

OML JANUARY PROGRAM *

SEXUAL ASSAULT

NAMING THE UNNAMED CONSPIRATOR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2014

1:30 pm (Program begins at 2)

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When you hear of another sexual assault in the news, are you angry? Do you wonder what has happened to civilized behavior when you also learn that not only did an assault take place, but boys filmed the attack and posted photos on Twitter and Facebook? Even the girls that were present did not help the victim when it is so easy to dial 9-1-1. Sexual assault is also a tremendous problem in the military, with male victims outnumbering female victims. College campuses are also grappling with this issue. It is estimated that 25% of college-aged females have been the victims of rape or attempted rape.

The AAUW Interbranch Council of Contra Costa County is hosting a program on Sunday, January 26th, that will shed some light on why this is happening, why our culture continues to blame the victims instead of the perpetrators, and what we can do about it. The program will begin with the excellent film titled, *Sexual*



Assault, Naming the Unnamed Conspirator by former Denver District Attorney, Anne Munch. After the hour-long film, there will be time for questions and answers with our panel of experts: Nancy Georgiou (Contra Costa County Deputy District Attorney in charge of sexual assault cases, photo at left), Cynthia Peterson (Director of the Rape Crisis Center, Community Violence Solutions), Alyssa Harkins (a recent graduate of the University of Washington and an AAUW member) who will provide the college perspective, and Officer Patrick Salamid (Martinez Police Department).

Please bring your friends and family to this important program. The film is appropriate for high school boys and girls, and for 7th and 8th graders if a parent or guardian accompanies them. Young people are growing up in a media culture that often makes jokes about sexual assault. They often do not have responsible adults around to tell them that rape is not a joking matter: it is about power, control and humiliating another human being. This program will help the fight against “rape culture” by changing attitudes and providing suggestions of actions we can take to reduce this crime. *Please attend and bring a friend.*

Light refreshments provided.
Free Admission

* THE OML JANUARY MEETING IS BEING HELD AT A DIFFERENT DAY & VENUE

COMING UP NEXT MONTH

DÉBORA SILVA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:30 ~ 11:30

HOLY TRINITY

CULTURAL CENTER

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) recently awarded a 2013–14 Career Development Grant to **Débora Silva**, a graduate student at UC Berkeley in Broadcast Journalism with an emphasis in Television. For her master’s degree, she is creating three segments for a special TV show dedicated to women’s issues.

On Tuesday, February 18, Débora will be joining us to talk about her experiences in journalism and to share her latest television segment—the story of a former model who was shot in the face and subsequently changed her life dramatically to become a violence prevention educator. Debora recently won the award for “Best Student Short Film” award at the Bay Area Women In Film and Media Festival for this TV segment.

Débora Silva, a Brazilian journalist living in California, began her career at a television station in São Paulo, Brazil, focusing on social and political issues. In 2009, she moved to California to pursue a career as an international correspondent and television producer, serving, in 2010, as an associate producer for KQED Public Television in San Francisco.

The above information was obtained from the Graduate Division, UC-Berkeley website, 9/12/13

Send in your reservation by **JANUARY 24** for the **FEBRUARY 7 VALENTINE PARTY**
Turn to page 6 for the details

PIPINGs from the PRESIDENT

Happy New Year Everyone!

It was great to see so many of our members socializing together at the Museum Maven’s tour of the area’s Holiday Lighting displays and dinner at the Brass Door in San Ramon and again at the Holiday Tea & Coffee at Kelly Claussen’s and Trudy Barron’s festively decorated homes. Hoping that your celebrations with family and friends were as joyful as possible!



As mentioned in the December Triad, we will be “shaking it up” a bit for the January General Meeting! **Just a reminder:** Rather than having our regular monthly General Meeting on the third Tuesday morning of the month, we are switching days and times and locations. Mark your calendars for: Sunday, January 26, 2014, from 1:30-4:30 at the Lafayette Library Auditorium. We will be partnering with the other 7 AAUW Contra Costa Branches. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see other AAUW women and share a meaningful program.

Again: We’ll be back in Moraga at Holy Trinity Serbian Church Cultural Center on Tuesday, February 18th, for a talk given by one of AAUW’s Fellowship awardees. She is a journalism major from South America studying at UC Berkeley.

Sandy Fox-Sohner and Diane Bell-Rettger are valiantly forging on as a 2-person Nominating Committee! We need 3 more members in good standing to join them. Please consider joining the team...the branch cannot operate on autopilot. Nor should it!

Last but not least – be sure to check out our new website that **Jeanne Melaugh**, our website guru, has created! And also note that website address has been changed to **oml-ca.aauw.net**

**Best Regards,
Karen Mankowski**

2014 DISTINGUISHED WOMAN: WHO IS SHE? MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

There are many distinguished women in the OML branch. Each year OML recognizes one of our branch members who has demonstrated leadership, initiative, and creativity and who has made significant contributions to AAUW, her community, and her profession. So who will this year’s Distinguished Woman be? Maybe you’ve seen her in action. Maybe she’s your friend. Maybe you’ve admired her from afar. Maybe you’ve worked with her in AAUW. Or maybe she’s inspired and encouraged you to get involved!



OML’s Distinguished Woman is selected based on **YOUR** nomination and recommendation letters. These letters don’t need to be lengthy ... just heartfelt and sincere. If you write a nomination every year... or if you’ve never written one before... take a few minutes to pass along your thoughts. All letters are kept confidential to committee members, and all letters are kept for five years.

Please send a letter or e-mail to:
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FOCUS ON ... LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

WHEN WOMEN CONFRONT INJUSTICE IN THEIR LIVES

Women often need financial support to help them confront injustice in their lives. The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) does just that. Founded in 1981, the LAF works to end sex discrimination in the workplace and in higher education. One case that LAF has supported is *Kathleen Bull vs. Ball State University*. She was a tennis coach who was fired after she spoke out about the fact that Ball State was not Title IX compliant. With AAUW's help, Kathleen won her case, which included a monetary settlement to help with her expenses.

LAF is also supporting Betty Dukes in her suit against Wal-Mart, and also *Cioca vs. Rumsfeld*, a lawsuit filed by 30 veterans and current members of the U. S. military who were allegedly raped, sexually assaulted, and harassed while on active duty. In addition, the fund was used to create three "Programs in a Box" to promote awareness of LAF issues: *The Invisible War*, concerning military sexual assault, *Know the Score* is about Title IX compliance, and *Campus Sexual Assault*, which addresses the lack of adequate policies and procedures regarding sexual assault on college campuses.

OML member, **Gloria Weston** has a Legal Advocacy Fund in her honor, the *Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Fund*, providing funds to protect California college students from discrimination, harassment and assault through on-campus program grants.

Did you know there is an LAF Online Resources Library? AAUW members can access legal information on all types of discrimination issues, learn definitions of relevant legal terms, get advice for finding an attorney, and find information they need to know before taking legal action. Please support the Legal Advocacy Fund—an important part of AAUW's mission to empower women.

Diane Bell-Rettger, AAUW Funds-LAF V.P.

Photo at right was taken during a recent trip to Washington DC

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND from the National Website

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Our resources range from community outreach programs to legal referrals and backing of major cases.

Sex discrimination today takes a variety of forms: unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 can affect both women and men. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change.



SISTER-to-SISTER UPDATE

S2S turns 15!

How time flies! It's been fifteen years since the first OML S2S Summit. During those years, many hundreds of girls have participated in this program that brings together middle school and high school girls for a daylong conference, the Summit, where they address the important issues in their lives. One girl said it best: S2S is a safe place for girls to talk about their concerns.

In recognition of this landmark, director Valarie Burgess hosted an open house in order to reconnect with the women who have benefited from this program.

(l to r) Laura Wittenberg, Julie & Jen Vaccaro, Helen Wang, Cayo Marschner & Valarie Burgess celebrate 15 years of S2S

S2S: Body Image

One of the biggest concerns that girls face today is body image: I'm too fat, my thighs are too big, I'm not pretty, I have pimples, boys think I'm ugly. We as adults can remember those feelings all too well as we now worry about our weight, sagging skin, wrinkles, flabby arms, etc. At S2S's December meeting



a dancer, **Stefana Serafina**, spoke of her experience with bulimia, striking a chord that resonated with the girls.

As a result of her bulimia, Serafina formed a business, *Intuitive Dance*, and became a movement and embodiment educator, group facilitator, and counselor. In addition to talking with the girls, she led them in spontaneous, free flowing dance, enabling them to discover the natural beauty in the unstructured movement of their bodies.

Serafina will be one of the presenters at the S2S Summit on March 22. For more information about Intuitive Dance, visit her website at www.intuitivedance.org.

Articles & photo by Lynda Leonard

OUR NEW WEBSITE



Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette (CA)

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Site Resources at National AAUW has had a website template available for some time. Several months ago the Board appointed a tech committee to explore converting our website to the national template. The tech committee recommended and the board approved the conversion, which has now been completed.

The advantages are numerous:

- Conversion, hosting, and domain registration are free. Site Resources could also maintain our site \$119 for a year.
- It is written in WordPress, which is more like creating a WORD document and therefore will be easier to maintain.
- We will be taking advantage of the brand recognition of AAUW, since the national, state, and most branch websites have the same look and feel.

But there are some disadvantages:

- We have no control over the design. Accordingly, the Sister-to-Sister sub-site will no longer have its own unique girly look.
- Calendar event descriptions are very short, so you will have to click on an entry to get event details.
- More complicated layouts, like tables, are not available without resorting to the kind of coding we are trying to eliminate.

Our website address (URL) has changed to oml-ca.aauw.net. We will have our current website redirect from the old URL to the new one for six months.

OML or Lamorinda?***Should we consider renaming our branch?***

The tech committee and then the board discussed the possibility of renaming the branch from OML to Lamorinda. Many new members, myself included, have commented that they did not understand what OML was and—even once they did—could not remember it. There would be more recognition of our name if we were AAUW-Lamorinda, but there are sentimental and historical reasons for retaining OML. If you have a strong opinion on this subject, contact me at 954-1007 or jmelough@comcast.net.

Jeanne Melaugh, Webmaster

**MISSION-BASED PROGRAMS**[Sister-to-Sister](#)[Tech Trek](#)[Scholarships](#)[Community Projects](#)**UPCOMING EVENTS**[Sun, Jan. 26 - 1PM](#)[Film/AAUW-CCC](#)[Fri, Feb. 7 - 1PM](#)[Valentine's Day Party](#)[Tue, Feb. 11 - 12PM](#)[Presidents' Luncheon](#)[Tue, Feb. 18 - 9AM](#)[General Meeting](#)**LINKS**[Women and Girls in the News](#)[AAUW-Contra Costa County](#)[AAUW-California](#)[AAUW](#)**AAUW UPDATES**[Why Is Congress Scrooging the Unemployed?](#)[Girls Shouldn't Feel Weird for Loving Science and Math](#)

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: Share Your Talents with Our AAUW Branch!

From the OML Nominating Committee:

Our dynamic slate of officers for 2014-2015 is almost complete. We only have a few spots left, but they are good ones.

• Membership Co-Chairs

We need two or more friendly members to co-chair the Membership position. Get to know our members better by sharing the responsibilities of coordinating the nametags, planning hospitality gatherings, attending community events, designing membership posters, etc.

• Program Co-Chairs

The opportunity is open for two dynamic co-chairs with a passion for AAUW's mission to plan a few programs for next year on timely topics. Exciting topics abound for our mission. Several programs are already planned by our interest groups and local projects.

• Advertising Co-Chair

Pat Lopker is looking for a member with marketing skills to help her with the successful advertising campaign and be her Advertising Co-Chair.

• Hospitality Co-Chairs

We need two or three delightful women who would enjoy serving on our hospitality committee to set up the refreshments for our meetings and greet our members with coffee and tea.

Share your talents, maximize your skills, and work with interesting women to promote our AAUW mission. Call us to ask questions or let us know how you would like to join in and make a difference!

Barbara Harbuck (376-8574) • Sandy Fox-Sohner (631-0668)

Diane Bell-Rettger (376-5584)

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP FOCUS : MEMOIRS & MUSINGS

Everyone has a story!

This interest group, begun several years ago by Carol Messenger, brings together members who love to write. "This is a class with no teacher," Carol says. "We are all students, and we learn by reading and discussing what we bring to the group with support and friendship. Because we often share personal things going on in our lives, the members participating have really bonded."

Whether you have already begun your memoirs or have just been thinking about doing it "someday", you might want to learn more about this group or perhaps consider starting a new one on your own.

The Triad editor hopes to share some of the monthly submissions from the group's members in a future issue of the Triad. Memoirs & Musings meets on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month in one of the members' homes.

Contact Carol Messenger for more information on 283-8741.

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**Save the Date:
Friday, February 7
A Valentine Party!**



**Hosted by
ROBBI SENDEROV
1232 Upper Happy Valley Rd
Lafayette
1:00 to 3:30 pm**



Grab your calendar, circle the date – February the 7th – and join the Scholarship Committee for a Valentine Party!

There will be chocolate, piano music, and singing, plus great raffle prizes. Come celebrate friendship, music, creativity and the opportunity to indulge in dessert. Make a valentine for that special person in your life. *Bring a friend.*

Proceeds from the party will go into the scholarship fund, benefiting young women in the Lamorinda area who are dedicated to community service and academic achievement. This is the time of the year to think about the girls who will apply for those scholarships and to support them by keeping funds available in the future.

The suggested donation of \$14 is tax deductible, and you will receive one free raffle ticket. Make your check payable to AAUW-OML Community Outreach Fund. Specify in the memo line that the donation goes to scholarships. Mail your check to:

**Mary Ann McLeod
100 Greenfield Drive
Moraga, CA 94556**

A copy of our flier is on the AAUW-OML website. Please print out the flier, detach the bottom half and return as directed with your check. The Scholarship Committee thanks you for supporting our Lamorinda Girls!

Deadline for reservations is Friday, January 24.

If you are unable to attend, your \$14.00 check will help us reach our goal. Questions? Contact Mary Ann McLeod



TECH TREK NEWS

PLAN AHEAD TO SHRED!

**1st Annual AAUW-OML
Tech Trek Shred-Fest**

**March 29, 2014
9:00 AM -- 1:00 PM
at AAAAA Rent-A-Space
455 Moraga Road
Moraga**



All proceeds fund AAUW-OML Tech Trek Scholarships for Lamorinda girls.

State-of-the-Art Pulverized Shredding will be done at 5A Rent-A-Space in the Shred•Defense truck starting at just \$5 per file box. Save your boxes of papers to be shredded for March!

Help support Tech Trek by telling your friends, neighbors, organizations, and business contacts about the Tech Trek Shred-Fest. Financial advisors, attorneys, medical offices and other businesses can meet their legal obligation to dispose of clients' information responsibly, while helping send Lamorinda middle school girls to AAUW's Tech Trek Science & Math Camp.

Shredding details: Government Specified Approved Shred, HIPAA Compliant Shredding, TWIC Certified Drivers (Federally Credentialed). Certificates of Destruction and Donation Receipts will be provided.

HOLIDAY PARTIES

Two December gathering got everyone's holiday off to a wonderful start!

Photos clockwise from left: 1) Kathy Burnett, owner of *The Bloom Space* in Lafayette, demonstrates the art of Chalk Painting® on wood and metal objects at Kelly Claussen's home in Lafayette on a Friday afternoon; 2) Attendees of the painting demo chat among themselves afterwards; 3) & 4) Priscilla Magee (on violin) and Judy Helder (at the piano) lead members and guests in carol singing at Trudy Barron's home in Moraga the following Tuesday morning.



Many Thanks to ALL ...

... who brought donations of food and toys to the OML Holiday Parties for the **Monument Crisis Center** in Concord. This organization provides many services to needy families in the community all year round, and your generosity is greatly appreciated. There is such need in neighborhoods not far from our own, and I am overwhelmed when I filled my car twice over to deliver your thoughtful gifts. *You all do make a difference!*

**Carol Messinger, Chair
Community Projects**



JANUARY AT A GLANCE

1 WED – CRITICS CHOICE/BESTSELLERS BOOK GROUP
Please rotate your book.

2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 MON & THURS – TENNIS
8:15-10 am Contact Tory Courtney 376-1295

2 THU – #2 BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon – Virginia Semrau 283-8056

7 TUES – #1 BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon – Joyce Dickey 825-7991

13, 27 MON – GOLF
Contact Jan Gee for t-time and venue, 938-1316

14 TUES – #3 BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon Joyce Dickey, 825-7991

14 TUES – BOARD MEETING
1 pm 80 Silverwood Drive, Lafayette

15 WED – MUSEUM MAVENS
8:30 am, meet at McCaulou's parking lot in Moraga to car-pool to the **DAVID HOCKNEY EXHIBIT at the deYoung**
Coord.: Maryellen Judson, 283-2387

15 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS
1-3 pm Call Carol Messinger for details, 283-8741
Read more about this group on page 5

16 THURS – #4 BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon – Jessie Doleman 826-5116

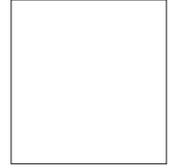
17 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK
The 19th Wife: A Novel by David Ebershoff
10 am Contact Susan Wilson 376-0606

17 FRI – LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES
Groups 1, 2 & 3

21 TUES – **NO OML MEETING** (see 26 SUN)

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, JEANNE MELAUGH, so she can update the website calendar.

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24 FRI – NOVEMBER TRIAD DEADLINE
Send items to mlmiller602@gmail.com

24 FRI – DEADLINE FOR VALENTINE PARTY RSVPs

26 SUN – JANUARY PROGRAM – IBC MEETING
1:30-4 pm Lafayette Library
Sexual Assault; Naming the Unnamed Conspirator
NOTE: This Meeting will take the place of the OML January General Meeting

27 MON – BIKE GROUP
Contact Ellen Beans, ellen.beans@gmail.com

28 TUES – #5 BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon – Patricia Bentley, 284-2936

FEBRUARY 2014

(look for more listings in the February issue)

7 FRI – VALENTINE PARTY – Benefiting Scholarships
1-3 pm Home of Robbi Senderov *Check it out!*
Turn to page 6 for more details 

11 TUES – BOARD MEETING
1 pm 80 Silverwood Drive, Lafayette

18 TUES – GENERAL MEETING
9:30-11:30 Holy Trinity Cultural Center, Moraga
Social time begins at 9 am
Keynote Speaker: Debora Silva