

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

SHOWCASE

9:30 ~ 11 am

Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall

**Advancing Equity in Justice
in Contra Costa County**

BRANDON BANKS

Chief Assistant,

Contra Costa Public Defenders,

**will speak on social issues and
their impact on the lives of many**

from our underserved communities.

Turn to page 7 to read more about this presentation by D.E.I.

**We will also be showcasing
our branch priorities
and special interest activities.**

Enjoy appetizers and a choice of beverages.

***Please plan to bring your friends to this kick-off meeting
– it's a great way to introduce them to our branch!***

SHELBY'S and SCHOLARSHIPS

**~ TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20 ~
Support Our Scholarship Fund!**

**Why don't you join us following Showcase
for lunch at Shelby's in Orinda?**

Bring your old sneakers to Showcase too!

Turn to page 4 for all the details on both fundraisers.



★ **Get the Facts
Before You Vote!** ★

You are invited to a special AAUW and League of Women Voters ZOOM presentation of the PROS AND CONS of the seven propositions on the November 2022 California Ballot.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11
7 pm**

*Notice change from our usual
general meeting date and time.*

Look for the Zoom link in the October Triad. It will also be posted online.



Become better informed about the background of each proposition, what the costs and benefits would be if passed, who supports and finances the proposition and who opposes and finances efforts to keep the proposition from winning.

FORMAT: There will be a short video presentation for each proposition with time for questions and answers. ★

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The proposed budgets for our branch, which we will be voting on at the September meeting. **Page 5**

... PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome back to a great year packed with outstanding programs, exciting projects, fun and varied activities. At its core, AAUW is an organization whose mission is to seek equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. As a branch, we seek to not only be in alignment with AAUW and its overall strategic plan, but also to provide a venue for friendship, continued education, action in our community, and support of women and girls.

The four pillars of AAUW's national Strategic Plan are Economic Security, Education, Leadership, and Governance/Sustainability. At our recent board meeting in August, we used the morning to focus on our branch's alignment with AAUW's national plan. Our community outreach projects (Burckhalter, Scholarship, STEM Conference, Tech Trek, and DEI) each align with providing the first three goals of the national strategic plan.

In discussing governance and sustainability for our branch, we concluded that three top priorities this year are the following:

- **Fundraising** – what does our branch need to do to fund the many projects and activities that we take on each year? How can we work together to sponsor a single fundraiser benefiting all activities of the branch versus having each project handle their own individual fundraising?
- **Membership** – how can we attract more members from different age groups? What types of programs and activities will interest a wider range of women? What are new ways of providing members opportunities for information, activities, friendship, and support for women and girls?
- **Communications/Community Engagement** – how can we better inform our community about our branch, about our projects, about our efforts to advocate for women and greater equity and justice for them?

We look to all members to join us in meeting these goals for the year. Please take time to see the many special interest groups within our branch, sign up to work on one or more of the community outreach projects, come to our general meetings, and if all else fails, work from home to advocate for equity and justice for all, particularly for women and young girls.

Peggy S. Cabaniss, President, OML Branch

You can read notes taken by Denise Burian on Congressman Mark De Saulnier's August 17 Town Hall presentation on *Protecting Reproductive Freedom*. Click here:

<https://oml-ca.aauw.net/files/2022/08/Notes-on-Town-Hall-on-Reproductive-Freedom.pdf>

BOARD MEETING August 9, 2022 • Saint Mary's College

On August 9th, OML board members met at Saint Mary's College for a special strategic planning session. We were fortunate in having Dr. Elizabeth Davis, Dean of the School of Economics and Business Administration, lead us in a brainstorming session to discuss how we can help our branch have the best year possible. We have many ideas and outstanding plans. Our meeting centered on where we ideally want to go as well as what our limitations are in terms of volunteer hours and money.

Each of our community outreach projects did a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis of their project. Note some of the comments from each group:

We do need some more workers to get the books on the shelves at Burckhalter. The STEM Conference is looking for workshop ideas and speaker/leaders. Scholarship is looking for a "few or BAGS FULL" of tennis shoes that we can turn into money for scholarship awards. Tech Trek girls have completed camp and are eager planning for next year. With 2022 being an election year, public policy has speakers who will enlighten us and make us better voting citizens.

All these plans will require the help of our members. We know you will be willing to lend a hand. We want the activities of our branch to align with the four priorities of AAUW's national Strategic Plan which is to provide programs for women that foster economic security, education, leadership and governance/sustainability and fundraising.

We are eager to increase our membership. Please invite neighbors and friends to our September 20, 9:30 am meeting (at the Orinda Community Church) where we will Showcase our plans. We will be offering information through our public policy about the issues facing the upcoming elections. In addition to our robust programs and projects, we offer many additional activities that allow us to enjoy good times and develop lasting friendships. Bike riding, golf, bocce ball, and hiking are just of few fun things we do. Enjoying movies, books and travel are others.

Maryellen Judson, Secretary



FOCUS ON ... TECH TREK

Virtual Tech Trek Camps Are a Success!

The girls who attended one of two virtual Tech Trek camps had a blast designing “wearable tech,” complete with learning engineering design principals and how to program LED lights and servos to move an object. They individualized their creations with items representing their interests, strengths and values. They also included a representation of a “STEMinista,” a successful woman in STEM. Here are some pictures of the girls with their tech designs:



Aria Falahati



Kaitlin Kinsey



Lils McCarthy



Madeline Carpenter



Miracle Gu

After lunch, there were inspirational talks by women working in a variety of STEM fields followed by two hands-on workshops each day:

- **Exploring Water at Its Surface** – surface tension experiments including a couple with shaving cream
- **Strawberries Have DNA?** – lecture on DNA and extracting DNA from strawberries and each girl’s spit
- **Lights, Waves, and Plasma, Oh My!** – lecture and building a spectroscope using a kit with a diffraction grating
- **Magnifying the Miniscule** – building a microscope from a paper kit, a lens and magnets
- **Blowing in the Wind** – lecture and building a windmill to do the work of lifting pennies
- **Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Power=I2** – lecture on constellations and building a constellation with copper tape, LED lights and a battery
- **The Magic of Paper** – making a paper cube from 12 origami bowties
- **Math Is on the Menu** – making pizza dough for a pizza for four and calculating how to convert the recipe to feed 8 or 100 people, making conversions of volume and weight measurements.

Evenings were spent with optional presentations, including a tour of a Tokamac device being developed to produce thermonuclear fusion power.

Sheila Apte volunteered as an afternoon coach for all eight of the workshops. In addition, former Tech Trekkers Camille Bradley, Michelle Shen, Giorgia Stankus, Emma Wong and Jada Hembrador volunteered as coaches and Emilia Gutman led the *Blowing in the Wind* workshop. Great support for the camps from our branch!

Overall, more than 100 volunteers ultimately delivered over 3,500 hours of volunteer coaching and mentoring in the two 41-46 hour camps with 178 campers! Thanks again to Dr. Mary Isaac of San Diego for acting as the camp director and organizing the camp for the second time!!

Jan Cushman, Chair, Tech Trek



Turn to the next page to read about upcoming Tech Trek fundraisers.

SCHOLARSHIP and TECH TREK FUNDRAISERS



**Shelby's and AAUW
Unite to Support
Local Scholarships**

Join the scholarship committee on September 20 after our September showcase meeting at Shelby's in Orinda Square for lunch. Meet with AAUW friends old and new and catch up over your summer activities. Bring some new friends and family. Shelby's is donating 10 percent of the day's profits to our local high school scholarships and Saint Mary's High Potential Program.

If you can't make lunch you can also come to dinner and/or order takeout. Or do all three! This is scholarship's main fundraiser so we need your support!

Check their website at www.shelbyseatbetter.com for menus, ordering, reservations, and takeout information or call 925-254-9687. There is ample free parking with validation in the garage. Reservations are preferred.

**Another Opportunity
to Support
Local Scholarships**

**Bring your used and/or new sneakers
to our meeting on September 20.**

We will send them to a company that will either give your shoes to people that can use them, or they will be recycled into mats or playgrounds. The scholarship committee will in turn earn funds for their scholarships.

This fundraiser will be ongoing from September through May. With your help, we can keep sneakers out of landfills, reduce toxic chemicals in our air and soil, and raise money to support our local scholarships. Let's make a difference together! Ask your neighbors and family. Bring the sneakers to our in-person monthly meetings. Look for our sign, drop them off, and we will take care of the rest!



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

**A Taste of Walnut Creek
Restaurant Walk Is Back!**

The 23rd Annual Restaurant Walk
will be held on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18.**

The organizer, Congregation B'nai Tikvah,
plans to have restaurants signed up
and passports available soon.

This year tickets will be \$36.
Plan to come stroll, eat and support Tech Trek!

~ 2022 SHRED EVENT ~

**SAVE THE DATE:
SHRED PAPERS ON SITE**
Destroy CDs • DVDs • Hard Drives

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 8**
9 am to noon
at 5A Rent-A-Space
Moraga



AAUW-OML's annual Tech Trek paper shredding fundraiser will return as an annual event at 5A Rent-A-Space on the second Saturday in October.

Mark your calendar. Plan to securely shred three full boxes of papers to help us meet our Tech Trek goals to send local middle school girls to AAUW's own Tech Trek science & math camp.

Quick and easy. No need to get out of your car. Our same annual Tech Trek volunteers will lift and empty your boxes into the secure paper shredding truck, returning your empty file boxes to your car.

\$10 per file box. You keep your boxes. No need to remove staples, paper clips, or paper file covers. You may also destroy, separately: metal CDs, DVDs and computer hard drives removed from computers and laptops.

Any questions, email Lana Reichick at lanasan@aol.com.

The OML BRANCH PROPOSED BUDGET for 2022-2023

Each year we ask the OML membership to approve two budgets that are used to fund our branches many priorities and activities. The proposed budgets below will come up for a vote at the September General Meeting on Tuesday, September 20. For questions, contact V P of Finance, Marielle Boortz.

Proposed OML Branch FY2022-23 Budget (501(c)4)

Proposed Community Outreach Fund FY2022-23 Budget (501(c)3)

		Actual FY21-22	Proposed FY22-23
INCOME			
	Branch Dues	2,542	2,520
	May Luncheon	2,366	2,000
	Advertising	2,915	2,900
	Other	227	122
Total Income		8,049	7,542
EXPENSES			
Administration			
	Insurance	450	525
	Memorial Gifts	100	100
	Postage	327	250
	Other	124	175
Community Involvement			
	AAUW Fund contribution	1,100	300
	AAUW Fund expenses	33	100
	Public Policy	0	200
Leadership Recognition			
	Distinguished Woman Award	190	200
	Past President's pin	63	80
Meetings			
	Zoom account	441	540
	Hospitality supplies	179	175
	May luncheon	3,555**	2,000
	Program	200	1,200
	Room rental	575	1,450
Membership			
	e-news	154	154
	Overview/Directory	521	300
	Membership activities	33	300
	Triad	161	150
	Other	51	151
Other		95	0
Total Ex-penses		8,352	8,350
NET INCOME		-302	-808

		Actual FY21-22	Proposed FY22-23
AAUW Fund			
	Expenses	-700	-800
	Income	700	800
Burckhalter			
	Beginning account balance	7062	3357
	Expenses-books, supplies	-5179	-3000
	Fundraiser expenses		-40
	Donations	1475	2200
	Ending account balance	3357	2517
DEI			
	Beginning account balance	1110	1300
	Expenses	0	-300
	Donations	200	100
	Ending account balance	1,300	1,100
Local Scholarship			
	Beginning account balance	24,895	22,188
	Fundraisers expenses	-62	-150
	Scholarships-HS seniors	-6,000	-4,500
	Scholarships-St. Mary's HP/TRIO students	-2,000	-2,000
	Other expenses	-5	-200
	Donations	5,360	3,000
	Ending account balance	22,188	18,338
STEM			
	Beginning account balance	16,090	5936 **voided uncashed checks
	Zoom/mail chimp accounts	-1,582	-600
	Conference intern	-1,767	-1,800
	Conference meals, snacks	-2,468	-4,700
	Conference honoraria	-1,700	-1,700
	Materials	-536	-1,000
	St. Mary's rental fee	-4,994	-6,500
	T-shirts/tote bags	-3,036	-4,500
	Conference other expenses	-891	-1,250
	Conference attendee fees	4,760	5,200
	Donations	1,560	11,000
	Ending account balance	5,436	86
Tech Trek			
	Beginning account balance	16,977	14,970
	Camper scholarships	-5,500	-7,000
	Fundraisers expenses	-138	-1,340
	Other expenses	-292	-425
	Parents' contributions	40	350
	Donations	3,882	8,940
	Ending account balance	14,970	15,495
Unallocated			
	Beginning account balance	7,471	8,074
	Expenses	-445	-100
	Allocations to projects	-1,200	0
	Income, donations	2,248	2,500
	Ending account balance	8,074	10,474

** Includes a Branch-hosted September membership brunch in 2021.

25 YEARS of STEM

Yes, that's right! OML has been prioritizing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics education for almost 25 years. This spring we will celebrate our twenty-fifth year commitment to STEM education and advocacy.



The Tech Trek program was started by the California AAUW in 1998 and OML has been involved from the beginning. Through the Tech Trek program and STEM Conferences we have offered hands on workshops to over 1000 Lamorinda middle schoolers.



Please help us celebrate our 25 years of STEM education by joining us at the March 25, 2023, STEM Conference and our Scholarship Awards Ceremony on April 16, 2023. Come and see OML's rising STEM stars.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Jan Cushman or Stacia Cragholm. The STEM committee meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Breakfast of Leaders

Heidi Mayer, Laura Wittenberg, and I had breakfast with 10 of our 12 ambassadors one Sunday morning recently. I wish all of you could have been flies on the wall to witness the energy and the excitement in the ideas being generated. At each STEM Conference the ambassadors are responsible for training volunteers and overseeing the logistics of the conference. Our ambassadors this year are ready to roll, to recruit junior monitors, to train them in person, not on Zoom.



Stacia Cragholm, Chair, STEM Conference

One of their jobs is to welcome our members and ask them to join in a campus tour the weekend before the conference. Heidi, Laura, and I left our breakfast with goosebumps and an incredible feeling of optimism. Want to help with the ambassadors and be intoxicated by their leadership? Contact Stacia!

SCHOLARSHIP

We congratulate our AAUW-OML awardees as they prepare for the next phase in their education. **Carly Hoskins** is attending Vanderbilt University, **Emma Bonardi** is going to the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and **Mariestella Heo** is attending Northwestern. Angela Garcia is completing her senior year at Saint Mary's College. Their many achievements are impressive. I will be sharing more information about their accomplishments in future Triad articles.

Bonnie Fend, Joan Foster and Jill Fernald are working on two upcoming fundraisers—our partnership with Shelby's Restaurant on September 20 and Sneakers for Scholarships program. Look for more information on page 4 in this Triad.

Our scholarship committee will meet on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm. However, if working members would like to participate on our committee, we are prepared to hold some evening Zoom meetings. If you would like to join our committee, please contact me or sign up at our September meeting!

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

BURCKHALTER UPDATE

We are back in the library after summer break. Students and staff are excited to see us and it really warms your heart to see how much they appreciate us. Next week we will highlight some of the new books.

You don't have to be in AAUW to work at Burckhalter library. Several members have invited their friends to join us so if you would like to come with a friend, you are both welcome.

**Janette Maher,
Burckhalter Coordinator**

SEPTEMBER 20 PROGRAM Sponsored by D.E.I.



**Advancing Equity in Justice
in Contra Costa County**

This is the topic to be presented by Chief Assistant Public Defender for Contra Costa Public Defenders (CCPD), **Brandon Banks**. Barbara Bell (Programs Chair) and I met with him recently to discuss his presentation to our general meeting on Tuesday, September 20.

While we will be showcasing what our branch does to advance equity for women in our communities, Brandon Banks will be showcasing what CCPD does to advance equity in our criminal justice system. He said there is currently an evolution in public defender’s offices away from a traditional restricted role of public defense to an expanded more wholistic approach to serving clients who are in the criminal justice system and in need of defense and support. There is an intersection of social, economic, education, and economic justice issues that impact the clients in the criminal justice system. The emerging wholistic approach addresses the client as a whole to address root causes of why a client is in the criminal justice system, provide the representation they need in the legal system, and to consider other needs that help them successfully transition back into the community. CCPD is developing a data driven approach to services and resources, and how they can have a positive effect on the community they serve directly and the wider community as well.

The DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) committee is sponsoring this speaker to educate us on on what CCPD does, and after meeting with Brandon Banks, we are very excited to hear about their work. They are keenly aware of the goal of advancing equity in justice and how the changes they are making will move the arc of justice forward. Please come to the September Showcase to learn about their new vision for public defense in Contra Costa County.

**OML BRANCH
MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

As we go through the “dog days” of summer, we await the last 19 renewals to AAUW and our OML branch!

Thanks to all who have responded. Look forward to seeing everyone at our September general meeting

**Linda Bochte
VP Membership**

PUBLIC POLICY

ERA UPDATE



- The required 38 states have already ratified the ERA.

- The US House of Representatives has voted to remove the time limit from the preamble of the ERA.

- It has also introduced H. Resolution 891 – with 179 co-sponsors – to declare ratification of the ERA valid and that it is the 28th Amendment to the US Constitution.

Only ONE barrier remains.

We must now win the US Senate approval of the House Resolution to remove the time limit, declare the ERA ratification valid and enshrine the ERA in the Constitution. Given the reversal of Roe v. Wade, the ERA is needed more than ever.

OML Public Policy will be working to get out the vote in November and will host the League of Women voters in October for their insights on our ballots. Your participation would be wonderful.

Brandon Banks began his career with the Contra Costa Public Defenders in 2002. Mr. Banks was raised in Richmond, California, and graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law in 2002. During his time as an attorney with the CCPD, Mr. Banks has represented clients in cases ranging from misdemeanors to serious felonies. He has tried over seventy-five jury trials, including multiple homicide cases. Before becoming the Chief Assistant Public Defender, Mr. Banks supervised the Arraignment unit, the Clean Slate unit, and the Probation and Parole Supervision unit. He was also previously the lead attorney in the Clean Slate unit, where he worked to enhance the Contra Costa Public Defender’s engagement with the local community and partner agencies to expand post-conviction relief to the locally impacted population. Mr. Banks has worked with local community advocates to convince the county board of supervisors to impose a moratorium of the locally imposed criminal fees. At the state level, he worked with a coalition of criminal court reform advocates to get criminal fee elimination legislation passed.

**Denise Burian, Chair, DEI Committee
Barbara Bell, Co- VP, Programs**

**Connie Whitting,
Co-Chair, Public Policy**

ADVERTISING UPDATE

Challenges Met - Success Ahead

The pandemic demands on us as an organization – and an advertising team – have been met with success. We can be refreshed to think ahead with a positive approach. While the 2020 directory renewal of advertising gained a couple months, the 2021 directory lost a couple months due to a later publication date. We are back on target with a one year renewal and I look forward to working on this new ad campaign.

However to add comment, OML Ad Team was successful each of these two years in maintaining the support of valued advertisers and generating over 50 percent of the previous annual ad income. This was accomplished in spite of several business closures.

How about you? Think of businesses you frequent where you spend money. Where do you have a good rapport with the owner or decision maker? You don't need to "sell ads." Just ask your key business contacts if they will help support the work of our AAUW-OML branch. Or, please accompany a team member to help make the connection. Through their ad support, they can partner with us, to continue the important work we do with and for local women and girls.

The OML Branch of AAUW has accomplished this by:

- sending 1000+ girls to Tech Trek science and math camps since 1998,
- creating and annually staffing a STEM Conference for middle-school girls,
- keeping the library at Burckhalter Elementary in East Oakland open since the 1990s,
- providing college scholarships to area high school seniors for over 35 years and
- sending SMC college students to a national leadership conference that teaches women how to negotiate starting salaries in their early professional careers.

Although the Ad Team rarely meets, each of us individually maintains a structured working relationship with our key accounts. One OML member finding one new advertiser would be a significant contribution to the work of this branch through the ad accounts we serve. If fifteen of our members could get just ONE business they already support to run a business card size ad for \$150/year, we could gain back recently decreased revenue. Each ad, large or small, would add to "success ahead."

Thank you in advance for contributing your efforts.

Pat Lopker, Advertising Coordinator

IT'S COMING!

The 22-23 OML DIRECTORY

Gail Chesler will be taking over putting together the branch directory this coming year, with help from Pat Lopker, our advertising coordinator.

Look for updates on their progress in upcoming Triad issues.

2022-23 AAUW OML SPONSORS/ ADVERTISERS

*AAUW members

LAFAYETTE

- Asian Accents – Original Designs in Jewelry by K. de Groot*
- Creative Alterations – Josef Jamkochain
- DIABLO FOODS
- Persons Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery – Barbara Persons, MD FACS
- The Service Outlet – Marc Harvey
- The UPS Store
- Ware Designs – Fine Jewelry

MORAGA

- AAAAA Rent-A-Space
- National Assoc. for Advancement of Female People – Diane Bell*
- Town Bakery and Cafe
- The UPS Store
- ViaVienté – Lana Reichick*

ORINDA

- Angie Evans Traxinger & Joan Evans* – Village Associates Real Estate
- Casa Orinda
- Meadow View Winery
- Soraya Golesorkhi* – Coldwell Banker Realty
- The UPS Store

WALNUT CREEK & Beyond

- Bay Alarm Company
- Herbs & Spices Catering, Alameda – Wendy Shay
- Milner's Jewelers, Countrywood Shopping Center, Pleasant Hill

Please refer to the membership directory for complete advertising information.



SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

EVENING SALON

Thursday, September 8
At Laura Wittenberg's home
6 pm

Our next meeting is at the home of Laura Wittenberg (outside on her patio). It will be Thursday, September 8, at 6 pm. All members are welcome for appetizers and wine. We have an open discussion about issues of the day – social, cultural, important news stories. And we laugh, not about the news, but we always find something to chat and laugh about. Contact Denise, denburian@gmail.com.

BOCCE BALL

1st & 3rd Mondays
Moraga Commons • 9:30 am

We meet for fun but also play in the Tuesday evening bocce ball league, which is now over until next May. Contact Mary Leigh Miller at 925 360-4443 or online at mlmiller602@gmail.com for more information.

HIKING EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS

Saturday, September 10 & 24

Hikes scheduled for September through East Bay Parks are not on our usual Saturday mornings. So we are planning our own hikes this month and will start them at 9:30 am due to heat. It is important to bring water, poles, sunscreen and a hat. Contact Marilyn Evans, marilynbevans@att.net, for more information.

September 10 will be Redwood Park, meeting at 9 am to carpool at Outdoor Supply Hardware (behind Canyon Brewery)

September 24 will be led by Anne Tompkins and we will all meet at the Springhill Staging area at 9:30 am (across from Acalanes High School)

MUSEUM and GORGEOUS GARDENS GROUP

Cornerstone Gardens, Sonoma
Friday, September 23

This newly reimagined interest group will be visiting gardens and having lunch afterwards as well as visiting museums locally and on Zoom. Our first in person group event this year is at beautiful Cornerstone Gardens in Sonoma. Friday September 23, 10 am to 3:30 pm, including lunch and possible tour. RSVP by Sept 10 by emailing Trudy Barron at trudylbarron@gmail.com and she will set up carpooling and meeting place.

CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP BOOK LIST for 2022-23**Fiction**

Horse, by Geraldine Brooks
Midnight Library, by Matt Haig
Our Woman in Moscow, by Beatriz Williams
The Thursday Murder Club, by Richard Osman

Wish You Were Here, by Jodi Picoult
The Last White Man, by Mohsin Hamid

Non-Fiction

The Chancellor, by Kati Marton
Who Killed Jane Stanford, by Richard White
Behind Their Screens, by Carrie James and Emily Weinstein
Crying in H Mart, by Michelle Zauner
Hearts Touched with Fire, David Gergen

BIKE RIDING GROUP

Thursday, September 29 • 9:30 am

Our group bicycles on the last Thursday morning of each month. We ride on trails (not on streets). Please contact Diane Bell for information about this month's ride: dianelouise2020@yahoo.com.

ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK

Friday, September 16
Via Zoom • 10 am

Book to discuss: *A Town Like Alice*, by Nevil Shute, historical fiction, A tale of love and war follows an enterprising heroine from the Malayan jungle of World War Two to the rugged Australian outback. The story in Australia includes Aboriginals and cattle raising. Contact Susan Wilson for the Zoom invite, schnappsmom@sbcglobal.net.

DEI – BLM ALLIES GROUP

Wednesday, September 14

Via Zoom • 10 am

The DEI-BLM group will start meeting again on Wednesday, September 14 from 10 am -11:15 am. We were to read *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander over the summer. (I better get reading to catch up!) We will discuss it on September 14 and likely also in October.

We (the DEI group) are sponsoring the speaker presentation at our September meeting. *Advancing Equity in Justice in CCC* will be presented by Assistant Public Defender Brandon Banks. Read more about this on page 7. Contact Denise, denburian@gmail.com, for more information.

GREAT DECISIONS

Wednesday, September 7
Via Zoom • 10 am

Susan Wilson will lead a discussion of the industrial policy in the United States – not just how it supports specific companies or industries, but how we can trust its ability to manage the economy and deal with a rising China. To be part of this discussion, contact Marielle for the Zoom invitation, mjboortz@aol.com.

SHOWCASE ~ SEPTEMBER 20

All our special interest groups will be showcased at this kick-off general meeting. You will have the opportunity to sign up and get more information on each activity.

ORIGAMI ANYONE?
Returns October 17 at 1 pm

**SEPTEMBER 2022
AT A GLANCE**

1 THURS – SCHOLARSHIP MEETING
1:30 pm – Mary Ann McLeod’s home

5, 19 MON – BOCCE BALL
9:30 am – Moraga Commons bocce ball courts
Read more on page 9

6, 20 TUE – STEM PLANNING MEETING
1-3 pm – Oakwood Athletic Club,
4000 Mt Diablo Blvd, Lafayette

7 WED – GREAT DECISIONS
10 am – Via Zoom
Read more on page 9

10 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP
5 pm – Home of K. de Groot
Contact Sara Lautenbach for more information.

12, 26 MON – GOLF GROUP
Contact Jan Gee for time and venue,
jgee17@yahoo.com.

8 THUR – EVENING SALON
6 pm – Laura Wittenberg’s home

10 SAT – REGIONAL PARK HIKE
9 am – Meet at the OSH parking lot, Moraga.
Read more on page 9.

13 TUE – BOARD MEETING
1 -3 pm – Orinda Community Church

16 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK
10 am – Via Zoom

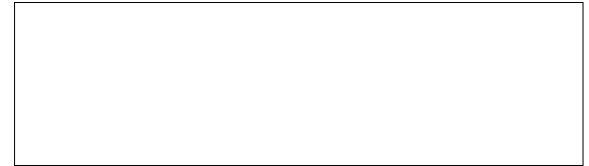
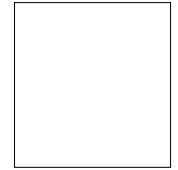
16 FRI – FRIDAY EVENING MOVIE GROUP
5 PM – Home of Mary Leigh Miller

20 TUE – SHOWCASE
Advancing Equity in Justice in Contra Costa County
9:30-11:30 am – Orinda Community Church

20 TUE – SHELBY’S & SCHOLARSHIPS
All day – Shelby’s Restaurant, Theater Square, Orinda
Read more on page 4.

21 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS
1 pm – Via Zoom
Contact Carol Messinger.

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24 SAT – DEADLINE for OCTOBER 2022 TRIAD
Send all articles to Mary Leigh Miller, 925 360-4443
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23 FRI – MUSEUM & GORGEOUS GARDEN GROUP
10 am – Cornerstone Gardens, Sonoma
Read more on page 9.

24 SAT – REGIONAL PARK HIKE
8:45 am – Meet at the Springhill staging area.
Read more on page 9

29 THURS – BIKE RIDING GROUP
9:30 am
Contact Diane Bell, *dianelouise2020@yahoo.com.*

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11 TUE – BOARD MEETING
1 -3 pm – Orinda Community Church

11 TUE – PUBLIC POLICY
The League of Women Voters Discuss the Propositions
7 pm– Via Zoom

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL
SPECIAL INTEREST COORDINATORS:**
*If your group decides to meet on a different day or
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inator, BONNIE GALLOGLY, so she can update the
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