

## September General Meeting via Zoom

**TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 15**

### Five-Star Program Recognition With Special Guest Speaker **KIMBERLEY CHURCHES**

One of the rewards of meeting all requirements of AAUW's Five-Star Program is getting an online briefing with one of AAUW senior leaders who can give our branch a personal overview of where AAUW is heading.

We are privileged to have Kim Churches speak to us via Zoom at our September General Meeting.

*Turn to page 3 for Kim's bio.*



Before the program begins, we need to conduct a short business meeting. A vote will be taken on three items:

- The proposed budget for our Community Outreach Programs (viewed on page 5)
- The proposed budget for the OML Branch operations (page 6)
- The updated Standing Rules (page 6)



*Look for a link to the Zoom meeting in an e-blast and on the home page of the OML website.*



### **PUBLIC POLICY GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 13**

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
*Second Tuesday of the month  
this month only!*

Join us on Zoom at 7 pm  
*(Note evening time)*  
for a nonpartisan presentation  
led by representatives from the  
League of Women Voters  
who will be discussing  
the **12 Propositions** on this  
November's ballot.

Their pro and con  
assessments  
of the propositions are  
widely regarded  
throughout California.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
This meeting is open  
to the public.

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... PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



There was a good turnout for the August general meeting by Zoom, with helpful advice from Jill West on nutrition in the age of covid. We will continue to have our board meetings and general meetings on Zoom until (hopefully) the May 2021 luncheon. Anyone who hasn't joined Zoom yet but would like to try, give me a call and we can set up a practice session.

For the September meeting, we will be hearing from Kim Churches who is the National CEO of AAUW. She will be speaking to our branch in recognition of our 5 Star status. She is a dynamic speaker so you want to be sure to tune in. In September we will also be voting on our budgets for this fiscal year and some changes to the standing rules, so make sure you Zoom in by 9:30 am.

Coming in October, the League of Women voters will speak on the pros and cons of the California propositions on the November ballot. Please note on your calendar that the meeting will be held on the second Tuesday, October 13, not the third Tuesday, and it will be held in the evening at 7 pm so everyone can participate. Please invite all your friends and neighbors to participate in the Zoom meeting. The Zoom link to the meeting will be on our website and non-members who wish to attend should email me using our new gmail address, [oml.aauw@gmail.com](mailto:oml.aauw@gmail.com). The early meeting date will give everyone a chance to get their ballot in the mail early if you are voting by mail.

Interest groups continue to meet by Zoom. If you are feeling bored and uninvolved, there is plenty going on. New directories will be mailed in October but in the meantime, check your current directory for interest group leaders and give them a call. One new group, just recently started and headed by Denise Burian, is Black Lives Matter Allies. Give her a call if you want to be included in their next meeting.

By the end of this, hopefully most of us will have become Zoom masters and all of us will continue to be a part of this vibrant community.

**Alison MacKenzie, Co-President**

AAUW FUND LUNCHEON

The annual October AAUW Fund Luncheon will take place this year on Saturday, October 10 and Saturday, October 24. Both will be held on Zoom. Look for more information in the October Triad. The purpose of this luncheon will be to introduce the recipients of the AAUW fellowship awards. A contest will be launched as well to see which branches can enroll the most Legacy Circle Members (LCM) members. This estate planning arm of AAUW is looking for just a commitment not a specific amount.

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

BOARD MEETING  
August 11, 2020

Another full agenda in August! Co-President Alison Mackenzie and Parliamentarian Therese Tamaro worked on updating the Standing Rules for our branch. They presented three minor changes to the rules which will be voted on at the September general meeting.

There was a discussion about the Zoom meeting platform and the cost. Due to covid-19, it appears we will continue to meet virtually at least until next May. The Zoom meetings include board meetings, general meetings and interest group meetings.

Jan Coe expressed concern about the vacancies we currently have on the board. Our nominating committee will be formed in October or November to address this issue.

Public Policy Co-chair Jan Coe reminded us of the wonderful webinars available on the National and State AAUW websites.

**Linda Bochte, Secretary**

The co-presidents are now monitoring email sent to our branch email address: [oml.aauw@gmail.com](mailto:oml.aauw@gmail.com). It is there for you to use or as a way to direct people to contact the branch.



## FOCUS ON ... KIMBERLY CHURCHES

Kimberly Churches is the chief executive officer of the American Association of University Women. Prior to joining AAUW, Kim was the managing director of the Brookings Institution, an internationally recognized public policy think tank. In that capacity, she strategically guided Brookings, providing vision and problem-solving skills while focusing on expansive partnerships, external relations and advancement.

Kim also served as associate vice chancellor at the University of Denver, a director of development at the University of North Florida, and a division director at the American Heart Association. Kim is widely recognized for her success at working collaboratively in education, as well as for capacity-building for grassroots groups and national and international ones.

In addition to her work at AAUW, Kim serves as the board treasurer of 1455, a new center for the literary arts in Virginia. She is a board member of DC Girls Baseball, a competitive baseball league for girls ages nine to 18. Kim also serves as a director on the board of the Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights, and is a member of the International Women’s Forum of Washington, D.C., and the Association of Fundraising Professionals.



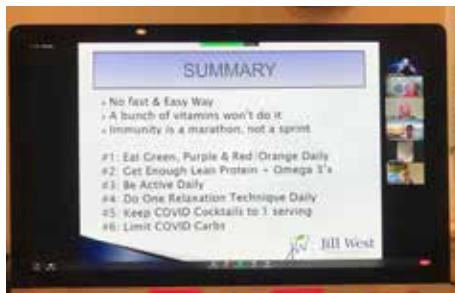
With her pragmatic approach, Kim is a dynamic and sought-after speaker at national conferences and conventions in many industries. She is regularly interviewed by top national media outlets and her insights on how to advance gender equity are routinely quoted in the New York Times, the Washington Post, USA Today and more. She has also

written for national media outlets, including CNN, The Hill and Fortune, and is a columnist for MSNBC’s Know Your Value website.

This bio is taken from the AAUW website

## AUGUST ZOOM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Intelligent Immunity**, presented by Jill West, a nutrition consultant and former OML member, focused on the best foods and life style choices to help boost our immunities during this time of the covid pandemic. Jill presented an informational Power Point list of specific foods and daily activities.



If you missed joining us on August 18 or want to review the program, her entire Zoom presentation can be seen on the OML website by clicking on the link below. Members attending the meeting also had the opportunity to ask questions using Zoom’s chat link, which are listed on the side.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/vJFNP-G321tOTqPryGX7fpJ\\_Gdmiaaa8gCie\\_KBYn0wjvHzP\\_NAtzaupSThIdHeT?startTime=1597770397000](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/vJFNP-G321tOTqPryGX7fpJ_Gdmiaaa8gCie_KBYn0wjvHzP_NAtzaupSThIdHeT?startTime=1597770397000)

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



Please remember to renew your AAUW membership. You’ve received several emails with ways to join online or by mail with a check.

AAUW is a community of more than 170,000 people standing strong for gender equity. Your membership makes our powerful voice even louder on critical issues affecting women and girls. As a member you are part of a wonderful, passionate, and honest group of women, many of whom will be your lifelong friends.

The work of AAUW-OML goes on in spite of the challenges we face with covid-19. We have had several Zoom meetings already and plan many more for the foreseeable future. And our work isn’t stopping. We continue to plan the March STEM Conference; prepare to award high school and NCCWSL scholarships in 2021; select middle school girls for the 2021 Tech Trek camp; volunteer at Burckhalter when the library reopens; and support our national AAUW Fund. You will continue to receive digital resources and emails on AAUW’s work, including gender equity research, legislation, advocacy, news, events, and easy opportunities to take action.

If you don’t have the membership emails that were sent to you, you can visit our website at <https://oml-ca.aauw.net> Then click on the JOIN tab below the picture which will lead you to the membership information and forms. (Do not click on the Donate button to pay dues.)

Contact me with any questions.

**Marie Bonilla,  
VP, Membership**

MEMBERS CORNER • **WHAT AAUW MEANS TO ME****Burckhalter Memories by Carol Messinger**

To see joy in a child's face and the light in her eyes when she has accomplished a task and hears you clap and say, "I knew you could do it!" To have the opportunity to be a child's friend, mentor, encourager – to help her have more confidence, and to use her strength to help herself and others, wouldn't that be wonderful? Delightful? Rewarding? This is what it means to be a one-on-one tutor and this was my joy and my experience with OML's Burckhalter Project for over 20 years – 1993 to 2016.

So many unforgettable children, so many wonderful interactions! I gave writing lessons to my fifth grade students and they were appreciative of the attention and responsive to the lessons.

I remember Robert, a popular, sensitive boy, and Alaezia, an outsider and withdrawn – an unlikely pair. Robert's father and Alaezia's mother both died during the summer and they gravitated – and bonded – to each other. They looked forward to the quiet one-on-one time I spent with each when they could let down and talk or just cry. Alaezia wrote a lovely, touching poem about her mother, "Please come shelter me with warmth and rain" reads one line. They both matured so much in that year. I was so proud of them.

Ramon, was big for his age and quiet but just inside was a lot of anger. One day the tears welled up, as he told me, "They came and took my dad away. No reason. They made him go back to Mexico." "Why?" I asked, and he raged on, "Nothin', he didn't do nothin' – the police just took him away!" This had occurred a few years before. Later in the year, Ramon, grinning from ear to ear, gushed, "My dad came home, last night, he came." He was glowing. I sensed that Ramon believed that if his dad were only home, it would solve all his problems. I hoped so too. When I next came, however, he was downcast. "He can't stay." His mother had remarried long ago so he would never again be part of Ramon's family. My heart went out to him, but by the end of the year he was slowly reconciling to reality. I was touched by his report about the freed slave Olaudah, "I admire his courage, because no matter what bad things happened to him, he never gave up."

Rattana's family had fled from Cambodia's Khymer Rouge. He was quiet, sweet and very bright. He also related to the slave's story. In his report he ended with, "Olaudah wanted what everyone, no matter their race, wants – his freedom."

So many amazing kids – they touched my heart. I was rewarded beyond belief and will always treasure my Burckhalter memories.

*Carol Messinger founded the board supported Burckhalter Project in 1993. She was named Distinguished Woman 1997. All Burckhalter Volunteers were honored as Distinguished Women in 2016.*

**BURCKHALTER REPORT**

Burckhalter volunteers met by Zoom on Aug. 26. The Oakland Unified School district has decided to have only online volunteering for the school year 20-21. We want to continue to assist the students and staff. The district will need lots of help with providing a quality education.

We are offering to volunteer for online tutoring and online story reading. We have purchased more workbooks and collected children's books for another giveaway.

If you would like to contribute to the giveaway by donating workbooks or children's books or joining us online, please contact **Janette Maher** at [kidlitlvr@hotmail.com](mailto:kidlitlvr@hotmail.com).

**2020-2021 BRANCH DIRECTORY**

Is all your information in the current OML Directory correct? If you have moved or changed your email address, for instance, please contact **Sheila Apte**, our database coordinator at [sheila.apte@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.apte@gmail.com), so she can bring her files up to date.

Expect to receive your new directory in mid to late October.

**MEMBERS CORNER is a new Triad feature.**

**How has AAUW impacted your life? What would you like to tell us?**

**Submit your story to Lana Reichick:**

**[Lanasan@aol.com](mailto:Lanasan@aol.com).**

**Subject: AAUW Members Corner**

**PROPOSED AAUW-OLM BRANCH BUDGET for 2020-21 ~ 501 (C) 3**

Each September our branch is required to vote on a proposed budget for both of our legal entities. The 501 (c) 3 covers community outreach projects. The 501 (c) 4 (on the next page) covers the branch operating expenses.

We will be asking for your approval of both budgets at the September 15 general meeting. You may also view them on our website. Contact Peggy Cabaniss with any questions at [pcabaniss7@gmail.com](mailto:pcabaniss7@gmail.com).

|   | ACTUALS<br>Jul '19 - Jun 20 | F2020<br>Budget | PROPOSED<br>BUDGET F2021 |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Beginning Balance of Community Outreach Funds, Inc. |                             |                 | 75,298.00                |
| Ordinary Income/Expense:                            |                             |                 |                          |
| <b>AAUW Fund</b>                                    |                             |                 |                          |
| AAUW Fund Expenses                                  | -3,672.00                   |                 | -3200.00                 |
| AAUW Fund Income                                    | 3,772.00                    | 0.00            | 3200.00                  |
| AAUW Fund - Other                                   | 0.00                        | 0.00            | 0.00                     |
| Total AAUW Fund                                     | 100.00                      | 0.00            | 0.00                     |
| <b>Burckhalter</b>                                  |                             |                 |                          |
| Expense-books and supplies                          | -898.89                     | -1,400.00       | -1400.00                 |
| Income-Donations                                    | 624.50                      | 700.00          | 300.00                   |
| Burckhalter - Other                                 | 0.00                        | 0.00            | 0.00                     |
| Total Burckhalter                                   | -274.39                     | -700.00         | -1100.00                 |
| <b>Scholarship</b>                                  |                             |                 |                          |
| Expense   |                             |                 |                          |
| Awards Day-flowers, fold                            | -58.00                      | -125.00         | -125.00                  |
| Game Day exp.                                       | -650.01                     | -825.00         | 0.00                     |
| Misc. exp.  | -66.59                      | -35.00          | -40.00                   |
| Scholarship-NCCWSL                                  | -970.00                     | -3,000.00       | -3000.00                 |
| Scholarships  | -6,000.00                   | -6,000.00       | -6000.00                 |
| Tried & True exp-room d                             | -1,511.50                   | -2,350.00       | 0.00                     |
| Tried and True snacks                               | -45.75                      | -60.00          | 0.00                     |
| Orinda Books startup co                             | 0.00                        | 0.00            | -50.00                   |
| Printing  | 0.00                        | 0.00            | -50.00                   |
| Total Expense                                       | -9,301.85                   | -12,395.00      | -9265.00                 |
| Income  |                             |                 |                          |
| Donations   | 2,419.98                    | 1,000.00        | 800.00                   |
| Game Day  | 2,517.80                    | 1,700.00        | 0.00                     |
| NCCWSL Refund                                       | 970.01                      |                 | 0.00                     |
| Scholarship Raffle                                  | 770.00                      |                 | 0.00                     |
| Tried & True Room dep.                              | 1,511.50                    | 2,350.00        | 0.00                     |
| Tried and True Testing                              | 3,054.45                    | 5,500.00        | 0.00                     |
| Orinda Books Project                                | 0.00                        | 0.00            | 300.00                   |
| Total Income  | 11,243.74                   | 10,550.00       | 1100.00                  |
| Total Scholarship                                   | 1,941.89                    | -1,845.00       | -8165.00                 |
| <b>St. Mary's Partnership</b>                       |                             |                 |                          |
| Expenses  | 0.00                        | 0.00            | 0.00                     |
| Income  | 0.00                        | 0.00            | 0.00                     |
| Total St. Mary's Partnership                        | 0.00                        | 0.00            | 0.00                     |
| <b>Start Smart/Work Smart Project</b>               |                             |                 |                          |
| Start Smart Expenses                                | -582.16                     | 0.00            | 0.00                     |
| Start Smart Income                                  | 0.00                        | 0.00            | 0.00                     |
| Start Smart/Work Smart Project - C                  | 0.00                        | 0.00            | 0.00                     |
| Total Start Smart/Work Smart Project                | -582.16                     | 0.00            | 0.00                     |

**STEM Projects:**

|                               |           |            |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| STEM conference expenses:     |           |            |           |
| Ambassador Mtg.               | 0.00      | -400.00    | -400.00   |
| Breakfast-volunteers          | 0.00      | -200.00    | -200.00   |
| Bus Rental                    | 0.00      | -1,500.00  | -1500.00  |
| Conference lunch              | -1,672.50 | -4,400.00  | -4400.00  |
| Evaluation luncheon           | 0.00      | -200.00    | -200.00   |
| Event materials               | -163.68   | -800.00    | -800.00   |
| EYH fee                       | 0.00      | -250.00    | -250.00   |
| Gifts for volunteers          | -450.00   | -450.00    | 0.00      |
| Keynote speaker stipend       | -59.00    | -250.00    | -250.00   |
| Marketing and Advertisi       | -1.40     | 0.00       | 0.00      |
| Prizes                        | -100.00   | -200.00    | -200.00   |
| Publicity-brochures           | -114.09   | -300.00    | -300.00   |
| Scholarships                  | 0.00      | -1,000.00  | -1000.00  |
| Snacks                        | 0.00      | -300.00    | -300.00   |
| St. Mary's additional ren     | 0.00      | -880.00    | -880.00   |
| Tshirts, tote bags            | 0.00      | -3,300.00  | -3300.00  |
| Volunteer Training Day        | 0.00      | -100.00    | -100.00   |
| Workshop leaders stiper       | 56.00     | -2,000.00  | -2000.00  |
| Workshop materials            | -186.02   | -200.00    | -200.00   |
| Bettleheim project expenses:  | 0.00      | 0.00       |           |
| Technology (Zoom,etc)         |           |            | -1800.00  |
| Workshop Honoraria (14x\$100) |           |            | -1400.00  |
| Workshop materials            |           |            | -2400.00  |
| Field trips                   |           |            | -400.00   |
| Total Expense                 | -2,690.69 | -16,730.00 | -22280.00 |
| Income                        |           |            |           |
| Attendees \$25/person lk      | 0.00      | 5,000.00   | 5000.00   |
| Donations-corporate sp        | 6,700.00  | 6,700.00   | 6700.00   |
| Donations-individuals         | 1,255.00  | 1,500.00   | 1500.00   |
| Bettleheim project inco       | 0.00      | 0.00       | 6000.00   |
| Total Income                  | 7,955.00  | 13,200.00  | 19200.00  |
| Total STEM Conference         | 5,264.31  | -3,530.00  | -3080.00  |

**Techtrek**

|                             |           |           |          |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Expense                     |           |           |          |
| April Awards ceremony       | -45.83    | -200.00   | -100.00  |
| Ice Cream Social            | -98.00    | -125.00   | -125.00  |
| Printing                    | 0.00      | -100.00   | -50.00   |
| Restaurant walk             | -756.00   | -900.00   | 0.00     |
| Shred Fest                  | -679.48   | -750.00   | 0.00     |
| Tech Trek gift for flashlig | -750.00   |           | 0.00     |
| Tech Trek Foldscope kits    |           | 0.00      | -250.00  |
| Tech Trek Scholarships 7    | 0.00      | -7,000.00 | -7000.00 |
| Welcome home receptic       | 0.00      | -75.00    | -75.00   |
| Expense - Other             | -11.30    | 0.00      | -50.00   |
| Total Expense               | -2,340.61 | -9,150.00 | -7650.00 |
| Income                      |           |           |          |
| Donations                   | 5,982.87  | 4,500.00  | 4300.00  |
| Parent contributions @      | 0.00      | 350.00    | 350.00   |
| Restaurant Walk             | 1,315.08  | 1,440.00  | 0.00     |
| Shred Fest                  | 3,208.65  | 3,000.00  | 0.00     |
| Income - Other              | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00     |
| Total Income                | 10,506.60 | 9,290.00  | 4650.00  |
| Total Techtrek              | 8,165.99  | 140.00    | -3000.00 |

**Unallocated Funds**

|   |           |           |             |
|---|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Expense - Zoom Technology                 | -258.99   | 0.00      | -600.00     |
| Income                                    | 79.00     | 0.00      | 0.00        |
| Unallocated Funds - Other                 | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00        |
| Total Unallocated Funds                   | -179.99   | 0.00      | -600.00     |
| Total Net Income for All Projects         | 14,435.65 | -5,935.00 | (15,945.00) |
| Estimated Ending Balance of Com.Out.Funds |           |           | 59,353.00   |

**NEW FINANCE V.P. NEEDED!**

Peggy Cabaniss is happy to work with someone who would like to be Treasurer in the coming year. Our branch uses Quickbooks to keep track of all income and expenses and the system works very smoothly. There will be lots of support from both Peggy and Gail Chesler for the new treasurer!

**~ IN MEMORIAM ~  
MARGARET DEPRIESTER  
1921-2020**

We just learned of the passing of Margaret DePriester, a longtime OML member who served two years as president (1970-72) and was awarded Distinguished Woman in 1975. She also served on the Moraga Town Council and was chosen Citizen of the Year in 1986.

## PROPOSED AAUW-OLM BRANCH BUDGET for 2020-21 ~ 501 (C) 4

## STANDING RULES PROPOSED UPDATES

|                                      | Actual F2020 | Budget F2020 | Budget F2021 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Beginning balance in chk & savings   |              |              | 30,864.00    |
| Income:                              |              |              |              |
| Branch Dues                          | 2,944.50     | 3,120.00     | 2,760.00     |
| Triad Subscription                   | 120.00       | 100.00       | 160.00       |
| May Luncheon                         | 0.00         | 300.00       | 300.00       |
| Other Types of Income                |              |              |              |
| Advertising                          | 5,250.00     | 4,000.00     | -            |
| Interest                             | 4.28         | 5.00         | 5.00         |
| Miscellaneous Revenue                | 85.83        | 0.00         | -            |
| Total Other Types of Income          | 5,340.11     | 4,005.00     | 5.00         |
| Total Income                         | 8,404.61     | 7,525.00     | 3,225.00     |
| Expense:                             |              |              |              |
| Administration                       |              |              |              |
| Membership interbranch council       | 50.00        | 50.00        | 50.00        |
| bank charge                          | 0.00         | 80.00        | -            |
| Bookkeeping                          | 0.00         | 100.00       | -            |
| Computer                             | 0.00         | 100.00       | 100.00       |
| Filing Fee                           | 20.00        | 40.00        | 40.00        |
| Funds Assessment                     | 65.00        | 0.00         | 65.00        |
| Insurance                            | 521.00       | 600.00       | 600.00       |
| Memorial Gifts                       | 100.00       | 100.00       | 100.00       |
| Postage                              | 217.00       | 200.00       | 250.00       |
| Printing/Copies                      | 39.78        | 100.00       | 100.00       |
| Supplies                             | 49.82        | 0.00         | 50.00        |
| Total Administration                 | 1,062.60     | 1,370.00     | 1,355.00     |
| Community Involvement                |              |              |              |
| AAUW Fund                            | 150.60       | 100.00       | 100.00       |
| Public Policy                        | 50.00        | 50.00        | 50.00        |
| Total Community Involvement          | 200.60       | 150.00       | 150.00       |
| Leadership Recognition               |              |              |              |
| Distinguished Woman Award            | 0.00         | 250.00       | 250.00       |
| Past President's Pin                 | 43.00        | 80.00        | 80.00        |
| Regional/District Mtg/Training       | 0.00         | 400.00       | -            |
| State Convention (even years)        | 0.00         | 3,000.00     | -            |
| Total Leadership Recognition         | 43.00        | 3,730.00     | 330.00       |
| Meetings                             |              |              |              |
| Technology - Zoom                    |              |              | 720.00       |
| Hospitality Supplies                 | 232.94       | 300.00       | 150.00       |
| May Luncheon                         | 0.00         | 300.00       | 300.00       |
| Program                              | 725.92       | 1,400.00     | 1,400.00     |
| Room Rental                          | 2,355.00     | 2,000.00     | 600.00       |
| Total Meetings                       | 3,313.86     | 4,000.00     | 3,170.00     |
| Membership                           |              |              |              |
| Advertisers                          | 122.79       | 120.00       | 150.00       |
| E-news                               | 159.00       | 180.00       | 160.00       |
| Gift Membership                      | 0.00         | 80.00        | -            |
| Overview/Directory-printing, mailing | 303.99       | 300.00       | 400.00       |
| Memb. Activ-postage, printing, et    | 12.45        | 300.00       | 100.00       |
| Triad-printing and postage           | 163.33       | 330.00       | 150.00       |
| Total Membership                     | 761.56       | 1,310.00     | 960.00       |
| Other Types of Expenses              |              |              |              |
| Other Costs-Clover                   | -118.41      | 90.00        | 100.00       |
| Transfer to Community Outreach       | 47.00        |              |              |
| Total Other Types of Expenses        | -71.41       | 90.00        | 100.00       |
| Total Expense                        | 5,310.21     | 10,650.00    | 6,065.00     |
| Net Ordinary Income                  | 3,094.40     | -3,125.00    | (2,840.00)   |
| Est. Ending Balance 6/30/21          |              |              | 28,024.00    |

At the September 15 Zoom general meeting, we will also be voting on some proposed updates to the **Standing Rules**, which are published each year in the Directory. The changes are designed to reflect current practice. The proposed changes are in italics and are as follows. Please refer to your current OML Directory for the complete Standing Rules found on pages 18-20.

### General Meetings/Programs/ Events

All general meetings are open to interested members of the general public. *Electronic/virtual meetings may require non-members to request inclusion from the president or designee in advance of the meeting.* All branch general meetings, special meetings, and events shall be accessible to persons with disabilities. Members shall do everything to help handicapped members attending events in private homes.

### Board meetings

All branch members are welcome to attend board meetings. Any member may contact the president at least five (5) days before the board meeting to have an item placed on the agenda. *Approved board minutes shall be available to members on request from the branch secretary and shall be summarized for members in the monthly TRIAD.*

### Classified Business listings in the Directory

*The Business Directory listings that appear at the back of the members' Directory are free to any member who purchases ad space in the Directory.*

**Alison MacKenzie,  
Co-President**



**PUBLIC POLICY REPORT**

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**When Women Vote They Change the Conversation**

August 26th marked the 100th anniversary of the certification of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, a milestone in feminist history. But the amendment, widely thought of as giving women the right to vote, did not fully deliver on its promise. Native Americans and Chinese immigrants were not granted voting rights. And, due to Jim Crow laws and other voter-suppression tactics, Black women and Latinas couldn't cast their ballots until the Voting Rights Act was passed 45 years later.

The same inequalities – racism, sexism and voter suppression – that made the amendment an imperfect achievement in 1920 are fueling the social and economic upheaval we see in 2020. Clearly, our work is not done.

One truism we have learned over time: When women vote they change the conversation. In this election, women cannot afford to lose. In addition to shouldering two-thirds of the nation's student loan debt, women are suffering the heaviest economic fallout from the current pandemic.

Make no mistake: The issue of equity will be on the ballot this November. But we can only win when every voice is heard. And your voice is heard through your vote. Together, we can lead our communities to register to vote, learn about the issues of vital importance to women and girls, and empower everyone to cast their ballot. All of you can be catalysts for change.

**Important Election Information:**

- From September 1 the General Election is 63 days away – November 3, 2020
- You must register to vote by October 19. Go online: [Register-To-Vote.ca.gov](http://Register-To-Vote.ca.gov)
- Pursuant to Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-64-20, all registered voters will be sent a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 3 General Election. Registered voters do not have to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot for this election. In-person voting locations will also be available.
- Your vote-by-mail ballot must be post-marked on or before November 3 and must be received by your county elections office no later than 17 days after Election Day. Alternatively, you may deliver it to a ballot drop-off location or bring it to any polling place in the state between 7 am and 8 pm on Election Day.

**In Solidarity With the Black Lives Matter Movement**

The AAUW Public Policy team has committed to becoming an ally for Black women, and will be producing monthly articles on how different public policy issues affect this population.

**AAUW Webinars**

The AAUW CA Public Policy team is also presenting a series of webinars pertinent to racial injustice and Getting Out the Vote (GOTV) for the upcoming General Election.

- September 14: Waging a Successful GOTV Campaign in the time of COVID

Although an August 26 webinar will have taken place prior to publication of this newsletter, recordings of all presentations are posted on the AAUW-CA website.

**Jan Coe, Public Policy Committee**

**LAFAYETTE**

- Alex Rose Interior Design
- Asian Accents – Original Designs in Jewelry by K. de Groot\*
- Bistro Burger & Grill
- Creative Alterations – Josef Jamkochain
- DIABLO FOODS
- The Image Studio – Marjory DeRoeck & Carolyn Woodworth, Consultants
- Persons Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery – Barbara Persons, MD FACS
- TECH HELP Consulting – Steve Hall
- The Service Outlet – Marc Harvey
- The UPS Store
- Ware Designs – Fine Jewelry

**MORAGA**

- AAAAA Rent-A-Space
- National Assoc. for Advancement of Female People – Diane Bell\*
- Neighborhood Computers
- New Delhi Indian Bistro
- Royal Siam Thai Cuisine
- Town Bakery and Cafe
- The UPS Store
- ViaVienté – Lana Reichick\*

**ORINDA**

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- Casa Orinda
- Meadow View Winery
- Shelby's Restaurant
- Soraya Golesorkhi\*, Realtor – Coldwell Banker
- Todd Bunch, Lamorinda's Handyman
- The UPS Store

**WALNUT CREEK & Beyond**

- Bay Alarm Company
- Goodwill Industries of the Greater East Bay
- Hearing Science of Walnut Creek
- Herbs & Spices Catering, Alameda – Wendy Shay
- Milner's Jewelers, Countrywood Shopping Center, Pleasant Hill
- The Service Outlet – Marc Harvey, San Ramon

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

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



I received a video from **Kate Ye**, our Campolindo scholarship awardee. Coldplay's *Viva la Vida* is performed by the Campolindo String Orchestra with Mr. Jeremy Cohen, a string coach at the school. Below is the accompanying letter that she sent me. The music is uplifting and I was enthralled watching the faces of the performers. You can watch the performance by clicking on the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H\\_i1k82F5Eg&t=29s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_i1k82F5Eg&t=29s)

**Hi, Mrs. McLeod,**

**Over the past few months, I've had the honor of working together with Mr. Jeremy Cohen, a string coach at Campo, and the members of the Campolindo Orchestra to produce and create a virtual music performance. We are proud to present to you our rendition of the piece, "Viva la Vida" by Coldplay. Although members of the ensemble rehearsed from their homes rather than from the CPAC, we still were able to capture the spirit and teamwork that music brings to all parts of our lives. To us, music is a community, and we wanted to dedicate this video to Campolindo High School to uplift the students in a daunting time. We hope you enjoy this video! Please share with the AAUW committee and those who you feel need some positivity in their day!**

**Kate Ye**

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

## STEM CONFERENCE NEWS

### OML STEM Committee begins a new STEM project.

Last month I wrote that OML was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Bettelheim Family Foundation to expand STEM outreach to high school girls and under-served communities. Planning is under way for a series of webinars (via Zoom during shelter-in-place) presented by dynamic women working in STEM fields. They will be an hour in length on one or two Sunday afternoons per month. We plan to advertise widely and attract hundreds of participants. We will begin doing test runs in September, with our first official webinar in October.

Here is a sampling of speakers from whom Chris Laszcz-Davis has commitments:

- 1) A Lafayette native who, after a summer internship at Chevron refinery, studied mechanical engineering. She is now a Design Engineer at Chevron and has a passion for manufacturing and how to "optimize" operations at the refinery. She will talk about her education, career and what inspires her in a male dominated industry.
- 2) An astrophysicist, who will explain spectroscopy, will teach attendees how to build one, and describe how to create an education and career path to astronomy.
- 3) An Oxford University PHD student who will talk about climate change with the goal of getting attendees to develop one action they will take collectively to affect policy change on the environment in the Bay Area.

There are many paths to a STEM career. Our goal is inspire each high school girl who attends our webinars to find one that interests and motivates her to stay in STEM classes and have an exciting STEM career.

**Denise Burian, Co-Chair, STEM**

## TECH TREK UPDATE

Could you make a microscope out of paper, magnets and a lens? Well, the Foldscope company did! The Tech Trek team members delivered a Foldscope along with a Tech Trek t-shirt to each of the seven girls selected this year. They were excited to receive the presents.



Sadly, camp was canceled this year but we hope the girls have had fun assembling and using their Foldscopes. One great feature of the Foldscope is that it can be attached to the lens of a cell phone camera to display the microscopic image as a larger image on the phone.

**Jan Cushman,  
Chair, Tech Trek**

### Restaurant Walk & Shred•Fest Are Canceled

After deep consideration, Tech Trek leaders and the board have decided to cancel the 2020 Shred•Fest. The Restaurant Walk has also been canceled. We are all disappointed.

At the shred event, we wish to protect the health of our dedicated volunteers who have worked for seven years as well as the 5A workers and our customers. While it seems simple to drive up and drop off papers, everyone working the event bumps shoulders and breathes in a close space for four hours.

Repeated thanks to our core volunteers and to all who support Tech Trek with annual donations. We could not do it without your loyal support.

**Lana Reichick,  
Coordinator, Shred•Fest**



**SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES**

**EVENING SALON**  
**Every Thursday**  
**via Zoom • 7-9 pm**

Evening Salon is meeting weekly during the pandemic, on Thursday nights at 7 pm for about 60-90 minutes. We discuss social and cultural issues of the day. All members are welcome. Contact Denise Burian for the Zoom link, [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com).

**BLM ALLIES GROUP**  
**Wednesday,**  
**September 9 and 23**  
**via Zoom • 10 am**

BLM stands for Black Lives Matter. Several members asked about starting an interest group to discuss systemic racism in America and how it manifests, with a goal of developing some actions that we can undertake to affect change. The group selected *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi as our first book to read and guide our discussions. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays for about 75 minutes. Please contact Denise Burian, [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com), for more information about this new group and for the Zoom link. All members are welcome.

**“GO BAG” ~ GET READY for a FIRE EVACUATION!**

In October of 2019, during a planned PG&E blackout, my husband and I were awakened at 1 am by banging on our front door. “EVACUATE, EVACUATE!” shouted the Moraga policeman, and then he was gone. I opened the front door, saw the red glow of fire across the street and smelled smoke. In the dark, we stumbled, dressed, grabbed a few belongings and raced for our cars that were parked on the driveway in anticipation of the blackout. In our haste, we left behind most of our important items including both cell phones.



Fortunately, we were able to return to our undamaged home later that morning. But the experience rattled me to my core. I have procrastinated about creating a **Go Bag** for years. Now I vowed to literally “get it together.” During our shelter in place period, I have taken advantage of new found free time to assemble the materials needed. All the sources were at my fingertips: Amazon, REI, and rummaging in my closets. The items we chose to pack are listed on the OML website. <https://oml-ca.aauw.net/files/2020/08/Go-bag-article.pdf>.

**Andrea Green**

**CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP**  
**Book Selection Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 10**  
**via Zoom • 9:30 am**

There are currently a few spaces left in the Critics’ Choice pass-around book group. You read one book each month starting in October, and then pass it on at the beginning of the next month. You get to keep the last book. We need groups of 10 or 11, so first come...first served! Send a check for \$20, made out to:

**Andrea Green,**  
**1210 Larch Ave**  
**Moraga, CA 94556**

Your first book should be picked up on October 1, between 9 am and 5 pm at Andrea’s home. Any questions, contact Andrea at 925 376-7087 or [asdgreen@comcast.net](mailto:asdgreen@comcast.net).

Invitations for the September 10 Zoom meeting will be sent out a week before, and a reminder will be sent out on September 9. **Contact Andrea if you want to be included in this meeting.** Email her your suggestions of books to include.

**ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK**  
**September 18**  
**via Zoom • 10 am**

Join us to discuss *Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe* by Heather Weber. This is one of the books that Pat Rudebusch discussed at our April Zoom general meeting. Contact **Jill Eberhart** if you want to be added to her Zoom invite, [jill@gemed.com](mailto:jill@gemed.com). A complete list of books for this year is listed on the OML website under the Interest heading.

**GREAT DECISIONS**  
**Wednesday, September 2**  
**via Zoom • 10 am**

Great Decisions Discussion Program is the longest-standing and largest grassroots world affairs educational program of its kind, bringing people together to discover, discuss and decide opinions on foreign policy issues. We have continued our discussions through this covid time and meet the first Wednesday of each month at 10 am. We choose a topic each month and for September 2 have chosen **Ethiopia**.

At this meeting, we will also discuss the future of GD – the costs, the topics and how to order materials in preparation for next February. Here is the list of preliminary Great Decisions 2021 topics:

- The role of international organizations in a Global Pandemic
- Global supply chains and national security
- China and Africa
- Korean Peninsula
- Persian Gulf Security
- Brexit and the European Union
- The fight over the melting Arctic
- The End of Globalization?

All members are welcome. Please call me with any questions or suggestions – **Judy Helder** 631-0156. Contact **Denise Burian** for the Zoom link, [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com).

**SEPTEMBER 2020  
AT A GLANCE**

**2 WED – GREAT DECISIONS**

10 am – Via the Zoom app  
Discussion topic: Ethiopia  
*Read more on page 9*

**3 THUR – SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

1 pm – Via the Zoom app

**3, 10, 17, 24 THUR – EVENING SALON**

7 pm – Via the Zoom app  
*Read more on page 9.*

**5 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP**

7 pm – Via the Zoom app

**8 TUE – BOARD MEETING**

1 pm – Via the Zoom app  
*Contact Marielle Boertz or Alison MacKenzie to be included.*

**9, 23 WED – BLM ALLIES GROUP**

10 am – Via the Zoom app

**10 THUR – CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP**

10 am – Meeting via Zoom to select 2020-21 books  
*Read more on page 9.*

**14, 28 MON – GOLF GROUP**

Contact Jan Gee for time and venue, [jgee17@yahoo.com](mailto:jgee17@yahoo.com).

**15 TUE – GENERAL MEETING**

**9:30 am – Via the Zoom app**  
**Celebrating OML's Five-Star Status**  
**Presenter: Kimberly Churches, CEO, AAUW National**  
*Look for an e-blast prior to the meeting day with a link to join the meeting.*

**18 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK**

10 am – Via the Zoom app  
Book to discuss: *A Well Behaved Woman.*  
*Read more on page 9.*



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**18 FRI – LETS GO TO THE MOVIES**

Contact Mary Leigh Miller, [mlmiller602@gmail.com](mailto:mlmiller602@gmail.com).

**24 THUR – DEADLINE for OCTOBER TRIAD**

Send all articles to Mary Leigh Miller, 631-9694  
[mlmiller602gmail.com](mailto:mlmiller602gmail.com).

**25 FRI – BIKE RIDING GROUP**

Contact Ellen Beans, [ellen.beans@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.beans@gmail.com).  
*This is a great way to get some exercise and keep your social distancing!*

**OCTOBER 2020**

**Look for more listings in the October issue.**

**6 TUE – BOARD MEETING (Note: one week earlier)**

1 pm – Via the Zoom app  
*Contact Marielle Boertz or Alison MacKenzie to be included.*

**13 TUE – GENERAL MEETING**

*(Note change of date to second week and time to evening)*  
7 pm – Via the Zoom app  
**Public Policy and the League of Women Voters present the CA Propositions**

**Our ADVERTISERS  
can use your SUPPORT**

Although some of the businesses advertising in our directory are temporarily closed, many restaurants and food purveyors have been able to stay open by providing takeout orders. *We hope you are taking advantage of this service.*

Please go to the OML website for the complete list and contact information.