



*Meet Extraordinary Young Women
At the Tech Trek and Scholarship Awards Meeting
Sunday, April 21 at 3 pm
Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church
1700 School Street, Moraga*

Six outstanding seventh grade Tech Trek winners from the Lamorinda area will tell us why they are passionate about science and math at this awards meeting. Five high school girls and one college student will tell us how the AAUW scholarship awards will help them achieve their career dreams. Don't miss this inspiring meeting on Sunday, April 21.

Danielle Feinberg, Director of Photography and Lighting at Pixar Animation Studios, will discuss her work on nine feature films: *Leading with Creativity*: from Logo Turtle to Pixar's *Brave*. "My love of combining computers and art began when I was eight years old, and first programmed a Logo turtle to create images," said Feinberg. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science from Harvard University. While at Harvard in a computer graphics class, she fell in love with computer animation, and vowed she would make it her career no matter what.

Being a woman studying computer science was hard. "There were on average about 10% women in my classes, sometimes less," she said. At the age of 23, Ms. Feinberg's first role at Pixar was as lead technical director on *A Bug's Life*, where she was in charge of a team of nine men, eight of whom were older than herself.

She soon discovered her love for lighting because of the unique combination of technology and art. In 2002, she was the computer graphics supervisor responsible for the team that worked on several ocean scenes in *Finding Nemo*, such as the pink jellyfish and the rollercoaster ride with the turtles.

Most recently, as director of photography and lighting, Feinberg led a 50-person lighting team for *Brave*, the 2013 Academy Award Winner for Best Animated Feature Film. "I relate to Princess Merida, *Brave's* protagonist. She is a tomboy who loves horseback riding, archery, and sword-fighting. She carves her own path," she said.

Feinberg has participated in several Tech Trek camps, speaking to the girls regarding careers in science and math. "One thing I really missed when growing up with computers was having any role models or mentors that were women," she said. Feinberg encourages teenage girls to pursue math and science studies by speaking at the Tech Trek camps, demonstrating to them the same beautiful simplicity she found with the programmed art of the Logo turtle.



Danielle Feinberg



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has arrived, and for AAUW-OML that means interviewing candidates for the Tech Trek camp and scholarships. Both committees have been hard at work choosing deserving girls and young women for these awards. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to AAUW's mission of building equity for women and girls. I look forward to seeing you at our awards program on April 21, 2013.

Members of AAUW know that today's young women need our support more than ever. Although women have made great strides in the workplace and in academia, they are still subject to discrimination, harassment and even assault. The recent hearings on sexual assault in the military and the rape trial in Steubenville, Ohio are just two instances where the victim is blamed. There is often sympathy for the perpetrators (as covered by CNN). AAUW, other women's groups, and our members must be willing to speak out against these attitudes that our culture often accepts.

We must teach young women to help and support one another, and that bullying and "going along with the crowd" are not acceptable behavior. OML's Sister 2 Sister Program helps girls with this concept. Please have a conversation with your family about the importance of human dignity and having an honorable character. Our young people need our guidance and the American Association of University Women can help!

Diane Bell-Rettger

MUSEUM MAVENS HAVE TWO VISITS PLANNED

Wednesday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m. Heidi Donner of St. Mary's College will show Museum Mavens the exciting exhibit Carnival at the Hearst Art Museum at the College. The exhibit has received rave reviews in the press.

Friday, May 3 the Mavens will travel by BART to visit the exhibit "China's Terra Cotta Warriors, the First Emperor's Legacy" at the Asian Art Museum. Stacia Cragholm of AAUW-OML will lead us in the tour. Some have seen the Warriors at their home in China but I understand this visit is truly "up close" and very well done.

Stacia will order tickets in early April, so please contact Maryellen Judson (925-283-2387 or Thjudson@aol.com) if you have not ordered your tickets \$15 seniors \$17 for adults. Please join us.

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MARIE BONILLA: AAUW-OML DISTINGUISHED WOMAN 2013

This year's Distinguished Woman has never been one to sit on the sidelines. Marie has held a leadership position in the branch every year since she joined OML eight years ago: Membership Chair, Database Coordinator, Tech Trek advisor, Nominating Committee, President-elect/OML President, Football Fundraising Chair, Vice Chair and Chair of Interbranch Council. These positions come with different titles, but all have one thing in common: leadership. One of the members on this year's Distinguished Woman committee said, "She's just a leader. She can't help herself!"

One nomination letter noted, "Marie sets an example of how members can become effective leaders." That is true leadership. Another member wrote, "Marie is a real dynamo with meetings, interviews, fundraising and outreach." She "is multi-talented and intelligent" and she has used those qualities to bolster our branch and to further AAUW's broader mission.

Marie "brings a high sense of professionalism to her position." This undoubtedly comes from her years as a professional with Chevron Corporation. Marie was born and raised in Idaho and graduated summa cum laude from the University of Idaho with a BS in Chemical Engineering. She started her career with Chevron Corporation in Los Angeles at the El Segundo refinery. After a stint in Bakersfield, she transferred to the Chevron offices in San Francisco and San Ramon.

Besides AAUW, Marie shares her talents and leadership with St. Perpetua Church and the Pi Beta Phi alumnae club where she has served for over 30 years. Marie has most certainly distinguished herself in terms of leadership, creativity, initiative, friendship and a commitment to equity in her endeavors.

Come to the May 21 luncheon at Orinda Country Club to honor the 2013 Distinguished Woman, Marie Bonilla!

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Distinguished Woman Marie Bonilla, third from left, with the nominating committee

A PHENOMENAL SUMMIT: S2S: GIRLS REACHING OUT WITH THEIR HEARTS

We are so proud of the high school girls who participated in the facilitator program of S2S this year. They coalesced into a phenomenal and enthusiastic team who planned and led every aspect of the 14th summit on March 16th. The girls who attended felt welcomed and included. They learned about issues such as body image, peer pressure, friendship and dating from powerpoint presentations by the high school girls. They went home with important skills to stay safe from Erika Leonard of Kidpower. We already have a request from a mother that her daughter participate in the leadership program next year.



Here is what some of the high school girls had to say about their experience:

I love S2s because it gives me a chance to grow with other girls I love!

S2S gives me a home away from home.

Everyone in S2S is so supportive.

I got to meet so many amazing and wonderful girls!

It helped me grow as a person and is a place I can be myself.

I love it because I can be an “older sister” role model for younger girls and help them through a time when I would have liked more guidance.

Learning and lessons from S2S:

How to embrace new people

To accept everyone the way they are

How to be a great facilitator

How to work with all kinds of people

How to be more outgoing

Leadership, writing and communication skills

To love myself.

Thank You AAUW-OML . . .

for helping me become a leader in my community.

for supporting and funding my favorite activity of my high school career.

for working so hard with us to put together a great program and summit!



Special thanks to all our AAUW donors, the Moraga Valley Kiwanis, Orinda Women’s Club, Pennini’s Pizza, and Schroeder Capital Management for another successful S2S year. We especially want to thank our team of trainers who work all year long: Jessi Burgess, Karen Wolfe and Cece Mehlhoff, plus our dedicated members, many of whom have been involved for all of our 14 successful years.

Valarie Burgess, Laura Wittenberg



APRIL AT A GLANCE

1 MON CRITICS' CHOICE BOOK GROUP

Please rotate your book

1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, TENNIS
8:15 am, Saint Mary's Courts

2 TUES #1 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Joyce Dickey, 825-7991

6 SAT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP

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

3 WED COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS****

5:00 pm, Metro Restaurant, Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette
NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

4 THU #2 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Virginia Semrau 283-8056

8, 22, MON GOLF

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

9 TUES BOARD MEETING***

NOTE DATE AND PLACE CHANGE

Karen Mankowski's, 80 Silverwood Drive, Lafayette
(Up the hill from LOPC, and down from Tahos Rd)

9 TUES #3 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Patricia Bentley, 284-2936

17 WED MEMOIRS AND MUSINGS

1:00 pm at the home of Marilyn Budge
RSVP 376-2517

18 THURS #4 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Jessie Dolman 254-5019

19 FRI ANYONE WHO'S READ THE BOOK

10:00 am Orinda Book Store

19 FRI MOVIE GROUPS Group 1, Mary-Leigh Miller
631-9694; Group 2, Mary Stephens Smith, 376-5726; #3
Judy Hammon, 253-4972

20 SAT AAUW ANNUAL MEETING

in Sacramento

21 SUNDAY GENERAL MEETING

3:00 pm. See page 1 for information

24 WISE WOMEN

1:00 Contact Carol Foxall, 376-7388

ANNUAL AAUW CALIFORNIA MEETING

Saturday, April 20, 2013 from 9:30 am-4:00pm,
CA State Capitol L St. entrance

For more info and to register, go to the AAUW-CA
website.

If you would like a ride, contact Diane Bell-Rettger.
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Send items to mgschimbtor@comcast.net

25 THURS DAYTIME MOVIE GROUP

26 TUES #5 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Coordinator: Joan Myers, 363-1962

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29 MON BIKE GROUP

Contact Ellen Beans, ellen.beans@gmail.com

THE ROAD MORE TRAVELED