

**IN ~ OUT
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 9
Lunch at 12, meeting to follow**

- Outgoing board members bring salads & year-end reports
- Incoming board members bring desserts



Cocktails & Conversations

Come join us on Thursday, June 25,
5:00 – 7:00 PM

At Picollo Napoli in Theatre Square, Orinda.
Bring a friend or two to socialize. All are welcome!

**IMPORTANT AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION
ON-LINE VOTING INFORMATION**

Voting is in process for (1) AAUW National Officers, for (2) changes to the by-laws, and for (3) an agreed-upon public policy program for the two up-coming years. This program will guide our notion of the issues to be tracked, thought about, perhaps developed a position on.

Online voting continues through Friday, June 19.

To get the AAUW page that describes what's going on, browse to <http://www.aauw.org/files/2015/01/2015-AAUW-National-Election-Voter-Guide-nsa.pdf> From there, you can scroll down to see the 15 candidate statements for National Board (vote for 10). You can scroll down to view the proposed changes to the by-laws. You can scroll

down to view the changes to the Public Policy program description. For all of these, your VOTE is requested. It is understood that you need not vote on all topics. **Of likely interest to all members is Proposal 1. Eliminate the Degree Requirement for Membership.** The rationale of the proposing AAUW member is included but no statements are included that would oppose that approval.

Also included on that page is an explanation of how to find your ID number and PIN. If you have any questions or need assistance at voting, please contact Gail Chesler at gailchesler@gmail.com. If you are interested in helping Gail with helping others vote, please contact her, too.

Lunch in the Vineyard



Drawing on August 21

Imagine relaxing in this lovely setting while enjoying lunch for six! The scholarship committee is busy planning the menu and making arrangements for a talk and tasting of local wines in the adjacent vineyard. You choose the date—September 19 or 26!

All proceeds go to scholarships honoring women graduates from Acalanes, Campolindo and Miramonte High Schools as well as St. Mary's College.

Suggested ticket donation: \$20 each or 3 tickets for \$50. (These donations are not tax deductible.)

To purchase tickets before the drawing or for more information contact Mary Ann McLeod at mabill100@comcast.net or Ksenija Soster-Olmer at xenija@aol.com.

The sale of these raffle tickets supports the Branch Scholarship Program.

All meetings of the OML Branch, unless otherwise noted, are held at the
HOLY TRINITY SERBIAN CHURCH CULTURAL CENTER
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HAIL & FAREWELL



Here we go... starting a new year and closing out the events of the one just past. Celebrate the stellar performance of last year's Board and all the members who contributed. Celebrate awarding scholarships to four deserving seniors.

Celebrate sending off seven marvelous girl campers to a lively week at Tech Trek doing hands-on projects and delighting in the company of a few dozen other smart girls and two branch members who will be dorm moms. Celebrate giving books away at the Burckhalter Library and helping them become better students all year. Celebrate re-inventing S2S in a new and successful format. Celebrate another year of reading the Critic's Choice books, seeing some good movies, playing some good (or rotten) hands of bridge, biking some satisfying miles. Celebrate Museum Mavens' field trips and Great Decisions' illuminating discussions. Celebrate our Named Awardee and our Distinguished Woman. Celebrate a really good lunch at the Moraga Country Club. If I missed something we should be celebrating, let me know.

Celebrate suffrage by voting in the State and National AAUW elections. Celebrate the publication of a new and revealing research report by National AAUW that provides questions and some answers to the relative lack of women in STEM careers.

What would you like to do this year? The program committee could welcome your participation – talk with Diane Bell-Rettger or Judy Helder. Do it now so that you can have a hand in it. What kind of activities do you enjoy? Come to the September “showcase” meeting to see the options that are readily available. There are many opportunities to get involved. Would you like to join an existing interest group or start a new one?

Here's my photo again so that you'll know for sure “which one is Gail” Please walk over and introduce yourself. I want to know all of y'all. We have so much intelligence and creativity in our midst – please share your curiosity, ideas, and skills with us.

Gail Chesler (925) 394-4286 gailchesler@gmail.com.

Pipings From the President

Greeting One & All!

This is the BIG Thank You issue from me to you and my final Triad President's message!

At the May Luncheon/Installation, Jo Harberson, the installing officer who hails from the Danville Alamo Walnut Creek Branch along with about six other branches, compared the Executive Board to a giant computer. Sticking with her theme, this (me) central processing unit that kept everyone working smoothly together for the past two years will press control alternate escape and hand over the machine to a more than capable new central processing unit, Gail Chesler. Gail is a forthright and skillful individual that I have very much appreciated and enjoyed working with. I know that you will support her this coming year as you have had my back during the last 2 years.

I'd also like to thank our two Program Directors, Diane Bell-Rettger and Ksenija Soster-Olmer for bringing us thought-provoking Mission-based programs. I still need to get out to Richmond and see the Rosie the Riveter Museum! A big thank you to Carine Archer for heading up the Membership Committee with its many facets. Jan Cushman and Alison Mackenzie have done an outstanding job with AAUW Funds, over \$7000 donated from our branch this year and a program about financial planning and smart giving! As an aside, many members have approached me regarding keeping a microphone in Alison Mackenzie's hand. Her wit and ease of conversation is loved by our members. So Alison, whether it's heading meetings or Stand-up Comedy with Diane Bell-Rettger, you've got a job! Thank you to Judy Hammon, who, this past year has served as recording secretary and was named the 2015 Branch Gift Honoree. Thank you for your many years of service on the OML Board. Judy is taking a well-deserved break from the Board next year, enjoy! Last but definitely not least, I want to acknowledge and thank Therese Tamaro for slogging through as our Financial Director. Between our 501©3 and 501©4 bank accounts, Therese has kept us all out of jail and knowing where every penny comes from and where it goes.

I also want to acknowledge another group of extraordinary TEAM players, the Appointed Officers for 2014-15: Parliamentarians, Marie Bonilla and Jan Coe; Tech Trek, Sandy Fox-Sohner; Sister-to-Sister, Valerie Burgess and Laura Wittenberg; Scholarship, Mary Ann McLeod and Barb Harbuck; Community Projects/Burckhalter School, Carol Messinger and Ruth Balsdon; Website, Jeanne Melaugh; Triad Editor, Directory and Overview, Mary Leigh Miller; Publicity, Chris Laszcz-Davis, Advertising, Pat Lopker, and Historian and Photographer extraordinaire, K. de Groot; Distinguished Woman Committee, Database coordinator, Marie Bonilla; May Luncheon, Kelly Clausson; and last but certainly not least, Hospitality coordinator, Jan Coe with help from Robin Spencer Holmes, and Janet Thibault. Any President would feel blest as I do to have had these great ladies to work alongside. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Please mark your calendars for two events: 1) The In/Out Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 9th, from noon until about 2:30 at the Holy Trinity Serbian Church on School Street in Moraga. All are welcome to attend Board Meetings. 2) Cocktails and Conversations, Thursday, June 25th, from 5-7PM at Piccolo Napoli, 2 Theatre Square, Orinda. Bring a friend! Thank you, All, for being a part of this worthwhile organization. Together we do great things! Happy Summer & Best Regards, Karen Mankowski



AAUW Mission • AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.
Value Promise of AAUW • By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

MAY LUNCHEON CELEBRATES POWERFUL WOMEN

The May Luncheon celebrates the many outstanding women who make a difference within our branch. The May 19th gathering was held in the beautiful new clubhouse at the Moraga Country Club, and those who attended enjoyed lunch and delicious dessert trays of goodies. Altogether, 65 members and guests attended to honor Pat Lopker, the OML 2015 Distinguished Woman, and Judy Hammon, this year's Branch-Named Gift Honoree. In addition, Jo Harberson installed the new OML officers for 2015-2016.

Among the celebrants were Pat Lopker's daughter and daughter-in-law, her sister-in-law, and many friends and AAUW members. Fourteen former Distinguished Women attended. Three Charter/Early members were in attendance: Bobbie Dodson-Nielsen, Flo Garay, and Joan Armstrong.

Members were thanked for their contributions to AAUW Funds by Jan Cushman and Alison Mackenzie. A total of \$7,314.45 was donated in 2014. Because of OML's generosity, a Branch-Named Gift Honoree (BNGH) is recognized every year. This year the honor was bestowed upon Judy Hammon, acknowledging her many years of service to OML, including serving on the Board for Publicity, Recording Secretary, Membership Treasurer, Finance Vice President, and this year she is our Corresponding and Recording Secretary. She has been a dedicated, outstanding contributor to our branch's activities over the years.

Sandy Fox-Sohner introduced our AAUW OML 2015 Distinguished Woman, Pat Lopker, by highlighting some of the important work Pat has done for our branch. Pat has been a contributing member of our branch for more than 15 years. She has been dedicated to ensuring Sister-to-Sister runs smoothly; chairing the Advertising Committee and bringing in substantial revenues for our branch; serving on the Nominating Committee, Education Funds, and the OML Directory; securing an AAUW \$75,000 research and project grant; coordinating Garden Tour ticket sales, holiday events, and much much more. Pat has an outstanding prowess for running fundraisers for a good purpose. She is a leader in the community and is treasured by her family.



AAUW OML 2015-2016 Officers: Maryellen Judson, Mary Levey, Alison Mackenzie, Gail Chesler, Judy Helder, Diane Bell-Rettger, Kelly Claussen, Leslie Pfeifer



Sandy Fox-Sohner gives Distinguished Woman Pat Lopker her Memory Album

Chelsea Lopker, Pat's daughter-in-law, introduced her by reading an endearing letter written by Pat's son, Scott Lopker. Daughter Debbie Lopker then introduced her mother with glowing words regarding her personal treasured memories and her appreciation for her Mother.

Pat's theme for her presentation was education, and she began her talk with a quote from Aristotle: "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." Pat enlivened her stories by using a projector to show photos of her family, friends, and activities. She entertained the audience with stories about growing up in a small town in Iowa, her strong family roots, and the fun she had there. Her photos of Iowa, her grandparents, the accomplishments of her family, and the harvests of corn and soybeans that she participates in to this day are all part of her history. Pat's high school class in Wilton Iowa had only 32 graduates. Pat graduated from Marycrest College in Iowa with a BSN degree.

Pat and her husband Don, with whom she shares a love of water activities, have been married 45 years. They have enjoyed many outdoor sports together and host friends at their mountain cabin. Pat is a devoted mother and grandmother. Pat ended her talk with a quote that her grandmother used to say to her: "Worry is like a rocking chair—it gives you something to do but it doesn't get you anywhere."

Incoming President Gail Chesler provided the closing remarks by thanking outgoing President Karen Mankowski for two years of outstanding leadership and presenting her with a lovely orchid. Gail encouraged all members to get involved, work together, and participate in the fun of the upcoming 2015-2016 AAUW OML year.

NEXT YEAR'S AAUW-OML OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS

President: Gail Chesler	President-Elect: Laura Wittenberg
Program VP	Diane Bell-Rettger & Judy Helder
Membership VP	Alison Mackenzie & Mary Levey
AAUW Funds	Leslie Pfeifer & Kelly Claussen
Corresponding/Recording Secretary	Maryellen Judson
Finance VP	Therese Tamaro

APPOINTED OFFICERS/POSITIONS

Hospitality, General Meetings	in process
Communication	
Website: Bonnie Gallogly	Triad Editor: Mary Leigh Miller
Publicity: Chris Laszcz-Davis	Advertising: Pat Lopker
Public Policy	Denise Burian & Jan Coe
Tech Trek	Sandra Fox-Sohner & Jan Cushman
Scholarships/Awards	TBD & Mary Ann McLeod
International Affairs	(unfilled at this time)
Parliamentarian/Bylaws	Karen Mankowski
Sister-to-Sister	Valarie Burgess
Community Projects	Carol Messinger & Pat Beckner
Historian Photography	K deGroot
Distinguished Woman Committee	Pat Lopker May Luncheon; tbd

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

You receive announcements that a friend or relative is graduating from college. You want to send a gift. Why not a one-year membership to AAUW!

AAUW members can give a one-year membership to a college graduate by applying for "Give a Grad a Gift." This gift is free to the AAUW member and the graduate within two years of graduation. There is no limit on the number of gifts that a member can give.

The free membership gives grads the chance to get to know members of the branch and network as they begin a career. The grad can learn of issues important to women, as they learn of the AAUW mission to seek equity for women and girls. The grad also has access to career development opportunities, community action projects and AAUW publications and resources. Information and forms are available through National at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – MAY 12, 2015

Laura Wittenberg reported that Sister to Sister held a barbeque at Valarie Burgess' home as a closing event for the high school facilitators. The girls expressed their satisfaction with the new format of three Super Sunday programs.

Our Branch's Ice Cream Social for Tech Trek winners will be held June 5. Branch members Gail Chesler and Jan Cushman will brief Tech Trekkers on what to expect at summer camp.

New Program Chairs Judy Helder and Diane Bell-Rettger are gearing up for next year with a brainstorming meeting on May 14. They welcome your ideas for next year's general meeting topics.

The Board voted to have a booth promoting AAUW at the Orinda Community Center July 4th festivities. Contact Jan Cushman to volunteer.

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2ND ANNUAL TECH TREK SHRED-FEST BOOSTS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

OML's Tech Trek Committee, in partnership with 5A Rent-A-Space, raised \$1000 for camp scholarships at the 2015 Tech Trek Shred•Fest on Saturday, May 16.

Thanks to 5A Manager Gloria Noggle, Assistant Manager Sean Bartels, crew man Andrew, and V.P. Jenny Boyd at RAS Mgt. Amazing support from all!

Moraga realtor Jason Evans (Coldwell Banker) and Neighborhood Computers owner Grant Stubblefield volunteered for a second year.

Thanks to our strong, can-and-will-do spirited Tech Trek Committee who worked the event: Sheila Apte, Stacia Cragholm, Jan Cushman, Laura Halvorsen, Karen Mankowski, Heidi Mayer, Jan's husband Bruce McGurk, Lana Reichick, and Christine Walwyn.

Parents Laura Halvorsen, Elaine Davis, Sarah Tabler, and Michael Swan worked the bins.

Tech Trekkers Audrey Concepcion and Samantha "Sam" Swan helped, as did Halvorsen's son Ian Concepcion.



Shred•Defense, Inc. and their terrific TWIC-certified driver Rob provide secure shredding on site, a great service.



We could not have done it without you - and 5A Rent-A-Space!

Scholarship Update:

Our 2014 recipient of the St. Mary's College Graduate Scholarship Award, Karen Trang, has been accepted to Stanford University Medical School. She has received her \$5,000 award.

Morgan Matranga, this year's Campolino recipient placed 13th at the girls California Interscholastic Federation state swimming and diving championships.

Host a Holiday Coffee!

Calling all members (especially those with a piano). Please let the Program Vice-Presidents know if you would like to host a holiday coffee in December of this year. I hosted one last year and it was a lot of fun! Also, by choosing an early date in December, my house looked festive for the entire month! You would not have to play your piano unless you want to; we have members who will play. Please let us know if you would be willing to open your home to this activity in December 2015. Contact the Program VP's, Judy Helder or Diane Bell-Rettger, and claim your date.



Stanley Tech Trek Coordinator Stacia Cragholm took a brief break with Michael Swan and Sam Swan.

JUNE AT A GLANCE

1 MON – CRITICS CHOICE/BESTSELLERS
BOOK GROUP Pass along your book

1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 – MON & THURS – TENNIS
8:15-10 am – Contact Tory Courtney, 376-1295

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

4 THU – #2 BRIDGE GROUP
Contact Virginia Semrau for more info, 283-8056

6 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP
Contact Ksenija Soster-Olmer for more info

8, 22 MON – GOLF
Contact Jan Gee for t-time and venue, 938-1316

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

9 TUES – IN~OUT BOARD MEETING
12 noon – Holy Trinity Cultural Center
Potluck followed by meeting

17 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS
Contact Carol Messinger 283-8741

18-21 – AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION
San Diego, CA

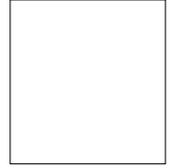
18 THURS – #4 BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon – Jessie Doleman 826-5116

19 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK
10:30 am *Blood, Bones and Butter* by Gabrielle Hamilton
Home of Joan Armstrong, 2809 Velvet Way, WC – 210-1085
Please bring a sandwich & RSVP to the hostess

19 FRI – LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES
Contact Mary Leigh Miller, 631-9694

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

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25 THURS – COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION
5 pm – Piccolo Napoli Restaurant, Orinda
Contact Karen Mankowski, 283-9085

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

AUGUST AT A GLANCE

17 MON – DRAWING for LUNCH in the VINEYARD
5 pm – Go the the OML Website for more info

21 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK
10:30 am – *How the Scots Invented the Modern World* by
Arthur Herman. Home of Mary Smith, 1096 Sanders Dr.,
Moraga – 376-5726 Bring a sandwich & RSVP to the hostess

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 Coor-
dinator, JEANNE MELAUGH, so she can update the
website calendar.*