* Enjoy coffee, tea and delicious morning treats
- \* Sing carols accompanied by Gail Burnett on the piano
- \* Bring a wrapped Christmas tree ornament to exchange  
(Please – don't buy a new one, bring an ornament from your own collection)



RSVP to Nancy Brewer ~ [nancywbrewer@gmail.com](mailto:nancywbrewer@gmail.com)

- \* Enjoy wine, holiday beverages and delectable appetizers
- \* Get some great tips on how to stage your home for the holidays from Interior Designer, Maxine Christison

Community Projects will be collecting toys and food items at these two events to benefit local charities. Contact Carol Messinger or see page 3 for more information.

Coming in January.....

**SOMEWHERE ELSE  
and  
RIGHT IN OUR OWN  
BACKYARDS**  
OML takes a look at Human  
Trafficking, globally & locally

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**  
9 am ~ 11:30 am  
Holy Trinity Cultural Center

The keynote speakers will be two local women, both of whom are dedicated to helping young victims of sexual exploitation.

Brenda Hepler is the founder of TassaTag, a project of ECPAT-USA, a nonprofit children's rights organization whose mission is to protect all children from commercial sexual exploitation. Her efforts are mainly directed abroad.

Kathy Wilson is a spokesperson for New Day for Children, a faith-based program and facility offering hope and security for girls caught in the desperation of sexual exploitation happening here in the Bay Area.

Both will give thought-provoking presentations on the subject and plenty of information that you can take away.

## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Have you heard about the advertising sales party? Everyone who buys or sells an ad, and their spouses are invited to attend. This year, it was at the Rettger's home in Moraga. On a warm October evening, attendees were treated to freshly caught, grilled salmon, thanks to Pat Lopker's husband, Don. Delicious marinated chicken and wonderful side dishes were also on the menu. It was lovely sipping wine

and watching the sunset. Sell an ad and join the fun at the 2013 party!

Ellen DeGeneres recently received the Mark Twain Prize for Comedy. If you missed this segment on the PBS Special, it is on YouTube. Ellen is all for equity for women and girls...but lady pens? Click on this link for a hilarious commercial! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCyw3prIWhc>

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Season's Greetings! I hope you are enjoying the fall weather. We are so lucky to have beautiful warm days in the Bay Area this time of year. Even with rainy days, the sunshine reappears, dries the puddles, and makes wonderful conditions for shopping, visiting friends, or going out for a walk or a bike ride. AAUW's new cycling interest group, headed by Ellen Beans, is completing some terrific rides in Contra Costa County. Contact Ellen if you are interested in the next bike ride. They are the last Monday morning of the month.

The November meeting with Debbie Supple, M.A. and Dr. Evie Groch, gave us new perspectives on early childhood and secondary education. Writing skills are extremely important. If young people are in your life, encourage them to practice writing to have an edge in school and in the job market. AAUW-OML has such interesting presentations at our monthly programs; make sure you attend the January 2013 meeting on Human Trafficking.

You should have received the year-end letter requesting you to consider AAUW in your charitable donation plans. AAUW-OML has a reputation of giving generously to the nationally-based funds as well as to local branch priorities. Please give whatever you can to those programs that are dear to your heart.

I hope to see you at The December holiday get-togethers. Sandy Fox-Sohner and Marie Bonilla have generously offered to host the gatherings, so come and get into the holiday spirit! We can celebrate another year of AAUW-OML, and renew our commitment to promoting equity for women and girls!

*Diane Bell-Rettger*

## HELP WANTED

The Scholarship Committee is looking for people to read application forms. Time frame is Late February through mid march. Please contact Karen Mankowski 925-283-9085.

Meal prep for Sister-2-Sister monthly meetings. one Sunday evening per month. Please contact Laura Wittenberg, 925-254-6768 or Valarie Burgess, 925-376-7262.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2012

We warmly welcome three new members to OML. Chris Laszcz-Davis from Orinda is interested in Best Sellers, Great Decisions, Movie Groups, Wise Women and International Travel. Nancy Bradley from Lafayette loves Bridge, Gourmet Foods, Financial Education, International Travel and Movies. Laura Halvorsen from Moraga has a full time dental practice and will be helping with the Tech Trek program. Her daughter had a wonderful experience at Stanford and Laura hopes to help others benefit from the program.

A reminder to all who have paid their dues for this year: \$46 of the \$89 dues are tax deductible. Don't forget this deduction in your tax preparation.

AAUW has recently released a new research study called Graduating to a Pay Gap. If you go to <http://www.aauw.org/graduatetoapaygap/> you will be able to access the full report as well as some other links like "Gap and Gown". Your membership dollars are very important in developing this research and advancing the efforts for equal pay for women.

It is important to open the Triad newsletter each month. You will get a reminder link in your email or can go directly to our [aauwoml.org](http://aauwoml.org) website anytime. Many current activities are outlined along with upcoming events. The website is a user-friendly place to visit. Click the calendar tab and see an overview of what is happening each month. You can print a copy if you prefer seeing everything on paper rather than computer. Be an informed member who participates in your areas of interest and helps to further the mission of our organization. Happy Holidays.

Bonnie Gallogly, Membership VP

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## OML'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD AND TOY DRIVE



**What:** Donations of food & toys are distributed to the Monument Crisis Center, The Bay Area Crisis Nursery and Elmwood Church in Oakland.

**When:** Bring your donations to the Holiday Neighborhood Coffees on December 7 and December 12.

**Suggested Food items:** Cans: Cranberry sauce, vegetables, kidney beans,

black beans, diced tomatoes, tuna fish, soups & fruit. Packaged foods: stuffing mix, corn meal, pasta/macaroni, raisins, brownie mix. Plastic bottles: oil, peanut butter. No glass containers.

**Suggested Toys:** stuffed animals, dolls, car & trucks, books, crayons.

Socks & underwear for infants & children. Jewelry, clothes for older children. Items should be new & unwrapped.

Thanks to all OML members for your generosity this year and in past years. If you are unable to bring your donations to an OML meeting, call me to arrange a special pick up time.

Carol Messinger, 283-8741  
Chair, Community Projects



## UPCOMING GREEN THUMB LADIES ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 11: Visit Mrs. Dalloway's Garden Book Store on College Ave., Oakland, with lunch to follow at a local restaurant

Monday, April 8, 2013: Tour of Glorietta Blvd. Garden, a weed patch, transformed to a beautiful succulent garden and/or visit to the Master Gardeners facility in Pleasant Hill.



Monday, May 13, 2013: Visit UC Botanical Garden

Monday, June 10, 2013: Visit to community gardens in the Lamorinda area: Moraga, Saint Mary's College and Lafayette. Lunch to follow.

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### OAKLAND

Barbara Llewellyn Catering and Event Planning

### ORINDA

Joan Evans\*, & Angie Evans Traxinger,

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Morrison's Jewelers

Orinda Theatre

Redwood Cottage (Sea Ranch Vacation Rental), Elaine Gallaher\*

### WALNUT CREEK

Maxine Christison Interior Design

Diablo Symphony (Contact Janet Mendenhall\* for ticket info)

### LAFAYETTE

Amarin Thai Cuisine

Asian Accents ~Original Jewelry Design by K deGroot,\*

Creative Alterations, Josef Jamkochain

Diablo Foods

Glamorous Boutique

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National Assoc. for Advancement of Female People – Diane Bell-Rettger\*

Neighborhood Computers

New Delhi Indian Bistro

Royal Siam Thai Cuisine

Shop Moraga First

Terzetto Cuisine Café

The New Rheem Theatre

Total Clean

Via Vienté – Lana Reichick\*



## DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

### 1 SAT CRITICS' CHOICE BOOK GROUP

Please rotate your book

### 1 SAT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP

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

### 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31 TENNIS

8:15 am, Saint Mary's Courts

### 4 TUES #1 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Joyce Dickey, 825-7991

### 6 THU #2 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Virginia Semrau 283-8056

### 7 FRI HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER

10:00 am See page 1 for information.

Please RSVP

### 9 SUN SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS HOME GAME

Contact Marie Bonilla, edmarie.bonilla@comcast.net

### 10, 24, MON GOLF

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

### 11 TUES BOARD MEETING

9:30 am 27 Harrington Road, Moraga

### 11 TUES #3 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Patricia Bentley, 284-2936

### 12 WED HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER

4:00 pm See page 1 for information

Please RSVP

### 14 WED MEMOIRS AND MUSINGS

1:00 pm Home of Carol Messinger

RSVP messengerd@aol.com

### 13 THURS #4 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Jessie Dolman 254-5019

### 21 FRI ANYONE WHO'S READ THE BOOK

10:00 am Orinda Book Store

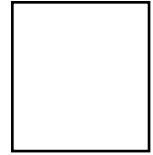
### 21 FRI MOVIE GROUPS Group 1, Mary-Leigh Miller

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

Judy Hammon, 253-4972

### 24 MON DECEMBER TRIAD DEADLINE

Send items to [mlmiller602@yahoo.com](mailto:mlmiller602@yahoo.com)



### 26 WISE WOMEN

1:00 Contact Carol Foxall, 376-7388

### 27 THURS AFTERNOON MOVIE GROUP

Email: [daytime-movie-group@aauwoml.org](mailto:daytime-movie-group@aauwoml.org)

### 31 MON BIKE GROUP

9:30 am Contact Ellen Beans, [ellen.beans@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.beans@gmail.com)

### \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*

Mary-Leigh Miller will be doing the January Triad. Please send items to her for January only.