

HOLIDAY PARTIES!

Watch demos of holiday place setting designs by interior designer, Lyssa Wittlin

**TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 11**

10 am ~ Noon

at the home of
Mary Leigh Miller
602 Rheem Blvd.
Moraga

RSVP:
mlmiller602@gmail.com

Attend either
or both parties!
Bring a dish
to share.

Learn more
decorating ideas
and tips from
Lyssa.
Read about her
on page 7

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 13**

4 ~ 6 pm

at the home of
Mary Ann McLeod
100 Greenfield Drive
Moraga

RSVP:
mabill100@comcast.net

Plus – BASICS for BURCKHALTER is back!

Because the “Basics for Burckhalter” supply drive last year was such a success, we are asking for the same assistance again at the upcoming December Holiday Parties.

Donations of PAPER TOWELS, TISSUES, HAND SANITIZER and WIPES would be greatly appreciated. The Burckhalter School thanks you for your support!

Bring your donations with you to either Holiday Party!

Coming in January

January 15, 2019
OML General Meeting

A FOCUS on STEM

*A Program Specially
Designed about STEM for
Girls and Young Women*

*Please Note:
Special Time and Place!*

6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Lafayette Library
& Learning Center
Community Hall**

Guest Speaker

BUNMI ESHO

California Executive
Director at Techbridge Girls

Techbridge Girls is a nonprofit organization launched in 2000 that provides STEM programs for girls and has developed professional development trainings and resources for teachers and others regarding STEM.

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... from DENISE'S PERSPECTIVE



This is the time of year to give thanks. I am very thankful to the members of our Branch who step up to fill needs and who work hard to advance the work of the chapter. Thank you to **Alison MacKenzie** and **Marielle Boortz** who are now our Co-Presidents-Elect. Alison was Co-Chair of Membership for three years. She has also been volunteering in the library at Burckhalter twice a week for several years and has served on several committees. Marielle has been very active in two other AAUW branches, including being a president, as well as serving in other positions. Marielle knows her way around AAUW. She has been a member of our branch since she retired, and is currently serving as Co-VP of the Program Committee. We are very lucky to have both of these women in leadership positions.

Game Day on November 1 was a lot of fun. Attendees enjoyed learning and playing Dominoes, Bunco, and we had three tables of bridge players. They especially enjoyed the time spent talking and getting to know each other and enjoyed some great prizes. Congrats to the Scholarship Committee for a successful event.

The guest speaker at our membership meeting, Kara Leong, gave an interesting talk. She is a recipient of an Career Development Grant from AAUW National. This is also the time of year when we encourage our members to donate to AAUW Fund, to help support the work of AAUW on a National level. Our branch has been very generous in the past. In fact, you received our annual fundraising letter at the beginning of November. If you haven't sent it in yet, you still have time to donate to AAUW Fund, Scholarship, Tech Trek, STEAM Conference, and/or Burckhalter. You can return the letter, with a check, noting on the letter how to apply your donation between the Branch priorities. Send it to our Treasurer Peggy Cabaniss. You can also bring your check to or donate by credit card at one of our holiday events in December. Or you can make a donation online by going to our website and click on the orange donate button on the top right hand side of the screen. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Speaking of holiday parties, I encourage all members to attend the morning coffee on December 11, the afternoon social on December 13, or both events. Many of us do attend both events. I find it is a good way to socialize and get to know more members. There is more information about these events in this Triad. I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, there is a lot to celebrate in the recent elections, namely the number of women candidates who ran for office in federal, state and local elections, and the record number of women who won. The number of women in Congress increased from 108 in the most current Congress to 123 in the next Congress. Nine women will serve as governors of their states, and at least 2,019 women will serve in state legislatures. These are record-breaking numbers, but we still have a long ways to go to reach parity.

I wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season.

Denise Burian, President

November 6, 2018
BOARD MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS

Your board met on Election Day, November 6, and here is what's up: In the "really good news" category, OML membership is now up to 135. Be sure to greet the 6 newest members at our meetings. Also, our October meeting on California Propositions attracted 21 guests from the community, and membership reached out to those for whom we have email addresses.

Our AAUW Fund VP, Lynda Leonard, encouraged everyone to read the Fund report in your Triad. And, she pointed out that the speaker for November, Cara Leong, is a recipient of the Fund, who will discuss how her AAUW scholarship led to success in her graduate studies.

Holiday parties are coming up – see more details in this newsletter. Be sure to bring some gifts for Burckhalter School when you attend. Everything from pencils to paper towels would be much appreciated. Then, it's on to 2019! We'll mix things up a bit for January's meeting about STEM for girls. It will be held at 6:30 in the evening on January 15 at the Lafayette Library Community Hall to allow for participation by parents of teenaged girls. Why not plan to have dinner out and then join in the discussion?

Our Community Outreach Fund reports excellent news on the fundraising front: Chevron has promised \$5,000 to support the STEAM Conference; Tech Trek earned \$2,900 from Shred Fest and \$535 from the Restaurant Walk; and Game Day brought in almost \$1,000 for Scholarship. Congrats all!

**Judy Hammon, Secretary,
with help from
Maryellen Judson**

FOCUS ON ... A WINNING GAME DAY!

Our first Game Day was outstanding. It was an enjoyable, relaxed day in the lovely Miramonte Gardens Club House. Guests visited and sipped their drinks while **Gail Burnett** played the piano. After everyone enjoyed a catered lunch and dessert they were ready to play Bridge, Mexican Train Dominos and Bunco. Eight wonderful prizes were awarded.



Bridge

Tory Courtney – highest score – movie night basket

Bobbie Dodson & Pam Docherty – second highest score – bridge basket

Roberta Klaproth won the trick with a deuce draw



Mexican Train

Jan Gee – best score – fit & fabulous basket

Janette Maher – second best score – gardening galore basket



Bunco

Sibylla Crossley – most Buncos – gourmet goodies basket

Cayo Marschner & Elaine Gallaher – most wins – tea & crumpet basket

Mary Ann McLeod won for most losses – chocolate bar



The Top Prize Goes to our Lamorinda Student Leaders! We raised \$1000 towards our local scholarships. OML scholarships are available at oml-ca.aauw.net. If you know a senior woman at Acalanes, Campolindo or Miramonte or an undergraduate student at Saint Mary's involved in community service please encourage her to apply.

Top: Janette, Judy and Laura sing along with Gail at the keyboard.

Above: four players enjoy a fast game of Bunco.

Below: Mexican Train in progress.

The Scholarship Committee worked together to create this event. **Laura Monin** was the amazing chair who organized our day, held meetings, found the right people for various positions and contacted important vendors. She also collected supplies and made sure everything was ready for our Game Day. **Bonnie Fend** collected our registrations and worked with Laura every step of the way. She also created the perfect centerpieces for our Game Day with succulents from **Laura Wittenberg's** garden. **Wendy Kramer** knew her Miramonte Clubhouse was perfect for the event so she secured the location and worked diligently to plan the day. She was also very helpful in the kitchen and with setting up the event.



The following members of our branch and our committee joined our leaders to bring together an exceptional day of friendship, fun and food: **Trudy Barron, Gail Burnett, Jan Cushman, K. De Groot, Judy Helder, Maryellen Judson, Cayo Marschner, Mary Leigh Miller, Rachel Riddle and Laura Wittenberg.**

Thank you to all members who attended Game Day and brought friends.

We appreciate your support as we encourage our local scholars.

Mary Ann McLeod, Co-Chair, Scholarship Committee



At left: Game Day organizers: Bonnie Fend and Laura Monin.

THANK YOU!!

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

AAUW FUND

2018 ELECTIONS

Empowering Women and Girls:
The Work of AAUW**Women Ran & Won in Record Numbers**

The 50 year anniversary of Representative Shirley Chisholm's election as the first African American woman in the US House of Representative provides a fitting reflection after this past election.

The midterm elections ushered in changes at all levels of government, but the dominant story of this election was the power of women. Women voters came out in droves to demand their voices be heard, and an unprecedented number of women from diverse backgrounds ran for office and won. Beating the former record of 112 women in both chambers of the current Congress, at least 125 women will serve in the 116th Congress – 102 in the House and 23 in the Senate. Additionally, nine women (up from six) will lead their states as governors, and at least 2019 women (up from a record 1875 who served this year) will serve in their state legislative chambers. It is already clear that this was a record-breaking election for the representation of women, and in particular, women of color.

In addition to these electoral milestones, this election also conveyed larger messages than simply gender equity. Candidates who discussed issues central to the well-being of working families including access to health care, expanding early childhood development and boosting funding for K-12 education often won. Now it's time to hold all our elected officials accountable.

AAUW Issues Won Big at the Ballot Box

Leading up to the midterm elections, AAUW members across the country took action on ballot initiatives that had the potential to advance or undermine the goals of AAUW's Public Policy Priorities. On almost every ballot measure for which AAUW took a position, voters agreed with AAUW. In Florida, voters chose to automatically restore the voting rights of those with prior felony convictions upon completion of their sentence. Idaho voters, as well as those in Nebraska and Utah, opted to expand Medicaid. The Massachusetts electorate upheld the state's gender identity antidiscrimination law. Voters in Michigan, Missouri and New Mexico decided to protect democracy in various ways, and Missouri and Arkansas will raise their states' minimum wage. Oregon also successfully beat back a measure that would have limited access to abortion.

Department of Education Announces Extensive Title IX Rollbacks

Schools Are Still Underreporting Sexual Harassment and Assault. Even though it is well known that women on college campuses and girls in junior high and high school frequently experience sexual harassment, sexual abuse or assault, and other crimes or behavior that constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, educational institutions frequently fail to accurately report. In fact, in 2016, 89 percent of college campuses reported zero incidents of rape and 79 percent of schools with grades 7-12 reported zero allegations of sexual harassment. Despite these statistics, this month the federal Department of Education released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would make sweeping changes to Title IX's regulations by weakening Title IX's protections – part of a systematic effort by the administration to dismantle Title IX protections. AAUW stands with survivors and remains committed to protecting and defending Title IX, and to pursuing vigorous enforcement. Although Title IX is a federal law, state legislators and local advocates can work to codify protections that actually support students or designate funding to ensure Title IX's true intent is being realized.

Laura Monin, Co-Chair, Public Policy

In these waning days of 2018, reflect upon the accomplishments of AAUW. We have much to be proud of, both locally and at the national level. Through education and training, leadership and addressing the need for economic security, AAUW conducts nine programs that focus on empowering women as individuals, thereby improving the lives of millions of women and their families. When we think of AAUW Fund, we often focus on the \$3.9 million in fellowships and grants awarded annually, but AAUW does so much more. We conduct research and STEAM education, salary negotiation workshops and provide case support, challenging sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

AAUW has a presence on college campuses, shaping the next generation of leaders through campus action projects, a national student advisory council, NC-CWSL – a national conference for college women student leaders, Start Smart and student organizations. We take positions on public policy matters and have a presence at the United Nations. This body of work is the total package!

For this issue of the Triad, Peggy Cabiness, our branch treasurer, wrote a third article about the financial challenges that National faces. We are fortunate to have her share with us what she has learned by serving on AAUW National's Investment Committee for four years. She now is a member of National's Finance Committee.

AAUW makes a huge difference in the lives of women, but there is much more to be done. Tell your family and friends about our work; the world needs to know what we are doing. Spread the word. Scatter the seeds that will grow into support. And consider making a tax-deductible donation to AAUW Fund.

**Lynda Leonard,
Co-VP AAUW Fund**

AAUW FUND ~ NATIONAL FINANCES: PART III

Programs and Projects

AAUW's budget for the fiscal year 2018-19 calls for spending \$21.2M. Fifty-six percent of these expenses go directly to programs, scholarships, research and advocacy for women. Forty-four percent of total expenses are needed for management, development and fundraising, meetings, and occupancy. This month's update on AAUW's national finances focuses on some of the exciting programs that will be funded this year:

Fellowships and grants	\$3,496K
Outreach and membership	\$3,674K
Research and projects	\$3,164K
Advocacy	\$1,174K
Legal Advocacy	\$296K
Other programs	\$114K
Totals	\$11,918K

Fellowships and Grants

This year, over 250 women and nonprofit organizations will benefit from these grants. In total, AAUW has awarded fellowships to more than 3,500 women in more than 140 countries. Note that there is plenty of money from restricted assets to fund these grants for many years to come.

Outreach and Membership

Programs on leadership, empowerment, advocacy, and equal rights have been available for many years through AAUW. New programs include Work Smart, Start Smart, STEM Education, and NCCWSL – all designed to educate women of all ages how to develop careers in all fields and receive equal pay and benefits. (NCCWSL is the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders - the nation's premier conference for college women.) Note that these relatively new programs are not funded by restricted assets and therefore require a new source of funding within AAUW.

Research and Projects

This year's budget calls for \$3.2M toward research in areas affecting women. Areas of study include Pay Equity, Leadership, Access to Education, Women in the Workplace and Women and Girls in STEM. Important white papers that have providing ground-breaking research include the following:

- **The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap (Fall 2018)**

This commonsense guide, updated twice each year, provides key facts about the current state of the gender pay gap in the United States, with explanations and links to additional resources that can help you effectively advocate for pay equity.

- **Broken Ladders: Barriers to Women's Representation in Nonprofit Leadership (2018)** Women are underrepresented in leadership positions across all sectors of the economy and American society. In this research, we take a closer look at the broken ladders to advancement that women face even in sectors where they make up the majority of workers: at nonprofit organizations, in postsecondary education, and at philanthropic foundations.

- **Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans (2017)**

AAUW takes a close look at that oversight in the new research report *Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans*. Women's success in postsecondary education is shrinking the gender pay gap and opening up opportunities, but at what price? Women not only take on more student debt than men do, but women also pay back their loans more slowly because of the gender pay gap.

- **Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing (2015)**

This report features the latest data on women's achievement in subjects related to engineering and computing, how few women are working in these fields, and what can be done.

- **Advocacy** AAUW continues to advocate for policies that are important to women and girls. Without their help, invaluable legislation would have never been passed. In recent years, such legislation included the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

Peggy S. Cabaniss
Member, Finance Committee,
AAUW National

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Peggy Cabaniss and Pat Lopker have agreed to serve on the nominating committee. We still need two more members and we will be calling and asking a few of you to serve to help ensure a strong leadership team going forward.

Please consider serving so this committee can begin working in January to ensure a slate of candidates by our March meeting. Thank you.

Denise Burian, President

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWS

Memoirs & Musings

Memoirs & Musings held an Aloha farewell luncheon for long-time OML-AAUW member, **Marilyn Budge**, who has recently moved to Hawaii to join her son there. Marilyn had met her husband, Joe, in Hawaii where she worked as a medical technician on a sugar plantation, and he was the plantation manager. She is an original member of the Memoirs interest group. Marilyn also started the Burckhalter Library project in 1994 and volunteered there for many years.

Memoirs & Musings meets on the third Wednesday each month. Whether you have already begun your memoirs or have just been thinking about doing it “someday,” this might be the interest group for you! We are a sharing, supportive group, and all levels of writing abilities and experience are welcome. Contact **Carol Messenger** for more details, 891-4201.



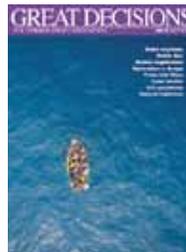
Front row: Marilyn Budge and Joy Elkinton-Walker. Top row: Sheila Apte, Jennifer Cook, Cayo Marschner, Carol Messinger and Judy Hammon.

Daytime Movie Group and Evening Salon

There will be no Daytime Movie Group or Evening Salon meetings in December due to all the other activities planned. The next film will be on Thursday, January 3. Movie, time and location will be sent to the email list on Saturday December 29. If you are not on the mailing list, email Pat Beckner at patbeckner@yahoo.com and you will be added. Our next Salon will also be on Thursday, January 3 from 7-9 pm, venue TBA. All members are welcome to attend.

Great Decisions

To all those who signed up to participate in this year’s Great Decisions Discussion Group, the first meeting begins on January 31 at 9:30 am at the Hacienda in Moraga. The briefing books that we ordered should arrive at the end of this month. You will be notified when they arrive and told how you can pick up your copy.



Dates for discussion are listed below. Please email me to let me know which topic discussion you would like to facilitate.

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| Refugees and Global Migration | January 31 |
| The Middle East: Regional Disorder | February 7 |
| Nuclear negotiations: Back to the Future? | February 14 |
| The Rise of Populism in Europe | February 21 |
| Decoding U.S.-China Trade | February 28 |
| Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics | March 7 |
| The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested | March 14 |
| State of the State Department and Diplomacy | March 21 |

Judy Helder, judyhelder@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

What does Membership in AAUW-OML Contribute to Your Life?

At our October meeting we helped you read through and better understand the propositions on our election ballot. In early November we had the opportunity to attend a delightful luncheon and play games while contributing to our Scholarship fund. Our November program provided insight into the graduate study grants our National AAUW provides to outstanding women. So far OML has helped you become a more informed voter, support education for women looking forward to college, and provide the ability of women to pursue advanced education. In December you have the opportunity to engage in interesting conversation with other educated women. Join us for one of our festive holiday parties on December 11 and 13.

Please Welcome These New Members Since September:

Barbara Bell, Pam Docherty, Jill Eberhard, Lubna Hasanian, Joan Jump, Zaida McCall, Sallie Nelson, Rachel Riddle and Connie Whitting.

Carrol Foxall & Maryellen Judson, Co-VPs, Membership

DISTINGUISHED WOMAN

Being the Distinguished Woman for AAUW-OML has been fun and exciting this year. Do you know a member who should be considered for this honor in 2019?

As you attend our Holiday Morning Coffee and the Afternoon Social, keep in mind the wonderful, active women in our membership. The choice comes from you. Please submit your nomination choice to receive this honor.

Maryellen Judson, Distinguished Woman 2018

LET'S HEAR IT FROM OUR ADVERTISERS

OML members are in for a treat this month at both of our holiday parties. **Lyssa Wittlin**, owner of *Alex Rose Interior Design Studio*, will be on hand to demonstrate several ways to dress up your holiday tables. She says to plan on seeing three unique place settings – Rustic, Bling and Traditional – which she tells me can easily be created using items from your own closets and dining room cabinets. Lyssa will be bringing with her Kathy, of *Flower Theory* in Danville, who will show how to add a splash of floral color to each place setting design.



Lyssa helps Bay Area homeowners with designing their remodels and new rebuilds as well as decorating the newly built spaces.

Her office and home store is in the Forge complex near the corner of Brown Ave. and Mt. Diablo Blvd. in downtown Lafayette. She works closely with a business associate who lends his structural and civil engineering expertise to her projects. Look for the Alex Rose advertisement in our current membership directory on page 48.

I asked Lyssa how she got started in this business and learned that her earlier passion was doing make-up for TV shows and film. “I was born in Moraga but ended up moving to the Los Angeles area in my early 20s,” she told me. Her love of artistry and creativity plus a connection with the right people in Hollywood led her to the world of make-up where she eventually became the Assistant Make-Up Artist for *In Living Color*, a comedy and variety TV show. “One of my favorite actors that I worked with asked me to help him redesign his English Tutor estate and transform it into Spanish Mediterranean,” she says, “and this chance happening set me on a new career path as I have always loved designing homes.” After her daughter, Alex Rose, was born, Lyssa decided it was time to return home, which she finally did in 2006, opening her design studio in Lafayette. “I decided that I wanted to raise her here in our amazing community.”

For the past seven years Lyssa’s interior designs have been a featured part of several Lafayette Juniors Kitchen Tours, an annual charity event held in May. Recently she worked with our own Laura Wittenberg on her home remodeling project.

Interviewed by Mary Leigh Miller, Triad Editor

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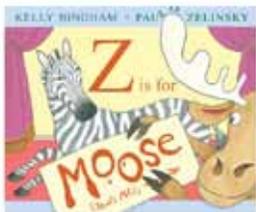
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BURCKHALTER LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

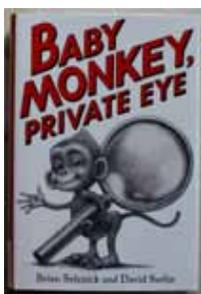
With years of experience behind them, our AAUW Burckhalter Library volunteers are often asked for children's book recommendations. Whether for nieces and nephews, grandchildren or the children of friends, it's always fun to give and receive books. So our volunteers' holiday gift to you is the following list of our favorite children's books to give and to read.

ALISON MACKENZIE

Preschool: *Z Is for Moose*, by Kelly Bingham and illustrated by Caldecott medalist, Paul O. Zelinsky, a Booklist Editors' Choice award winner. It's a great take on the standard alphabet book where Moose has a massive temper tantrum when he is not chosen to be the letter "M". (Spoiler: They went with the mouse.)



Early Readers (ages 4 to 7 or 8): *Baby Monkey Private Eye*, by Brian Selznick, the Parent's Magazine Early Reader of the year. It is a 192 page chapter book with only four or five repetitive words on a page and lots of full page illustrations – great for the beginning reader who is too cool for a picture book.



JOANIE JUMP

The Woman Who Flummoxed the Fairies, retold by Heather Forest, illustrated by Susan Gaber. I love this story, not just because of the word "flummoxed, (such a great word) but because of the resourcefulness of the baker woman. An amusing Scottish folktale with a strong female protagonist using what she has to outfox a fairy king.



My Lucky Day, by Keiko Kasza. I love to read books that are not only clever and funny but allow you to read with expression. Not only does this piggy outwit the fox, but he gets a bath, a hot meal and a massage! The illustrations in this one are particularly entertaining.

Dirt Boy, by Eric Jon Slingerup. I found this book behind the shelves at the library and re-entered it into our collection. It's about a little boy who doesn't want to take a bath and runs away into the woods where he meets a giant named dirt man. Eventually the little boy can't take being so dirty anymore and returns home where his mother squirts him with a hose because she thinks he's a monster. One of the Burckhalter

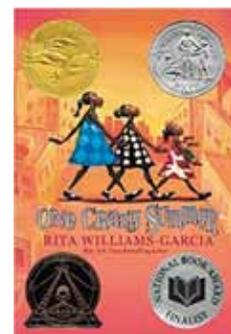
students checked this book out multiple times. It was worth rescuing from behind the shelves.

PAT BECKNER.

Ivy and Bean, by Annie Barrows. You may know this writer from her best-selling adult novels, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* and *The Truth According to Us*. Ivy and Bean are third grade best friends. Barrows has said that they will never get any older, and this is a great thing as it is difficult to find really good books targeted at the third grade – picture books and early readers are too babyish, and many of the following books for middle grades are still too difficult.

Fish in a Tree, by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. My favorite book so far this year. It's the story of a girl who believes she is stupid and unable to learn until a perceptive teacher and good friends show her otherwise.

One Crazy Summer, by Rita Williams-Garcia. This is another Burckhalter student favorite, the first in a three-book series by this author. It is an historical novel set in Oakland in the early 1970s. Three sisters are sent by their father to spend a summer with the mother they barely remember. Mother is an artist and a member of the Oakland Black Panthers. While their less than maternal parent spends her days making political art in an otherwise nonfunctional kitchen, the girls must learn to navigate the unfamiliar streets and culture on their own



MARILYN EVANS

I found the picture books illustrated by Daniel San Souci (a Lafayette resident) to be a good choice for my grandson. Two in particular he enjoyed: *Space Station Mars* and *The Dangerous Snake and Reptile Club*. The children in the stories play in the hills of Lafayette.

Chapter book series are a good choice. If the child enjoys the first, they will seek out the others. I recommend *A Series Of Unfortunate Events – The Bad Beginning*, by Lemony Snicket (another Bay Area resident) and *Wayside School*, by Louis Sachar. There's a Bay Area connection here too. The stories are based on Sachar's experience as a teacher's aide and playground supervisor at Hillside Elementary School in Berkeley.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS and HAPPY READING!

Pat Beckner, Chair, Burckhalter Project

STEAM CONFERENCE BROCHURE



2019 AAUW EYH STEAM Conference at Saint Mary's College: March 23, 2019

The AAUW Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) is a conference specially designed for middle school girls.

Workshops are the heart of the STEAM conference. Each girl will enroll in three inter-active workshops, focused on science, technology, engineering, art, and math-related activities.

Conference Goals:

- To ignite girls' passion for STEAM through hands-on experiences
- To provide young women with opportunities to meet and interact with positive role models
- To foster awareness of STEAM careers

A SPECIAL TECH TREK DONATION



A very special thanks to **Laurie Bankhead** for arranging for her unused pre-tax dependent care money of \$950 to be donated to our Tech Trek program and STEAM conference! She was going to lose the money at the end of the year but was able to direct it to our Community Outreach Foundation.

Her daughter, **Marianne Eichmann** (pictured at left), went to Tech Trek camp last year and also attended the STEM conference at Saint Mary's College – and loved them both!

Jan Cushman,
Tech Trek Coordinator

STEAM CONFERENCE MARCH 23, 2019

Keynote Speaker:
DANIELLE FEINBERG
Director of Photography
and Lighting
Pixar Animation Studios



Danielle Feinberg began her career at Pixar Animation Studios in February 1997. As she worked her way from an entry level, technical job to one of the top creative positions, she crewed many of Pixar's feature films including *Toy Story 2*; *Monsters, Inc.*; *Finding Nemo* and *The Incredibles*. Feinberg rose to be the Director of Photography for Lighting on Disney•Pixar's Academy Award®-winning films *WALL•E*, *Brave* and *Coco*.

Feinberg's love of combining computers and art began she was eight years old, and first programmed a Logo turtle to create images. This eventually led her to a degree in Computer Science from Harvard University. In addition to her Pixar work, she works with teenage girls, encouraging them to pursue code, math and science by demonstrating to them this same magic found by combining art and technology. In 2016, she was able to bring that message to a broader audience with her TED talk that was part of the PBS "Science and Wonder" presentation for TED Talks Live. It was named one of the top TED talks of 2016.

OML members will remember Danielle when she spoke to us at one of our general meetings a few years ago.

Stacia Cragholm,
STEAM Coordinator

DECEMBER 2018
AT A GLANCE

1 SAT – CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP
Pass along your books

3 MON – TECH TREK COMMITTEE MEETING
10 am – at home of Sandy Fox-Sohner

4 TUE – BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon – Joyce Dickey, 825-7991

DAYTIME MOVIE GROUP
No get-together this month
Contact Pat Beckner at patbeckner@yahoo.com

EVENING SALON
No get-together this month
Contact Denise Burian at denburian@gmail.com

7 FRI – BIKE GROUP
Contact Ellen Beans, ellen.beans@gmail.com

8 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP
6:30 pm – at the home of Bobbie Dodson
Please note change to 2nd Saturday, this month only.

11 TUE – **HOLIDAY MORNING COFFEE**
10-noon – at the home of Mary Leigh Miller
602 Rheem Blvd., Moraga
RSVP: mlmiller602@gmail.com or 360-4443 

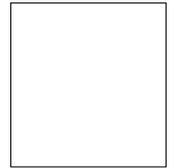
11 TUE – BOARD MEETING
12:30-2 pm– Home of Mary Leigh Miller
following the Holiday Coffee Party

 13 THU – **HOLIDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL**
4-6 pm – at the home of Mary Ann McLeod
100 Greenfield Drive., Moraga
RSVP: mabill100@comcast.net or 376-5207

GOLF GROUP
No golf plans this month
Contact Jan Gee for t-time and venue in 2019, 938-1316

14 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK
10 am – Orinda Books, Orinda
On Tyranny, by Timothy Snyder
Please note change to 2nd Friday, this month only.

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17 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS
1-3 pm – We meet every month, in members homes.
Contact Carol Messinger – messinger@aol.com or 891-4201
Read more on page 6.

LETS GO TO THE MOVIES
No meeting this month.
Contact Mary Leigh Miller, 631-9694, for more info

24 MON – DEADLINE for JANUARY TRIAD
Send all articles to **Mary Leigh Miller**
mlmiller602@gmail.com

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(look for more listings in the January issue)

8 TUE – BOARD MEETING
1-3 pm– Orinda Community Church

15 TUE – **A FOCUS on STEM**
Featuring Keynote Speaker, Bunmi Esho
6:30-8:30 pm – Lafayette Library Community Hall
Please note change of time and venue!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL
SPECIAL INTEREST PARTICIPANTS:**
Some monthly activities (as noted above) do not meet during December. Check with the coordinators for more information or go to the OML Branch website.