

DECEMBER SOCIALS

The first December party will be at the Moraga home of

PEGGY CABANISS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

4 to 7 pm.



The second get together will be at the Lafayette home of

MARIE BONILLA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

10 am-noon

★ *Plan to attend either or both gatherings!* ★
See below for all the details and how to RSVP.

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Tips and Tricks to Overcome Holiday Closet Trauma will be presented by Marjory DeRoeck and Carolyn Woodworth, co-owners of *The Image Studio* in downtown Lafayette (and one of our OML Directory advertisers.) They promise it will be interactive and fun!

RSVP to: MARY LEIGH MILLER

★ mlmiller602@gmail.com

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Just in time for the holidays, learn some **Quick and Easy Decluttering Tips** from Tammy Jo Borosky, who started *Clear Organizing* in 2004. Her company specializes in home organization, senior move management and estate clearing.

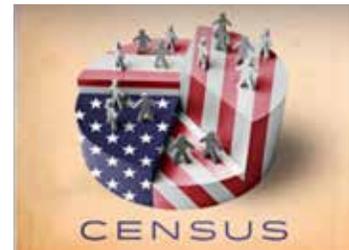
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TUESDAY,
JANUARY 21, 2020

General Meeting

**THE 2020 CENSUS IS
REALLY IMPORTANT!**



Every ten years the United States constitution requires us to conduct a census of all RESIDENTS, not just of all citizens, but of everybody! *It's right there in the sixth sentence of that document.*

We're about to do this again in 2020. For all of us alive now, it is the most important census in which we will ever participate.

Did you know that we can help? Come to the January meeting of our branch to hear, learn about and participate in planning for our actions regarding this census.

IN MEMORIAM

As we go to press, we just learned with sadness that **Barbara Harbuck** passed away on Thanksgiving Day. She was OML president in 1987-1988, Distinguished Woman in 2004 and held many other board positions. Barbara was a longtime, cherished member of our branch. *Read about two other in memoriams on page 7.*

★ ★ END of the YEAR BOOKS for BURCKHALTER ★ ★

Visit your local Dollar Tree or T J Maxx and bring coloring books for the little kids or books of dot-to-dot and mazes to either Holiday Party. You might look for something slightly more complicated for the older ones.

We will supply the crayons and colored pencils. *Thanks!*

... from DENISE'S PERSPECTIVE



Greetings. As I write this, I am getting ready for Thanksgiving. I want to start by saying thank you to YOU, our branch members. You are generous in giving your time, talent, and donations to our branch. I figured out that close to 50 percent of our members serve on the board of directors and/or on committees that do the work of our branch. And so many of you make financial contributions that allow us to have so many accomplishments. We just couldn't do it without what you give to the branch. *Thank you.*

For the first time ever, the AAUW National Board of Directors will match – dollar for dollar – every contribution to AAUW National's Greatest Needs Fund from November to end of December 2019, up to a total of \$68,800. You received the AAUW Fund donation letter in November. I encourage you to contribute to AAUW National, if you haven't already done so. Your donation will have double the impact, and help us meet our branch's 5-Star Program goal. *Thank you.*

Speaking of the **5-Star Program**, our board did meet to discuss this and what additional actions we will take to ensure we get recognition for our contributions to meeting AAUW's strategic plan:

1. Programs – We expect to earn this star. We have and will continue to hold at least three strategic plan-related programs focusing on economic security, Work Smart (holding a Work Smart session in February), Operation Equity (we just had a speaker on Title IX), etc. We will also complete the community resource mapping exercise.
2. Advancement – Our branch does meet the goal of donating \$30 per capita for greatest needs fund. We hope to retain 90 percent of our members at renewal, to earn this star.
3. Communications & External Relations – We will earn this star as our website and social media (Facebook) includes an economic security focus, a link to Work Smart online and Two-Minute Activist, and monthly posts on AAUW priorities.
4. Public Policy and Research – We will earn this star as we plan to meet with our US and State representatives by June 2020; we have public policy chairs who will coordinate with our State public policy chair; and we collect Action Network signups at our events.
5. Governance and Sustainability – We hope to earn this star. We do align our planning with State and AAUW National Strategic Plans and will work on our succession plan to ensure new ideas and perspectives are included in future leadership. (We encourage new members to join our leadership team – it is time well spent.)

So you can see our branch is aligned with state and national priorities, we do engage in public policy issues; and, through our branch STEM conference, Tech Trek, Scholarship, and work at Burckhalter, we have many initiatives that advance the longterm goal of achieving equity for women and girls. I will ensure our activities are documented at the National level.

I am looking forward to the holiday parties. I will be at Peggy Cabaniss's home on Tuesday, December 10 from 4-7 pm for the evening social, and at Marie Bonilla's on Thursday, December 12 from 10-12 for coffee and snacks. Our branch works hard, but December is a time to socialize and enjoy each other's company. *See you there!*

Denise Burian, President

NOVEMBER 12, 2019
BOARD MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS

Sixteen board members were present at the November board meeting.

Mary Ann McLeod reported that 60 people had signed up for Game Day.

Tech Trek chair, Jan Cushman, reported that AAUW CA is requiring each branch sending students to camp to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). A motion was made and seconded to sign the MOU, unanimously approved by the board.

Stacia Cragholm reported that Isabelle Katz (a former Tech Trekker and STEM ambassador) placed first at the Broadcom National Conference. Look for a link on our OML website about her. We learned that Tech Bridge is absorbing EYH and coordinating the Chevron funding of \$5,000 for the STEM Conference in March 2020.

Gail Chesler reported that the holiday parties will be on December 10 from 4-7 pm at Peggy Cabaniss' home and on December 12 from 10 am to 12 noon at Marie Bonilla's home. There was a discussion about getting one of our advertisers, The Image Studio, to give a short presentation at the first party and a business that focuses on decluttering, recommended by Marie, for the other. Gail also reported that two candidates will speak on the census for the January meeting and she will talk with Sara Lautenbach about a Work and Start Smart program for February 23, which will be a Sunday afternoon meeting held at the Lafayette Library.

The Contra Costa Women's March is January 18 at 10:30 at Civic Park. Jan Coe suggested we ask the IBC about getting/sharing a table at the women's march.

**Marie Bonilla for
Linda Bochte, Secretary**

FOCUS ON ... THE STEM CONFERENCE • MARCH 21, 2020**Keynote Speaker, Jane Chen**

Jane Chen is the co-founder and CEO of *Embrace Innovations*, which developed a ground-breaking low-cost infant incubator. The Embrace infant warmer costs about one

percent of a traditional incubator and is estimated to have saved over 300,000 babies across 22 countries, including many in Africa. The product works without a constant supply of electricity, making it suitable for remote parts of the world.

Jane was selected as one of Forbes' Impact 30 and as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. She is a TED Fellow and the winner of many achievement awards. Jane received her MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business, and her Masters in Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She is also an avid surfer and meditator, and writes a personal blog and a column for Forbes about life lessons learned through surfing and entrepreneurship.

Over 20 STEM Workshop Presenters Planned

Many of the workshop presenters at last year's conference will be returning this year, however there are a few new ones.

Ann Drevno, Sustainability Director at Saint Mary's College of California, is one of them. She will be introducing the concept of "sustainability" and be discussing considerations in designing a sustainable living area. Each participant will be giving a map of an area to be developed, along with components to include in designing a sustainable city and environmental principals to consider in development. Students will then work with three partners in designing a Sustainable City.

Volunteer Coordinator Needed!

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in the STEM conference? Stacia and Caroline need someone to recruit and coordinate the many volunteers required to put on a successful conference. Lafayette Sunrise Rotary has already committed one of its members to work with whomever takes on this position. This is a position that can be shared.

Here are some of the job description details:

- Attend regular STEM committee meetings
- Work closely with committee co-chairs to ensure that qualified and dedicated volunteers are secured for all aspects of the conference (except workshop presenters)
- Reach out to AAUW members and the community to serve as volunteers
- Coordinate volunteer training day (usually the week before the event)
- Help with thanking volunteers via email

Many OML members have already signed up to help. Volunteers can also be recruited from outside our branch, usually moms of girls attending the conference. Please contact **Stacia Cragholm** if you decide this is your calling! staciawater@hotmail.com

EYHN (Expanding Your Horizons Network) has merged with **Techbridge Girls** (TBG), an organization that champions STEM education and economic opportunities for girls. We look forward to forming a partnership with TBG as they will provide additional leadership and support for STEM programs. **Join us December 5 at 10 am at Stacia's home in Lafayette for our next STEM committee meeting and learn more about TBG.**

OML Tech Trekker and STEM Ambassador, Places in the Finals in Mathematics in Broadcom MASTERS Competition!

Isabelle Katz was one of 30 finalists from around the U.S. who were selected from over 2,300 middle school students at the national **Broadcom MASTERS® competition** in Washington, D.C. in October. Isabelle was invited to participate in the competition after winning first place at the 2019 California State Science Fair in the physics category. Her project characterized musical instruments (piano and violin) and voice, using signal analysis. Isabelle states that the next step for this project is to build a working smartphone app to train singers.



Isabelle attended Tech Trek Camp Hopper in 2018. She is now a freshman at Campolindo High School in Moraga and remains active in our STEM conference at Saint Mary's College. A dedicated musician, singer and triathlete participant, Isabelle hopes to become a science teacher.

Broadcom MASTERS® (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering for Rising Stars) is the premier middle school science and engineering research competition in the United States. Thirty finalists were selected to present their research projects in Washington, DC, and compete in hands-on team STEM challenges that test their abilities in twenty first century skills – critical thinking, collaboration, communication and creativity – through project-based learning.

When the winners were announced this year, the stage looked a little different than previous years – for the first time ever, the top prize winners were all girls and among the 30 finalists, over half were girls!

Stacia Cragholm
Co-Chair, STEM Conference

PUBLIC POLICY

November General Meeting With Alicia Hetman



Alicia Hetman, current Title IX chair of AAUW California, and a national expert on Title IX, spoke at the November general meeting to an enthusiastic gathering that included, Cynthia St. Ange (Title IX investigator), Megan Gallagher (Director of the Campus Assault Response and Education Center) and representatives from Saint Mary's College.

Ms. Hetman's very detailed presentation was preceded by table discussions on how Title IX had affected attendees personally and/or their families. Her remarks included the history of civil rights laws regarding sex that led up to the landmark 1972 Title

IX federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. The law covers women and men, girls and boys, and staff and students in any educational institution or program that receives federal funds. We learned that Title IX requires recipients to designate a Title IX coordinator, evaluate their institution's current policies and practices, adopt and publish a policy against sex discrimination, and implement grievance procedures that provide for prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee discrimination complaints.

Although Title IX has had many positive effects in schools in the last 47 years, especially in sports, much work remains. Title IX coordinators, if one has been designated, often lack the support, guidance and training needed to complete their work. Monetary support and teeth have been sorely lacking. Ever since its passage, opponents have sought to weaken it. Recently, the US Department of Education (DOE) has proposed a rule change which would weaken protections by narrowing the definition of sexual-harassment and by altering when schools must respond to reports of sexual-harassment and violence. Ms. Hetman was the AAUW state official responsible for drafting the letter sent to the DOE detailing AAUW CA's opposition to the proposed changes in the current law.

Ms. Hetman's presentation included narratives that gender discrimination begins in preschool with uneven treatment of boys and girls. For example, overlooking aggressive or passive behavior in one but not the other can contribute to expectations. Her passionate presentation ended with a plea for all present to develop "gender eyes" looking to recognize subtle discrimination and to speak up. Specific actions she recommended were signing up to be an AAUW Two-Minute-Activist, writing letters to Secretary of DOE, Betsy DeVos, and keeping this issue in the forefront of our conversations with local elected officials.

Laura Monin & Jan Coe, Public Policy Co-Chairs

Join us for the Women's March on January 18, 2020

AAUW-OML is coordinating with other local AAUW branches to have a table at the Women's March to advertise AAUW initiatives and local branch activities. Make plans to join us on Saturday, January 18, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Contact Denise Burian for more details, denburian@gmail.com.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Thank you to **Jan Coe, Laura Wittenberg** and **Leslie Pfeiffer** who have volunteered to serve on the nominating committee for officers for the 2020-2021 year. **Sheila Apte** and **Pat Beckner** will be available to the committee for assistance. Sheila maintains our database, which has a record of each person's interests that we checked off on the membership form. We use this list to connect members to areas that we think relate to their interests and skills.

Our branch is very lucky! With 134 members, we have a 20 member voting board of directors (elected and appointed), all of whom work throughout the year to lead the work of the branch. With 20 plus members who work on various committees/projects, as well as over 10 members who volunteer time as a tutor or librarian at Burckhalter, that adds up to almost 60 active members. *I thank each and every one of you for your generosity of time and talent.*

When I joined five and a half years ago, I noted on the form that I was interested in public policy. I was immediately asked if I would serve as co-chair of public policy and I said yes. It was a great decision. I did not know it meant I became an appointed member of the board. I felt nervous about it. But ... I got to know all the members of the board, plus members of the committees. So, a year and a half later I was asked to be president-elect. I thought they were crazy as I was a new member, so I said no. The position remained vacant for several months. I was asked again and I said yes. It was one of my best decisions. Members said they would help me and they have. *Leadership in our branch is a team effort.* We need you. When you are asked, please say yes.

**Denise Burian
President**

A SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER!

Game Day Brings Us Together!



OML members, their friends and community members supported local scholarships on November 14 at Miramonte Gardens Club House. Fifty-nine women attended Game Day and helped us raise \$1,875 towards our goal of awarding three \$2,000 high school scholarships and \$3,000 to send Saint Mary's students to NCCWSL. We enjoyed a catered lunch provided by Shelby's Restaurant in Orinda, then played Bridge, Bunco and Mexican Train.

We thank branch members who supported our efforts through contributions, inviting friends and taking on tasks. A special thanks goes to our scholarship committee members who supplied games, beverages, breads and desserts, prizes and music to ensure that a relaxing and fun day was enjoyed by all. We appreciate the time and energy each committee member gave to make Game Day a success.



Game Day winners were **Ksenija Soster-Olmer** and **Laura Monin** for Bunco, **Bonnie Gallogly** and **Carmen Hughes** for Mexican Train Dominoes, and **Barbara Drummond** and **Bobbie Dodson** for Bridge.

Game Day's true winners are our future awardees. Thanks to all who attended and shared in the fun.

Bonnie Fend & Mary Ann McLeod
Co-Chairs, Scholarship



Photo at top: Gail Burnett tickles the keys. Other photos: Bunco, Bridge and Mexican Train players having fun.

OML and the scholarship committee would like to thank the following businesses and members for generously supporting Game Day and our Scholarship Fund with their donations:

Caroline's Blow Dry & Base Color

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Pat Rudenbach, Orinda Books

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Stacia Cragholm

Cayo Marschner

Mary Ann McLeod

Laura Wittenberg

Catch up on more scholarship news on the next page. Read about one of our NCCWSL students.

SPECIAL BURCKHALTER REPORT



A couple of years ago, after fifth grade graduation, a Burckhalter volunteer commented that it was a shame that so many of the best Burckhalter students ended up at one of the worst middle schools in the district, simply because the middle school was the neighborhood school for children living near Burckhalter.

The following year in November we offered an orientation in the library on how to apply to middle school for 5th graders. The open enrollment period for middle school applications runs from November to early February, the school year before enrollment. Probably many families are not even thinking about middle school in November when their child has just started fifth grade. The fifth grade teacher was also initially skeptical about whether the whole process was just a waste of time, as she believed the slots in the better middle schools were filled with the children living close to those schools. But she was wrong – some Burckhalter kids were accepted into the better middle schools. So we have continued the orientation each November, letting kids know that they have an option of where to go for middle school.

There are 47 different schools in the Oakland Unified School District with a sixth grade. The quick orientation we provide during a 30 minute library period shows the kids the website where the different alternatives can be explored. We let them know that the deadline for the 2020 school year is February 7. Although parents can apply online, we also know that many Burckhalter parents either don't have a computer or may not be computer literate. So we hand out a written copy of the four-page, legal size application document to each fifth grader which can be mailed in by the parent. This year the school district declined to make copies of the written application, so the copies were paid for by you, through your contributions to Burckhalter and AAUW.

Middle school can be tough for any child, but we believe that getting into a good middle school program can make all the difference in a child's school career and future. You can also make a difference by volunteering at Burckhalter either in the library or as a tutor for just a few hours a week. We always need more people. Contact Joanie Jump for more information.

Alison Mackenzie, Library Volunteer

NCCWSL NEWS

Girls on the Road to Leadership

Learn more our about our second Saint Mary's student who attended NCCWSL:

Samantha Nieves, Class of 2021, \$1200 Award

As a first-generation Latina attending Saint Mary's, Samantha was given the opportunity to learn that she can help change the lives of others through community advocacy and action. As part of the *Gael Sisterhood*, an inclusive women's club on campus, she has volunteered at the Center for Women and Gender Equity. Samantha has been inspired by her community engagement at Saint Mary's and wants to be a strong woman leader. She shared with me her goals for attending the conference: "I want to learn about other women's experiences and see how I can grow and learn from their success and challenges."



Here are more quotes from Samantha:

I am honestly so grateful to have had the opportunity to attend NCCWSL, and I hope that many more women at Saint Mary's have the same opportunity.

My favorite workshop was Internship 101 because as a college student looking for internships, I have struggled to find one because I do not feel qualified. ... The Leader of the workshop, also named Samantha, told us that women will not apply for a job or internships if they don't meet all the qualifications. Men will apply even if they are only 60 percent qualified. It is interesting to me that women strive for perfection and still do not receive the pay they deserve.

Another workshop that I enjoyed was the Start Smart, because it explained equal pay and how women should negotiate their pay during job interviews. I think, as a woman who is entering the workforce, negotiating my salary is one of the best options for acquiring equal pay. I believe that this workshop should be implemented at Saint Mary's because many women on campus don't have this information to prepare them for their future jobs.

**Mary Ann McLeod, Co-Chair,
Scholarship Committee**

INTER BRANCH COUNCIL REPORT

The Interbranch Council (IBC) for Contra Costa County consists of representatives from the nine AAUW branches within the county. It meets every other month from September through May to share ideas and work on joint projects. Any branch that wants an event publicized to other branches should send a flyer or notification to Cindy Alpert of the San Ramon branch at alpert@pacbell.net.

At the November IBC meeting, Ann Flynn of the Diablo Valley League of Women Voters spoke about the League's availability to help with any upcoming branch activities surrounding the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, the upcoming census and the upcoming election. The League of Women Voters was established by the same group of suffragettes who helped women get the right to vote, as they realized that voters would need education. The League is participating with Saint Mary's Women's Studies Department in a panel discussion about women's history and looking forward on a date to be announced in March. Voter registration will be very active in January to get people registered by Feb 3 for the March primary. The League is doing training in how to register people as well as running registration events. The League will be available in September and October 2020 for meetings on the pros and cons of the propositions on the November ballot. The League is also working on the 2020 census which will be the first census to be largely online. (Sounds like our January general meeting on the census will be right on point, when you think of the problems of counting people who either don't have computers or are not computer literate.)

The Danville/Alamo/Walnut Creek holiday house tour is back on this year, after not being held last year. The tour is of six houses in the San Ramon Valley, all festively decorated for the holidays. This event, held Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14 from 1 am to 4 pm benefits their scholarship and Tech Trek programs. Tickets are \$35 and are available on their branch website, daw-ca.aauw.net.

Alison Mackenzie,
IBC Representative for OML

AAUW FUND GIVING

A Fight for Their Future Campaign: The Matching Gift Challenge

Kendra Davis, AAUW senior vice president of advancement and partnerships, recently sent a letter to the membership, announcing an exciting matching gift donation. Parts of her letter bear repeating here:



"As we enter the season of giving, I'm thrilled to announce that AAUW's board of directors has donated the largest matching gift in our organization's 138-year history! From now through Dec. 31, the board will match – dollar for dollar – every donation we receive up to \$68,800.

"... (T)he stakes couldn't be higher for women right now. On the cusp of next year's critical election, every day we confront the question of whether we'll make unprecedented strides forward or slip painfully backwards.

"More than ever, we need you to show up for women and girls. And, with the match, your tax-deductible contribution to our Fight for Their Future Campaign will have DOUBLE the impact. But to qualify, you **must** donate by Dec. 31. ..."

AAUW-OML members continue to be generous in their donations to the Fund. As of mid-November we have donated \$5,080 in 2019 and are on track to meet our annual average of approximately \$7,300. As you make your 2019 tax-deductible donation decisions, please consider AAUW Fund. Note that for AAUW national to receive your check by December 31, your donation must be received locally by December 15. After that date, please make your donations online at oml-ca.aauw.net and click on Fight for Their Future Matching Gift Challenge. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Lynda Leonard & Marilyn Evans
Vice Presidents, AAUW Fund

IN MEMORIAM



With sadness, we share that Jeanne MeLaugh died November 12. Jeanne was a good friend to many of us, an OML member for several years and our branch's first webmaster. She was also an active member of the Diablo Valley League of Women Voters.



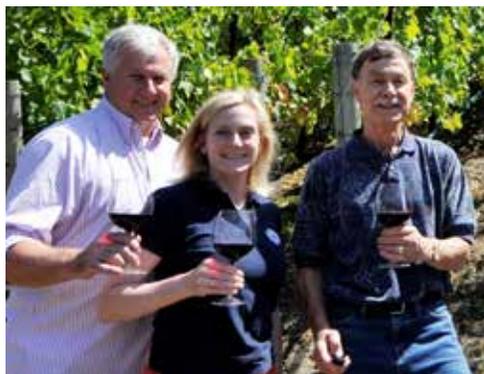
Muriel Fry, longtime AAUW member of the Pleasant Hill Branch and active participant in the California Tech Trek program, passed away in November. A memorial service is planned for Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church (LOPC) on January 11, 2020 at 11 am.

MEET OUR ADVERTISERS

Meadow View Winery's Cabernet Franc Scores 99 Points
at the California State Fair!

Congratulations to one of our new advertisers, **Meadow View Winery**, a producer of award-winning wines from grapes grown on sunny hillsides near you. Their 2016 Cabernet Franc received Double Gold and 99 points at the State Fair; their 2016 Chardonnay, 91 points and the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon, 91 points from Wine Enthusiast magazine.

Orinda winemaker **Bill English** has been making wine for 18 years. He began making wine commercially as Meadow View Winery in 2014, winning many awards over the years. Meadow View focuses on making wine from Lamorinda grown grapes.



Bill (*on the right in photo*) and partners Doug Spear and Isabelle Ord, Bollinger Canyon growers, are founding members of the **Lamorinda Wine Growers Association**, established in 2005. LWGA members worked to achieve the recent certification of Lamorinda as a recognized American Viticulture Area (AVA).

Check out the Meadow View label in the OML directory ad on page 47 and look

for his wines in local stores and restaurants. Try the Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir, Syrah, Chardonnay, and this writer's favorite – Super T, a red Tuscan blend from Moraga grapes grown in Mary Leigh Miller's vineyard. Choose the Super T or a Chardonnay (also from Mary Leigh's vineyard) with dinner at Casa Orinda, or at Tutu's (formerly Chow) in Lafayette.

Email bill@meadowviewwinery.net to receive invitations to monthly "First Friday Tastings" in Lafayette and be sure to tell Bill you are with AAUW. By joining the mailing list you may get a member discount and seasonal invitation to help bottle Mary Leigh's wine. No purple toes involved, but say yes to fine purple samples and a tasting glass. It's a fun day in the winemaker's aerie with an amazing view. Find Meadow View wines at Bevmo (Orinda & Lafayette), Diablo Foods, Total Wine, Jacksons and Moraga Wine & Spirits. Enjoy and share Lamorinda wines this holiday season.

**Lana Reichick,
Advertising Team Member**



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**NEWS FROM OTHER BRANCHES
and LOCAL HAPPENINGS of INTEREST**

**Danville-Alamo-Walnut
Creek Branch**

**2019 HOLIDAY
HOME TOUR**

**Friday, December 13 and
Saturday, December 14
10 am – 4 pm**

Tickets: \$35 per person



Please join us this year on our fabulous Holiday Home Tour where we showcase six beautiful, festively decorated homes in the San Ramon Valley.

For more than thirteen years, members of the Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch have put together this Holiday Home Tour to raise funds for their Tech Trek program and local scholarships.

To read more about the tour and to buy online tickets, click on this link: <https://daw-ca.aauw.net/hht2019/>.



5A Rent-A-Space (one of our long-time advertisers) will again be providing a HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING STATION as a community service.

Locals can come wrap gifts without their children knowing! Gift wrap tables are available near their office on 455 Moraga Rd. (across from the Rheem Shopping Center) Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm, from now through December 23. Supplies are provided, or you can bring your own.

Hopefully, when OML members and/or their families take advantage of this generous offer they will mention seeing the 5A Rent-A-Space ad in the directory and thank them for their support of AAUW and our branch.



MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

EVENING SALON

**Thursday, December 5
5 • 7 pm
at Janette Maher's home**

This is an open discussion group talking about cultural and social issues of the day. This month **Janette Maher** will host. All members are welcome. Contact Janette at kidlitlvr@hotmail.com if you would like to attend.

GIG (GAMES INTEREST GROUP)

We're going to take a break this month given the busy plans everyone has. If you would like to join us on the second Friday in January (or want to get your name added to the GIG list), email Laura Wittenberg at laura.wittenberg.MFT@gmail.com. Look for more information in next month's Triad.

ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK

**Friday, December 13
10 am • Orinda Books**

We will be meeting on the second Friday this month (instead of the third) at the Orinda Book Store. At this meeting we will be discussing *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. Usually we continue the discussion at the Village Café for lunch. Contact **Jill Eberhard** (254-5589) or **Marilyn Evans** (376-3484) for more information.

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.

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**DECEMBER 2019
AT A GLANCE**

1 SUN – CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP
Pass along your books

5 THUR – STEM CONFERENCE COMM. MEETING
10 am – Home of Stacia Cragholm.
Contact Stacia for details, staciawater@hotmail.com

5 THUR – SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
2 pm – Contact Mary Ann McLeod for more details.

5 THUR – EVENING SALON
7-9 pm – Home of Janette Maher
Contact Janette at kidlityr@hotmail.com
(See page 9 for more details.)

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

7 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP
6:30 pm – Home of Ksenija Soster-Olmer
Highlights of her round the world trip

8 FRI – GAMES INTEREST GROUP (GIG)
No meeting this month

10 TUE – No Board Meeting this month

10 TUE – HOLIDAY SOCIAL ★
4-7 pm – Home of Peggy Cabiness
Featuring holiday fashion tips from *The Image Studio*
RSVP to Mary Leigh Miller, mlmiller602@gmail.com

12 THUR – HOLIDAY SOCIAL ★
10 am-noon – Home of Marie Bonilla
Featuring decluttering tips from *Clear Organizing*
RSVP to Gail Chesler, gailchesler@gmail.com

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

13 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK
10 am – Orinda Books
Book to discuss: *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance.
For more info, contact Jill Eberhard or Marilyn Evans.
Note: Meeting is on the second Friday this month.

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13, 14 FRI & SAT – DANVILLE-ALAMO BRANCH
ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME TOUR Fundraiser
(See page 9 for more details.)

20 FRI – LETS GO TO THE MOVIES
No meeting this month
Contact Mary Leigh Miller, mlmiller602@gmail.com

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

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

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

JANUARY 2020
(look for more listings in the JANUARY issue)

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

18 SAT – WOMEN'S MARCH
9:30 am-12:30 pm – Civic Park, Walnut Creek

21 TUE – GENERAL MEETING
The 2020 Census Report
9:30-11:30 am – Orinda Community Church

**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.