

## February General Meeting Tuesday, Feb 16 9:30 am via Zoom

### WOMAN SUFFRAGE WARRIORS

*The American Women's Struggle  
for Voting Rights*



#### Guest Speaker: Beverly Lane Local Historian

How did women gain the right to vote in California and the United States? Why did it take so long? Who were the woman suffrage warriors? Local historian Beverly Lane will provide a history of the American women's civil rights and the suffrage movement which

began in the 1800s. Her presentation will cover suffragists' campaigns to secure women's California and National rights to vote.

Beverly Lane has lived in Danville since 1973 and has been active in local government and civic organizations for decades. Beverly was the founding president of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and is a curator and exhibit coordinator at the Museum. She is a past president of the Contra Costa County Historical Society and the Eugene O'Neill Foundation Tao House. Beverly is currently a Director of the East Bay Regional Park District (first elected in 1994) and is a past Danville Town Council member and three-time mayor of Danville.

**Look for your Zoom invitation in a Constant Contact e-blast,  
which will be emailed on Monday, February 15.**

**The Zoom invite will also be provided on the OML website.**

For wonderful information and videos covering the history of Womens Suffrage created by the Santa Cruz AAUW Branch, click on this link:

<https://oml-ca.aauw.net/files/2020/09/AAUW-SCC-Womens-Suffrage-Supplement.pdf>

**March General Meeting  
Tuesday, March 16  
via Zoom  
7:00 pm Program**

### FLYING TIGERS & VIETNAM

OML member **Leslie Pfeifer** will speak on the history of the Flying Tigers in World War II and her experiences as a Vietnam War flight attendant taking troops to and from Vietnam in the 1960s.

The Flying Tigers were American fighter squadrons formed to defend the Republic of China against Japan during World War II.



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... PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to February – the month when our local scholarship, Tech Trek and STEM committees are all really active. And this month we focus on extraordinary women in history as a prelude to women’s history month in March.

At our February general meeting we will learn about the U.S. women’s suffrage movement and some courageous and determined women who fought for women’s right to vote. Our scholarship committee has worked with Orinda Books to hold a book fair *Celebrating Women Through Books* during February to raise money for local scholarships. Since this will likely be our only local scholarship fundraiser this year, we encourage everyone to spread the word about it and buy books in the Fair. Our STEM Committee continues with Girls4STEM webinars for high school girls, having held two webinars in January and two scheduled for February, and is finalizing preparations for our annual STEM Conference for middle school girls in March.

I’d be remiss to not mention our January general meeting where we were thrilled to have our local assemblywoman Ms. Rebecca Bauer-Kahan as our guest speaker. She had agreed to speak to our entire branch when some of our members met with her last year to discuss AAUW CA legislative priorities. That meeting was a requirement for our being awarded the Public Policy & Research star last year in AAUW’s 5-Star National Recognition Program. A big thanks to Denise Burian for securing Assemblywoman Bauer-Kahan for our January general meeting and for being the Zoom webinar master, and to Laura Monin for introducing our guest speaker Ms. Bauer-Kahan and managing the Q&A portion of the meeting.

Per our request, Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan provided a legislative update focusing on legislation regarding equity for women. Her legislative update included her support of proposed legislation to create a “911” type number for mental health emergencies. She also noted that the State is trying to expedite COVID-19 vaccinations by working with Rite-Aid and Safeway to offer the vaccinations in their stores’ pharmacies. Assemblywoman Bauer-Kahan closed her remarks by encouraging people to call her office if they need help with government services (she gave EDD unemployment payments as an example) or to suggest ideas for new legislation. If you missed the meeting, you can watch the video recording on our website.

With all the above, OML continues having mission-based programs and activities which support AAUW priorities and our branch vision to make a positive impact on our local and global community. And we continue to demonstrate that we truly are an AAUW 5-Star branch.

**Marielle Boortz, Co-President**

**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.**

BOARD MEETING  
January 12, 2020

Public policy chair Laura Monin reported availability of information on the web about Title IX, which will celebrate 50 years in 2022. Several Bay Area AAUW branches have programs scheduled focusing on Title IX and all its aspects, not just sports.

With COVID-19 restrictions and no May luncheon planned for 2021, Jan Cushman will reign as OML Distinguished Woman for another year.

Our advertising team under Pat Lopker’s leadership has raised \$3,394 for this year. Be sure to mention AAUW-OML when you use the advertisers services.

Mary Leigh Miller and Laura Wittenberg are working to present a slate of officers for the 2021-2022 year. If you are interested in a position, please contact them ASAP.

**Linda Bochte, Secretary**

NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE UPDATE

**There is no escaping the necessity for this important part of our branch. The OML governing board shapes the branch’s purpose, direction and functionality, and relies each year on a nominating committee to come up with a viable slate of candidates.**

**The committee is continuing to look for several important positions to fill.**

**To this end, expect to hear from us!**

**Mary Leigh Miller,  
Laura Wittenberg and  
Stacia Cragholm**

**FOCUS ON ... A PROPOSED  
NEW BRANCH PRIORITY**

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion ~  
A Black Lives Matter Allies Group Update**

A lot is happening with the AAUW-OML’s BLM Allies Group, which has been meeting about six months now to learn and discuss how racism is pervasive in our social, political, justice systems and economic policy. We are studying what steps we can take to create awareness and affect change. AAUW-CA is now asking all branches to identify a branch Diversity, Equity and Inclusion chair position to develop, implement, and monitor programs and activities that promote diversity and inclusion at the AAUW branch level. Therefore, the BLM Allies Group is recommending next steps that our branch can take to support these efforts.

We are recommending board approval of the creation of a **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee**, the chair for which would be appointed by our presidents. We also are proposing that Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion become a branch priority, not just a special interest group, especially since these are also AAUW-CA and National priorities. The DEI committee would continue to have a reading and discussion group for our members in order to gain a better understanding of diversity, equity and inclusion issues and policies, and also make available a list of up-to-date relevant materials for the entire membership and community. The DEI group would plan to sponsor a speaker for one of our general membership meetings, which is also open to the public.

The DEI Committee would partner with other community groups to encourage a more inclusive and diverse Lamorinda community. In fact, we are planning be co-signers of a letter, initiated by the Moraga Kiwanis and supported by other community organizations, that says we will stand up against hate, racism, and all forms of discrimination in our community. The DEI Committee will advocate for public policies that will result in progress towards increasing diversity, equity and inclusion in our schools and community.

The BLM Allies Group meets every second and fourth Wednesdays at 10 am. All OML members are welcome to attend. Contact Denise for the Zoom link. Turn to page 9 for more information.

**Denise Burian**

**JANUARY GENERAL MEETING  
~ THE TAKE-AWAY ~**



Assemblywoman **Rebecca Bauer-Kahan** was the speaker at our January 19 General Meeting. The planning committee had asked her to concentrate on her advocacy for Gender and Racial Equity. She gave a thorough and inspiring talk on her efforts as well as what is in the pipeline for upcoming legislation impacting these issues as well as the environment and the Covid crisis.

**Gender Equity** As a member of the Select Committee on Reproductive Health she spoke of efforts to extend support for women in rural communities, communities of color, immigrant women and pregnant women in prison. As a member of the bi-partisan Women’s Legislative Caucus, barriers to women’s well being are being addressed such as more child care slots, attention to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence and trafficking. Bills were passed to eliminate taxes on menstrual products as well as diapers. She told of successful efforts to not cut education or MediCal.

**Racial Equity** Her priorities for the year are The Miles Hall Foundation working on the LifeLine Act (an alternative to 911 for person’s experiencing a mental health crisis), which will prevent future police interventions such as resulted in the death of Miles Hall. A person would now be able to call 988 when witnessing someone having a mental health episode. Police reform measures also include AB 892, a bill that will examine the “use of deadly force” so that it is not used unless a police officer is in danger. Other racial equity efforts include anti-bias training for physicians, lawyers, judges, et.al as well as an ethnic studies course requirement for the California State University system. A similar requirement for high schools was passed but vetoed by Gov. Newsom.

**Environment** Clean Air and wildfire preservation bills are in the pipeline. Another priority is reforming the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) which has done a poor job of cleaning up hazardous waste.

She ended by offering her staff to assist us if we need help, including getting appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine.

**Laura Monin, Co-Chair, Public Policy**

**If you missed the January meeting, you can listen to the recording of  
Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan’s presentation to AAUW-OML by clicking on:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/-JCKQc8fvJIHQIQ-CQDCkfELOEscREN117mA0uLbphmp\\_ytHAYx7QH9KvJL9788.uZpakWmJEr1WjSZk](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/-JCKQc8fvJIHQIQ-CQDCkfELOEscREN117mA0uLbphmp_ytHAYx7QH9KvJL9788.uZpakWmJEr1WjSZk)



## CELEBRATING WOMEN THROUGH BOOKS



### The Book Fair Is Here!

Visit Orinda Books (276 Village Square, Orinda), or call (925) 254-7606 or go to [orindabooks.com](http://orindabooks.com) and pick out your books to support scholarship's only fundraiser. The book fair begins February 1 and runs through February 28. Scholarship will receive 20 percent from the books sold at our table.

At the bookstore, our AAUW table will feature the books celebrating women and highlight our AAUW-OML community projects. Orinda Books owner, Pat Rudebusch, might add new books to our table throughout the month. There are a variety of genres (fiction and nonfiction) and some beautiful books for children. The Black Lives Matters group might like the new book called *Three Mothers*. This is a celebration of the lives of three African American mothers whose sons – Martin Luther King, Jr; Malcolm X; and James Baldwin – left an indelible mark on America. Our new First Lady has a book called *Where the Light Enters*. A heartwarming memoir, Dr. Biden shares her story of building a family after the Biden's endured so much tragedy. If you haven't read *Moment of Lift* by Melinda Gates, the paperback version is now available. Maybe you have young ladies in your life who play sports; they might enjoy *She Persisted in Sports* by Chelsea Clinton.

Take a look at the featured books along with a synopsis for each posted on our website (<https://oml-ca.aauw.net/files/2020/12/book-list-2.pdf>) Share the list with a friend.

Members of the Scholarship Committee will deliver your books for free, or you can use the store's curbside pickup. Contact Bonnie Fend, [brfend@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brfend@sbcglobal.net) or (510) 219-9455, for more information or questions. We hope you will find something of interest, enjoy learning about remarkable women, get prepared for Women's History Month in March, and support us and the Orinda book store!



**Bonnie Fend (on right) with Orinda Books owner, Pat Rudebusch.**

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

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

### NCCWSL Saint Mary's Community Engagement Scholarship

The scholarship committee has approved the recommendation of committee chair, Mary Ann McLeod, to award two young women currently enrolled at Saint Mary's College \$1,000, in recognition for their commitment to community engagement.

Saint Mary's participates in a scholarship program for high school seniors who have demonstrated academic success and shown high potential for excelling in college. These students typically represent first generation, low-income families from underserved communities. While attending college they work in various positions at the college and in community outreach programs to help meet their financial needs. In this time of COVID-19, we are aware and recognize that their community engagement may have changed. Jobs that helped pay for books, tuition, etc., are not there presently, placing a grave hardship on these students.

The young women at Saint Mary's who had attended NCCWSL May 2019 – **Alondra Mendoza** and **Samantha Nieves** – shared with us the challenges students are facing as they try to continue in their schooling given loss of jobs and a means for earning income to pay for some of their education. Working with Alondra and Samantha, we developed new criteria to award students from the high potential program in recognition of a student's effort to continue to do the work of advocating for traditional underrepresented groups in new and creative ways.

These awards validate the leadership roles and accomplishments of exceptional young women who maintain academic excellence and demonstrate a passion for community outreach. We awarded Samantha and Alondra the opportunity to attend NCCWSL 2019. They returned to Saint Mary's College taking on new leadership roles, while continuing to work with our branch to grow our partnership with the college. The feedback from these women was positive, they really appreciated the opportunity to experience such a dynamic and inspiring conference.

After approving the \$1000, we learned there would be a Virtual NCCWSL this year. Registration is \$95 per person. Given the quality of AAUW's past conferences, the committee has agreed to add the funds to register each recipient to participate in the Virtual NCCWSL. Working with Saint Mary's we are hoping there are other resources available to send more young women to the conference as we seek to break through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

**Laura Wittenberg, OML Saint Mary's Liaison**

**MEMBERS CORNER • MEET OUR MEMBERS**



**JUDY HELDER – Member Since 1983**

*Members Corner presents a new Q&A format to showcase members. How did you come to join AAUW? Many have a mentor in OML. For me, it was Judy Helder. She invited me, saying: “Take a job on the board. That is how you meet people.” Best advice ever.*

**Tell us about your journey to OML.**

My neighbor, Lorealee Mogg invited me to attend and join.

**After joining, what board jobs did you do?**

Jean Tuemmler invited me to represent Moraga on the Scholarship committee. On Gloria Weston’s board, I was treasurer. She became my mentor. As president, I would call Gloria for advice at 9 am. She would answer the phone: “Hello, Judy.” That was before caller ID. We laughed about that a lot. I chaired programs, membership, Triad editor, hospitality and Great Decisions positions. We achieved our goal and were named a 5-star, 400 plus member branch by the Association.

**Tell us about the newsletter.**

AAUW-CA wanted our newsletter to be named. Gloria Weston suggested the name *Triad* to represent the three communities in Lamorinda. My son Matt encouraged me to set up a branch website, which he helped build and into which I could paste articles. This later became our upgraded website with a link to the Triad, thanks to dedicated work by Vanessa Crews, Jeanne Melaugh and Bonnie Gallogly. Our newsletter also evolved and was redesigned by Mary Leigh Miller.

**What is a memorable meeting program from your 38 years in OML?**

One of my favorites was when authors Margaret Thaler Singer and Janya Lalich came to teach us about *Cults in our Midst*. Their important book is still relevant today.

**What advice would you give newer members of OML?**

Take a job. It’s the way to make friends and learn how AAUW works. After doing a few board tasks, don’t be afraid to be branch president. For me, it was the easiest job because of the creative work of our members. OML is amazingly full of smart, helpful, and dedicated members.

*Curator’s Note: Judy Helder was named OML Distinguished Woman in 2001. Her late husband George was a beloved math tutor at Burchhalter. A retired music teacher, she sings and performs in the Sweet Adeline Chorus, Diablo Vista, which is an international award-winning group.*

**Interviewed by Lana Reichick, OML member since 1989**

**MEMBERS CORNER**

**What was your journey to AAUW?**

**What projects or groups interest you?**

**What was a memorable program for you?**

**Answer a few questions or write your own narrative.**

**Submit to Lana Reichick: lanasan@aol.com.**

**Subject: AAUW Members Corner**

**DISTINGUISHED WOMAN**

**Jan Cushman will reign for another year!**

We kept hoping for a luncheon to celebrate, among other things, OML’s Distinguished Woman for 2020, **Jan Cushman**. Maybe that will happen in 2021 – we surely hope so!

Ultimately, gift time for Jan became our imperative, so in the closing days of the year, the committee colluded with Bruce (Jan’s hubby) to pop in for the gift-giving. It is a classic Nambé platter inscribed with the OML Distinguished Woman words. Ever warm and welcoming, Jan greeted us, and we got to meet Jan’s daughter Rosalie. Bruce took the photo. This year Tech Trek will be a series of challenges for the organizers and providers of the camp experiences – in our no-longer-new world of Zoom and social distancing. But some things, happily, stay the same. Jan is working with the organizers and with our branch Tech Trek team to provide a good crew of marvelous girls with a great interview and camp experience.



Jan continues her active participation in the Board meetings and planning for branch happenings. Jan’s passion for our mission is constant; we are ever grateful. Her quiet confidence and willingness to engage her creativity and energy are applauded. We are proud and grateful to have you with us. Congratulations, Jan Cushman! AAUW OML Distinguished Woman 2020!

**Gail Chesler,  
Distinguished Woman, 2019**

## UPDATES FROM AAUW NATIONAL

### AAUW Statement on New White House Council on Gender Policy

Kim Churches has been meeting with principals (ED and CEOs) of the leading women's organizations to strategize and push for a White House Council – and it has happened!

AAUW is thrilled to learn that the Biden-Harris Administration has created a White House Gender Policy Council, a team charged with implementing “a government-wide focus on uplifting the rights of girls and women in the United States and around the world, restoring America as a champion for women and girls.”

We are even more delighted that the council will be co-chaired by Jennifer Klein, chief strategy and policy officer at TIME'S UP, and Julissa Reynoso, the incoming assistant to the president and chief of staff to First Lady Dr. Jill Biden. Both women have broad and deep experience fighting for gender equity, and we know they have the wisdom, experience and right-minded approach to advance women's equity.

The task they face is formidable: The pandemic has been devastating for women of color and crushing for women in general. Despite making up the majority of the nation's essential workers, women have disproportionately suffered from our country's inadequate response to the COVID-19 crisis, losing more jobs and taking on family responsibilities that drove many out of the labor force. The road to recovery will be long, but with this council guiding the way in an intentional, coordinated fashion, we are confident we'll be swiftly traveling in the right direction.

Throughout its nearly 140-year history, AAUW has worked with our nation's leaders and policymakers to amplify women's voices and to advocate for the educational advancement and economic security for women and girls. We stand ready to work with the new administration's Gender Policy Council to ensure that racial and gender equity remain front and center as the new administration moves forward.

### Change in Degree Requirement Up for a Vote

The AAUW National Board of Directors strongly supports elimination of the degree requirement for membership and will put the requirement up for a membership vote this spring. This important change is a critical step in bringing AAUW's bylaws and membership requirement in line with our mission of advancing equity for women and girls. While AAUW is fiercely committed to the educational attainment of all women, given our commitment to inclusion, this is simply the right thing to do.

Proposals to eliminate the degree requirement for membership have come before the membership for vote a number of times. The Board feels very strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now counter to our mission, and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

Members can comment on the proposed amendment from January 11, 2021 through February 5, 2021 5 pm ET. Voting will open on April 7, 2021 and close May 17, 2021 5 pm ET.

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

## JANUARY IBC REPORT

The Contra Costa County Interbranch Council (IBC) consists of members from the nine AAUW branches in Contra Costa County. The purpose is to share ideas and promote cooperation among the branches. The IBC meets five times a year at 7 pm on the third Tuesday of the month. Obviously, this year IBC has been meeting by Zoom. There was discussion that perhaps IBC will keep the Zoom format even after branches return to in-person meetings. The IBC has no physical meeting place anymore so a return to in person would require finding (and paying for) meeting space. On a dark and stormy night, the IBC representatives were happy not to have to be driving somewhere.

The nominating committee, which consists of members from Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek (DAWC), Benecia-Vallejo, and Delta Contra Costa, will be required by the March meeting to come with a slate of officers for next year. Cindy Alpert (San Ramon) volunteered to be treasurer as her name is already on the IBC bank account. Debbie Cummings (Delta Contra Costa) volunteered to be vice-chair. I was surprised to learn that OML will be the secretary again for next year as all terms are two years. I didn't know that when we were drafted for this year. That leaves only the chair position to be filled.

The main topic of conversation at the meeting was the planning for the virtual Tech Trek. Only West Contra Costa branch indicated they will probably not participate. Some of the smaller branches are only nominating last year's selected girls, other branches are doing both last year's and also taking new nominations. Branches also shared upcoming and past meeting ideas. Clayton branch did Chair Yoga at its last meeting which was popular and sounded fun.

**Alison MacKenzie, Co-President**



## 2021 STEM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



The STEM Conference will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2021, via Zoom. Registration will open on February 1 for up to 120 middle-school girls, about half of our normal conference attendance.

The day will begin at 9 am with a keynote speaker, **Francesca Hinkamp**, a Pediatric Geriatric Counselor. Her story on how she went from a BA in Sociology from USF to a new career in genetic counseling is very interesting. She received an MS degree in Human Genetics from Northwestern University. Today, she provides pioneering

genetic counseling in pediatrics, adult medical genetics, neonatal intensive care and pediatric cancer predisposition at the UCLA Institute for Precision Health in Los Angeles. Francesca participated in Sister-to-Sister as a middle schooler in 2002 and again as a mentor in high school in 2008. She shares, “that day as a participant shifted the way I thought about my social identity as a young woman and my participation as a mentor was meaningful and helped to shape by leadership abilities.” We are thrilled to have her back speaking to middle-school girls.



Following Francesca, each girl will participate in two of the 10 hands-on workshops being offered. Our presenters, most of whom have presented at our STEM conferences, figured out ways to create a virtual hands-on workshop.

For the workshop *Green Plants Make Rubber Gloves*, students will be given a Rainbow Loom Travel Kit to make a polymer chain bracelet and learn about the science behind it.

Another workshop – *Seeing and Touching DNA*, the students will select three fruits or vegetables from which they will extract DNA, and will be provided with the materials to do the experiments.

In the *Wind Power and Speed* workshop, the girls will discuss how scientists use wind power and build an anemometer to measure the wind speed at their own houses.

Our popular *S’mores* workshop will have the girls explore data-driven experimental design for making something they are familiar with – s’mores. They will design an experiment in small groups (via Zoom rooms), and figure out the specified amount of microwave time to get the s’mores to various levels of “melt.”

The conference will end at 11:30 am this year, because, well – how long can you be in Zoom meetings before you need a break?

Please help us get the word out. If you know of any Lamorinda area middle-school girl who wants to attend, they can find the link to register on our STEM Conference web page: <https://oml-ca.aauw.net/stem-conference/>

**Denise Burian,  
STEM Co-Coordinator**

## GIRLS4STEM

The two webinars we had in January were outstanding. Dr. Rosalie McGurk, PhD Astrophysicist (and Jan Cushmans’ daughter) spoke about spectroscopes. Christy Tormey, BS in Mechanical Engineering, spoke about the highlights as well as the challenges of getting an engineering degree and working at the Chevron Refinery.

All of our webinars are recorded and available on the Girls4STEM website page for about 30 days. So please send any high school girl, or older, who is wondering about career options, to our OML website to watch our past webinars and register for our future webinars.

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

We are holding two webinars in February. The first is on Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 4 pm with Heidi Sallee, MD FAAP. She is an associate professor of pediatrics at Saint Louis University School of Medicine (and daughter of Laura Wittenberg.) Her presentation is *On Becoming a Physician*.

On February 21, 2021 at 11 am, Annie Welden, PhD candidate at the School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford, will talk about *Climate Change: Learn How to Make a Difference*.

You can register for both of these on our website by going to:

*Girls4STEM* webpage <https://oml-ca.aauw.net/girls4stem-webinars/>

**Denise Burian,  
STEM Co-Coordinator**



**NEWS from OUR ADVERTISERS**

**Following a very successful Advertising Campaign . . .  
YOU are now in charge!**

To meet the COVID-19 year’s unique challenge for ad fundraising, pricing with full, half, and complimentary rates became the new norm. With the addition of “choice” we were allowed to publically continue yet another aspect of promoting knowledge of OML Branch mission and projects which benefit women and girls.

Almost a year ago, we made a plan for the advertising committee to face the COVID-19 business shutdowns and ever-changing business models with optimism. We did just that. I am so pleased with our results! By greeting each client, we could individually provide a means for continued ads and perhaps some income. This included thoughtful input from team members who had the closest insight to anticipate their own client’s needs. What had looked insurmountable became doable. We raised an amazing 85 percent of the previous 2019 budget. We also more than met our goal – a goal to: “remain connected, be helpful where needed, and to be publicly appreciative of the AAUW mission-support gained.”

The OML member directory was published and delivered in November. Eight ad team members met with our community businesses while also expanding the knowledge of ever-changing OML meetings, projects and programs. For very generous support of the OML mission, we thank you and all of the 27 renewing members, and additionally, two new advertisers. (As mentioned in the November TRIAD, and next month’s, article.) With great appreciation, thank you for participating for and with our membership.

When I say “You are now in charge,” I call on you, the membership, to take this full circle. For the continuance of all this success, your actions are essential. As you visit and do business with our community “friends,” please ask how they are doing, continue to express appreciation for their support, and make an active choice to be in charge of what you can do to support the AAUW mission in a reciprocal way.

A special thank you to editor Mary Leigh Miller for the 2020-21 Member Directory and the newsletters, and to OML webmaster Bonnie Gallogly for the continued new ad information updates.

We are ALL one team making the future possible!

**Pat Lopker, Advertising Coordinator**

**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.

**2020-21 AAUW OML  
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- 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
- 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

**BLM ALLIES GROUP**  
**Wednesday,**  
**February 10 & 24**  
**via Zoom • 10 am**

Contact Denise Burian for Zoom link if you'd like to join this discussion group, [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com).

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

To join in the conversation, contact Denise Burian for the Zoom link, [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com).

**MUSEUM MAVENS**  
**Every Fourth Friday**  
**via Zoom • 4 pm**

Last quarter the museum tours were fun and interesting! We enjoyed amazing tours online with docents, and we will continue with online museum tours this quarter.

To sign up individually, go to [www.covia.org](http://www.covia.org) or email [coviaconnections@covia.org](mailto:coviaconnections@covia.org). If you are on the OML museum mavens email list, the easiest way is to look for the Zoom link from **Marielle Boortz** on the morning of the tour. She will also be graciously hosting a Zoom group meeting on the fourth Friday of the month at 4 pm.

Contact **Marjorie Singler** if you have questions: [msingler@comcast.net](mailto:msingler@comcast.net), or text 878-5915.

**ANYONE WHO HAS READ**  
**THE BOOK**  
**Friday, February 19**  
**via Zoom • 10 am**

The selection for February is *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. If you don't usually receive a Zoom invite let Jill Eberhard know, [jill@gemed.com](mailto:jill@gemed.com).

**GREAT DECISIONS**  
**Wednesday, February 3**  
**via Zoom • 10 am**

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading a briefing book, watching an accompanying DVD and meeting in a discussion group to discuss some of the most critical global issues facing America today. The materials are provided by the Foreign Policy Association.

Our wonderful group who has continued meeting through the year with our own set of subjects, is ready to go with the eight topics listed below. If you are interested in joining the discussion, our Zoom meetings are held at 10 am on the first Wednesday of the month. Let Judy Helder know.



**Feb. 3:** Global Supply chains and U.S. national security

**March 7:** The future of Persian Gulf security

**April 7:** Brexit: Taking stock and looking ahead

**May 5:** The coldest war: toward a return to Great Power competition in the Arctic?

**June 2:** China and Africa

**July 7:** The two Koreas

**August 4:** The World Health Organization's response to COVID-19

**September 1:** The end of Globalization

For more information, call or text  
**Judy Helder: 980-0151**

For more information on other programs conducted by the Foreign Policy Association, here's the link:

<https://www.fpa.org>

**MEMOIRS & MUSINGS**  
**Second Wednesdays**  
**of the Month**

The Memoirs and Musings is a small but enthusiastic group that was formed in 2007. In our monthly meetings in each others' homes we read and share each others' stories, and have bonded as close friends. Our writings encompass the diversity of our backgrounds that span the cultures of four continents and the richness of experiences over the various decades of our lives. We listen, encourage, support and cheer each other as we share our lives, thoughts and writings.

Through the inspiration of others' writings, sometimes humorous, sometimes heartfelt or heart breaking and always fascinating, and the support and friendship of the group, we have all grown and gained insights. And with the incentive of regular writing we have acquired focus in our efforts; some have or plan to self-publish and others are working toward serious efforts to find a publisher – though our primary goals remain to write, share and support.

We have continued through COVID-19 by meetings on the second Wednesday of the month on Zoom, but are looking forward to a return to face-to-face meetings in the near future.

If you are interested in forming a writing group, any of us would be happy to talk to you about starting a new group. Please call me if you are interested or would like more information.

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**FEBRUARY 2021  
AT A GLANCE**

**1 MON – CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP**

Pass along your books!

**1-28 FEB – Book Fair supporting OML scholarships**

*Read more on page 4*

**3 WED – GREAT DECISIONS**

10 am – Via Zoom

Discussion topic: Global Supply chains and U.S. national security. *Read more on page 9.*

**4, 11, 18, 25 THUR – EVENING SALON**

7 pm – Via Zoom

*Read more on page 9.*

**6 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP**

7 pm – Via Zoom

Contact Sara Lautenbach, [sara@lautenbachs.com](mailto:sara@lautenbachs.com)

**8, 22 MON – GOLF GROUP**

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

**9 TUE – BOARD MEETING**

1 pm – Via Zoom

*Contact Marielle Boortz or Alison MacKenzie to be included.*

**10, 24 WED – BLM ALLIES GROUP**

10 am – Via Zoom

*Read more on page 9.*

**10 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS**

1 pm – Via Zoom.

*Read more about this group on page 9.*

**16 TUE – GENERAL MEETING  
WOMEN SUFFRAGE WARRIORS**

**Speaker: Beverly Lane**

**9:30 – Via Zoom**

*Look for an e-blast prior to the meeting day with a Zoom invitation for this meeting. The link can also be found on the OML website.*

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

10 am – Via Zoom

Book to discuss: *The Dutch House*

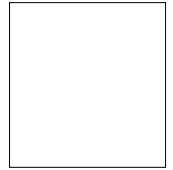
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**19 FRI – LETS GO TO THE MOVIES**

7 pm – Via Zoom

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

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**22 FRI – MUSEUM MAVENS**

4 pm – Via Zoom

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**24 WED – DEADLINE for MARCH 2021 TRIAD**

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

**25 THURS – BIKE RIDING GROUP**

Contact Diane Bell, [dianelouise2020@yahoo.com](mailto:dianelouise2020@yahoo.com).

**MARCH 2021**

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

**9 TUE – BOARD MEETING**

1 pm – Via Zoom

*Contact Marielle Boortz or Alison MacKenzie to be included.*

**16 TUE – GENERAL MEETING**

**Flying Tigers & Vietnam**

**Speaker: OML member, Leslie Pfeifer**

7 pm – Via Zoom

**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.*