

## ***OML Holiday Fundraiser***

**FUN for FUNDS**

**Sunday, December 11**

**5 to 8 pm**

**Moraga Art Gallery**

**432 Center Street**

**Rheem Shopping Center, Moraga**

### **Help us meet a Challenge Grant!**


*We have been issued a challenge  
by several of our members and friends!*

**They will match the amount  
raised at this Holiday Event.  
We have been promised \$3,500 so far.**

*On page 3 there is a list of donors  
who will meet this challenge  
with your donations.*

**Turn to page 3 for lots more  
information and the online link  
to make your reservation.**

This year's celebration will be one of the primary ways  
our branch will be raising money for OML's  
many Outreach Projects.

 Please be sure to read Peggy's President's  
Message on page 2 about our Community  
Outreach commitments.

**January 17, 2023**

**General Meeting  
in person at the Orinda  
Community Church**

**MOBILITY  
MATTERS**

**with**

**Dr. Chris Thompson**

**An Innovative Assessment  
and Exercise Program  
Designed to  
Improve Your Balance.**

**Come in Your Gym Clothes.  
Be Prepared for a Challenge!**

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... PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Celebrating Our Branch**

We look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, December 11, from 5-8 pm at our **Holiday Fundraiser** at the Moraga Art Gallery in the Rheem Shopping Center. We want to celebrate not only the holiday season but also celebrate the many wonderful projects that our branch supports throughout the year.

Just think of the impact that these Community Outreach projects have had over the years on young women and girls:

- **Burckhalter Library Project:** Budget \$3,000. For 30 years, AAUW-OML has been stimulating the minds and inspiring a love of reading and learning in hundreds of young students in an underserved Oakland community.
- **Scholarship Project:** Budget \$6,850. Our branch has awarded scholarships for community service and academic excellence to young graduating women from our high schools and Saint Mary's College.
- **Tech Trek:** Budget \$7,435. AAUW-California is celebrating 25 years as sponsors for this weeklong teacher referred program for girls, designed to stimulate interest in science, technology, engineering and math. Our branch has sent young women every year to Tech Trek. Over 120 raising eighth grade girls have benefited from our sponsorship.
- **AAUW-OML STEM Project:** Budget \$16,800. STEM and AAUW-OML was designed and developed by our members to encourage the interest of middle school girls in science, technology, engineering and math, and is held on the campus of Saint Mary's College. Over 900 curious girls have chosen to participate in this AAUW-OML conference.
- **Diversity Equity and Inclusion Program (DEI):** \$300. A developing project seeks to educate, advocate, and discuss the meaning of diversity, equity and inclusion within us, our branch and our community

All these projects take time and money. We reviewed the financial needs of these projects at our last board meeting and were overwhelmed with the estimated total funds needed to meet the annual budgets for these efforts:

- Burckhalter - \$3,000**
- Scholarship - \$6,850**
- Tech Trek - \$7,425**
- STEM Conference - \$16,800**
- DEI - \$300**

**Total Revenue needed to accomplish all projects for the year:  
\$34,375**

We appreciate your financial support throughout the year to ensure the success of our Community Outreach Projects. It is important that as a branch we all work together and support an overall branch fundraiser that will benefit all our projects. **Please join us for a very special holiday event on December 11 and help continue the benefits our branch offers to young women and girls in our community.**

The board joins me in wishing all of you a healthy and happy holiday season. We hope you have a chance to celebrate the holidays and welcome in the new year with family and friends.

**Peggy S. Cabaniss, President**

**BOARD MEETING  
November 8, 2022**

The full board met at the home of Peggy Cabaniss and the discussion featured the many important activities planned by our priorities and the need to fund our ambitious plans.

With our December 11 Holiday Fundraiser at the Moraga Art Gallery we anticipate reaching our financial goals. The late afternoon part will gather us for holiday cheer, music, and delicious food. Each member is asked for \$50 entry and \$25 for a guest. We are excited to announce there is offered a \$2,000 pledge, which will match our evening's offering. We are pleased to have this challenge grant and know the party will offer a wonderful evening.

Diane Bell has heard Jessica Moss, PhD candidate from Claremont Graduate School, and she promises us an interesting talk on November 15. Ms. Moss has been a recipient of an AAUW Fund fellowship.

In January Chris Thompson, a professor at the University of San Francisco, will offer a program for mobility training.

The board extends holiday greetings to all and hopes to see a great turnout for our First Annual Fundraiser, Sunday, December 11, 5 to 8 at Moraga Art Gallery in the Rheem Shopping Center.

**Maryellen Judson, Secretary**

**There will be no board meeting this month, originally scheduled for Zoom on December 13. We will meet again in person on Tuesday, January 10, at 1-3 pm at Marie Bonilla's home in Lafayette. See you December 11, from 5-8 pm at the Moraga Art Gallery for our fabulous holiday party! Peggy Cabaniss**

**FOCUS ON ... THE HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER • FUN for FUNDS**



*Good Food, Great Wine, Beautiful Art  
and Wonderful Live Music!*

**Come to have fun and at the same time  
help raise funds for:**



- ★ STEM    ★ Scholarships    ★ Tech Trek
- ★ Burckhalter School    ★ DEI

**\$50 members donation**

**\$25 guests**

**Deadline for advance reservations – December 5, 2022**

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY by CLICKING HERE:**

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/JJ9E2WWX6N22Z/checkout/XZDG2ZMQBRRZYKNPRG2GD7IY>

**Questions: Bonnie Fend 510-219-9455 or email to: [brfend@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brfend@sbcglobal.net)**

*Checks can be sent to Bonnie via P.O. Box 6705, Moraga, CA 94570*

*Raffle tickets will be available for a donation of \$20 for 5.  
Here are a few items that you can take a chance on winning:*

- Five Days in a Beautiful Mountain Retreat on the Sonora Pass •
- A Fabulous Gift Basket from Hollie’s Homegrown in Lafayette •
- Restaurant Gift Cards to La Piazza and Shelby’s •
- A Case of International Wines •

*Every dollar we collect from you (including your entry donation)  
will be matched by the following people:*

Barbara Bell

Mary Leigh Miller

Laura Wittenberg

Tom Danis

(Brother of Laura Wittenberg)

Cayo and Fred Marschner

Peggy Cabaniss

Shari Simon

K. de Groot

Kate Chenok



**\$ 3,500 (so far!)**

## STEM CONFERENCE ~ SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023



## The New STEM Logo

As you look at our logo: What do you see? ... A timeless, elegant young woman interested in STEM subjects? A young woman with a brain?

This logo is a group project. Stacia started with a tree, the ambassadors added leaves representing various stem careers, then Laura Wittenberg's, granddaughter, Marie Sallee, saw so much more and created this beautiful, elegant, brainy woman. *What do you think?*



OML welcomes **Dr. Amy Chu**, our newest branch member. She joins the STEM committee and, along with Dean Wensley from Saint Mary's College, will be one of our faculty representatives. **WELCOME, AMY!**

Dr. Amy Chu is an Assistant Professor of Chemistry and an Inorganic Chemist specializing in organometallic syntheses and catalysis. She is particularly passionate about research topics that address the climate challenges of current industrial processes. She leads a team of undergraduate researchers that tackle these challenges by implementing the principles of green chemistry and systems thinking in the design of new synthetic methodologies. Her work is currently supported by the American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund.

Dr. Chu has a BS in Chemistry from the National Taiwan University (2011). She worked with Prof. Thomas B. Rauchfuss as a graduate student and obtained a PhD in Chemistry from the Univ. of Illinois in Urbana Champaign (2016). She conducted post-doctoral research with Prof. Karen I. Goldberg at the Univ. of Washington and Univ. of Pennsylvania. From 2020 to 2022, she was an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Mills College in Oakland CA. After the closure of Mills College in June 2022, she joined the Chemistry faculty at Saint Mary's College of California as an Assistant Professor.

In addition to her role at Saint Mary's College, Dr. Chu is a researcher at the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy where she implements her expertise to formulate policy proposals that empower the climate-friendly transformation of the energy sector.

**Stacia Cragholm, Chair. STEM Conference**

## Celebrating Our Ambassadors, continued

The high school young women who have chosen to be part of the ambassador program are developing their leadership skills and learning to have a voice. They are focused on STEM education and are looking ahead to career opportunities in the STEM field. You met three of our ambassadors in the November Triad. Here are four more!

The ambassadors begin planning in September. They recruit and train most the volunteers, attend Rotary meetings to showcase our conference and manage most the logistics the day of event. These young women are developing potentially life-altering skills and giving hope for the future.



**Camille Bradley**  
Sophomore, Acalanes High School

I have been interested in STEM since I was in preschool and wanted to be a veterinarian and an astronaut and also loved to visit museums centered on STEM. Since then I have been able to look deeper into this through veterinary science projects in 4-H which has greatly grown my love for biology as a whole as well as specifically animal sciences.

After attending AAUW's virtual Tech Trek in 2021 my interest in technology and math has also grown which has broadened my views by leading me to fields that are made up of a combination of my interests such as biotechnology that I previously did not know of. This past summer the opportunity of being a junior build coach for Virtual Tech Trek surpassed my expectations for I learned a new side and viewpoint on coding through helping campers code LEDs and servo motors with Arduino. This allowed for me to be confident in a side of STEM that I previously had little knowledge on in turn giving me greater confidence to pursue not only my previous interests in STEM but also allow myself to explore and look into other sides as potential fields of interest. This has also given me confidence that even if I currently do not know about a subject that I can still learn and become involved with it whereas before I would rarely go outside my comfort zone.

From this I am very grateful for the opportunities that AAUW has given me and so many other girls to explore and gain confidence in themselves and socially to go into and explore possible futures in STEM.

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**MEET MORE of the STEM AMBASSADORS**

**Bella Stratford, Junior  
Campolindo High School**

Hey friends! My name is Bella Stratford, and I use she/her pronouns. I am a junior at Campolindo High School. I have had a deep interest in STEM all my life and have been involved in AAUW since middle school. I love exploring different solutions to problems, planning and putting ideas to action, and communicating ideas with others.

I am very interested in the fields of psychology, hydroponic gardening and agricultural science, and am finding new STEM-related interests everyday! Some programs that have piqued my interest in STEM are working with various animals while volunteering at the San Francisco Zoo, participating in Girl Scout STEM programs, and attending past AAUW STEM Conferences.

I am super excited to be part of the STEM Conference team because it enables me to be part of a team that exposes others to STEM. By becoming an ambassador I hope to inspire other girls to see that STEM is super cool and has many diverse topics for everyone to explore.

**Zoe Seaman Junior,  
Campolindo High School**

This is my second year as an Ambassador, and I have been involved with AAUW since middle school. I've always been interested in medicine. As a young child, I was interested in veterinary medicine, but by early elementary school that quickly changed to human medicine. Anatomy and body systems fascinated me, and I began learning and reading whatever I could to learn more.

In 7th grade, I earned the opportunity to attend Tech Trek. Through attending classes that week, I solidified my interest in medicine even more, but had the time of my life that week. That camp is what taught me to not hide my intelligence and interests. As an Ambassador, my goal is to teach girls who attend events to do the same. While society tells us to hold back and leave



STEM to the men, I want to be a model to young girls to grow and excel in their interests.

Outside of AAUW, I have volunteered in a clinic at a summer camp, and will be volunteering at a local UCSF physical therapy clinic. I'm deeply involved with leadership, and am an Outreach Director for both Campolindo's Women's Awareness On Campus and 10,000 Lunches club. I am the president of our Jewish Student Union, and am the Junior Class Treasurer. I look forward to pursuing medicine in higher education, and will carry the lessons I've learned through participating and leading events in AAUW. This organization truly impacts and improves the lives of anyone and everyone who gets involved.

**Jessica Hui  
Freshman, Miramonte High**



Ever since elementary school I have remembered always wanting to be in the STEM field. From aspiring to be a veterinarian to a nurse to a doctor, I've always had an interest in the medical field. Middle school was when I found myself learning more about human anatomy and I was quickly fascinated in the topic.

I have been fortunate enough to have opportunities around me to further my knowledge and AAUW has majorly impacted my understanding of STEM. AAUW helped me understand the actuality of what it is like to be a female in a male dominated field. It has helped me build my confidence in the STEM field and has also introduced many important mentors in my life. Not only that, but at the conferences I was able to communicate with many peers who had similar interests as me. Being able to talk to them allowed me to realize that there are many young females who feel the same way I do. Having peers is just as important as having a mentor because we all support one another.

This will be my second year on the AAUW team and I am so excited to see what this year brings. I started off as a junior monitor last year helping girls with workshops and this will be my first year as an ambassador. I am thrilled to create a welcoming environment for many girls and help them grow their growing interests in STEM. My goal as an ambassador is to show other girls that they can be confident in their work field. I am so grateful to have AAUW and I hope I can inspire other young girls.

**SCHOLARSHIP**

Each month we feature one of our community service 2022 awardees and highlight an authentic leadership skill we recognized in her community service. Community service allows girls to interact and work with others. In times of change or facing the unknown, leaders are important guides. They also demonstrate genuine caring and concern for others.

**Girls Who Lead Inspire Others in Times of Change**

**MARISTELLA HEO**  
**Acalanes High School**



Maristella spent four years as a member of Acalanes Model UN Club and member of Blueprint, the school newspaper. She served as a delegate, secretary, Head Delegate and President of the Model UN Club. Maristella wrote a story for the Blueprint detailing the Lafayette fires in 2019 and won several prizes for her article. As Editor-in-Chief she spearheaded new projects and led the coverage of the pandemic and the community’s response to Black Lives Matter protests.

As a member of the Young People’s Symphony Orchestra viola section and assistant principal, Maristella guided rehearsals and organized practice Zoom meetings. She was invited to participate in a charity benefit concert at Davis Symphony Hall. Maristella found comfort is music.

She participated in the Saint Mary’s Church Teen band for five years. The band became her second home, offering new friendships and new musical choices. As a singer and pianist for the youth band Maristella organized and performed during church services, funerals, Quinceaneras and community concerts.

Maristella is keenly aware of the value of community service for herself and those she assisted. She said, “Through the teen band, I met grievors who wanted the band to perform at a loved one’s funeral, proud fathers who wanted me to play piano at their daughters’ Quinceaneras and worshippers who had nowhere to stay for the night. While volunteering at church initially saved me, it became how I connected to different communities and helped others grow.”

Our high school and college applications are now available on our website oml-ca.aauw.net. High school senior women at Acalanes, Campolindo and Miramonte are eligible for our community service awards. Sophomore or Junior women in the High Potential Program at Saint Mary’s College are eligible for our community engagement awards. If you know a student who may be eligible for these awards, please ask her to apply.

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



**GOT SNEAKERS?**

**Old? Used?  
 Out of Date?  
 New?**

To clear that clutter and keep them out of landfill, drop your sneakers off at:

- Moraga Hardware
- Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building
- Rossmoor Gym
- 5 A rent a space (new...thanks to Lana!)
- Lafayette Community Center (new)

Doing so will enable AAUW-OML to transform these throw-away sneakers into coveted scholarships for our local high schools and Saint Mary’s College High Potential Program women whom we recognize for their leadership and community engagement.

Our November profits were \$109.25 for a total to date of \$192.50. Our November Sustainability Impact was 195 pairs displaced from landfills, 5,850 pounds displaced carbon dioxide and 440,115 gallons of water saved.

**We are making a difference!  
 Keep collecting those shoes!**

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



## DISTINGUISHED WOMAN COMMITTEE

### We are looking for the 2023 Distinguished Woman of AAUW-OML.

Remember our STEM phrase, “if you see something, say something?” Well, for the distinguished woman we are asking you to “write something if you see something.”

During this season of thankfulness, take a moment and write about one of our members who goes above and beyond, who is always working tirelessly for our AAUW mission.

Mary Leigh Miller (DW ‘06), Judy Helder (DW ‘01), Trudy Barron and Nancy Kornfield are all interested in helping me make the selection. We have room for one more and will have a minimum of two meetings, the first one in January, date to be announced.

**Stacia Cragholm,  
Distinguished Woman, 2022**

## HIGHLIGHTS from the NOVEMBER MEETING



Photos provided by K. de Groot

## BURCKHALTER

Thanks for your donations! There are nine more grateful families at Burckhalter this Thanksgiving as each received a Safeway card for \$25 towards groceries. The total donated was \$225.

**Joanie Jump,  
Burckhalter Volunteer**

## PUBLIC POLICY in ACTION

### AAUW California’s New Statewide Program GOV TREK



The Gov Trek Program is a new virtual program for high school junior and senior girls designed to encourage the next generation to pursue careers in public service. The program is designed, administered, and delivered by AAUW California at no cost to students or branches.

Over five two-hour Saturday sessions covering two months that begin on January 28, 2023, students will engage in interactive and inspiring activities with exposure to women legislators, career options, and the inner workings of a political campaign. The program will culminate in a group competition to create a realistic campaign simulation.

More information is available at [aauw-ca/govtrek/](http://aauw-ca/govtrek/)

Interested students must complete and submit their online registration by Saturday, January 14, 2023.

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

## WELCOME to OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Another new member joined our OML branch, **Lisa Walsh**. She has been volunteering at Burckhalter for the past few months. She is a graduate of UC Davis with a degree in Economics and International Relations and an MBA from Harvard. She is interested in STEM and DEI as well as Burckhalter. Lisa has offered to “give a hand where needed”.

Also joining our branch is **Amy Chu**, currently Assistant Professor of Chemistry and an Inorganic Chemist specializing in organometallic syntheses and catalysis at Saint Mary’s College. She is graduate of Univeristy of Illinois Urbana Champaign with a PhD in Chemistry. She is interested in STEM, Public Policy and DEI. Amy has offered to bring a snack for general meetings, give a hand where needed and help with program planning.

We currently have 120 members on the roster. Gail Chesler contacted 6 members who had not renewed yet about updates for the Directory. I am awaiting renewals from three. Messages were left for the others. Our two Saint Mary’s College representatives, **Monic Fitzgerald** and **Aeleah Soine** do not show as renewed on the National roster. Follow up will continue. National has extended the time of renewal to late November.

We had two guests join us at our general meeting, November 15. Membership will contact them regarding further interest in our branch.

PS – Read about Dr. Amy Chu on page 4.

**Linda Bochte, VP, Membership**





**SHEILA APTE ~ HONORED BY DIABLO MAGAZINE**



For many years, Diablo Magazine has been recognizing volunteers in the East Bay who, according to their Threads of Hope project, “unselfishly give their time to help others, and in doing so, strengthen the fabric of our East Bay communities.” The honorees each year are selected by a panel of judges representing East Bay business and philanthropic organizations.

This year our own **Sheila Apte** has been selected from among the nominees as one of five volunteers to be honored at *The Threads of Hope Gala* put on by Diablo Magazine at The Leshner Center for the Arts. Like so many at our AAUW branch, Sheila has given generously of her time toward the mission of our organization. She was nominated for this honor by her two grandsons, who have heard many stories through the years about her volunteer activities.

Sheila’s profile, which appears in the December issue of Diablo Magazine, focuses on her various contributions at AAUW-OML including her participation in the STEM Conference, in Tech Trek, and math tutoring at Burckhalter School in Oakland.

**The Threads of Hope Gala will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at the Leshner Center of the Arts.** The public is invited, and admission is free. However, it is necessary to register. To do so, go to the Diablo Magazine web page (diablogmag.com) and look for Threads of Hope.

**Congratulations Sheila!**

**Judy Hammon,  
Burckhalter Volunteer**

**ADVERTISING UPDATE ~ MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!**

As this year is quickly coming to an end, holiday cheers are all around us. Sharing appreciation is part of how we experience the glow. The OML Ad Team deserves the appreciation of all of us who benefit. Sales have increased with five new advertisers as can be seen in the adjacent list.

Years of consistent leadership by each team member has guided the individual advertiser to make choices benefiting all. Team members include Diane Bell, K de Groot, Bonnie Gallogly, Maryellen Judson, Pat Lopker, Mary Leigh Miller, and Lana Reichick. Hugs and kudos to each of you busy ladies.

Our recently revised Triad list of advertisers remains sturdy and solid. Big thank you to our editor, Gail Chesler for the OML Directory, Mary Leigh Miller for the Triad newsletter, and to webmaster, Bonnie Gallogly for all you accomplish so well to update OML publications.

**Pat Lopker, OML Ad Sales Coordinator**

**2022-23 AAUW OML SPONSORS/ ADVERTISERS**  
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  - Barbara Persons, MD FACS
- The Service Outlet – Marc Harvey
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**The 2022-23 Membership Directory is in the works and will be available soon.**





## SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

**EVENING SALON**  
**Thursday, December 15**  
**At Marilyn Even's home • 7 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 necessarily about the news, but we always find something to chat and laugh about. Contact Denise Burian if you would like to join. [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com).

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**DEI – BLM ALLIES GROUP**  
**Monday, December 12**  
**Via Zoom • 3:30 pm**

We will continue discussing *The New Jim Crow*, by Michelle Alexander. We plan to finish the book and focus our discussion on the last chapter. We will also choose our next book to start in January. Contact Denise Burian to be included. [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com).

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**HIKING EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS**  
**Saturday, December 3 & 17**

**December 3** Redwood Park a 3 mile round trip viewing thousands of hibernating ladybugs. Meet behind Canyon Brewery in Moraga at 9:30 am.

**December 17** Encinal Beach - Alameda area 3.5 mile flat walk. Meet at Orinda Rite Aid at 9:15 am

Hikes are also planned for January 7 and February 4. More details to follow. We would also like suggestions for any additional hikes.  
 Marilyn Evans and Ellen Beans.

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**ORIGAMI ANYONE?**

The next origami session is January 16, 2023. [lyndaeleonard@gmail.com](mailto:lyndaeleonard@gmail.com).

**MUSEUM and GORGEOUS GARDENS GROUP**  
**Friday, December 16**  
**Bedford Gallery**  
**Leshner Center, Walnut Creek**  
**11 am (meet at 10:50)**

Join us for a docent-led tour of *Works on Paper*, the Harmon and Harriet Kelley collection of African American Art, at Bedford Gallery, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. The tour costs \$5 per person, and we will have lunch in Walnut Creek following the tour. Plan to meet in front of Leshner Center for the Arts at 10:50 am where the fee will be collected. Parking is available in the public lot on California just south of Civic Dr. (first hour is free and \$1.25 per hour afterward).

*Works on Paper* celebrates 54 African American artists and their tremendous contributions to U.S. art and culture. Curated from the extensive collection of Harmon and Harriet Kelley. Featured artists include Grafton Tyler Brown, the first documented professional graphic artist on the West Coast, and contemporary printmakers like Margo Humphrey. This exhibit – spanning the 20th and early 21st centuries – consists of drawings, etchings, watercolors, pastels, and color screen prints that chronicle the lives of Black Americans through scenes of family and community, urban and rural workers, poverty and success, cultural pride and political turmoil.

**Please note:** I will need to know who will join us for lunch – as this is the busy holiday season. Please email **Jacque Shubert** at [jacqueschubert@comcast.net](mailto:jacqueschubert@comcast.net) as she is the one inviting our branch to this tour of the gallery. If you plan to attend and also go to lunch, please COPY me on the email: [singlermarjorie@gmail.com](mailto:singlermarjorie@gmail.com)

**Marjorie Singler, 925-878-5915**

**ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK**  
**Friday, December 16**  
**Via Zoom • 10 am**

Due to many members not being able to attend, our November meeting was postponed until this month. We will be reviewing *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead. Please refer to your November Triad for a short synopsis of this devastating redemptive work well worthy of its Pulitzer Prize. Contact Susan Wilson for the Zoom link, [schnappsmom@sbc-global.net](mailto:schnappsmom@sbc-global.net)

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**GREAT DECISIONS**  
**Wednesday, January 4**  
**Via Zoom • 10 am**  
**(No meeting in December)**

We are taking December off. On January 4 we will discuss **Brazil**. Please send articles to Marielle and she will forward them to the group for discussion in January.

Books are ordered for 2023. They should arrive early in January. Text or call Judy Helder 925-980-0151 or [judyhelder@gmail.com](mailto:judyhelder@gmail.com) for more information.

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**BIKE RIDING GROUP**  
**Last Thursday of the Month**

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](mailto:dianelouise2020@yahoo.com).

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**BOCCE BALL**  
**1st & 3rd Mondays**  
**Weather permitting**  
**Moraga Commons • 9:30 am**

Contact Mary Leigh Miller at 925 360-4443 or online at [mlmiller602@gmail.com](mailto:mlmiller602@gmail.com) for more information.

**DECEMBER 2022  
AT A GLANCE**

1 THUR – CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP  
Please pass your book.

3, 17 SAT – REGIONAL PARK HIKES  
*Read more on page 9.*

**11 SUN – HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING PARTY**  
5-8 pm – Moraga Art Gallery

12 MON – GOLF GROUP  
Contact Jan Gee for time and venue, [jgee17@yahoo.com](mailto:jgee17@yahoo.com).

12 MON – DEI-BLM ALLIES GROUP  
3:30 pm – Via Zoom  
*Read more on page 9.*

15 THUR – EVENING SALON  
7 pm – Mary Leigh Miller’s home  
*Read more on page 9.*

16 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK  
10 am – Via Zoom  
*Read more on page 9*

16 FRI – MUSEUM & GORGEOUS GARDEN GROUP  
11 am – Docent led tour of the Bedford Gallery  
*Read more on page 9.*

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

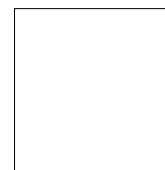
18 FRI – FRIDAY EVENING MOVIE GROUP  
7 pm – *No meeting this month.*

24 SAT – DEADLINE for JANUARY, 2023 TRIAD  
Send all articles to Mary Leigh Miller, 925 360-4443  
[mlmiller602gmail.com](mailto:mlmiller602gmail.com).

**25 SUN – MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

29 THURS – BIKE RIDING GROUP  
9:30 am – Meeting place TBA  
Contact Diane Bell, [dianelouise2020@yahoo.com](mailto:dianelouise2020@yahoo.com).  
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**10 TUE – BOARD MEETING**  
1-3 pm – Marie Bonilla’s home

**17 TUE – GENERAL MEETING**  
**Mobility Matters!**  
**9:30 am – Orinda Community Church**

**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 Coor-  
dinator, BONNIE GALLOGLY, so she can update the  
website calendar.*