

GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16 PUBLIC POLICY

Join the *ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS*

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE! LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Are you prepared to make an informed choice about:

- A Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond?
- Amending Proposition 13?
- Permanent Daylight Savings Time?
- Repealing the Gas Tax?
- Banning the Sale of Meat from Certain Farm Animals?

These are just a few of the propositions that you will be asked to vote on in the upcoming election on November 6.

It's important to be educated ahead of time about the various issues that will confront voters at the polls. Representatives from the **League of Women Voters** will be on hand with a nonpartisan presentation about the *Pros and Cons of the Propositions* on this year's ballot. They will provide materials with more specific information about each issue so that you can make an informed choice at the polls.

You will be participating in lively small group discussions that may help clarify (or change!) your opinion! *Read more about Public Policy on page 3.*

**This meeting is open to the public.
Invite your friends and neighbors!**

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 13

PLEASE NOTE:

This meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month due to Thanksgiving.

AAUW FUND
presents

KARA LEONG

2017-18 AAUW Fund
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We have a treat in store for us at the November general meeting when we welcome speaker Kara Leong. Those who attended the Fund Luncheon in 2017 remember her fondly as an excellent speaker with an interesting topic. She attends UC Davis, seeking a master's degree in viticulture and enology.

~ IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES ~

Read more about them inside this issue

• **RESTAURANT WALK**
Tuesday, October 9
6 - 9 pm, downtown Walnut Creek

• **SHRED•FEST**
Saturday, October 13
9 am - noon, 5-A Rent-A-Space

• **GAME DAY FUNDRAISER**
Thursday, November 1
11:30 am - 3 pm, Miramonte Gardens

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP
Tuesday, October 16
Turn to Page 4 for more details!

... from DENISE'S PROSPECTIVE



One of my favorite membership meetings is the one in September because we give an opportunity for each of our community priorities to talk about their projects and highlight the good works that we do for women and girls in our community.

Tech Trek displayed the letters from the seven girls who went to Camp Hopper this summer and WOW, they are articulate and impressive. Tech Trek has two fundraisers planned for October. The first is the **Restaurant Walk** on Tuesday, October 9th in downtown Walnut Creek. Contact Jan Cushman for tickets for you, your spouse, your friends to sample food from many great WC restaurants. I have done it and had a lot of fun. Tech Trek is also sponsoring the annual **Shred Fest** on Saturday, October 13th in 5A Rent-A-Space in Moraga. Bring your boxes of paper to shred on the spot. If you have nothing to shred, drive by anyway and donate \$9 to a worthy cause. And you can buy a grocery bag with the Tech Trek logo from Jan. We all have lots of bags, but you can use this one with pride at the grocery store.

Scholarship told us about their scholarship plans for the year, which includes a plan for \$10,200 in scholarship/conference awards. To raise money, they announced their Game Day on November 1st. Tickets are \$40 and include lunch and a lot of fun. Again, bring your spouse, friends, neighbors as this is Scholarship's big fundraiser for the year and we want to support them. It will be a lot of fun.

The STEM Conference will be held on Saturday, March 23 this year. The STEM committee is signing up volunteers early this year and our members can now volunteer to be workshop monitors. We need 20 workshop monitors plus volunteers for many other jobs. I can personally attest that it takes a village to organize this conference, but the result is so rewarding.

The Burckhalter Volunteers have opened the library for the school year and tutors are already on the job. They always need more library and tutor volunteers so if you want to help us support a Title 1 school, contact Pat Beckner.

As president, I see as one of my biggest responsibilities to promote our own projects and fundraisers whenever and wherever I can. Our members on the above projects work very hard year round to raise the money to give scholarships, send girls to camp, sponsor the STEM conference and teach at Burckhalter. Please attend their events or donate the cost of a ticket, so they can continue to do the work of our branch.

I became a member of AAUW because I believe in the public policy positions of the organization and want to be a part of any effort to promote equity and empowerment for women and girls. I believe we are at a critical time in our country for women's equality and the treatment of girls. The #metoo movement, and current Supreme Court nomination situation throws a spotlight on how women and girls are treated, not only in the past, but even in current times. I have granddaughters ages 20 and 16 and asked them the other night if they experience sexual harassment regularly. Be careful what you ask, as one might hear the truth ... I really did think it was better today, and it certainly is so much improved in the area of education and job opportunities. But my friends, we still have a long ways to go. I am thankful that AAUW is here to highlight the good news and what needs to be done to get to true equity.

Denise Burian, President

September 11, 2018
BOARD MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS

Our new year is underway, and there are oh, so many ways you can contribute to our mission and have a good time while doing it. First, however, Membership Co-VPs Carrol Foxall and Maryellen Judson are happy to report that over 120 members have already paid their dues! Hopefully the rest will pay in time to make it into our AAUW-OML Directory. Also, kudos go out to Advertising Chair Pat Lopker and her crew who are busy finalizing their ad campaign. Membership dues and advertising are the two ways we keep our branch up and running.

Now for those fun ways you can support our mission through our community outreach programs. These programs earn money for their activities from the community and, of course, from our membership through various fundraisers. You could attend the scholarship committee's first Game Day fundraiser on November 1. Come and play bridge, Bunco or Mexican train dominos, have a nice lunch and, maybe, win a prize. Tech Trek's two October fundraisers – the Restaurant Walk and the Shred Fest – raise money to send seven local middle school girls to camp next summer. It is not too early to volunteer to help with the STEM Conference our branch will put on next March 23. And, Chair Pat Beckner says Burckhalter School still needs "a few good women" for the library or to tutor.

Finally, Public Policy Co-Chair Jan Coe encourages everyone to get involved in the fast-approaching midterm elections.

At the general meeting on September 18, the membership voted and passed on both proposed budgets and the revised Standing Rules.

Judy Hammon, Secretary

FOCUS ON ... PUBLIC POLICY & THE UPCOMING ELECTION

November Ballot Measures

There are 11 measures on the November ballot that cover a variety of issues. The California State Public Policy Committee reviewed the propositions and determined that most do not address issues in AAUW's Public Policy Priorities. Propositions 1, 4 and 5 have a bearing on AAUW's principles, but they include elements that undermine some of the priorities along with elements that support the priorities. The committee adopted a "neutral" position on Propositions 1, 4 and 5.

The Committee came out in **SUPPORT of Proposition 2: Homeless Housing Bond**
Why? Over 130,000 Californians are homeless. A great number of our homeless population suffers from mental illness. Proposition 2 allows the use of previously allocated unspent money to be used to provide permanent supportive housing for people who need mental health services and are either currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Women comprise a significant percentage of the homeless.



October 22: Last day to register to vote!
October 30: Last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot!
November 6: Election Day!

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES

SB 1300 (Senate Bill 1300)

Unlawful employment practices: discrimination and harassment.

The California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) prohibits various actions as unlawful employment practices unless the employer acts based upon a bona fide occupational qualification or applicable security regulations established by the United States or the State of California. With the support of AAUW-California, SB 1300 (Jackson) has passed through both chambers of the California State Legislature and now awaits Governor Brown's signature. He had until September 30 to sign.

Our advocacy helped pass this bill.

SB 1300 would ensure that our existing laws against sexual harassment are consistently and fairly applied, based on current case law. To do this, the bill provides guidance to the courts on how to apply the existing legal standard for sexual harassment. SB 1300 would also ensure that employers are not able to use legal tactics to evade the reach of our sexual harassment laws or silence victims.

Jan Coe and Laura Monin
Co-Chairs, Public Policy

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ONLINE DONATIONS

Do you want to make a contribution to the STEM Conference, Tech Trek, Scholarship, Burckhalter or AAUW Fund? OML now accepts donations to your favorite Community Outreach Project online. Fewer people are writing checks these days, and many of us prefer to donate online (or pay for tickets to our events) via a credit card.

It's Easy – just four steps!

- Go to our website <https://oml-ca.aauw.net/>
- Click on the DONATE button on the top right hand side of the page. You will be directed to a form that asks for your name, address, phone and email.
- Once complete, click on SUBMIT. This directs you to a page on which you choose the project to which you want to donate.
- Choose and CLICK on your project. You will be directed to add the amount and credit card information. It is as easy as that. When we receive the payment, we will credit the project and note that the donation is from you.

You can also use your PayPal account if you have one, but it is NOT required. We use PayPal to service the payment so you may receive a confirmation from them. But they just act as the payment processor for the credit card, so our branch does not have to have accounts with all of the credit card companies. You can make a note on the payment if it is for a ticket to an event. And you can even make it an automatic monthly contribution.

Thank you to **Heidi Mayer, Peggy Cabaniss and Bonnie Gallogly** for setting this system up for us.

Denise Burian, President

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS ~ HONORING OUR 2018 RECIPIENTS ~

Promoting Education for Girls

Our branch scholarship committee echoes the voice of National AAUW by supporting young women graduates from our three high schools and a graduate student from Saint Mary's College. We search for girls who learn self-awareness and leadership skills through their desire to help others and make a difference in their community. This is the first of four articles showcasing our 2018 awardees.

**Audrey Moore ~ Campolindo Graduate
\$1,200 Scholarship to
University of Southern California**



On a service trip to the Dominican Republic, Audrey Moore was appalled at the discrepancy between the lives of the people in our country and of those in the Dominican Republic. Once home, she created **Project: Empathy** to bring awareness of this disparity. Audrey began the project in her neighborhood, persuading her younger siblings and their friends to participate. Encouraged by parents and teachers, she brought the program to her former middle school. Through student feedback Audrey realized she might have encouraged pity, not empathy. Even though the adults wanted her to continue, she realized her true goals were not being met.

"I'm thankful for Project: Empathy. It's helped me develop a service style that doesn't just cynically diagnose problems, but seeks to creatively and fearlessly enact change. The sadness I felt when I first saw disparity in the Dominican Republic fuels my passion for equality; my experience with Project: Empathy reminds me to act humbly and adaptively. In college I hope to grow as a conscientious, engaged social justice advocate: sometimes conflicted, always striving."

Audrey also received a Tech Trek scholarship from our OML Branch. She is currently taking a gap year to work and expand her global service.

Join our committee and meet very interesting young women as you read their applications and participate in interviews. The interviews are conducted in February and March. Contact Mary Ann McLeod at mabill100@comcast.net for more information.

Mary Ann McLeod, Co-Chair, Scholarship Committee



IN MEMORIAM ~ EDY SCHWARTZ

AAUW-OML and the larger Moraga and Lamorinda communities lost a beloved community activist when **Edith (Edy) Schwartz** passed away recently. Edy was an active member of the OML Branch. She served as co-chair of Sister-to-Sister for three years, succeeded in supporting the branch through solicitation of advertisers and worked tirelessly to market our activities to the community.

Edy was inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame by the Contra Costa Commission for Women and was Moraga's community liaison to Saint Mary's College for many years. She was founder of the Moraga Citizens Network, president of the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, and led the Rheem Theater Digital Projector fundraising effort and Save the Rheem Theater Projects.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Saturday, October 6 at 3 pm in Rancho Laguna Park, Moraga.

SCHOLARSHIP GAME DAY FUNDRAISER

**Thursday, November 1
11:30 am – 3 pm**



**Miramonte Gardens
Clubhouse
1 Miramonte Drive, Moraga**

**Enjoy a catered lunch
with wine and dessert.
Play games or simply socialize
Friends are welcome!**

**Reservation Deadline:
October 16**

Mail your \$40 check
(payable to AAUW-OML
Community Outreach Fund, inc)
to: **Bonnie Fend
4 Thune Avenue
Moraga, CA 94556**

Indicate if you will be playing Bunco, Mexican Train or Bridge. If playing Bridge also indicate your partner's name, and others at your table or whether you need a partner.

**For more information call
Bonnie at 510-219-9455**

AAUW FUND UPDATE

For this issue of the Triad, I asked Peggy Cabaniss, OML branch treasurer and our 2017 AAUW Fund Branch Named Gift Honoree, to share with us her experience while serving on AAUW National's Investment Committee for four years. In Part I she provides

us with a look into AAUW's financial challenges. In the November Triad, Part II, she will continue the discussion about finances and the resulting problems facing AAUW.

Lynda Leonard, Co-VP, AAUW Fund

UNDERSTANDING AAUW'S FINANCES at the NATIONAL LEVEL – PART I

Introduction:

For the past four years, I had the privilege of serving on AAUW's Investment Committee at the national level. Our job was to monitor the \$125M in investments that help provide income to AAUW annually for funding programs, research, and operating costs. While serving on this committee, I learned about the challenges that AAUW has been facing with their overall finances primarily due to declining membership and increased costs of programs. I applied for and was fortunately accepted to serve on the Finance Committee for a two-year term. Hopefully these two articles in the Triad will inform our members about the finances of our national organization as well as the problems facing AAUW.

Overview of AAUW's Assets:

As of 6/30/18, AAUW had assets of \$133.6M of which \$125M were in investments. Liabilities were \$14.3M, leaving net worth of \$119.3M. Although this amount might sound large, 92 percent of these assets are either "temporarily restricted" or "permanently restricted" meaning that they are earmarked for specific projects and cannot be used for normal operating expenses or new projects. Most of the permanently restricted assets must be used to provide scholarships or fund specific programs.

Revenue and Expenses for Fiscal 2018 and Budgeted for Fiscal 2019

Income for AAUW comes from four major sources:

	Actual F2018	Budget F2019
Contributions	4,248,822 (24%)	8,535,000 (40%)
Membership Dues	2,921,872 (17%)	3,094,654 (14.5%)
Investments	9,021,208 (52%)	8,400,000 (39.4%)
Other	1,224,730 (7%)	1,292,436 (6.1%)
Totals	\$17,416,632 (100%)	21,322,090 (100%)

Three things to note regarding AAUW's revenue are the following:

1. Income from membership dues has been declining over the past twenty years as members age and younger women do not join AAUW as in the past.
2. Revenue from foundations, grants, donations, and legacy giving is increasingly important to AAUW's budgetary process.
3. AAUW would like to become less dependent on their investments for income than in past years.

Expenses for AAUW – how they spent their income in F2018:

Fellowships and grants	3,361,798	17%
Outreach and membership	3,601,495	18%
%Research and projects	2,514,501	13%
Legal Advocacy Fund	206,066	1%
Advocacy	845,731	4%
Management, general, and fundraising	4,100,674	21%
Development and fundraising	1,750,212	9%
Other (includes rent)	3,421,271	17%
Total Expenses for fiscal year ending 6/30/18	19,801,748	100

Note that there was an overall deficit of \$2.2M in fiscal 2018, due primarily to revenue from contributions falling below budget. The budget for fiscal 2019 calls for total income of \$21,322,090 and total expenses of \$21,237,705 for a net surplus of \$84,385. AAUW's new CEO Kimberly Churches is committed to holding her departments fiscally responsible for operating within their budgets.

Next month's article in the Triad will explain more about the challenges facing AAUW with regard to their finances.

Peggy S. Cabaniss,
Treasurer of the OML Branch
Member of the Finance Committee
for AAUW

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.

MEMBERSHIP

It was wonderful for our AAUW-OML members to greet each other at our Showcase Meeting September 18, 2018. It was especially great for our club and members of the Membership Committee to welcome six women interested in joining AAUW. We welcome **Pam Docherty, Connie Whitting Sallie Nelson and Barbara Bell** as new members. We look forward to seeing you and all the members at our October 16 meeting where we will be discussing the propositions, which will be voted upon at the November California election.

All the members enjoyed reviewing the goals of our Priorities and sharing ways in which we can all participate. What fun it was to see all the interest groups which offer us ways to enjoy each other and grow in our own special dimensions.

If not already paid, we urge you to pay your dues so that we can count on you, and you will be listed in our AAUW-OML Directory. Please send your renewal form and your check to **Shelly Drasin**, 76 Silverwood Dr, Lafayette, 94549.

Look for the blue ribbons on name tags and welcome our new members.

Carrol Foxall and Maryellen Judson, Membership Chairs

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS from SHOWCASE



(above) Marjory DeRoeck from The Image Studio showed us how to put ourselves together.



(photos at left) Diane Bell and Judy Helder champion their Special Interest Groups



Stacia Cragholm, Mary Ann McLeod and Bonnie Fend stand in front of their Branch Priority displays.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWS

Daytime Movie Group

Next film will be Tuesday, October 2. Movie, time and location to be determined. Info will be sent to the email list on Thursday, September 27.

If you are not on the mailing list, email patbeckner@yahoo.com and you will be added.

Evening Salon on Fall Hiatus

Nine members met in September for the Evening Salon and shared stimulating conversation about education and the difference between our generation and that of our children and grandchildren.

We meet in homes on a rotating basis on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Due to so many of us traveling the next two months, we will begin meeting again in January.

Great Decisions

Deadline to sign up: October 25

With the world in turmoil, how do you understand what is really happening? Great Decisions, the educational program developed by the Foreign Policy Association, brings us eight timely topics for study and discussion. Topics include: Refugees & Global Migration, Populism in Europe, Decoding US - China Trade, India, US & Mexico, State of the State Department and more!

It is time to order our Briefing Books. Join us on eight Thursdays from February 7 to March 28 in the Conference Room at the Hacienda de las Flores in Moraga. To order your book, please send your check for \$45 to **Judy Helder**, 18 Inverleith Terrace, Moraga 94556 by October 25. Books will arrive late in December. Questions? Call **Judy Helder** at 925 631 0156, TEXT to 925-980-0151 or email judyhelder@gmail.com.

ADVERTISING NEWS

Summer Campaign Expands Support Network

With congratulations to the OML Advertising Team, I am pleased to recognize eight new advertisers along with many renewing advertisers who will all be appearing in the 2018-19 OML Branch Member Directory, the Triad and on the OML website. Look for a selection of advertisers to be “on screen” at each branch general meetings and listed on a table “take away” card. They communicate the tremendous work we do as an AAUW Branch.

Please watch for them in future publications and check out our website later in October for new ad links. < oml-ca.aauw.net >

Eight New Accounts:

- Alex Rose Design Studio
 - Amoroma Ristorante
 - Casa Orinda
- La Piazza (under new ownership)
 - Nails by Vivian
- Superior Carpet and Window Cleaning
 - The Service Outlet
 - Town Bakery and Café

We say “goodbye” to Open Sesame due to pending closure, and to Jill West, Nutrition Consulting whom we will see less due to her increased business connections but will continue to enjoy and support.

Big “Thank You’s” to all who helped AAUW-OML surpass our goal of \$4,000. Kudos to my Ad Sales Team: **K deGroot, Elaine Gallaher, Lana Reichick, Pat Beckner, Stacia Cragholm, Bonnie Fend, Bonnie Gallogly, Maryellen Judson, Mary Leigh Miller, Laura Monin and Laura Wittenberg.** You make the difference!

OML advertising is positive fundraising. Beyond covering publication expenses, money raised is used for program enrichment for OML general meetings, and it supplements the work of the branch in our community outreach programs. Together we are a valuable community connection. Your support of these local businesses is invaluable to them and to success with the work of our branch. As you visit our community “friends,” please express appreciation for their help with promoting the AAUW mission.

The new 2018-19 Directory will be distributed at the October General Meeting. As I said last month, “I loudly speak my “gratitude” for all the branch members who read and shop, the ad team who seek and find, and the OML editors who deliver.”

Pat Lopker,
Advertising Coordinator

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**Please refer to the membership
directory for complete
advertising information.**

**Pick up your new Directory
at the October Meeting.**

TECH TREK NEWS

AAUW Tech Trekkers Thrilled by Their Experiences at Grace Hopper STEM Camp

The seven enthusiastic 8th grade girls who attended Tech Trek camp in July were honored at a reunion and reception on September 7. **Maggie Conklin, Ella Easley, Marianne Eichmann, Jada Hembrador, Liesel Hilkemeyer, Isabelle Katz, and Maya Martono** shared their experiences with branch members and parents. The girls were delighted with their special experiences bonding with “like-minded girls” who love science and math and seeing their future in a variety of possible STEM careers. **Molly Mudgett**, a former 2013 Tech Trekker and three-time camp counselor, joined the reunion. She will be studying engineering at Northwestern this fall.

This year, core classes at camp included Computer Coding and Cyber Sleuthing, as well as Marine Biology, CSI Forensics, and Aerospace Engineering. At camp, the girls took apart computers, wrote computer code, dissected fish, learned the physics of hand-made cars and went on field trips. They stayed up to midnight looking through a variety of telescopes and talking with engaging amateur astronomers. They “speed dated” to learn about the STEM careers of ten professional women and learned about structural engineering and built structures using rolled up newspapers. And much more!

A few quotes from the girls: “This camp has been a fun, amazing and life-changing experience that I will never forget.” “Thanks to this opportunity, I can leave with more confidence and an even greater love for STEM.” “Continue to inspire girls like me to pursue STEM careers! And Tech Trek was one of the best weeks ever!”

Christine Walwyn and **Gail Chesler** were dorm moms at camp, and Gail and Molly taught the girls how to solder and make flashlights.

Thank you for supporting this fabulous program!

Jan Cushman, Chair, Tech Trek Program



Front row (l to r): Ella Easley, Marianne Eichmann, Isabelle Katz, Liesel Hilkemeyer. Back row (l to r): Jada Hembrador, Maya Martono, Maggie Conklin

Important Fundraiser for
Tech Trek Scholarships!

WALNUT CREEK Restaurant Walk

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 9**
6 to 9 pm

Grab your friends and go!
Spend a delightful evening tasting
food from 16 restaurants
in downtown Walnut Creek.

Contact Jan Cushman to purchase
your ticket: jancushman@comcast.net

Want to join up with other
branch members?

Plan to meet at the **BRODERICK
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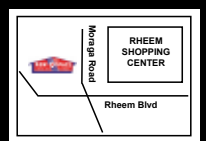
October 13, 2018

9:00 am - 12 noon

at **5A Rent-A-Space**
455 Moraga Road • Moraga



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Rain or Shine



STEM to STEAM

Why We Are Changing the Title of Our AAUW/EYH Conference

AAUW-OML is dedicated to making STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education and employment available to all interested young women and to encourage their participation in activities that promote that goal. But there is an element invaluable in all these fields – art. All engineering incorporates design. Apple’s founder Steve Jobs believed his technologically advanced devices should be as advanced in design as in technology; not just wires in a black metal box, but something visually compelling and desirable.

For research scientists, acceptance of ideas and funding often depend on communication skills. Many of our greatest scientists have also been great writers, Carl Sagan, E.O. Wilson, Mary Roach, Rachel Carson.

Since our mission is to open up the sciences and engineering fields to young women, we must also make those fields attractive to the interests of them. In working with fourth and fifth graders, I can tell you that even at that early age many (both boys and girls) have rejected these fields as inconsistent with the things they care about. But what if the budding artist is shown how to use Fibonacci numbers to create amazing patterned drawings? What if someone interested in interior design learns the physics of light? Architecture is about engineering *and* art, design and construction. What about theater set design, sound engineering, photography? So much of modern art techniques require extensive knowledge of technology.



Danielle Feinberg, Director of Photography (lighting), Pixar

Since our first year, the AAUW/EYH STEM Conference has incorporated the arts. Our first keynote speaker (and this year’s much anticipated return speaker) was **Danielle Feinberg** of Pixar. She is an engineer, a coder, an artist. She makes the most beautiful and technically complex films you will ever see. On her Twitter account she describes herself this way: “Taker of photos. Geek of many things. Collector of art, curious objects and piles of paper.” Danielle has assembled a successful career from curiosity, creativity, science and art.

So, in keeping with our mission, we are adding an “A”, STEM to STEAM; an “A” for ART in all its many manifestations.

Pat Beckner,
Committee Member,
STEAM Conference

SUNRISE ROTARY
STEAM
AMBASSADORS

On Friday, September 21, Stacia Cragholm and Laura Wittenberg accompanied five of the EYH STEAM Conference High School Ambassadors to speak at the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary to express thanks for their support and to further explain the program and its mission.

Sophia Scipi, a senior at Acalanes High School, presented a slideshow of pictures from the conference and spoke about the leadership opportunities that Sister-to-Sister gave her that later translated into leadership in the STEM conference. **Isabelle Liu**, a junior at Acalanes High School, shared her experiences helping the Rotary organize raffle ticket data and sell hot chocolate last year.

Ally Scarpitti, a senior at Campolindo High School, went in-depth about the conference and the impact that it is intended to leave on middle school girls. **Kiara Kofoed**, a freshman at Miramonte High School, spoke about her experience at Tech Trek and why it meant so much for her to volunteer with the STEAM Conference. Finally, **Sofia Kofoed**, a junior at Miramonte High School, shared her experiences with leadership and using STEAM fields to promote higher safety standards in lacrosse, after experiencing a serious concussion as a result of lack of helmets in girls lacrosse.

The Rotary was so kind to welcome the STEAM team and even began coordinating volunteer positions to help at the 2019 STEAM Conference on March 23, 2019.

Ally Scarpitti,
STEM Ambassador

**OCTOBER 2018
AT A GLANCE**

1 MON – CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP

9 am-5 pm – Books available for pick up at the home of Andrea Green, 1210 Larch Ave, Moraga

2 TUE – BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon – Joyce Dickey, 825-7991

2 TUE – DAYTIME MOVIE GROUP

Contact Time and theater TBA

Contact Pat Beckner at patbeckner@yahoo.com

5 FRI – BIKE GROUP

Contact Ellen Beans, ellen.beans@gmail.com

9 TUE – RESTAURANT WALK, benefiting Tech Trek

6-9 pm – Downtown Walnut Creek

Contact Jan Cushman for tickets

13 SAT – SHRED•FEST, benefiting Tech Trek

9 am-noon – 5-A Rent-A-Space

455 Moraga Rd., across from the Rheem Shopping Center

8, 22 MON – GOLF

Contact Jan Gee for t-time and venue, 938-1316

9 TUE – BOARD MEETING

1-3 pm– Orinda Community Church

10 Irwin Way, Orinda

16 TUE – LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Public Policy Meeting with The League of Women Voters

Round Table Discussions of the Propositions

9:30-11:30 am – Orinda Community Church

10 Irwin Way, Orinda

17 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS

1-3 pm –We meet every month, in members homes.

Contact Carol Messinger – messingerd@aol.com or 891-4201

19 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK

10:30 am – Orinda Books, Orinda

Salvage the Bones, by Jesmyn Ward

19 FRI – LETS GO TO THE MOVIES

Contact Mary Leigh Miller, 631-9694, for more info

22 MON – DEADLINE for NOVEMBER TRIAD

Send all articles to **Mary Leigh Miller**

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**APPOINTMENTS
TRAINING**

Thursday, October 11, 2018 | 6:30 pm

Shannon Community Center, Ambrose Hall

11600 Shannon Avenue | Dublin, CA 94568

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1 THURS – GAME DAY

11:30 am-3 pm – Miramonte Gardens Club House

Fundraiser for Scholarships

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6 TUES – BOARD MEETING

1-3 pm– Orinda Community Church

13 TUES – AAUW FUND MEETING

Featuring Keynote Speaker, Kara Leong,

recent recipient of an AAUW Career Development Grant

9-11 am – Orinda Community Church

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL
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