

## DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

### *Celebrating the Holidays*



The Holiday Party 2020 will be special as has been the rest of our year.

Our virtual gathering will be real but on Zoom.  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
We will all gather to enjoy hearing YOUR stories.

We are fortunate to have Ksenija as our “Coordinator of Tales.” Ksenija Sostner-Olmer is a former, longtime member of our branch. She and her husband, Mirek, have been traveling for nearly three years in retirement. Covid-19 and a new granddaughter have brought them back from their adventures. Originally from Slovenia, Ksenija is a translator, writer, blogger and philanthropist. She has three grown daughters, all who have taken part in AAUW girls’ initiatives.

In early December each of you will receive a small gift, delivered to your door, along with card with space to write down a special holiday childhood memory or family custom. We will share stories at the Zoom party.

**Happy Holidays and do plan to join us on Zoom  
at 9:30 am on December 15.**

Maryellen Judson, Hospitality Chair



Look for a Zoom invitation to link to this meeting in an e-blast on Monday, December 14. You can also find the link by going to the home page of the OML website: <https://oml-ca.aauw.net>.

January  
General Meeting  
**TUESDAY**  
**JANUARY 19, 2021**  
7 pm via Zoom

*Please note:  
This is an evening meeting.*

**REBECCA BAUER-  
KAHAN**



California Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan will be the speaker at our January general meeting. Her Assembly District encompasses nearby cities in the Tri-Valley area, so we will invite those branches as well.

Ms. Bauer-Kahan will give an Assembly update, focusing on legislation that advances women’s equity. She was first elected to her seat in 2018, and has been an active legislator promoting legislation on women’s issues.

This will be a webinar meeting. Look for more information in January’s Triad.

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... PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Congratulations to **Mary Levey**, the 2020 Named Gift Honoree! Normally awarded at the May luncheon, the cancellation of the May luncheon made the committee decide that November, which is the month we focus on AAUW Fund, the perfect time to make the delayed announcement. The Named Gift Honoree is selected each year as someone who has made a significant contribution to AAUW Fund.

In awarding Mary Levey this year, past Fund chair Lynda Leonard, stated that in her three years as chair, she noticed consistent contributions through out the years from Mary to the Fund. We want to recognize those members who may not necessarily be board members or very well known but consistently work to advance the mission of AAUW.

AAUW Fund is one of our primary missions and is the world's largest source of funding for graduate women students, providing \$3.5 million in funding for fellowships and grants for more than 200 outstanding women in the 2020-2021 academic year. For our November program, we were lucky to have Jamelia Harris, an AAUW Fund recipient, speak to us on her graduate research in the area of why Black girls at a low socioeconomic high school face disproportionate levels of discipline, regardless of their academic standing. This was a really interesting presentation. It makes you feel proud as a member that we are making contributions to the Fund which allows outstanding women like Jamelia to do original research. Because her research findings have not yet been published, we could not record the meeting as we had been doing. However, I think it was Ellen Bean who suggested she should do a TED talk on her topic, because it deals with issues of racism that we all should be looking at now. It was also a meeting where we all learned new things, including the meaning of the word "misogynoir," which is from misogynist, a prejudice against women, combined with the French word noir, meaning black, to form misogynoir: a prejudice against Black women and girls.

For December, board members will be delivering goodie bags to each member's home. For the meeting on December 15, we would really like as many members as possible to log on and enjoy some virtual social time. If you have an iPad or computer, I know you can do it. For anyone uncertain of their Zooming abilities, I would like you to call me before December 15. I will set up a private practice Zoom and then walk you through on the phone for your first sign on. If you don't have a computer, you will be able to join by phone, but obviously seeing you would be best. *Take care and be safe.*

**Alison MacKenzie, Co-President**

BOARD MEETING  
November 10, 2020

Many donations have been received in memory of Jan Coe who passed away in October. Jan held many positions in the OML Branch including president and received the Distinguished Woman Award in 2011. She will be greatly missed.

Our advertisers are continuing to support OML branch during these difficult times. Be sure to patronize them especially during the upcoming holiday season.

The League of Women Voters webinar was well attended and much information about the propositions was received.

AAUW Fund will sponsor our guest speaker Jamelia Harris at the November general meeting. She is a 2020-21 AAUW Fund Fellowship recipient.

Maryellen Judson is almost ready to begin stuffing holiday bags for members. Board members will help distribute the bags during the first week of December. Programs for the general meetings January through April are scheduled and should be very interesting.

Presidents Marielle Boortz and Alison Mackenzie will be busy helping to form the Nominating Committee. There are several vacancies which need to be filled. If you are interested in serving on the OML board, please contact them.

Hope everyone had a delicious and safe Thanksgiving.

**Linda Bochte, Secretary**

**2020-2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**CO-PRESIDENTS:**  
Marielle Boortz &  
Alison MacKenzie

**AAUW FUND CO-VPs:**  
Diane Bell &  
Marilyn Evans

**MEMBERSHIP VP:**  
Marie Bonilla

**SECRETARY:**  
Linda Bochte

**FINANCE VP:**  
Peggy Cabaniss

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 ... AAUW FUND & THE NAMED GIFT HONOREE**



**Mary Levey (at right) with Alison Mackenzie, welcome members at the 2019 May Luncheon.**

**Mary Levey Named Gift Honoree**

At our November general meeting, Mary Levey was recognized as the Named Gift Honoree for 2019. She is a longtime supporter of the Fund and is dedicated to our branch’s community outreach program at Burckhalter Elementary School in Oakland.

Sometime ago the program at Burckhalter was threatened when the school district librarian objected to our volunteers working in the library: “They aren’t librarians, they can’t do this,” was the cry. Well, it turns out

one of them is! Mary Levey has a master’s degree in library science from Columbia University, thereby outranking the district librarian. So our volunteers put a copy of Mary’s degree on a wall in the library. That apparently satisfied the district librarian.

Pat Beckner and Alison Mackenzie both feared the program could be shut down over this dispute and credit Mary with saving this outreach program. Mary is uncomfortable with this, saying that all she did was put a copy of her diploma on a wall and that many others make significant contributions to Burckhalter, and she doesn’t want to overshadow their accomplishments. But Mary worked hard for that diploma, which became the foundation for 32 years of work as an archivist for the Girl Scout National Museum in New York. She brought her experience to Burckhalter and organized a binder of procedures in the library that will continue to assist volunteers for many years. That’s a fine legacy.

Thank you Mary Levey for your generous support of AAUW Fund and your extraordinary contributions to Burckhalter Elementary School, where children for years will learn about the amazing world of books.

**Lynda Leonard, VP AAUW Fund, 2017-2020**

Our meeting on November 17 featured Jamelia Harris, an AAUW Fund recipient and doctoral candidate at UCLA. Her research is entitled, “Hidden Roses: Navigating, Resisting, and Reclaiming Geographies of Misogynoir Violence Among Black Girls at Desert Rose High School”.

AAUW agreed not to record this meeting because Ms. Harris intends to publish her work after completing her PhD, however we got her permission to publish a poem (*see below*), written by one of the high school girls that she was working with. The poem was an inspiration for the title of her presentation, a timely examination of how implicit bias and structural racism influence the harsh punishment black girls receive in their “ghettoized” high school.

The ideas presented were in alignment with many of the concepts that are being discussed in our Black Lives Matter (BLM) interest group. A lively question and answer period followed the presentation with new insight gained on this important topic.

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

**What Is a Named Gift Honoree?**

A Named Gift is a way to pay tribute to an individual who has done outstanding work in supporting the programs of AAUW Fund and the branch. The branch is entitled to name one honoree for each \$750 donated to the Fund by a branch and its members. In 2019 we donated more than \$7,200, which means we could have nominated nine honorees. However, historically our branch has limited the designation to one person per year. This serves to make it a more prestigious honor.

In January the branch’s Fund chairs organize a committee to select one person from many qualified members. The nomination is submitted to State no later than February 15, where eligibility is confirmed and a certificate is issued. The honoree is not necessarily the one who donated the most to Fund in a given year. (In fact she probably is not.) Rather the award, in addition to her support of the Fund, is also in recognition of her extraordinary service to AAUW and OML branch programs and priorities.

*Grown on thorns or sprouted  
through cement with no water just  
sun, hopes and dreams.  
The hope of being picked and given  
the opportunity to properly grow.  
Removing those thorns placed upon  
us to thrive in our passion.  
Roses have a heavenly smell that  
can’t be shaken, a scent that draws  
light toward us.  
Creating our own foundation once  
we are removed from the stem hid-  
den roses.  
Hidden Roses*

By Momo, a 12th grade CRP student

## GIRLS4STEM WEBINAR SERIES



The Girls4STEM webinar series launched on Sunday, November 22, 2020 with civil engineer Adrienne Johnson. Adrienne grew up in Pleasant Hill and won a major award in sustainable design by age 23. She shared her path to taking engineering classes, graduating as an engineer, building a Net Zero Energy building in South Africa (for which she won the award), and her current job as a sustainable design engineer. She answered many questions fielded

by our Ambassadors which gave the high school attendees tips as to how to navigate their educational path and career.

Over 160 registered for this webinar, and over 100 attended, a 63 percent attendance rate – high for webinars – so we are very happy with this result. The webinar series introduces women working in STEM fields to high school girls who at this stage of their lives are making choices about what courses to take in high school, potential college majors, and considering STEM careers. The presenters share their education and career path, what they actually do in their chosen career, and tips for getting internships and jobs after college.

Our next speaker, on Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 4 pm is Deborah Martin, who will be presenting “My Career from the Lab to Launching New Consumer Products.” We hope you will refer your family, friends, neighbors, anybody who knows high school girls. Deborah will speak about the dynamic field of sustainable product stewardship, which is taking a consumer product, making it more “sustainable,” and taking it to market (getting it on grocery shelves). She shares her education and career journey, and it is an interesting one, demonstrating there is no one path to a STEM career. We already have 86 girls registered, but we can accommodate 500.

Here is the link you send out to high school girls you know:

**When:** Dec 13, 2020 04:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

**Topic:** “My Career from the Lab to Launching New Consumer Products” featuring Deborah Martin, MPH/CIH, Global Manager. Product Stewardship & Regulatory, Dupont Nutrition and Biosciences

**Register in advance for this webinar:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_MeM67GHlQNkevW8qrQhAug](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MeM67GHlQNkevW8qrQhAug)

**Or refer them to our Girls4STEM webpage:**

<https://oml-ca.aauw.net/girls4stem-webinars/>

**Denise Burian,  
STEM Co-Coordinator**

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Our OML 20-21 High School Community Service Scholarship applications are now online at [oml-ca.aauw.net](http://oml-ca.aauw.net). The requirements are a three-point grade average and community service participation.

If you know a senior woman at Acalanes, Campolindo or Miramonte High School who has participated in community service activities please let her know about our scholarships.

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



**Coming in February**

**OML Scholarship  
Book Fair**

*Celebrating  
Women  
Through Books*

**We join ORINDA BOOKS to raise money  
for our SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!**

**Here is a partial list that will be available  
at Orinda Books**

### Fiction

*Euphoria* by Lily King

*Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck

*Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd

*Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

### Nonfiction

*Know My Name* by Channel Miller

*Be More RBG* by Marilyn Easton

*Where the Light Enters* by Jill Biden

*Moment of Lift* by Melinda Gates

### Children and Teens

*She Persisted in Sports* by Chelsea Clinton 321

*Bold and Brave* by Kirsten Gilibrand

*No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference*  
by Greta Thunberg

*Book of Gutsy Women* by Hillary Rodham Clinton  
and Chelsea Clinton

**Look for a Flyer in your Holiday Gift Packet.  
Arriving at your door step soon!**

**MEMBERS CORNER • WHAT AAUW MEANS TO ME**

**CAYO MARSCHNER**  
Member Since 1977

It was in the mid 70s during the busiest time of my child rearing years that I first learned about AAUW through two friends, Sandy Mougeot and Judy Helder. At different times, each kept encouraging me to join the Lamorinda branch of AAUW for which I will always be grateful.

At the first AAUW meeting I attended, I was warmly welcomed and Gloria Weston, whom I met for the first time then, invited me to sit next to her. I learned more about Gloria – so like her to take a newbie under her wing – and what an inspiration she was! Over the years, from this diverse group of accomplished women and kindred spirits, blossomed several lifelong and treasured friendships.

When our son, Kevin, died in 2005, the support, love, and encouragement our family received was invaluable. In his memory, our family built a small school library (Kevin loved to read) in a rural school in Lubao, Pampanga, Philippines. Our AAUW branch members generously donated books and funds through Books for the Barrios, the non-profit organization which was responsible for building the library. Today, the library continues as a popular “hangout” for students and the model library for the community-at-large in spite of continued government efforts to claim it as their own.

Although I am no longer as active in our branch today, I imagine AAUW as a huge umbrella, under whose shelter we continue to thrive and grow.

I so appreciate being part of the Scholarship Committee headed by Mary Ann McLeod and the Memoirs writing group organized by Carol Messenger. I continue to meet many more accomplished women whose generosity of spirit, dedication to AAUW’s mission, and hard work have made a positive impact on our local and global community.

Thank you, AAUW! Thank you, AAUW-OML!

*Cayo Marschner, active in various branch committees over four decades, was named Distinguished Woman in 2007. Writing is her focus now as she is dedicated to completing her book about her son Kevin.*

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Welcome to our newest member,  
IRA GARDE**



**Ira Batra Garde**, M.D., M.P.H. is a graduate of the Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, and of the University of California,

Berkeley where she received a bachelor’s degree in Biochemistry and a master’s in Public Health, with a focus on epidemiology. She attended medical school at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine and completed her residency in psychiatry at the Stanford University Medical Center.

At Stanford, Ira (pronounced ‘Eera’) focused on the treatment of adults, and on psychotherapy as a treatment modality. In addition, she completed a fellowship in College Mental Health at Stanford. She has worked in the College Mental Health Departments of the University of California at Berkeley and Santa Cruz, and at Hastings Law School, as well as in private practice.

Dr. Garde is a member of the Pegasus Physician Writers at Stanford. She lives in Orinda, is the mother of two children, is a published poet, and is currently working on a historical novel placed during the final half-century of the British Empire’s hold on India.

**Marie Bonilla,**  
Membership VP

**MEMBERS CORNER is a new Triad feature.**  
**Look for more stories from our members in the December issue.**

**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**



**UPCOMING IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR AAUW**

**Issues Related to AAUW National’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2021**

Dues – AAUW is proposing a modest increase to national dues from \$59 to \$62 for F2022. Members often ask if their current dues cover all the services they receive. As you can see from the chart of Revenues, dues provide approximately \$2.9M of income to AAUW. However, the total cost of providing member services (including overhead and occupancy for the organization) is \$3.9M. The shortfall between income and expenses is made up through donations from branches and individual members. Small increases in dues are necessary for most organizations just to cover normal cost-of-living-adjustments for salaries, operating expenses, and rent. Increases in dues do not cover new programs and projects.

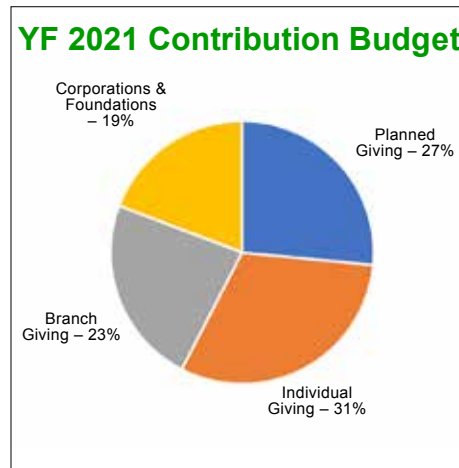
**Peggy Cabaniss’s position on the National AAUW Board**

At the national level, AAUW operates with a 15-person board, 12 who are elected and three appointed.

Peggy Cabaniss was first on the national investment committee for four years, then on the national finance committee for two years and had gathered an understanding of AAUW’s finances.

She applied for and was appointed to one of the board seats for a three year term starting July 2019. Then it turned out the board needed a Finance Chair who is part of the Executive Committee (a subset of the board) and who runs both the Investment and Finance Committees.

She applied for that position and got it (mainly because very few people are interested or knowledgeable about AAUW finances). Her official position is AAUW board member, Finance Chair. She also serves as the treasurer for our branch.



**Bylaw Change Regarding Requirements for Membership**

AAUW is proposing a change to the bylaws which would eliminate the requirement for a member to hold a degree from a two- or four-year college or university. Corporations as well as many individuals have pointed out the discrepancy between AAUW’s mission (to achieve gender equity for all) and our membership requirements which are viewed as discriminatory to both women and men. The chart outlining sources of contributions shows that less than \$800K is expected to come from corporations, foundations, and grants. As our membership declines due to demographic challenges (aging), we need to seek new sources of revenue which are necessary to continue many of our worthwhile projects. By eliminating the membership requirement, AAUW hopes to align their mission with their values, secure additional outside funding, and encourage more women to join.

**Sources of Revenue**

AAUW has basically three main sources of revenue – dues, contributions, and investment income. The \$6.1M of income from Endowment Investments is 98% restricted and can only be used for scholarships, fellowships and grants. In addition, over 40% of the \$4.1M in contributions is restricted for certain programs and cannot be used for member services or new projects. Contributions to AAUW Greatest Needs allows for the greatest flexibility in funding new projects and programs.

**Peggy Cabaniss,  
VP, Finance for OML**

**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!

## INTERBRANCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Contra Costa County Interbranch Council (IBC) is comprised of representatives from the nine AAUW branches in the area. IBC meets quarterly to share information and cooperate on activities of common interest. The agenda item with most discussion at the November meeting was AAUW CA's proposed 2021 Tech Trek camp plan. All the branches had questions and concerns about the proposed plan. Two of the concerns noted were the program appears to have way too much Zoom time (all day five days in a row) and require a lot of volunteers to provide sufficient adult presence. IBC intends to send a letter to the AAUW CA Tech Trek Coordinators summarizing IBC's comments.

IBC unanimously approved the proposed 2020-2021 budget of \$1,300 in expenditures and \$1,455 in income. However, it was noted that most of the budgeted expenditures are unlikely to be incurred so long as in-person gatherings are not permissible due to the pandemic.

Several branches said their members greatly appreciate the opportunity to attend other branches' Zoom meetings on relevant topics or with speakers of broad interest. To better facilitate branch members' ability to do so, the IBC Vice Chair agreed to post information on branches' events in the calendar on IBC's website <https://ccc-ibc-ca.aauw.net>. The IBC Vice Chair noted the website is currently out of date, but she will try to start keeping it current following her retirement in January. Branches were encouraged to post IBC's website link on their branch websites.

Some future branch meetings of possible interest to members of multiple branches include: OML's January meeting with guest speaker Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, Benicia-Vallejo's possible March meeting with the California lieutenant governor as guest speaker. Several branches noted that they found Peggy Cabiness's (AAUW National Board member and OML member) presentation on AAUW finances at the last IBC meeting highly informative and have invited or will invite her to be guest speaker at one of their branch meetings.

**Marielle Boortz, Co-President**

## PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES

### New Vice-President Makes History

Many Americans were inspired this month by the diversity of women elected to positions of power. Most notably, Vice President-elect Kamala Harris became the first woman and the first Black American, Indian American and South Asian American to be elected to the second highest office in the land. The daughter of immigrants and a graduate of Howard University, Harris provides hope for a future where women can reach the highest heights.



### New Inclusion & Equity Resources

AAUW's Inclusion & Equity committee is putting together a new toolkit of resources and tips that highlights how critical diversity, equity and inclusion are to AAUW's long-term prospects. In the meantime, check out the past webinars available at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org).

### New Opportunities for Legal Support

AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund recently streamlined the application and grant-making system to better support plaintiffs facing sex discrimination in employment or education. Clinic Campus Outreach Grants are available to law school clinical programs in California and New York that address legal claims regarding gender equity.

The AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record serves as an accountability tool inside and outside of Washington, D.C., for AAUW members and supporters, providing information about how elected federal legislators vote on critical issues in this unique time. These programs and resources help AAUW and AAUW Action Fund members and supporters to educate their communities on important issues and policy makers' records.

On the five federal pieces of legislation in the House of Representatives that AAUW supported this session:

- BE HEARD in the Workplace Act (H.R. 2148)
- FAMILY Act (H.R. 1185)
- Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 7)
- Raise the Wage Act (H.R. 582)
- Equality Act (H.R. 5)

Our US Representative Mark DeSaulnier received a 100 percent voting record!

**Laura Monin and Connie Whitting  
Co-Chairs, Public Policy**

## WELCOME to the NEW ADVERTISING LINE-UP

### We are blessed and . . . in giving . . . we did receive.

It was a happy Thanksgiving for OML Branch with a surprising outcome to this year's Advertising Campaign. We kicked off in September with a goal to essentially offer our help to previous clients, to give more than to receive. Due to the covid-19 pandemic restrictions, we also decided not to seek new businesses for the directory. The good news is we have seen tremendous support for what we do as a branch, and appreciation for board-directed flexibility with this campaign. The percentage of income captured vs. last year is 64 percent. The signed addendums authorizing renewals in hand is 100 percent and with exactly the same number clients as last year. Big Thank You's to all who helped AAUW-OML surpass our goal.

### This year we unexpectedly welcome two new advertisers and recognize special updates.

- **Spine and SportsCare Associates**, with experienced owner, Dr. Dale Giessman. His original chiropractic practice is in Brentwood, with a new location in Lafayette.
- Welcome back to **Superior Carpet Cleaning**, owned by Robin Hartshorn. His window washing is – bar none – superior! It is an excellent, reasonably priced service. I speak first hand of what a terrific job he does!
- Please note the new directory graphic for **Bay Alarm Company** with a statement added, “Bay Alarm is a proud supporter of the AAUW-OML.” How special is that?
- **ZENOPS** is the new name for what was previously **Neighborhood Computers**. Grant Stubblefield remains the owner and hopes you will stop in to meet the new manager, Gustav Petruske. Check out the exciting ad to see and feel the new company design.

The 2020 ad team did our best work in meeting the different needs of each business. Eight branch members meeting this challenge were **Diane Bell, K deGroot, Bonnie Gallogly, Maryellen Judson, Pat Lopker, Mary Leigh Miller, Lana Reichick** and **Laura Wittenberg**. Kudos to all, and an elbow hug to Lana who helped with updating concepts and changes in paperwork. Thank you to the team for contacting all owners, first by making phone calls and then with positive follow-up for what worked for each team member with their individual client(s). You each made a difference! It is unfortunate that we did lose two client businesses: Alex Rose Interiors, and The Image Design Studio; both were due to pandemic-related changes. In the end, we did experience a strong give and take with most.

A big thank you to our member contributors: **Diane Bell, K. deGroot, Joan Evans, Soraya Golesorkhi** and **Lana Reichick**. We thank the talented Editors of the Triad and Directory, Mary Leigh Miller, and the OML webmaster, Bonnie Gallogly. As 2021 approaches, we know you will review and appreciate the updated ad material in each publication. It is there that we see the final delivery of all that we accomplish together.

Lastly, OML advertising is positive fundraising. Together we are a valuable community connection. As you, our members, visit these “community friends,” please express appreciation for their help with promoting the AAUW mission. All new and continuing advertisers for the 2020-21 OML Branch Directory are listed in the side-column here. [Look for the new directory in a special holiday packet, which will be delivered to your house very soon.](#) We are blessed and . . . in giving . . . we did receive. **Happy Holidays!**

**Pat Lopker, Advertising Coordinator**

## 2020-21 AAUW OML SPONSORS/ ADVERTISERS

\*AAUW members

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 Bistro Burger & Grill  
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 The UPS Store  
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 Soraya Golesorkhi\*, – Coldwell Banker Realty  
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Bay Alarm Company  
 Goodwill Industries of the Greater East Bay  
 Hearing Science of Walnut Creek  
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 Superior Carpet Cleaning – Robin Hartshorn  
 The Service Outlet – Marc Harvey, San Ramon

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



## SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

## MUSEUM MAVENS

Wednesday  
December 2 and 9  
via Zoom • 11 am

We will have an online class tour of two museums this month:

- 1) **Houston Museum of Contemporary Art** on December 2
- 2) **Bauhaus Art Movement** with sculptures, installations, textile weaving, Wednesday 9, both sponsored by *Well Connected* – a Covia Community Service.

You can sign up individually for this service at [www.Covia.org](http://www.Covia.org) or simply email me at [singlermarjorie@gmail.com](mailto:singlermarjorie@gmail.com) for the Zoom link Wednesday morning. See the November Triad for connection information if you want to do it yourself in advance. You can also text me at 878-5915 for last minute connection links that morning.

Here are the links for other online museum tours from your couch!

- 1) <https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/26/cnn-underscored/virtual-museums/index.html>. This cite includes operas, symphonies, zoos and gardens,
- 2) <https://www.cosmopolitan.com/life-style/a32265756/best-virtual-museums-tours/>

Try your own online tours with the above links and report back to us what you liked at the scheduled tours at our Zoom meeting at the end of the month on Tuesday, 29 at 5 pm. If you are not on my email group list, please email me at [singlermarjorie@gmail.com](mailto:singlermarjorie@gmail.com).

**Marjorie Singler**

Want to view and purchase work of some of our own OML members? Visit the **Blackhawk Gallery** to see Marjorie Singler's work on display, and the **Moraga Art Gallery** for K. deGroot and Mary Leigh Miller.

## BLM ALLIES GROUP

Wednesday,  
December 9  
via Zoom • 10 am

BLM Allies will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 10 am in December. We will discuss the last few chapters of "How to be an Antiracist" by Kendi X Ibram. and pick our next book to study. Contact Denise Burian for Zoom link if you'd like to join in the discussion, [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com).



## ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK

Friday, November 20  
via Zoom • 10 am

The selection for December is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. If you don't usually receive a Zoom invite let Jill Eberhard know, [jill@gemed.com](mailto:jill@gemed.com). Mary Hake has offered to lead this month.

## GREAT DECISIONS

Wednesday, December 2  
via Zoom • 10 am

We have been continuing our discussions through this covid time and meet the first Wednesday of each month at 10 am. A topic is chosen each month and for December we have chosen **Kazakhstan**.

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

## IN MEMORIAM

Several longtime OML members have passed away recently.

**FLORENCE GARAY** was OML president in 1962-63 and a 50-year member. She had moved to Homer, Arkansas several years ago to live near her son and family. Flo was a longtime member of the Anyone Who's Read the Book interest group. Mary Levey shares an amusing story about her: Flo was very involved with AAUW when her kids were young. Near her home was an A&W root beer drive-in. When she picked her son up at school one day, he asked if they could go to the AAUW for a root beer. She guessed he had heard of AAUW a lot!

**BARBARA BOYLE** was also a 50-year plus member. Just this summer Marie Bonilla had spoken to her son, asking if we should continue to keep her on the list as an honorary member. He said yes – that his mom enjoyed getting the Triad and reading it at her assisted living home.

**POLLY ASHER TROXELL**, a long time Lafayette resident passed away in Walnut Creek in September. For many years, she was an active member of our branch.

## EVENING SALON

Every Thursday  
via Zoom • 7-9 pm

Evening Salon will meet on Thursday December 3, 10 and 17 at 7 pm via Zoom. All members are welcome. We enjoy discussing issues of the day. Contact Denise Burian for the Zoom link, [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com).

**DECEMBER 2020  
AT A GLANCE**

**1 TUE – CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP**

Pass along your books!

**2 WED – GREAT DECISIONS**

10 am – Via the Zoom app

Discussion topic:

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**3, 10, 17 THUR – EVENING SALON**

7 pm – Via the Zoom app

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**5 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP**

7 pm – Via the Zoom app.

Ksenja Soster-Olmer presents *Bridges of the World*.

**7 MON – GOLF GROUP**

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

**8 TUE – BOARD MEETING**

1 pm – Via the Zoom app

Contact Marielle Boortz or Alison MacKenzie to be included.

**9 WED – BLM ALLIES GROUP**

10 am – Via the Zoom app

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**9 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS**

Contact Carol Messinger for more details  
(*Second Wednesday*)

**15 TUE – GENERAL MEETING  
HOLIDAY PARTY!**

**9:30 am– Via the Zoom app**

*Look for an e-blast prior to the meeting day with a link to join the meeting. The link can also be found on the OML website and this issue's front page.*

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

10 am – Via the Zoom app

Book to discuss: *The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek*  
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**18 FRI – LETS GO TO THE MOVIES**

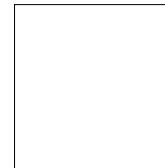
Movie to discuss: *Hillbill Elegy* (on Netflix)

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

**24 THURS – DEADLINE for JANUARY 2021 TRIAD**

Send all articles to Mary Leigh Miller, 631-9694  
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**25 FRI – HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



**29 TUE – MUSEUM MAVENS GET TOGETHER**

5 pm – Via the Zoom app

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**31 THURS – BIKE RIDING GROUP**

Contact Ellen Beans, [ellen.beans@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.beans@gmail.com).

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**JANUARY 2021**

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

**12 TUE – BOARD MEETING**

1 pm – Via the Zoom app

Contact Marielle Boortz or Alison MacKenzie to be included.

**19 TUE – GENERAL MEETING**

**CA Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan**

7 pm – Via the Zoom app

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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.