

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 19

Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall
9:30~11:30 am

WHY IS TITLE IX IMPORTANT?

A single sentence lays out the answer:

“No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” That’s Title IX, a federal civil rights law. AAUW is a long-time supporter of Title IX.

ALICIA HETMAN, a recognized expert on Title IX and the topics of sexual harassment and discrimination, will speak at the OML General Meeting on Tuesday, November 19. She will speak on the importance of and threats to Title IX.



Though many presume that Title IX is only about women’s access to sports, it has provided important support for sexual harassment cases – from middle school to college. Title IX affects all aspects of education; it prohibits gender discrimination in educational programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. Since Title IX was enacted in 1972 progress has been made – but challenges to gender equity in education remain. Sexual harassment remains pervasive in public schools. Ms. Hetman will discuss what must be done to assure that the protections guaranteed in Title IX remain strong and are enforced. She will also discuss how local citizens, educators, and community groups can help. *Read more about Alicia Hetman on page 6.*

Join us for an educational and inspirational meeting.
We can all make a difference!

PLUS **MARKETPLACE**
returns to the November meeting!

Do you have handmade work you’d like to sell?
Contact Mary Leigh Miller for more information,
mlmiller602@gmail.com.

THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 14, 2019



A FALL GAME DAY

with CATERED LUNCH

MIRAMONTE GARDENS
CLUBHOUSE
11:30 am ~ 3 pm

\$40

There’s still time to sign up!
Please go to the OML
webpage to download
your reservation form.

*Round up all your card- and
game-playing friends
for a great day of fun!*

DECEMBER SOCIALS

The first December festivity
will be at the home of
Peggy Cabaniss
Tuesday, December 10
4 to 7 pm.

The second get together
will be at the home of
Marie Bonilla
Thursday, December 12
10 am-noon

*Please note: There is no
scheduled branch general
meeting in December.*

Look for more details in
the December Triad.

... from DENISE'S PERSPECTIVE



Greetings. I am very excited about the guest speaker for our November 19 public meeting. Alicia Hetman, Title IX Coordinator for AAUW-CA and the National Public Policy committee. We've made great strides in equity for women in the workplace, education, and sports. Title IX covers all 3 areas and more. But we are not there yet, as the "me-too" movement highlights. So come and learn about why Title IX is still important and what we can do locally to make a difference.

I encourage you all to check our website on a regular basis. Bonnie Gallogly is our webmaster, and works hard to keep it updated with OML events, our calendar and our priorities and AAUW public policy initiatives. You can make a donation or direct your friends and family to the on-line workshop Work Smart. The website is my link to our branch.

I have participated in several webinars with AAUW National and CA recently. The intent is to keep local branches more informed and align our activities with the mission. The first webinar was about national's new Five Star Program. The purpose is to improve alignment between branch activities and national initiatives with a way to track and document activities around the country. It is also a way for national to recognize states and branches for the work we do to advance equity for women and girls. Our board will discuss a plan to achieve recognition for our activities and earn these stars and National recognition at our November 12 meeting. A review of the Five Star Program can be seen on page 5.

We found out that 11 more states passed Fair Pay laws in 2019. AAUW trained 102,000 in salary negotiation in 1 year. Besides the \$500,000 grant from Coca-Cola, they are actively seeking other corporate and foundation grants to meet the goal of living within a balanced budget. AAUW will soon publish a new research report, "Problems at the Peak," a 55+ report about how sexual harassment that women experienced negatively affects their long-term career and earnings.

CEO Kim Churches convened a webinar with branch presidents. She shared that that the strategic plan is in place as a guiding force; National reduced staff and expenses from \$24 million to \$16 million annually and increased financial oversight; sought grants as noted above; and increased AAUW's public face with major national media outlets. But, 400 women's organizations are all competing for limited resources, while only 1.6 percent of all philanthropic giving goes to "women and girls" organizations. She emphasized that our 71,758 members are the foundation of AAUW, and make us one of the largest women's organizations in the country. We also had 83,095 supporters through the Action Network, Work Smart, and other activities. We want to diversify and add to our voice, so we will launch the "Equity Network" to increase the number of supporters of AAUW's mission and increase the impact of our advocacy.

This a time of renewal, change, and new initiatives for AAUW National. It is exciting to be a part of it. Watch this space for more information. In the meantime - I will see you at GAME DAY on Thursday, November 14 and at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 19.

Denise Burian, President

OCTOBER 8, 2019
BOARD MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS

A quorum was present and items discussed included the new version of Overview to be distributed at the October general meeting. Lynda Leonard will make a presentation about the AAUW fund at this meeting.

Marie Bonilla reported on the membership count. We are currently 118 paid members. There are 11 are honorary members. Gail Chesler reported on upcoming programs including special program in February which will be held at the Lafayette library. Denise Burian, Gail Chesler, Jan Coe, Marie Bonilla and Mary Leigh will work with Bonnie on our web design. The new directory will be handed out at the general meeting next week.

Denise introduced information about the Five Star Program. More discussion will take place next month. Stacia Craigholm told us we are going back to STEM. Game day is coming up in November and members are encouraged to buy tickets and invite friends to this event. Burkhalter volunteers are requesting activity books and crayons for the end of the year prizes for students. Donations will be collected throughout this year.

Linda Bochte, Secretary

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FOCUS ON ... PUBLIC POLICY**Governor Signs 14 AAUW-Supported Bills Into Law**

The 2018-19 legislative season has come to a close, and by October 13, 2019 Governor Newsom signed 870 bills out of the 1,042 bills that were presented to him. Among the most significant of these were fourteen bills which will become law due to the advocacy and research support offered by AAUW-CA:

AB 9 – Extends the time for filing harassment and discrimination claims under California’s Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) from two to three years, allowing survivors additional time to seek redress.

AB 51 – Prohibits an employer from requiring an employee to waive any right for a labor code violation as a condition of employment, continued employment or receipt of employment benefits.

AB 59 – Directs county elections officials to consider a vote center location on a public or private university with the intent to increase youth voter turnout.

AB 170 – Closes a gap in the law to ensure that employers do not resort to subcontractor agreements for purposes of avoiding liability for sexual harassment claims.

AB 218 – Increases the civil statute of limitations period for commencement of a sexual assault cause of action. This will give sexual assault survivors sufficient time to access civil remedies.

AB 381 – Ensures that prevention and bystander intervention outreach on dating violence information is made available to incoming students during orientation.

AB 543 – Ensures that all ninth through twelfth grade students receive a written policy on sexual harassment information during orientation. AAUW’s report “Schools Are Still Underreporting Sexual Harassment and Assault” was critical in helping support the legislative analyses for AB 543.

AB 749 – Prohibits the use of “no rehire” clauses in settlement agreements that broadly restrict future employment opportunities for workers settling a sexual harassment or other claims.

AB 809 – Mandates that public postsecondary institutions provide notice to students to ensure that pregnant and student parents are aware of their Title IX rights.

AB 922 – Allows a woman providing human oocytes for research to be compensated for her time, discomfort, and inconvenience in the same manner as other research subjects.

SB 24 – Increases access to reproductive health services for students at public universities and colleges by providing medication abortion at student health centers.

SB 142 – Requires employers to have a written lactation policy and lactation spaces that meet minimum requirements for lactating workers. While existing law requires employers to provide parents with the time and space to express breastmilk, SB 142 places specific guidelines to ensure that parents are sufficiently protected in the workplace.

Jan Coe & Laura Monin, Co-Chairs, Public Policy

OML EXECUTIVE BOARD for 2019-20

PRESIDENT ~ *Denise Burian*

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AAUW Public Policy Priorities

AAUW’s Public Policy Priorities, adopted every two years by every-member vote, establish the federal action issues on which AAUW members across the country focus their advocacy efforts and guide the work of the national staff. States and branches should also use the Public Policy Priorities to inform their advocacy efforts on state and local issues.

Refer to your OML Directory for a list of the California Biennial Action Priorities.

Mark DeSaulnier, the U.S. Representative for California’s Eleventh District that includes most of Contra Costa County, has hosted town halls across his district. His next town hall will be **Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 pm in Concord.**

This is your opportunity, as a constituent, to make your voice heard about the issues that matter most to you.

CONCORD TOWN HALL

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 7**

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Concord High School
Multi-Purpose Room**

**4200 Concord Blvd.
Concord, CA 94521**

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

AAUW FUND LUNCHEON REPORT

Honoring Our Fellowship and Grant Recipients



The October 2019 Fund Luncheon, honoring California Fellowship and Grant recipients, was attended by OML branch members Denise Burian, Peggy Cabaniss, Pat Lopker, Marie Bonilla, Bonnie Gallogly and AAUW Fund co-chairs, Lynda Leonard and Marilyn Evans. The recipients included Saalem Aders, UC Berkeley, Ph.D, Hydrology, American Fellowship; Larissa Davis, UC Berkeley, J.D., Government/Public Interest, Selected Professions and Cheyun Lee,

Santa Clara University, M.B.A., Business, Selected Professions. Larissa's goal is to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, and Cheyun, after overcoming an abusive marital situation, is thankful to have the fellowship to help her achieve her goals. She brought her young daughter to the luncheon.

The Career Development Grants were awarded to Jazmyne Gill, Sonoma State University, M.S., Marine Ecological Physiology and Briana Lizarraga, Mills College, M. A., Electronic Music/Recording Media. Jazmyne exhibited a tremendous sense of pride in what she was doing and the support that the AAUW grant has given her. She is the first in her family to attend college and was raised by a single mother. Briana, in the male-dominated field of electronic music, is grateful for this grant. Her stage name is Briana Marela. Watch for her in the Chronicle "Pink Pages."

Two of the recipients were unable to attend the luncheon: Nitika Chellappa, UC Berkeley, M.E., Translational Medicine, Selected Professions and Karenjeet Dosanjh, Lincoln Law School, Sacramento, L.L.M., Law, Career Development Grant.

This was a very inspiring AAUW event to attend and there was a nice "buzz" in the air as well as a delicious lunch at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville.

**Marilyn Evans,
Co-VP, AAUW Fund**



(Above, r to l) Cheyun Lee, Larissa Davis, Saalem Adera, Jazmyne Gill and Briana Lizarraga. (At top) Saalem Adera, Ph.D., UC Berkeley, Hydrology, recipient of an American Fellowship talks with Denise Burian.

CATCHING UP WITH BURCKHALTER

Teaching students geography is fun and can be used to enforce positive behavior, but it can also give us a window into the world of our families. Each week students are able to earn a 'world sticker' to place in a 'passport' that we give to them. If



they misbehave in the library they don't get a sticker for that day! When their passport is full they get a coveted 'Burckhalter Buck,' which they can exchange in the office for a forbidden goody (candy) or some other prize. This week the sticker was Sydney, Australia. One enthusiastic student knew exactly where Sydney is. Turns out he is from Australia! Who knew? I thought he was, like some of our other students, from Tonga! We are quite a diverse community.

As always, we welcome you to volunteer with us at Burckhalter, no experience needed. Also, if anyone would like to donate to the library we are asking for **activity books** and **crayons** for our end of year give-away. You can easily find these at the Dollar Tree. Bring them to our November general meeting or to either of the December holiday parties.

**Joan Jump,
Burckhalter Coordinator**



SHRED•FEST for TECH TREK

6th October Shred•Fest Generated Funds to Support 2.5 Scholarships to Tech Trek



Sincere thanks to all who worked, helped with publicity, and brought papers and hard drives to shred. We welcomed new shredding partner, Diablo Paper Shredding from Walnut Creek, as a constant three hour flow of cars arrived to shred. Many thanked us for this community service. Net proceeds were more than \$2,500.

Thanks to hosts 5A Rent-A-Space, managers Gloria and Sean, and all members who worked the event, helped generate online publicity, and came to shred. 2019 Tech Trekkers Angela Kohr and her mother Michelle Kohr, and Nicole Hui

and her mother Sandy Tan joined our team of hard working AAUW volunteers: Denise Burian, Jan Cushman, Sharon Doi and Michael Swan (Tech Trek parents), Sandy Fox-Sohner and Steve Sohner, Christine Walwyn, Laura Wittenberg, and Lana Reichick. Stacia Cragholm, Judy Helder, and Mary Leigh Miller gave valued support behind the scenes. Online publicity makes this event successful. Thanks for the important efforts of Ellen Beans, Marielle Boortz, Nancy Brewer, Elaine Chow-Davis, Tory Courtney, Jan Cushman, Sharon Doi, Joan Foster, Marla Schroeder, Christine Walwyn, Laura Wittenberg, and Lana Reichick. It takes our AAUW “village” to make this annual fundraiser successful. Many thanks. We could not do it without you.

Mark your calendars for our 7th annual Shred•Fest: October 10, 2020. Rain or Shine or Power Shut Down.

Lana Reichick



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Women on the Road to Leadership!

Meet amazing young women who are contributing to their community and growing in leadership skills.

The scholarship committee will be interviewing high school students in February and Saint Mary’s students in March. We would like to have a larger group of interviewers. You can commit to interview the high school girls, the college girls or both. In addition to an informational meeting in January interviewing is a one- or two-day commitment. I will be asking for sign ups at the November meeting or you can contact me at mabill100@comcast.net to sign up.

Our regular scholarship meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. They are usually at my house, 100 Greenfield Dr., Moraga. We welcome new members to our committee.

Our high school and NCCWSL scholarship applications are online at oml-ca.aauw.net.

Mary Ann McLeod, Co-Chair, Scholarship Committee

☆☆☆ **FIVE STAR PROGRAM** ☆☆☆

Programs (1 star):

- Host 3-5 strategic plan related programs focusing on economic security, Work Smart, Operation Equity, and/ or panel on women and leadership
- Complete community resource mapping exercise

Advancement (1 star):

- \$30 per capita for greatest needs fund
- Retain 90 percent of members at renewal

Communications & External Relations (1 star):

- All websites and social media include an Economic Security Focus and link to Work Smart Online Monthly posts

Public Policy and Research (1 star):

- Conduct annual meeting with US representatives and/ or state legislators
- Ensure a branch public policy chair who coordinates with state public policy chair
- Host at least one public event where Action Network signups are collected

Governance and Sustainability (1 star):

- Align planning with State and AAUW Strategic Plans
- Branch board institutes succession plan to ensure new ideas and perspectives are included in future leadership

MORE ABOUT ALICIA HETMAN



Alicia Hetman has dedicated most of her volunteer hours to working for AAUW since she joined in 1976. She has built her skills through a progression of work-related tasks and her AAUW leadership positions at the branch, state and national level. Her training and work as the bargaining chair for her teachers' association furthered her understanding of state and federal statutes and regulations.

Alicia's advocacy work with AAUW included working in committee with the CA Legislative Advocate on two AAUW CA sponsored gender equity bills, AB 1476 and AB 1464. She developed and conducted a survey of newly credentialed teachers to ascertain gender equity lessons received during teacher training and this information was used to provide testimony at a variety of legislative hearings on the bills. She was then offered the job with the CA Department of Education to implement the provisions of AB 1476 because of her AAUW CA work on issues related to gender equity.

Due to the fact that she became a "die-hard" AAUW members and supporter since the age of 27; most of her relevant skills and experiences have come about because of a passion for all things AAUW through her work as a teacher and teacher advocate for a teacher association member at the local and state level.

As the Gender Equity Consultant for the CA Department of Education, she created the Gender Equity Compliance Document and training session, which provided her with many leadership skills, such as writing legally-based compliance findings, training employees on all of the Federal and State gender equity statutes and regulations, providing support for corrective action.

Because of AAUW, Alicia appeared on the TV show, "This Week in California with Jack Kavanaugh" – Affirmative Action and the Governor's Lawsuit where she went head-to-head with the Governor's attorney to answer questions posed by two reporters regarding "quotas". She also was the lead speaker for the 1993 press conference held at the CA State Capitol to release the AAUW Hostile Hallways report. and prepared and presented the keynote address at the State Physical Education Conference in 1999 on "Title IX, New Challenges."

In 2013 she worked with the staff at the WNBA LA Sparks basketball team to bring a group of AAUW members and supporters, including two basketball teams, to the last 2013 home game where AAUW CA was "in the spotlight." She created all of the "come and join us" materials and worked strategically to advertise AAUW's efforts. She created the "marketing plan" and encouraged all to "Stand Up for Title IX" at the game. "We wore AAUW We Love Title IX T-shirts and had a membership table on the main concourse."

During Alicia's first year as state president she was approached by the Executive Director of the CA Center for Research on Women and who wanted assistance with her idea to create a Title IX Sports Compliance document for community members to use to review their community high school. AAUW CA is now part of a newly formed Title IX Coalition in California.

Highlights from a bio provided by Alicia Hetman.

STEM CONFERENCE

September 26 marked the kick off meeting for the STEM Conference, set for March 21, 2020, at the Saint Mary's College Soda Center. Eager to build on the success of the conference held last March, the committee gathered at Stacia's home and discussed plans for expanding the size of the event to 250 sixth through eighth grade girls by including some from underserved communities, and adding additional workshops.

In an effort to publicize the conference to a broader community, the committee agreed to return to the more recognized name "STEM" (from "STEAM").



Stacia announced **Jane Chen**, CEO of Embrace Innovations will be the key note speaker. Our new workshop chair (and new OML member), **Kellen Fisher**, announced that almost half our past workshop presenters have committed for 2020. **Lucy Olson** has agreed to be the new outreach coordinator for our local schools. The high school ambassador recruitment is underway and eight enthusiastic girls have already committed.

Our committee is looking for additional help, including a **volunteer coordinator** to assist with identifying and organizing our wonderful volunteers. *Please consider joining our fun and dedicated group for this important conference.*

We meet the second and fourth Thursdays at 1 pm, and welcome your support. If you are interested in volunteering, contact **Caroline Friedmann** (cmfriedmann1@gmail.com) and/or **Stacia Cragholm** (staciawater@hotmail.com)

NEWS FROM OTHER BRANCHES

IMMIGRATION: MYTHS AND REALITIES**Wednesday, November 20, 2019****7 pm****Heritage Presbyterian Church,****1400 E 2nd St., Benicia****Sponsored by the AAUW Benicia-Vallejo Branch**

The Benicia-Vallejo branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and Benicia's Heritage Presbyterian Church will co-host a lecture, Immigration: Myths and Realities at 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at the community room of the church, 1400 E. 2nd St., in Benicia.

The program is free; adults and students are encouraged to attend the presentation. Two speakers will be featured. Geri Kahn, immigration attorney and branch member, who has recently volunteered at the Tijuana border. She is a "5 Star" immigration attorney practicing both in Benicia and San Francisco. Brett Snider, Attorney and Director of Legal Services at the Jewish Family and Children's Services in San Francisco. He represents "disadvantaged and underrepresented clients from all parts of the Bay Area."

According to the website <https://datausa.io/profile/geo/solano-county-ca>, Solano County is home to a population of 445,000 people, of which 91.7 percent are citizens. As of 2017, however, 19.6 percent of these residents were born outside of the country (87,400 people).

Nationally AAUW policy has supported a path to legal status – reforms that will update the U.S. visa system and build a domestic science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) workforce, as well as measures to prevent human trafficking and help immigrant survivors of violence. As a result, AAUW has supported the Senate-passed Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act (S. 744). <https://www.aauw.org/2013/11/08/my-future-depends-on-immigration-reform/>

Following the presentation a question and answer session will be held.

AAUW has been a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, advocacy, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls since 1881. The Benicia-Vallejo branch of AAUW has made its impact since 1976. More information can be found on the branch's website: <https://beniciavallejo-ca.aauw.net/>.

For more information about the November 20 program, call **Suzanne Antone**, Benicia-Vallejo Program representative, at 707-235-5341.



MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

EVENING SALON**Thursday, November 7****5 • 7 pm****at Barbara Bell's home**

This is an open discussion group talking about cultural and social issues of the day. This month **Barbara Bell** will host. Contact her at b_mbell@sbcglobal.net. All members are welcome.

GIG (GAMES INTEREST GROUP)**Friday, November 8****1:30 pm****at Laura Wittenberg's home**

Hone your skills for the Game Day fundraiser coming up on November 14! Our afternoon game possibilities include Mexican Train, Bunco, Rummy Cube, or anything that the hostess for the month chooses. If you would like to join us on November 8 (or haven't yet gotten your name on the GIG list), email Laura at laura.wittenberg.MFT@gmail.com.

ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK**Friday, November 15****10 am • Orinda Books**

We have resumed our regular schedule of meeting at the Orinda Book Store on the third Friday of the month at 10 am. At the next meeting we will be discussing *The Garden of Small Beginnings* by Abbi Waxman. Contact **Jill Eberhard** (254-5589) or **Marilyn Evans** (376-3484) for more information. [Click here](#) for a list of books for the coming year: <https://oml-ca.aauw.net/interests/anyone/>

Please refer to the back page for complete information on all upcoming events and monthly-special interest activities.

ADVERTISING REPORT

OML FEATURES NEW ADS with SLIDES,
ARTICLES and PHONE CARDS

The OML Membership Directory was published for 2019-20 including six new advertisers; hopefully you have picked up yours at the October General Meeting. These public meetings highlight advertisers by showing a slide presentation of their ads. Three of the new advertisers were noted for members and guests. Rotating slide presentations will note other new and renewed ads as we continue at future general meetings. With this newsletter space, due to online publishing, OML offers a feature article option to our advertisers. Please enjoy!

Town Bakery and Café is one of several local businesses that support AAUW by placing an advertisement with OML. John and Rose Reyna opened the restaurant in March 2017 with their quality-oriented formula, honed from 15 years of experience in the food business. As previous owners of Sliders Truck, a popular addition to Hacienda Nights, “sliders” are a very popular menu choice during lunch. Town Bakery and Café is the Reyna’s first brick and mortar restaurant and they have gained a reputation for flavorful dishes served with flair. John loves working where he lives, involving his family and hiring other community youth and adults.

The Bakery and Café is open 7:30 am-2:30 pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Brunch on weekends is 8:30-2:30. They have expanded hours to include dinners on Wednesday – Friday evenings from 5:30-8:30 pm. They are closed on Tuesdays. The food served is based on quality ingredients, selected as local and organic when possible. Menus reflect the seasonal availability of ingredients and are house made. Visit this community restaurant and enjoy some wonderful dishes. Support them with your business as they support us with advertising dollars. *Thanks to Bonnie Gallogy for this review.*

What’s next? As you shop for both services and businesses, shop local. Be on the lookout for new advertisers. Share that information. At the November 19th general meeting, please take home one or more of the handy updated business phone cards. Use them; add support to what OML can do. Please thank 5-A Rent-A-Space, across from the Rheem Shopping Center for the recent Shred•Fest fundraiser. *Kudos to Lana Reichick.* As you visit with other “community friends”, please express appreciation for their support of the AAUW mission.

Below we recognize **Shelby’s Restaurant** in Orinda. Go for lunch or dinner and ask to speak with the manager to relay that we “saw your ad and appreciate your advertising support.” Be active! *We are all one TEAM making the future possible.*



Pat Lopker,
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Please refer to the membership
directory for complete
advertising information.

OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



(photo at left) Marilyn Evans and Lynda Leonard, AAUW Fund Co-VPs with Pat Rudebusch.

President **Denise Burian** introduced 50 year AAUW members **Joan Armstrong** and **Nancy Kornfield**.

Nancy received a certificate celebrating her 50 years as well as free lifetime national membership. Denise welcomed new members and four visitors. **Lynda Leonard** presented information about AAUW Fund, emphasizing the importance of contributing because donations sustain all of our programs.

The guest speaker was **Pat Rudebusch** (top left photo), the new owner (with husband, Greg) of **Orinda Books**. Pat continues a 43 year tradition of owning of a local independent women-operated bookstore. She talked about a number of books by women writing about women – some of whom we have only now learned about. The books she brought with her are listed at the right.

Pat noted that women are moving into positions of power in the publishing arena, creating new opportunities for women authors. There is still a pay gap but the future looks bright for the next generation of female authors and women on boards of publishing companies. Pat said many of the changes Maria Roden, previous owner of Orinda Books, will remain, and Pat has a few ideas to add to the bookstore experience. Orinda Books hosts the *Anyone Who Has Read the Book* group every third Friday morning of the month. Check out this month's discussion selection on page 7.

Linda Bochte, Secretary

Pat's Book List

Broad Band: The Untold Story of the Women Who Made the Internet, by Claire Evans

A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II, by Sonia Purnell

Finding My Voice, By Valerie Jarrett

Know My Name, by Chanel Miller

No Stopping Us Now, by Gail Collins

Girls of Atomic City, by Denise Kiernan

The Secrets We Kept, by Lara Preston

Gutsy Women, by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton

The Unstoppable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, by Antonia Felix

The Trouble With Women Artists: Reframing the History of Art, by Laure Adler and Camille Vieville

Girls Who Run the World: 31 CEOs Who Mean Business, by Diana Kapp



**NOVEMBER 2019
AT A GLANCE**

1 FRI – CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP
Pass along your books

1 FRI – DAYTIME MOVIE GROUP
Time and Theater TBA
Contact Bonnie Fend, brfend@sbcglobal.com to get on the email list. Open to all members.

2 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP
6:30 pm – Home of Bobbie Dodson on her trip to Spain

7 THUR – SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
1 pm – Contact Mary Ann McLeod for more details.

7 THUR – EVENING SALON
7-9 pm – Home of Barbara Bell
Contact Barbara at b_mbell@sbcglobal.net
(See page 7 for more details.)

8 FRI – GAMES INTEREST GROUP (GIG)
1:30 pm – Home of Laura Wittenberg
(See page 7 for more details.)

12 TUE – **BOARD MEETING**
1 pm – Orinda Community Church

14 THUR – **GAME DAY FUNDRAISER**
11:30 am-3 pm – Miramonte Gardens
(See page 1 for more details.)

MON – GOLF GROUP
No golf planned in November or December. See you all in January! Contact Jan Gee jgee17@yahoo.com.

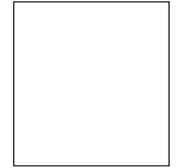
15 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK
10 am – Orinda Books
Book to discuss: *The Garden of Small Beginnings* by Abbi Waxman
For more info, contact Jill Eberhard or Marilyn Evans.

15 FRI – LETS GO TO THE MOVIES
6:30 pm – Held in members' homes
Contact Mary Leigh Miller, mlmiller602@gmail.com.

19 TUE – **GENERAL MEETING**
9:30 am – Orinda Community Church

Public Policy Program
Why Is Title XI Important?
Guest Speaker: Alicia Hetman
Plus MarketPlace

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20 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS
1-3 pm – We meet every month, in members homes.
Contact Carol Messinger – messingerd@aol.com or 891-4201

20 WED – IMMIGRATION: MYTHS AND REALITIES
7 pm – Heritage Presbyterian Church,
sponsored by the Benicia-Vallejo Branch.
(See page 7 for more details.)

24 SUN – DEADLINE for DECEMBER TRIAD
Send all articles to **Mary Leigh Miller**, 631-9694
mlmiller602gmail.com.

28 THUR – STEM CONFERENCE COMM. MEETING
1 pm – Home of Stacia Cragholm.
Contact Stacia for details, staciawater@hotmail.com

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

DECEMBER 2019
(look for more listings in the DECEMBER issue)

10 TUE – **BOARD MEETING**
1 pm – Orinda Community Church

10 TUE – HOLIDAY SOCIAL
4-7 pm – Home of Peggy Cabiness

12 THUR – HOLIDAY SOCIAL
10 am-noon – Home of Marie Bonilla

**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, BONNIE GALLOGLY, so she can update the website calendar.