

**SEPTEMBER 21**

**In-Person General Meeting**

**SHOWCASE!**

**9:30 am**

**Orinda Community Church**

10 Irwin Way, Orinda

**Join us outside in the Olive Grove  
for social time before we gather  
in Fellowship Hall.**

**Brunch buffet treats will be provided by Herbs & Spices  
Caterers and your favorite breakfast  
beverages will be available.**

**Tables will display information  
on our branch priorities and special interests.**



**Inside, join us in honoring  
our Distinguished Woman,  
... and current OML president**

**JAN CUSHMAN**

**A short business meeting will also be conducted  
in order to pass two proposed budgets  
(please turn to pages 5 & 6)**

**COVID guidelines require that masks be worn at all times  
inside the building. We are requesting that all members  
attending this meeting be fully vaccinated.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**In the event that new COVID restrictions are mandated,  
we will hold the SHOWCASE meeting via Zoom.**

**You will be informed via an email sent out on Google Groups.**

**OCTOBER 19**

**General Meeting**

**9:30 am**

**Orinda Community  
Church**

**CONNECT, THRIVE,  
SUCCEED**

The Saint Mary's College **High Potential Program** helps college women (and men) from underserved communities succeed.

Plan to attend our October meeting to learn about this program, and how our branch is helping some of the students connect, thrive and succeed through scholarships and AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

Read more about our new branch priority – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – and its part in bringing this program to our membership on page 3.

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... PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our August general meeting by Zoom was well attended by AAUW members from other local branches as well as the public. Thanks to **Gail Chesler** for reaching out to the other branches in the Interbranch Council. Noell Cross, Public Education Coordinator, and Taylor King, Fire Inspector, at the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District provided

timely information on how to prepare the exterior and interior of your home for a fire emergency. So important with the wild fires raging in California!

Taylor talked about the importance of clearing the shrubs and lower tree branches in the area around your house. At my house, we cleared out a short ornamental maple and several fringe flower shrubs next to our garage. We were stunned to find small, extremely dry branches hiding under the green leaves on the outside of the shrubs – tinder that would be ignited in a heartbeat! We now have a five-foot border of ornamental gravel and paved walkway around the perimeter of the entire house. Be sure to read Gail's wrap-up article on the next page.

Noell showed a striking video demonstrating the reason why you should “close before you doze.” It showed how having a closed door between your bedroom and a house fire could save your life. In the video, the bedroom with the door open was severely damaged and the bedroom with the door closed survived with no apparent damage. Having working smoke alarms and a closed door will allow you to escape. And give you time to grab your “go bag” with your medications, papers, change of clothes, water, flashlight, etc. If you didn't see the presentation, it is posted on our website. Here's a link to the house burn video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-cQKITISII&t=20s>

The branch's strategic plan has been updated and is now posted on our website. Click on the “Members” link at the top of the page.

On August 26, our branch was recognized by AAUW National for meeting all the requirements for the 2020-2021 5-Star Branch National Recognition Program! We are one of the six branches in California and 48 branches nationally to achieve this status. Thanks to everyone who made this possible! Quite a wonderful achievement demonstrating our commitment to AAUW's mission and strategic plan. There is a new 5-Star program for 2021-2022. We'll be working on meeting the new requirements – details to come next month.

Please join us on September 21 at 9:30 am for a reception outside the Orinda Community Church followed by our meeting inside – masked and distanced. As the current Distinguished Woman, I will be giving a presentation about my history, career and passion about Tech Trek. I think of my life in thirds – the first third growing up and going to school, the second third parenting and working, and now retirement. I'll also share some of the activities from this summer's virtual Tech Trek camp. In addition, we need to approve the annual budgets for the branch and the Community Outreach Fund – you can take a look at them in this Triad. See you there!

**Jan Cushman, President**

BOARD MEETING  
August 10, 2021

Our August AAUW-OML Board meeting was well attended with many ready to set plans for the coming year.

The August 18 meeting will concern the topic important to all: disaster preparedness. At the thermometer rising and the water utilities suggesting rationing, we must all be prepared.

We are looking forward to gathering “in person” with our members on Tuesday September 21 at 9:30 am. We will enjoy the outdoor setting of the Olive Grove at the Orinda Community Church where we can enjoy coffee, tea and nibbles with friends not seen during the pandemic.

It is truly time to celebrate our Distinguished Woman, Jan Cushman. Jan has been involved with our young Tech Trekkers as well as California State Tech Trek officers so that our girls could take part in the Tech Trek Virtual Camps this summer. Jan is our Distinguished Woman.

**Maryellen Judson, Secretary**

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**FOCUS ON ... JAN CUSHMAN**

Here’s to the longest serving Distinguished Women in the herstory of (probably) any AAUW branch – our own **Jan Cushman**. She found her way into our hearts and secured our gratitude for the many services and many ways in which she participates in our activities. We give thanks as well for her can-do, will-do attitude. Those processes she moved forward in our behalf were at Tech Trek (dorm mom, branch coordinator, fund raiser), at board meetings, at ShredFest events, at get-togethers, at all the places of our branch.



*Distinguish Woman committee, Gale Chesler, Pat Lopker and Sandy Fox-Sohner with Jan back in March, 2019.*

We are thrilled to now have her at the head table as the president of our group!

At our September meeting, we are pleased to say a public – out loud – in person – thank you. You all know her; you all appreciate her. We say “Hip, hip, hooray!”

**Gail Chesler, Distinguished Woman, 2019**

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS UPDATE**

**September Is National Preparedness Month**

**What you need to know about getting READY for a DISASTER**

Some good questions are now more important to me than they were before. Where is the disaster? How do I know if I am supposed to evacuate? Where did I put the plan – who is our out-of-area family contact and do all family members have a copy of our plan with them? Is there enough gas in the car? How about money



in small bills? Wait a minute – do I need a go-bag for the cat or dog? How much water per day per person? (one gallon per person per day) What about my meds? Remember to take them!! What’s in the go-bag?

At the August 17 webinar, our speakers dealt with the answers to these questions and more, including a significant discussion of “defensible space.” We were also pleased to be joined by members of other AAUW branches; more of that kind of sharing will be helpful to us all.

For me, disaster preparedness – or sometimes the lack of disaster preparedness – is very serious business. People can get through the disaster with awful results or people can weather the storm with a good plan and carry through. Creating your plan and gathering the necessary supplies isn’t hard. *The hard part is deciding to do it.*

Those who registered for the webinar should have received or seen a link to the recording. The recording is great, and it’s going to be enhanced with a lot of extra information about lists of **must-haves** – the things that go with you (if you evacuate) or stay at home to provide sustenance (if you shelter in place) like a well-organized list of the important papers you’ll want to have on a flash drive in a sealed plastic bag. **All that and more will be posted on our website as your reference material.**

AAUW-OML 2021-22 got off to a good start on August 17 at our webinar. Stay tuned over the coming months.

**Gail Chesler, Program Committee Member**

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) group is very happy to support the Scholarship Committee and Saint Mary’s Partnership in bringing Jenée Palmer, Director of the **High Potential Program Student Support Services** to speak to our branch in October about what Saint Mary’s College is doing to increase diversity, equity and inclusion at their school.

These programs help ensure the students in the program not only have the financial, educational and emotional support they need to succeed in college, but have developed the confidence and skills they will need to thrive in their chosen careers. People ask about what will DEI do besides being a book and discussion group. Highlighting and supporting programs like this is a great example of what DEI is all about. While we want to reduce systemic bias in our public policy, economy and education, we will actively encourage and support programs, public policy and any action that will advance equity, diversity and inclusion - for ALL.

**Denise Burian,  
Chair, DEI Group**



**SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE**



**Shelby's and Scholarships**

**A Special All Day Fundraiser  
on October 19 at Shelby's Restaurant  
in Theatre Square, Orinda**

At the September meeting put your name in the hat for a chance for a \$25 gift card to Shelby's! A suggested donation of \$5 for two tickets will be appreciated to support our high school and Saint Mary's college scholarships. A winner will be picked at the September meeting.

The scholarship committee is partnering with Shelby's restaurant in Orinda for a restaurant day. 10 percent or more of the proceeds for the day will be donated to our scholarship fund. Join us for lunch, dinner, takeout (or all three!) on Tuesday, October 19 **all day**. There is ample free parking with validation in the garage. If you order takeout, you can ask for curbside delivery at the restaurant, so no one has to get out of the car in case COVID is a concern. They also offer delivery. Check their website for menus, ordering and reservations and takeout information at [www.shelbyseatbetter.com](http://www.shelbyseatbetter.com). Tell your neighbors, family and friends to go to Shelby's on that day! Plan to go to lunch with AAUW friends after our October 19 meeting. A couple of nice bottles of wine will be part of a silent auction held at the restaurant. (You need not to be present to win).

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

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Join the scholarship committee! We meet the first Thursday of the month at 1 pm. In late February and March, we read applications and interview local high school and Saint Mary's College students. In addition to enjoying each other's company, the highlight of the year is reading the applications and learning about these young women making their place in the world. Please contact Mary Ann McLeod or Bonnie Fend if you would like to join our committee.

**Mary Ann McLeod  
Co-Chair Scholarship**

**AAUW FUND  
LUNCHEON**

This fall, the delta variant is making in-person luncheons a bit risky, so our AAUW Fund Recipients will be speaking via Zoom.

You are welcome to view the presentations on Saturday, October 23, Saturday October 30th, or Sunday, November 7, each from 10 am to noon. Details on how to register for these meeting will be announced in the October Triad.

**Diane Bell,  
VP, AAUW Fund**

**STEM and GIRLS4  
STEM UPDATES**

The next STEM meeting is Tuesday, September 7 at 4 pm via Zoom. We need more volunteers to help us plan the next Girls4STEM (First webinar planned for October) and STEM Conference, for which planning will begin in October as well.

Contact Denise Burian to find out more about being a registration coordinator, outreach coordinator, or volunteer coordinator and to be included in the Zoom invite to our planning meetings.



**Denise Burian,  
Chair, STEM Committee**

**PROPOSED BUDGET ~ COMMUNITY OUTREACH 501(c)4**

AAUW OML COMMUNITY OUTREACH FUNDS, INC  
 BUDGET FOR FY2021-22 rev.8-21-21/mjb

	FY2020-21 ACTUALS	FY2020-21 BUDGET	PROPOSED FY2021-22 BUDGET
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>AAUW Fund</b>			
AAUW Fund Expense	-4,850.00	-3,200.00	-4,000.00
AAUW Fund Income	4,850.00	3,200.00	4,000.00
<b>Total AAUW Fund</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Burckhalter</b>			
Expense-books and supplies	-1,328.27	-1,400.00	-7,000.00
Income-Donations	3,595.00	300.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Burckhalter</b>	<b>2,266.73</b>	<b>-1,100.00</b>	<b>-6,000.00</b>
<b>DEI (Diversity,Equity,Inclusion)</b>			
Expense	-25.00		-1,000.00
Income	1,125.00		300.00
<b>Total DEI (Diversity,Equity,Inclusion)</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>		<b>-700.00</b>
<b>Scholarship</b>			
<b>Expense</b>			
Awards Day-flowers,folders,deco	-57.79	-125.00	-60.00
Misc. exp.	-18.45	-40.00	-50.00
Orinda Books Startup Costs	-40.34	-50.00	-50.00
Printing	0.00	-50.00	-50.00
Scholarship-NCCWSL	-3,930.00	-4,000.00	-3,000.00
Scholarships	-9,000.00	-9,000.00	-6,000.00
Restaurant fundraiser start-up costs			-50.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>-13,046.58</b>	<b>-13,265.00</b>	<b>-9,260.00</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Donations	5,675.00	800.00	1,000.00
Orinda Books Project	465.00	300.00	350.00
Restaurant fundraiser			250.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,140.00</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>	<b>1,600.00</b>
<b>Total Scholarship</b>	<b>-6,906.58</b>	<b>-12,165.00</b>	<b>-7,660.00</b>
<b>STEM Conference</b>			
<b>Expense</b>			
Ambassador Mtg.	0.00	-400.00	-200.00
Bettleheim-Technology/Zoom	-3,242.99	-1,800.00	-2,000.00
Bettleheim-Workshop Honoraria	-900.00	-1,400.00	-600.00
Bettleheim-workshop materials	-83.96	-2,400.00	-200.00
Bettleheim - field trips	0.00	-400.00	-280.00
Breakfast-volunteers	0.00	-200.00	-200.00
Bus Rental	0.00	-1,500.00	-1,500.00
Conference lunch	0.00	-4,400.00	-4,400.00
Evaluation luncheon	0.00	-200.00	-200.00
Event materials	0.00	-800.00	-800.00
EYH fee	0.00	-250.00	-500.00
Keynote speaker stipend	0.00	-250.00	-250.00
Prizes	0.00	-200.00	0.00
Publicity, brochures	0.00	-300.00	-300.00
Scholarships	0.00	-1,000.00	-1,000.00
Snacks and Meals	0.00	-300.00	-1,300.00
St. Mary's additional rental	0.00	-880.00	-1,000.00
Tshirts, tote bags	-935.95	-3,300.00	-3,000.00
Volunteer Training Day	0.00	-100.00	-100.00
Workshop leaders stipends	-900.00	-2,000.00	-2,000.00

## PROPOSED BUDGET ~ BRANCH 501 (c) 4

## AAUW OML BRANCH

BUDGET FOR FY2021-22. rev 8-21-21/mjb

	FY2020-21 Actuals	FY2020-21 Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Branch Dues	2516.00	2760.00
May Luncheon	0	300.00
Triad Subscription	160.00	160.00
<b>Other Types of Income</b>		
Advertising	3569.00	0.00
Interest	1.74	5.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	344.96	0.00
<b>Total Other Types of Income</b>	<b>3915.7</b>	<b>3225.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6591.7</b>	<b>3225.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Administration</b>		
Supplies	49.79	50.00
Membership interbranch council	50.00	50.00
Computer	168.16	100.00
Filing Fee	0	40.00
Funds Assessment	65.00	65.00
Insurance	460.00	600.00
Memorial Gifts	400.00	100.00
Postage	209.40	250.00
Printing/Copies	0	100.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>1402.35</b>	<b>1355.00</b>
<b>Community Involvement</b>		
AAUW Fund Contribution	5000.00	0.00
AAUW Fund	97.30	100.00
Public Policy	0	50.00
<b>Total Community Involvement</b>	<b>5097.30</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>Leadership Recognition</b>		
Distinguished Woman Award	196.79	250.00
Past President's Pin	60.00	80.00
<b>Total Leadership Recognition</b>	<b>256.79</b>	<b>330.00</b>
<b>Meetings</b>		
Zoom Account	503.86	720.00
Hospitality Supplies	151.13	150.00
May Luncheon	0	300.00
Program	1284.59	1400.00
Room Rental	0	600.00
<b>Total Meetings</b>	<b>1939.58</b>	<b>3170.00</b>
<b>Membership</b>		
Advertisers	0	150.00
E-news	154.00	160.00
Overview/Directory	148.45	400.00



**PUBLIC POLICY**

**Put Women at the Center of Crisis Recovery**

More than half of US mothers who left their jobs during the pandemic did so because their child’s school or daycare closed—and many women cannot return to the workforce without access to paid leave and child care. It’s a key reason that the percentage of women in the labor force is the lowest it’s been in 32 years.

**But every crisis brings opportunity.**

The U.S. Senate voted last week to advance a budget resolution that includes paid leave and child care. As Congress works through its final budget, take action and tell them they must prioritize these important measures to help women and their families thrive. It’s long past time for the United States to join other developed nations in providing paid caregiving leave to worker. This information is provided by Kathleen Harper, Director, and Sue Miller, California Public Policy Committee Co-Chairs, [publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org)

**California Legislative Update:**

Legislature reconvened August 16 after summer recess.

- AB92 is a bill related to preschool and child care services and fees that AAUW California is co-sponsoring, is now in Senate Appropriations.
- Of our initial list of 39 bills on which AAUW California took positions or is watching, one has been signed by the Governor (re-hiring employees displaced by the pandemic) and 18 are still active.
- The State Budget was signed by Governor Newsom.
- A one-time influx of federal funds plus unanticipated California tax revenue increases have enabled addressing some issues that will significantly improve child care and education.

**The budget:**

- Adds 200,000 more subsidized child care spaces, which would almost double the state’s total supply,
- Increases the amount the state pays to child care providers for each subsidized child, (although the details have yet to be ironed out),
- Creates transitional kindergarten (TK) for all four-year-olds,
- Extends the school year and school day for all low-income elementary students.
- Provides \$115 million to develop pathways for an associate degree in which students don’t have to spend money on textbooks,
- Provides state-funded breakfast and lunches for all students, starting this fall,
- Invests \$2.8 billion to turn about a third of the state’s 10,000 schools into community schools that provide health care, family services, and after-school programs through local partnerships, and
- Provides \$4 billion for a mental health and behavior system that will provide screenings, counseling, and therapy from birth through age 25.

**Local Public Policy Actions**

The local Inter Branch Council (IBC) has established a Public Policy Committee! The goal of our new committee is to harness the combined strength of all our IBC branches to make our Public Policy initiatives maximally efficient and effective. We envision our branch taking an active role.

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



**We need your help**

The State Senate is back from summer vacation and they are preparing to vote on several critical bills. Among them is the Racial Justice Act for All (AB 256, Kalra), which will provide much-needed relief for Californians who have experienced racial bias in the criminal legal system. Many senators are currently undecided. They need to hear from you.

**Urge your senator to vote YES on the Racial Justice Act for all.**

The Racial Justice Act of 2020 was the first step toward eliminating racism in our criminal justice system, but it does not go far enough. Right now, people with criminal convictions from before January 1, 2021 are not covered. The new Racial Justice Act for All will extend the Racial Justice Act protections to those who have already been harmed by unjust convictions and sentences. We need your help to pass this bill and ensure equal access to the law for everyone.

**Demand Racial Justice for All**

We know all too well that racism and discrimination are nothing new. Those with prior, racially-biased convictions and sentences deserve equal justice under the law and have waited long enough for relief. Your senator has the power to provide that relief, but they’re on the fence. We cannot let anyone suffer a moment longer from unfair treatment by the courts. Message your senator today to help pass the Racial Justice Act for All.

**Carol Moon Goldberg  
President, LWVC**



**BURCKHALTER NEWS**

This month we received a donation of new children's clothing from Peggy Cabaniss' friend, Kathy Mitchell. Kathy is the president of the Rossmoor thrift shop. We took over 20 boxes/bags to Burckhalter. The principal knew right way which children needed a new shirt or new pants and appreciated getting the clothes.



We may be only a few weeks away from going back and opening the library. New furniture has arrived and we are anxious to get everything set up. Students and staff greeted us by saying, "when will the library be open?"

Let me know if you want to join us in this very rewarding volunteer opportunity.

**Janette Maher,  
Burckhalter Coordinator**

**~ IN MEMORIAM ~  
DEBBY BARNELL**



Twelve-year OML member, Deborah Barnell, passed away on July 6 at the age of 84 in her home in Orinda, where she had lived for over fifty years. Debby served in several board positions in our branch, including Program VP and twice as Membership VP. After retiring from teaching and administrative positions in the Contra Costa School district, she and her husband hosted foreign exchange students and embarked on many overseas cruises. She was also active in the Montelindo Garden Club as well as in the Orinda Community Church where a celebration of life was held on August 21.

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**SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES**

**EVENING SALON**

**Thursday September 2 and 16**  
Via Zoom and in members' homes • 7 pm

This discussion group meets first and third Thursday evenings from 7-8:30. We have lively discussions about issues of the day. Please join us. Contact **Denise Burian** to get on the mailing list: [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com).

**GREAT DECISIONS**

**Wednesday, September 1**  
Via Zoom • 10 am  
**Are We Doing the Right Thing in Afghanistan?**

Considering what is happening right now, we may be more concerned about current events and are planning to have a free-flow discussion about our thoughts and feelings this month. This is history happening. **K. deGroot** will lead the discussion and give an introduction. Because it is not so time sensitive we will postpone **The Future of Persian Gulf Security** until the October meeting. Contact **Judy Helder**, [judyhelder@gmail.com](mailto:judyhelder@gmail.com), for more information.

**BOCCE BALL**

**Monday, September 6 and 20**  
Moraga Commons • 9:30 am

There are two bocce ball courts at the Moraga Commons available on Monday mornings. If you would like to join in the fun, let **Mary Leigh Miller** know. Contact her at 360-4443 or on-line at [mlmiller602@gmail.com](mailto:mlmiller602@gmail.com).

**BIKE RIDING GROUP**

**Thursday, September 30 • 9:30 am**

Join us for biking on the Iron Horse Trail or the Contra Costa Canal Trail. – mostly flat, few hills and a great time to get some exercise and talk. Please let **Diane Bell** know, [dianelouise2020@yahoo.com](mailto:dianelouise2020@yahoo.com).

**DEI – BLM ALLIES GROUP**

**Wednesday,**  
**September 8 and 22**  
Via Zoom • 9:30 am

We will begin reading *Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice that Shapes What We See, Think and Do*, by Jennifer Eberhardt, PhD. We are reading and discussing Part I, through to page 43, for our September 8 meeting. Contact Denise Burian to be added to the mailing list, [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com).

**ORIGAMI ANYONE?**  
**A new interest group**



Do you want to learn how to make beautiful origami lotus flowers to use as decorations for holiday packages? (Very easy to make!) Or fold cranes in lovely washi paper to hang on a tree? Or maybe you would like to learn basic folds and make simple animals and flowers. An origami interest group is being considered. To be placed on a contact list for a Zoom planning meeting email **Lynda Leonard** at [lyndaeleonard@gmail.com](mailto:lyndaeleonard@gmail.com).

**MUSEUM MAVENS**

**Wednesday, September 15**  
Via Zoom • 12 noon  
(Note: new day and time)

Starting in September, join us for Zoom museum tours every Wednesday from 11 am-12 noon with a program called *Well Connected*, run by Covia, and on-line discussions of tours every third Wednesday of the month, at noon, hosted by **Marielle Boortz**.

If you would like to be on the museum mavens list to get links for the Zoom tours, email **Marjorie Singler** at [singler-marjorie@gmail.com](mailto:singler-marjorie@gmail.com) or text 878-5915.

**ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK**

**Friday, September 17**  
**10 am • Orinda Books**  
**A Good Neighborhood**  
by **Therese Ann Fowler**

The following meetings will be held at Orinda Books if possible. Otherwise they will be either in a member's home or on Zoom.

**Books selected for the rest of the year:**

**October:** *The Buried* by Peter Hessler  
**November:** *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

**December:** *Beneath A Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan

**January:** *Euphoria* by Lily King

**February:** *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride

**March:** *Life Undercover* by Amaryllis Fox

**April:** Hardback selection! Whichever is in paperback by February.

**1st choice:** *The Splendid And The Vile* by Erik Larson

**2nd choice:** *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

**May:** 10:30 am luncheon and selections of books for the 2022-2023 list - location TBA.

Co-chairs: **Jill Eberhard** Home (925) 254-5589 Cell (925) 451-7908

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New book club co-chairs, **Mary Mlynek** and **Susan Wilson**, will take over in January, 2022



**SEPTEMBER 2021  
AT A GLANCE**

**1 WED – GREAT DECISIONS**

10 am – Via Zoom

Discussion topic: *Are We Doing the Right Thing in Afghanistan?*  
*Read more on page 9.*

**2 THUR – SCHOLARSHIP PLANNING MEETING**

1 pm – Home of Mary Ann McLeod.

**2, 16 THUR – EVENING SALON**

7 pm – Via Zoom and possibly in a member’s home on the third Thursday.

Contact Denise Burian for more info, [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com)  
*Read more on page 9.*

**6, 20 MON – BOCCE BALL**

9 am – Moraga Commons bocce ball courts

Contact Mary Leigh Miller, [mlmiller602@gmail.com](mailto:mlmiller602@gmail.com)  
*Read more on page 9.*

**7 TUES – STEM and Girls4STEM PLANNING MEETING**

4 pm – Via Zoom

Contact Denise Burian for more details.

**8 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS**

1 pm – Via Zoom

Contact Carol Messinger.

**11 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP**

7 pm – Via Zoom

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

**13, 27 MON – GOLF GROUP**

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

**14 TUE – BOARD MEETING**

1 pm – Via Zoom

*Contact Jan Cushman to be included.*

**15 WED – MUSEUM MAVENS**

12 noon – Via Zoom

*Read more on page 9* **17 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK**

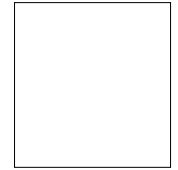
10 am – Orinda Books.

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**17, FRI – LETS GO TO THE MOVIES**

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**21 TUE – WELCOME BACK GENERAL MEETING**  
**9:30 am – Orinda Community Church**  
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**24 FRI – DEADLINE for OCTOBER 2021 TRIAD**  
Send all articles to Mary Leigh Miller, 631-9694  
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**30 THURS – BIKE RIDING GROUP**  
Contact Diane Bell, [dianelouise2020@yahoo.com](mailto:dianelouise2020@yahoo.com).  
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**OCTOBER 2021**

**12 TUE – BOARD MEETING**

1 pm – Via Zoom

*Contact Jan Cushman to be included.*

**19 TUE – SPECIAL PROGRAM with SCHOLARSHIP and SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE**  
**9:30 am – Orinda Community Church**

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