

Evening Salon

Members meet in the evening once a month to discuss current culture and issues of the day, topics which will be decided upon by the group.
Second Thursday, 7 pm, via Zoom or members' homes
Denise Burian denburian@gmail.com

GIG (Games Interest Group)

Members meet in each other's homes and play games (dominoes, board, dice, cards, etc.) made available by the hostess, or members bring their favorite games to play.
Dates & Locations TBA
Laura Wittenberg laura.wittenberg.mft@gmail.com

Golf

Interested members can get together for golf twice a month at local public courses. All handicap levels are invited for either 9 or 18 holes.
Second and Fourth Mondays, Time and Place TBD
Janita Gee jgee17@yahoo.com

Great Decisions

Great Decisions Discussion Program is a world affairs educational program bringing people together to discover, discuss and decide opinions on foreign policy issues. Materials are provided to help people reach informed opinions on issues.
First Wednesday, 10-11:30 am (Currently via Zoom)
Judy Helder judyhelder@gmail.com

Hiking – East Bay Regional Parks

This hiking group meets twice a month on Saturday mornings to take a moderate, three mile hike in one of the East Bay Regional Parks, led by a naturalist.
Second & Fourth Saturday
Janette Maher kidlitivr@hotmail.com

International Travel

Members and spouses or friends meet at members' homes for an international travel talk from a chosen trip or destination.
First Saturday, 6:30-10 pm, members' homes or via Zoom
Sara Lautenbach sara@lautenbachs.com

Let's Go to the Movies

Members and spouses see the movie for the month at their convenience and then meet in members' homes for a potluck dinner and discussion of the film. Those attending will choose the next month's movie.
Third Friday, Time: TBA members' homes or via Zoom
Mary Leigh Miller mlmiller602@gmail.com

Memoirs and Musings

Everyone has a story! Whether you have already begun your memoirs or have just been thinking about doing it "someday", this might be the interest group for you! We are a sharing, supportive group, and all levels of writing abilities and experience are welcome. Please call or email Carol for more information if you wish to attend a meeting or to start a new Memories interest group.
Third Wednesday afternoon, members' homes or via Zoom
Carol Messinger messingerd@aol.com

Museums & Gorgeous Gardens (formerly Museum Mavens)

We have newly reimagined our interest group to include gardens of the East Bay as well as museums. We will be visiting gardens and having lunch afterwards as well as visiting museums locally and on Zoom.
Dates & Locations TBA
Marjorie Singler singlermarjorie@gmail.com

Origami Anyone?

Are you interested in a peaceful activity with friends that results in making colorful butterflies, interesting vases, frogs, owls, cranes, flowers, boxes? Origami might be for you.
First & Third Monday, 1 pm, in members' homes
Lynda Leonard lyndaeleonard@gmail.com

Note: Many of our special interest groups have been affected by COVID in terms of how they meet. Some groups meet by zoom, some meet in member's homes, and some have suspended meeting until the pandemic is over. Please check with the chair of each group for more information.

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BRANCH**

2022-2023 OVERVIEW

**AAUW advances equity
for women and girls
through advocacy, education,
philanthropy and research.**

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AAUW Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch Overview • 2022-2023

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

AAUW VALUE PROPOSITION

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

MONTHLY EVENTS

Most General meetings are held at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Watch the Triad for details or check branch website: oml-ca.aawu.net. Scheduled dates/times for 2022-23 are:

September 20	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
October 11 (via Zoom)	Tuesday	7 p.m.
November 15	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
January 17	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
February 21	Tuesday	7 p.m.
March 21	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
April 16	Sunday	3:00 p.m.

Scholarship/Tech Trek Awards Program

May 16 (Luncheon)	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.
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Location TBA

SPECIAL EVENTS

Shred Papers on Site*: October 8, 5-A Rent-A-Space, 9 am-noon

Restaurant Walk*: Tuesday, October 18

Fellows Luncheon: Saturday, October 23, 22 & November 12,

10 am-noon; Sunday, October 23, 1-3 pm – all via Zoom

Holiday Party: Tuesday, Dec. 6 – 4-6 p.m. Moraga Art Gallery

STEM Conference: Saturday, March 25, 2023, Saint Mary's College

* Tech Trek Fundraisers

ASSOCIATION & STATE PRIORITIES

AAUW Fund

AAUW Fund supports fund programs and their administration, to advance our mission to achieve gender equity for women and girls. They are grouped into three strategic focus areas, Education and Training, Economic Security, and Leadership. These include research, campus programs, STEM education, public policy, case support, educational funding, member leadership development, and salary negotiation. For 2022-23, \$6 million will go for awards and grants.

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Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

AAUW supports branch DEI Committees to promote acceptance of diversity acknowledging that many populations have been and remain underrepresented in many aspects of the broader society. Equity is understanding the root causes of disparities and promoting justice and fairness. Inclusion is welcoming all to participate fully in processes and decision-making of an organization.

Denise Burian denburian@gmail.com

Public Policy

"We the People" is the fourth branch of our government. The individual does make a difference. The Public Policy Committee keeps us informed about current issues so that we may be an effective voice in Sacramento and Washington.

Laura Monin lamonin@pacbell.net

Connie Whitting cwhitting22@sbcglobal.net

Tech Trek

Our branch raises funds to send 7th grade girls from our community schools to a week-long science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) summer camp. Each of the girls chosen shows a passionate interest in STEM subjects and is honored at our April event.

Jan Cushman jancushman@comcast.net

BRANCH PRIORITIES

Community Projects

During the school year, we provide tutors and library staff at Burckhalter Elementary School in east Oakland.

Janette Maher kidlitlvr@hotmail.com

Scholarship

This priority coordinates with our three local high school counselors to find graduating seniors who demonstrate leadership skills through community service activities. We work with Saint Mary's College to reward undergraduate students enrolled in the High Potential program. The committee reads applications, interviews students, and selects the recipients of our scholarships. We celebrate their accomplishments during our branch's April awards program.

Mary Ann McLeod mabill100@comcast.net

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Laura Wittenberg laura.wittenberg.MFT@gmail.com

STEM Conference

This STEM (science, technology, engineering art and math) Conference is designed for sixth through eighth grade girls and to inform families about STEM education and careers. OML partners with Saint Mary's College to put on this program on March 25, 2023.

Stacia Cragholm staciawater@hotmail.com

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Anyone Who's Read the Book

Every month we meet to discuss one of a wide variety of books, both fiction and non-fiction. We welcome all branch members who have read that month's selection.

Third Friday, 10 a.m., Orinda Books or on Zoom

Susan Wilson schnappsmom@sbcglobal.net

Best Seller/Critics' Choice Books

Books are chosen from best-seller lists and favorable reviews. Members pay a fee and rotate ten books monthly, keeping the last book. Note: There are no scheduled meetings.

Andrea Green asdgreen@comcast.net

Bike Riding

Bike with other AAUW members on mostly level trails in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties at a relaxed pace. Each month a different trail is selected with different starting point. Meet at starting location with your bike at 9:00 a.m. Contact Diane Bell when you want to join a ride.

Last Thursday of month, 9 a.m.; Place: TBA

Diane Bell dianelouise2020@yahoo.com

DEI/BLM (Black Lives Matter) Group

During the year we will read 1-3 books to raise our awareness of the root causes of disparities. We advocate for justice and fairness in public policies and processes, and discuss how we can be more inclusive.

Second Wednesday at 10 am (Currently via Zoom)

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Bocce Ball

We meet at the Moraga Commons bocce ball courts for a friendly game or two. No experience necessary.

First & Third Mondays at 9:30

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