

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17 GENERAL MEETING beginning at 9:30 am via ZOOM



Guest Speaker
JAMELIA HARRIS

2020 AAUW Fund
Fellowship Recipient

**“HIDDEN ROSES”
BLACK FEMINIST
GROUP-STORYTELLING**

Jamelia Harris is a Ph.D. Candidate in the Urban Schooling program at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Her research is committed to centering the voices and lived experiences of Black girls in the K-12 pipeline.

Through this research, Jamelia Harris is interrogating how antiblackness, sexism, power, and space/place perpetuate the hyper-punishment and domination Black girls face in school. She explores the daily experiences of misogynoir violence on Black girls in a ‘ghettoized’ high school.

Using a Black Feminist Group-Storytelling methodology, Jamelia examines how these young women self-define Black Girlhood and co-construct knowledge. As a tenure-track faculty researcher, Jamelia aims to expand this research to other schooling contexts.

Look for a Zoom invitation to link to this meeting in an e-blast on Monday, November 16. You can also find the link by going to the home page of the OML website: <https://oml-ca.aauw.net>.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 15
9:30 via Zoom

**THE HOLIDAYS
ARE COMING!**

We hope all members will keep Tuesday, December 15 at 9:30 am circled on your Zoom calendar.

Plan to share your unique holiday traditions.

And ... be on the watch for a **Holiday Surprise**, which will arrive on your doorstep along with a special invitation to our **Once in a Lifetime Holiday Party at a distance.**



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... PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Kudo's to those involved in planning, managing and publicizing our October Zoom webinar meeting at which the League of Women Voters Diablo Valley presented the pros/cons of the California ballot propositions – especially Laura Monin, Lynda Leonard, Denise Burian, Heidi Mayer, Bonnie Gallogly and Mary Leigh Miller! There were about 250 logins (likely more than 250 people!) to this very informative meeting.

The large attendance makes me wonder if when we have meeting topics and/or speakers with broad appeal the meetings should be evening or weekend virtual ones, even post-pandemic. Doing so can broaden our community reach and may enable more people to join or support AAUW.

Our November meeting focuses on the AAUW Fund and features AAUW Fund fellowship recipient Jamelia Harris as our guest. Several OML Board members attended the October 10 AAUW Fund Zoom “luncheon” where many AAUW Fund award recipients spoke. Jamelia was our unanimous first choice to invite as our AAUW Fund meeting speaker. Her PhD research about black high school girls and the disproportionate harsh treatment they receive is interesting and enlightening.

Also in November our new STEM project Girls4STEM launches its Zoom webinar series for high school girls. Please share information about the webinars with your relatives and friends with high school girls. Our STEM Committee and ambassadors (high school girls) have been working hard to create a Girls4STEM brand and programs. The Girls4STEM project is OML's latest exciting initiative which advances OML's vision to positively impact our community.

As I was writing this letter, I received the sad news that OML Board member Jan Coe had died. Over the past several months, our branch has received news that now six long-time OML members and two OML members' spouses have died. I hope that OMLs programs, activities and friendships can provide some joy and comfort to every OML member during what have been already stressful, unprecedented times during the pandemic.

Marielle Boertz, Co-President

BOARD MEETING
October 6, 2020

Everyone is ready for the October general meeting featuring the presentation from the League of Women Voters about the 12 propositions on the California ballot.

We are hoping to have a speaker from the AAUW Fund for our November general meeting. This year the luncheons will be virtual.

In December, Hospitality Chair Maryellen Judson has music and holiday story sharing planned for our virtual holiday party. Members will provide their own refreshments for the at home party.

A nominating committee is needed and board members will be in contact with members to form a committee.

News about the October general meeting with the League of Women Voters made the front page of the Orinda News! Great job by Lynda Leonard.

The deaths of Carolyn Stoes and Joanne Killiam were noted at the meeting. Condolence cards have been sent to the families.

Hope everyone has a chance to vote safely.

Linda Bochte, Secretary

**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. Subject: AAUW Members Corner**

The co-presidents are now monitoring email sent to our branch email address: 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 AAUW Fund virtual luncheons occurred on October 10 and 24 for the AAUW Fellows/Grant recipients. I hope many of you were able to attend via Zoom as the speakers were very diverse and excellent. At both luncheons there were a total of 17 speakers. The first speaker on October 10 was **Jamelia Harris**, who will be speaking at our November meeting. We are very lucky that she will be presenting topics that are so current in the BLM movement. Some of the other very interesting recipients are as follows:

Elizabeth Kopacz – An American Fellow at Riverside doing a Ph.D. in ethnic studies – a fascinating story of how Korean adoptions were hushed up in the 1950s and people did not even know their real parents were alive. They are finding them now.

Holly Okonkwo – Claremont U. Post Doctorate in anthropology – discussed Black women politics of computing.

Maro Youssef – U. of Texas political sociology of Northern Africa Ph.D. with references to the Arab Spring.

Rachel Zuejun Huang – Stanford Ph.D. –polymer energy in batteries

Alison Huynk – Chapman U. Ph.D. in clinical psychology. This fellowship is enabling a young mother to achieve her goals.

Tracy Quezada – career development grant at UC Berkeley studying inter-generational sexual abuse. She is working on a documentary “When you were Young” due out next spring.

Frances Paznar – Community Action Grant. She is an AAUW member herself and has spent 18 years researching the relevance and effects of STEM.

I urge you to go to <https://www.aauw-ca.org/aauw-fund-luncheons/> to read more about these recipients.

This Month Focuses on the AAUW Fund

The Fund helps, create, nurture and disseminate programs for women and girls. On the AAUW website you will see the slogan **Donate Today** to advance equity for women and girls! Throughout the year (about once a quarter) all AAUW members receive a request for a donation from the National office but you can give through the OML website also. Once a year our OML president sends a special letter to branch members requesting donations in the upcoming season, which will now be for 2020-2021 (ending on July 1, 2021). This is the branch’s recognized time to give. It is also suggested that you give to the **9110 Fund**, which is unrestricted and is available for new emerging issues that may need immediate attention. The Fund operates on the calendar year.

AAUW has provided 3.5 million toward fellowships and grants this year to more than 200 women and nonprofits. Our donations are funding this.

Another area being handled by AAUW Fund is the **Legacy Circle**. There is going to be a competition among branches to give the most from your estate. If you sign up you do not have to state an amount just indicate an interest. Questions and information will be provided by Heather Miller, the Director of Advancement at the National office in Washington, DC . Her email is miller@aauw.org.

Marilyn Evans, Co-VP, AAUW Fund

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



Celebrating Women Through Books

In the month of February, Scholarship will be holding a book fair with Orinda Books to raise money for our scholarships.

At the bookstore, our AAUW table will feature the books celebrating women and highlight our AAUW-OML community projects. There will be a variety of genres and books for all ages. You will be able to purchase these books on line, by phone or in the store. They can be delivered to you.

**Bonnie Fend, Co-Chair,
Scholarship Committee**

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GIRLS4STEM WEBINARS



The Girls4STEM webinar series is launching on Sunday, November 22, 2020. This 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.

Girls4STEM is free and open to all high school girls. Webinars will be offered 1-2 times per month on Sunday afternoons for up to 500 attendees. The AAUW-OML Branch is presenting this series as part of our community outreach projects, designed to advance equity for women and girls. And it is made possible by a generous grant from the Bettelheim Family Foundation.

To prepare for this initiative, Bonnie Gallogly worked with National to create a webpage for Girls4STEM as part of OML's website, and she is placing information about the webinars, the speakers, and the link to register on that page. There will be a separate registration for each webinar in the series. Please look at it often (see the Girls4STEM Webinars in the list of our Mission Based Programs on the right side of our main page). We want your help recruiting girls to register. We hope you will refer your family, friends, neighbors and anybody who knows high school girls who would benefit from the webinars by meeting some fantastic women in various STEM fields.

Please note that we are delaying the start of this series from November 8 to Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 4 pm. (Note time change from what was in the paper.) Adrienne Johnson B.S./M.S.) will present "Engineering with a Purpose". Adrienne is from Pleasant Hill and was usually one of only a few girls in STEM classes in high school and college. We did practice webinars with our first four speakers. Their presentations are very interesting and our high school ambassadors really like them. You can read more about them on our Girls4STEM webpage. All members will receive an email with the new Girls4STEM E-flyer that you can forward to family and friends with high school girls.

**Denise Burian and Caroline Friedmann,
STEM Coordinators**

TECH TREK NEWS

Our California co-coordinators for Tech Trek, **Susan Negrete** and **Alice Hill**, shared the following news in response to my inquiry:

"We're so pleased you've already engaged with the 2021 Tech Trek virtual program concept. Yes, it will be built on the model designed and piloted by Mary Isaac, UCSD Camp Director. Branches can participate in a variety of ways, both by submitting concepts for 90-minute workshops and also by volunteering in a variety of roles that will assist in facilitation throughout the virtual delivery schedule. Stay tuned for marketing information and eBlasts that will be rolling out very soon. We very much appreciate your commitment and dedication to CA Tech Trek."

I've started to think about how we could do at least a few (one or two mornings?) in-person, properly distanced, hands-on activities with our Lamorinda Tech Trekkers. So stay tuned for developing information and plans! Thanks in advance for your support for our 2021 Tech Trek program.

Jan Cushman, Chair, Tech Trek



BURCKHALTER NEWS



We are planning to participate in a Thanksgiving celebration of giveaways with workbooks and gently used books. Students are learning offsite and we hope these workbooks and reading books will support the students' education. We continue to collect gently used reading books as the library will remain closed.

If you have children's books that are no longer being used, please contact me at kidlitlvr@hotmail.com and I will arrange to pick them up.

Janette Maher, Burckhalter Coordinator

IN MEMORIAM ~ JAN COE



Jan Coe passed peacefully at home in Orinda, California with her loving family on October 22, 2020. She fought a courageous but ultimately short-lived battle with a rare and aggressive cancer that was first diagnosed in March 2020.

AAUW-OML has lost an invaluable member who devoted almost 25 years of energy to the goals of equity for women and girls. She continued being active and involved on the board of OML as co-chair of Public Policy throughout her illness. During her years of membership, Jan took on numerous roles including two years as branch president, vice-president of programs, vice-president of AAUW Fund, and four years of a revitalized Public Policy program. She was involved with scholarship, May luncheon chair, parliamentarian, as well as chair for several fundraising events.

Jan generously participated in less appealing but much needed work like rewriting the branch by laws, standing rules and serving on the nominating committee. She helped fundraising at Niner games, and in the branch 50-year celebration planning, as well as chairing hospitality. Her passion for education led her into tutoring first graders at Burckhalter Elementary School in Oakland for over a decade. Jan was selected as Distinguished Woman in 2011 for her many contributions. She brought many new members into OML and mentored those who took on new roles. Foremost, Jan was diplomatic, kind, wise and a dedicated and hard-working person – the best of all of us, a true leader by example.

Jan was also the consummate volunteer as her three children were growing up. She was the president of the Educational Foundation of Orinda as well as president of elementary and high school parent clubs. Jan was honored as Orinda's Citizen of the Year in 1998. She returned to the workforce as finance director for the Honorable Ellen Tauscher who represented California's 10th congressional district. She and Alan have been longtime members of Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church (LOPC), including Jan's service in children's ministry and as an elder.

Best known for her boundless love of family and friends, tireless community work, passion for Bay Area sports teams, and enthusiasm for being a Nana to her grandchildren, Jan-

ice Becker Coe will be missed, remembered and celebrated by all who knew her.

Many of you have already reached out about making donations in Jan's honor. The information for doing so can be found below and will also be available soon on the Hull's Mortuary website: <https://www.hullschapel.com/obituaries/obituary-listings>

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jan's memory may be made to the American Association of University Women OML Community Outreach Fund or to the P.E.O. Foundation. To make a donation in Jan's memory to the American Association of University Women OML Community Outreach Fund, please write a check to AAUW OML Community Outreach Fund and mail it to Peggy Cabaniss, 743 Crossbrook Dr., Moraga, CA 94556. You can also donate online to the OML website. Please note that it is in memory of Jan Coe. You can contact Peggy with any questions at pcabaniss7@gmail.com or 925 708-5178.



A successful day at Burckhalter making gingerbread houses

**Submitted by
Bonnie Gallogly**

PUBLIC POLICY

Supreme Court Replacement – Amy Coney Barrett Confirmed

With the loss of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, AAUW had hoped that the process to replace her would not have been rushed so that we could be assured that her successor would be a similarly strong advocate for women and families.

Unfortunately, the replacement process was rushed through in record time raising questions of the independence and fair mindedness of an increasingly ideologically partisan Supreme Court. Our fundamental rights are at risk, now more than ever. The American people need a Supreme Court of independent, fair-minded jurists to protect the rights of all.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Recognizing Implicit or Unconscious Bias
Elaine Johnson, Director, diversity@aauw-ca.org

Each of us has experiences that have an effect on our attitudes. We might not even recognize them ourselves. Yet, we each take actions that have a negative effect on some others around us. AAUW has recently had webinars both at the national and state levels that bring to our attention the need for recognizing our own intrinsic biases. Once we increase our awareness, we can be open to making change and having an effect on making change within our branch and our AAUW organization. Recognizing implicit bias helps us move into a better appreciation for others and motivates us to increase diversity and inclusion of talented and committed people who promote the mission and vision of AAUW California.

Legislative Wrap-Up – SB 973 Signed into Law

AAUW’s top legislative priority which will help to narrow the gender and race-based wage gaps was signed into law the last day the legislature was in session! It requires a private employer with 100 or more employees to submit an annual pay data report to the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) outlining the compensation and hours worked of its employees, broken down by gender, race, ethnicity and job category. The gender wage gap costs California women billions in lost income each year. Eliminating the gender wage gap would reduce the poverty rates of working women and their families by almost half.

October General Meeting a Grand Success!

Over 250 persons participated in our League of Women Voters “Pros and Cons” webinar on the 12 CA propositions. We were told that this was the largest turnout that the League has ever had. Two well prepared members of the Diablo Branch of the LWV (Bette Felton and Carole Woods) helped us understand the complexities of these ballot measures. The presentation ended with their answering a number of questions. Thanks to all who helped to make this meeting the largest AAUW-OML event in history!



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

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- The Service Outlet – Marc Harvey, San Ramon

Please refer to the membership directory for complete advertising information.

SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

MUSEUM MAVENS
Friday,
November 27
via Zoom • 5 pm

Yes!! We are able to have free museum tours/talks virtually with a wonderful volunteer organization called *Well Connected – a Covia Community Service*.

Zoom tours are being offered November through December at several museums including the Miller Institute for Contemporary Art and the Contemporary Art Museum of Houston. Museum Mavens plans to have a subsequent Zoom meeting with the mavens on the **last Friday of the month** from 5-6 pm to discuss our impressions.

November Zoom museum tours are Wednesdays from 11am-noon:

- 11/11 – The Ash Can School of Artists eclectic painting with New York City urban paintings.
- 11/25 – Millicent Rogers Museum collections called TAOS.

Contact **Marjorie Singler** for information on how to sign up at msingler@comcast.net or call 878-5915.

EVENING SALON
Every Thursday
via Zoom • 7-9 pm

Evening Salon continues to meet every Thursday night at 7 pm via Zoom during the pandemic. All members are welcome. Contact Denise Burian for the Zoom link, denburian@gmail.com.

Some Special Interest Groups are currently on hold but others are continuing via Zoom. Check with SIG coordinators to see if your group is “Zoom-active.”

BLM ALLIES GROUP
Wednesday,
November 11 & 25
via Zoom • 10 am

This group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 10 to 11:15 am. The group is reading *How to be an Antiracist* by Kendi X. Ibram. We are reading three chapters at a time and discussing them. Contact Denise Burian for Zoom link if you'd like to join in the discussion.

**ANYONE WHO HAS READ
 THE BOOK**
Friday, November 20
via Zoom • 10 am

We have changed the November selection to *An Unnecessary Woman* by Rabia Alanedine (from *Rules For Visiting*). All members that receive our notices know about it. If you do not regularly receive a Zoom invite and want to join in on the discussion, contact **Jill Eberhart** if you want to be added at jill@gemed.com. A complete list of books for this year is listed on the OML website under the Interest heading.

GREAT DECISIONS
Wednesday, November 4
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 November we have chosen **Venezuela**,

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.

**DIRECTORY
 ADVERTISING**

What are the holidays all about? They call us to share, to give, and to lend support. Who receives all this goodness?

The 2020 Advertising Campaign began by recognizing that our usual goal of fundraising could be matched with a goal of offering a choice. It continued by exploring the actual needs of our OML advertisers in the midst of economic stories we couldn't know. The range was from increased business to closures, from creativity to defeat. It is with sincere disappointment, we relay that Marjory DeRoek and Carolyn Woodworth have closed *The Image Studio* in Lafayette. They were long-standing advertisers, brought to us by Leslie Pfeifer, and had presented for both General Meeting programs and Holiday parties. We thank them for their past support.

The results of our efforts are across the board. As a team, we faced unprecedented change in not knowing how to ask but recognizing the importance of advancing equality for women and the part this ad income represents with OML.

How many businesses will close? Which ones will adapt to the protocols of pandemic safety. How do we make that easy for everyone? The answers were: We don't seek new clients this year. We offer all previous clients an opportunity to benefit from our members. To continue to do this, we would give options and offer ads at whatever amount each client could afford. Full, half, or complimentary pricing has become this year's norm.

Stay tuned to see how we meet this challenge of fundraising to promote our OML priorities and branch programs.

Pat Lopker,
Advertising Coordinator

**NOVEMBER 2020
AT A GLANCE**

1 SUN – CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP

Pass along your books!

4 WED – GREAT DECISIONS

10 am – Via the Zoom app

Discussion topic:

Read more on page 7.

5, 12, 19, 25 THUR – EVENING SALON

7 pm – Via the Zoom app

Read more on page 7.

7 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP

7 pm – Via the Zoom app. Join Gail & Sonny Tsuboi on a new travel adventure!

9, 23 MON – GOLF GROUP

Contact Jan Gee for time and venue, jgee17@yahoo.com.

10 TUE – BOARD MEETING

1 pm – Via the Zoom app

Contact Marielle Boertz or Alison MacKenzie to be included.

11, 25 WED – BLM ALLIES GROUP

10 am – Via the Zoom app

Read more on page 7.

17 TUE – GENERAL MEETING

7 pm – Via the Zoom app

Black Feminist Group-Storytelling with Guest Speaker, Jamelia Harris

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 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS

Contact Carol Messinger for more details

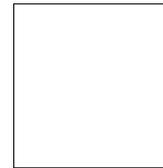
20 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK

10 am – Via the Zoom app

Book to discuss: *An Unnecessary Woman*

Read more on page 7.

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20 FRI – LETS GO TO THE MOVIES

Contact Mary Leigh Miller, mlmiller602@gmail.com.

24 TUE – DEADLINE for DECEMBER TRIAD

Send all articles to Mary Leigh Miller, 631-9694 mlmiller602gmail.com.

26 THURS – BIKE RIDING GROUP

Contact Ellen Beans, ellen.beans@gmail.com.

Read more on page 7.

27 FRI – MUSEUM MAVENS

5 pm – Via the Zoom app

Read more on page 7.

DECEMBER 2020

Look for more listings in the December issue.

8 TUE – BOARD MEETING

1 pm – Via the Zoom app

Contact Marielle Boertz or Alison MacKenzie to be included.

15 TUE – GENERAL MEETING

9:30 am – Via the Zoom app

Holiday Party!

**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.



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