

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.

Walk. Ambulate. Saunter. Stroll. All words meaning to move about, all depend on being mobile and mobility depends on balance.

We all tend to become less stable as we age. Gradually we begin to move around less, to cut back on things we've always enjoyed doing. As we do less, we become less confident and more fearful of falling. Who said "use it or lose it" first? The saying goes back as far as Hippocrates, but is as true today as it was then.

Dr. Chris Thompson has designed an innovative assessment and exercise program to help improve our mobility.

On January 17 come prepared to test and to assess yourself in a short program which could change your life forever!

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21

General Meeting

Orinda Community Church

***We All Have a Story to Tell.
How Will You Tell Yours?***

AAUW-OML member **Sandy Fox-Sohner** has had a burning story to tell ever since she taught high school algebra and geometry – a true story, about the famous 19th century, self-taught mathematician, **Sonia Kovalevsky**, the first female professor in all of Europe and Russia.

Sandy went on to write a screenplay based on Kovalevsky's life, which she is hoping will be made into a movie. At our February meeting, Sandy will tell us how she went about writing this fascinating story.

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Photos taken at the Holiday Party



... PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year to all of you! I am grateful for your membership in AAUW-OML and your commitment to making the world a more equitable and better place for women and girls.

We have much to be proud of as we look back over 2022 and celebrate the successes of our branch in so many areas:

- We are one of the few branches across the country to achieve 5-Star status, not for the first time, but for the second time,
- We held informative and interesting general meetings throughout the year, thanks to our program committee headed by Barbara Bell,
- We celebrated honoring Stacia Cragholm as our Distinguished Woman for 2022 and are already working on nominating and choosing a new woman for 2023,
- We selected five scholarship winners through our Scholarship committee, sent seven girls to virtual Tech Trek camp, held our annual STEM conference at Saint Mary's College for over 200 middle school girls, and managed the library at Burckhalter school for hundreds of young grade school students,
- We offered endless activities through our fifteen plus special interest groups, and
- We celebrated our own Sheila Apte being honored as one of five *Threads of Hope* awarded by Diablo Magazine. (Turn to page 7 to read more.)

We are guided in our activities and programs by the mission and goals of AAUW national – to provide education and equity to young women and girls, to develop economic security for women, and to encourage leadership roles and opportunities for women. Our activities and outreach programs take not only time but also take money. We are so grateful to the committee who organized our first unified Holiday Fundraiser at the Moraga Art Gallery. What a wonderful success! The purpose of this event was to raise money for our entire branch and its activities, to remind members of our common purpose, and to celebrate the friendships we have developed with one another.

As we begin the new year, I hope we can take time to think about the concept of “impact.” How many young women are we reaching through our community outreach projects? What impact are we making on these young women and what impact are they making on the lives of other young girls as they go through high school, college, and on to careers? How are we leveraging our connection with these young girls and with their parents in helping spread the work and mission of AAUW? How are we spending our dollars in relation to the concept of impact? How are our general meetings and special interest groups meeting the needs of members as well as others in our community?

I feel our branch is doing amazing things for women and young girls in our community. We have so much to be proud of thanks to each of you and your hard work. The end of the year is always a good time to reflect on the past and imagine what we want the future to be like. I would love to know your thoughts about what you would like to see our branch accomplish in 2023.

Peggy S. Cabaniss, President

BOARD MEETING

There was no board meeting held in December. The next board meeting will be held at the home of Marie Bonilla on Tuesday, January 10.

DISTINGUISHED WOMAN ~ 2023

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

Have you ever written a recommendation for distinguished woman? No? Why not? Take a minute and write about that special person who works tirelessly to make OML the great organization it is. Email it to me or do it the old-fashioned way and drop me a line. *Waiting to hear from you!*

**Stacia Cragholm,
Distinguished Woman, 2022
staciawater@hotmail.com**

BURCKHALTER

Welcome new members **Lisa Walsh** and **Ling Yan** to our Burckhalter group. They are getting right to work reading to classes and helping with the support jobs.

We all have fun helping students learn to read and love books. Thank you for helping last month to provide food support with your donations of Safeway gift cards.

**Janette Maher,
Burckhalter Coordinator**

MARCH 2023 GENERAL MEETING

The DEI Group will sponsor the speaker at the March general meeting. We are hopeful to have a speaker on the services available to women being discharged from the county jail – to help them get a good start to succeed out of jail, plus to reduce recidivism which will help them and their families long-term.

**Denise Burian, Chair,
DEI Committee**

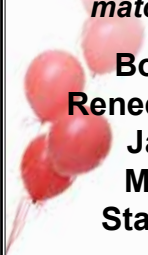
FOCUS ON ... THE HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER • FUN for FUNDS

You helped make it a success!

Total Funds Raised for Our Community Outreach Projects: Over \$15,000

GUEST LIST

With a donation to attend the event and the purchase raffle tickets, each of these OML members and guests enabled our matching fund donors (see below) to raise over \$4,000.



Bonnie Gallogy
 Renee Rosoto (guest)
 Jan Cushman
 Marilyn Evans
 Stacia Craigholm
 K. DeGroot
 Alison Mackenzie
 Laura Wittenberg
 Judy Hammon
 Peggy Cabaniss
 Denise Burian
 Marie Bonilla
 Christine Walwyn
 Joan Evans
 Marjorie Singler
 Nan Siegel
 Bobbie Dodson
 Pat Lopker
 Kathy Weyland (guest)
 Laura and Larry Monin

Lou Williams and guest
 Shari Simon and guest
 Judy Helder
 Trudy and George Barron
 Maryellen and Tom Judson
 Heidi Mayer and Gun Bollin
 Janet Mendenhall and guest
 Linda Botche and guest
 Elaine and Gary Gallaher
 Ellen and Larry Beans
 Sandra Fox-Sohner and guest
 Bonnie & Rick Fend
 Mary Ann and Bill McLeod

Special Guests from Saint Mary's College:

Dr. Ae Leah Soine
 Amy Chu
 Curtis Wang

Additional Community Outreach Donations

Jennet Zundek
 Lynda Leonard
 Sheila Apte
 Diane Bell
 Olga Jusidman
 David McGanney
 Stacia Craigholm
 Renee Rosoto
 Gail Chesler
 Janette Maher
 Mary Leigh Miller
 Judy Helder
 Nancy Brewer
 Ling Yan
 Lou Williams
 Sharon Doi
 Heidi Mayer
 Joan Armstrong

LOCAL BUSINESSES

These businesses contributed items to our raffle table and provided in-kind donations as well as direct donations.

Casa Orinda
 Shelby's Restaurant
 La Piazza Restaurant
 Hollie's Home Grown Gifts
 Amphora
 Orchard Nursery
 Diablo Foods
 Trader Joes, Lafayette
 Ruth Bancroft Garden
 Parkmon Vineyard
 Meadow View Winery

The Holiday Fund Committee apologizes for any names left off the above lists and will provide an update next month.

Donors who matched funds from reservations and raffle tickets proceeds

Barbara Bell
 Mary Leigh Miller
 Laura Wittenberg
 Tom Danis
 Peggy Cabaniss
 Cayo and Fred Marschner
 Shari Simon
 K. deGroot
 Kate Chenok

Please note: There were many additional end-of-the-year funds raised that are not reflected on this page.

OML members who contributed to the raffle

Lou Williams – Case of wine from the WSJ Wine Club
 Sharon Doi – Ikebana arrangement
 Barbara Bell – Shelby's Date Night Package

Plus Two Live Auction Items

- Five nights at a vacation home on Sonora Pass Donated by Wendy and Shawn Shay
- Oil Painting Commission Donated by Denise Sallee

STEM CONFERENCE ~ SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023



Danielle Feinberg
STEM 2023
Keynote Speaker

Danielle Feinberg is a Visual Effects Supervisor at Pixar Animation Studios. Feinberg began her career at Pixar in 1997, after receiving her BA in computer science from Harvard

University. Her first position was on the movie *A Bug's Life* as a render wrangler, an entry level, problem-solving position, and she soon was leading the otherwise all-male department. Feinberg got her first taste of lighting during this time and fell in love with creating the final image for film. She went on to light many of Pixar's films, including *Toy Story 2*, *Monsters, Inc.*, the Oscar-winning *Finding Nemo* and *The Incredibles*. Another Oscar winner, *Wall•E*, was Feinberg's first movie directing the lighting in her role as Director of Photography. It was heaven for someone whose greatest inspiration is using technology to make art.

She went on to oversee the lighting on two more Oscar-winning films, *Brave* (featuring Pixar's first film with a girl as the main character) and *Coco*, celebrating the Mexican holiday, Día de los Muertos. Feinberg recently completed the film *Turning Red*, taking on the role of visual effects supervisor. She was the first woman in 20 years to hold this position at Pixar, using both her technical chops and her aesthetic skills, to help push the film to new places.

Feinberg has given talks about the challenges of making Pixar's films in various cities across Europe, Asia, Central America, and the United States. She also gives talks to girls of all ages, encouraging them to pursue code, math and science by showing them the magic found in combining art and technology to create movies. In 2016, she was able to bring that message to a broader audience with her TED talk that was part of the PBS *Science and Wonder* presentation for TED Talks Live. It was named one of the top TED talks of 2016.



Celebrating Our Ambassadors



Isabelle Culinco
Freshman,
Campolindo High

I've always been interested in STEM, particularly because of the many field trips we participated in at school and what my dad taught me as an engineer. However

this interest had never developed into a potential career option until I participated in AAUW's Tech Trek in 7th grade. I was very excited about it and so I signed up for all of the workshops, and they allowed me to experience a huge variety of different STEM fields. The camp also allowed me to listen and question women who were professionals in this field which overall opened new possibilities for me that I hadn't seriously considered before. From there I searched for similar opportunities and so that next year I participated in the STEM Conference. I got more hands-on activities and not only learned from women with STEM jobs, but also older girls who had a similar passion and were striving for it. I hope to help these younger girls discover possibilities in STEM through this conference. I am personally still trying to narrow down my interests within the broad category of STEM, but I have so much to thank AAUW for because of how they sparked my curiosity.



Nicole Hui
Junior,
Miramonte High School

I developed a strong interest in STEM in 7th grade when I attended the AAUW Tech Trek Camp and have

fallen in love with all things science and math related since then. Ever since I was little, I wanted to pursue a career in the medical field. In the future, I hope to study physiology or neuroscience and expand my love for science. I would definitely say that AAUW has been a huge part as to why I am so driven to pursue an education in STEM. When I was younger, many of my fellow female classmates were uninterested in the subjects I enjoyed, which made me feel different than the rest. However, with encouragement, I want to demonstrate a similar example to other younger girls who are nervous about being judged or excluded.

I am extremely fortunate to be a part of the AAUW team and I am excited to start working with more girls who are also interested in STEM. I hope I can make an impact on inspiring young girls' love for STEM just like what the high school ambassadors did for me when I was in middle school.

STEM CONFERENCE ~ SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

In the last two issues, we have highlighted some of the STEM ambassadors. This month read about some of the workshop presenters who will be teaching on the day of the conference.



DANIEL KLINE
Executive Director of the Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival

Daniel Kline is executive director of a math education nonprofit on a mission to help all students build confidence, joy, and a positive identity around math. He first fell in love with math at the University of Chicago, where he got his BS in that subject. He then went on to receive his master's in mathematics education at the University of Pennsylvania, and spent some time as a high school math teacher in Northern California.

His all-time favorite experience was studying abroad in Budapest, where he learned how to develop mathematical concepts through games and manipulatives. For the past three years, he has been excited to be able to apply what he learned there to his work at JRMF by developing fun and meaningful math experiences for both adults and children.



CHRISTINE HASWELL
Operations Manager for Chevron's Pascagoula Refinery in Mississippi

Chris graduated with a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Washington. Chris started at Chevron in 1997 as a process engineer in the Richmond Refinery in California. During her career with Chevron, she has held positions of increasing responsibility for Manufacturing and Lubricants, in technical, planning, and operations assignments. Some of her roles include being the refinery manager for the Perth Amboy Refinery, in New Jersey; Manager, Base Oils Manufacturing & Technology for Lubricants; and the Operations Manager at the Burnaby Refinery in Canada.

She enjoys volunteering to support STEM efforts around the Bay Area, including the AAUW-OML STEM Conference, which she has participated in for four years. Chris is married with 12-year-old twin boys. She enjoys travel and several sports, including martial arts, biking, backpacking, and hiking.



ALLIE APPEL
Education Manager
Chabot Space & Science Center

Allie Appel obtained her degree in physics and mathematics with a focus in astronomy from Valparaiso University ('15). As an undergrad, she served as a teacher's aide for the Physics/Astronomy, Mathematics, and Engineering Departments. Allie has three years of experience as a research assistant studying and assisting with her mentor professor's (Dr. Bruce Hrivnak) long-term research on proto-planetary nebulae. For the last eight years, Allie has hoped to inspire a love for learning and focused on promoting a deep sense of belonging, inclusion, and community for each of her students in her capacity as an introductory and AP physics teacher.

Currently, Allie remains an educational leader at Chabot Space & Science Center and is committed to creating a safe, joyful community of urgent inquirers and academic risk-takers. It is her fundamental belief that if learners are provided with authentic and engaging opportunities to make real choices, they will develop and refine the skills necessary to go forth into the world as confident decision makers, well-informed thinkers, and autonomous learners.



NANCY BLACHMAN
UC Berkeley Industrial Engineering and Operations Research Advisory Board

Nancy Blachman enjoys being given mathematical puzzles and opportunities to explore and make discoveries. She founded the Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival (JRMF.org) to give opportunities for K-12 students (and others) to play with mathematical problems, puzzles, and games. She's currently the chair of the UC Berkeley Industrial Engineering and Operations Research Advisory Board, on the board of Gathering 4 Gardner, and the director of The Hackers Conference.

Nancy prefers getting around Burlingame by bicycle to driving a car. At home, Nancy often watches documentary films while rowing on her indoor rower. Born in Palo Alto, Nancy has also lived in New Jersey, Illinois, England, France, Israel, and Spain. Nancy has degrees from University of Birmingham (UK), UC Berkeley, and Stanford. She currently lives in Burlingame, is married to David des Jardins, and has twins.

Stacia Cragholm, Chair, STEM Conference

SCHOLARSHIP

AAUW’S landmark study on leadership, Barriers and Bias, *The Status of Women in Leadership*, points out that women who are exposed to non-stereotypical images of women are more likely to have more positive self-image and increased leadership goals. Role models set examples through their actions and pair their words with their deeds.

~ Girls Who Lead Model the Way ~

ANGELA GARCIA Saint Mary’s College



Angela Garcia is a member of the High Potential Program (TRIO Support Services) at Saint Mary’s College. She has completed her junior year as a kinesiology major. As a student Angela performs and raises funds for Folkroico Guadalupano Ballet, a program that promotes diversity through traditional Mexican dances. Angela has served as a volunteer camp counselor, a food organizer for an organization dedicated to donating food to those in need, as well as a teacher’s assistant at her church. She tutors students in low-income schools through the Oakland Public Education Fund to help build the children’s reading confidence.

Volunteering at her former high school in an underserved community has allowed Angela to assist the softball coaching staff. Her goals are to help the coaching staff, share her knowledge of the game with the team members, and encourage them to experience the joy of participating in a sport and making new memories. When coaching the team Angela realizes she is an important role model for the girls.

“The girls I coach know I go to Saint Mary’s College,” says Angela. “It shows that Diablo Valley College isn’t the only option since everyone talks about ‘just going to DVC’ when they graduate. They’re aware that there are other colleges they can go to, but those schools tend to be pushed to the back of their minds. I’ve been able to show them that the ‘fancy schools’ are possible to get into and it’s possible to succeed there.”

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.

The scholarship committee will meet on Thursday January 5 at 1:30 pm at the home of Mary Ann McLeod, 100 Greenfield Drive, Moraga.

Mary Ann McLeod, Co-Chair, Scholarship



GOT SNEAKERS?

Time to clean out those closets for the new year? Ask your friends, neighbors and family.

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

- Moraga Hardware
- Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building
- AAAAA Rent-A-Space (new...thanks to Lana!)
- Lafayette Community Center (new)
- Or bring your sneakers to our January meeting!

We are looking for another new drop-off location as the Rossmoor Gym can no longer accommodate us. If you have or know of a business that might let us put a container out, please contact me.

Our December profits were \$102.75 from this month’s 13 bags. Total to date profit is \$295.75. Our December sustainability impact was 158 pairs displaced from landfills, 4,740 pounds of displaced carbon dioxide and 356,606 gallons of water saved!

We are making a difference for our environment and helping to fund scholarships for our local high schools and Saint Mary’s College High Potential Program women.

Keep collecting those shoes!

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

SHEILA APTE HONORED at the LESHER CENTER



Sheila (in the middle) with Peggy Cabaniss and Jan Cushman

and champagne. The atmosphere was most celebratory.

Sheila was accompanied by many members of her family – her husband, Manohar, her daughter, Anjali and family, her son, Nikhil, and her brother Prasad and his wife. Also attending the gala were several of Sheila’s close friends, as well as Mrs. Lillie Staples, the third grade teacher from Burckhalter School where Sheila tutors math. One of Sheila’s grandsons, who nominated her for this honor, was also present.

A goodly contingent of OML-AAUW members was there to cheer Sheila on. They included Judy Helder, Carol Messinger, Stacia Cragholm, Denise Burian, Cayo Marschner, Marie Bonilla, Laura Wittenberg, Jan Cushman, Janette Maher, Peggy Cabaniss and myself.

Diablo Publications President Barney Fonzi welcomed everyone, and the program was kicked off by the engaging and enthusiastic Master of Ceremonies Jessica Aguirre who is an anchor for NBC Bay Area News. She has been emcee of the Threads of Hope gala for about 15 years and entertained the audience by recounting many of the cultural changes that have taken place during her years with this organization.

Photos of all past honorees from 1995, when Threads of Hope began, to the present were shown in a video montage. It was intriguing to see all the different volunteer activities people in the East Bay have given their time to over the years.

This year’s honorees included a Tri-Valley woman who makes blankets for veterans in hospice care, an Alamo resident who took over the reins of a community garden which donates fresh veggies to local food banks, and two teen boys who have created educational opportunities for at-risk youth and health-related networks for fellow students. And, of course,

there was Sheila’s volunteerism through AAUW to encourage girls and young women in STEM subjects.

These Threads of Hope honorees were nominated by members of the community, and the final five were selected by a panel of judges who are involved in various community organizations.

Each honoree was introduced in a recorded video in which she or he described their volunteer work. Each video included comments by those who had nominated them for the award. Sheila talked about how her career as a structural engineer led her to getting involved in AAUW’s STEM Conference and other projects. Her two grandsons, Kaveer, who attended the gala, and his younger brother, Kieran, spoke in the video about why they nominated their grandmother for recognition.

After each video, the honoree came on stage to receive their award, comment on their volunteerism, and thank the Diablo Magazine for its Threads of Hope program. Sheila came last in the program, and spoke eloquently about helping young women consider science, technology, engineering and math as careers. She was pleased that many people came to speak with her after the program about her experiences.

Judy Hammon



Sheila, with some of the other awardees, on stage at the Leshner Center.

WELCOME to OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Two new members joined us in December following the Holiday Social at the Moraga Art Gallery. Welcome to Jennet Zundel and Kathy Wyland.

Kathy Wyland a writer who lives in El Sobrante. She studied History and English at UCLA. Her priorities are Burckhalter and Public Policy. Kathy is also interested in the Best Seller group, Great Decisions program, Anyone Who's Read the Book, Evening Salon and International Travel. She has computer skills, can bring a snack for general meetings and can give a hand where needed.

Jennet Zundel is a graduate of UC Berkeley with a BS in Business Administration and an MBA from the Wharton Business School. She is interested in all of the OML priorities. Hiking the East Bay Parks, International Travel and DEI-BLM groups also are of interest. Her talents include bringing a snack for general meetings, giving a hand where needed, and helping the membership committee.

We look forward to learning more about these talented women. See you at the January meeting.

Linda Bochte, VP, Membership

TECH TREK UPDATE**Tech Trek Camp Is Alive!**

There will be residential Tech Trek camps next summer!

Although there will not be a camp at Stanford, there will be an effort to allocate spots at the current residential camps for all the branches that sent girls to the Stanford camp.

I have requested spots for seven girls at camps at either Sonoma State or UC Davis. More places for girls than there is capacity for have been requested at these camps. State is working on an allocation system that is likely to take into consideration the sweat equity that the branch contributes – we're in good shape here. We'll know how many places we have by January 20 (hopefully earlier!). The process for selection of girls will be similar to last year's, with nominations from seventh grade science and math teachers, invitations to girls to apply, interviews and selection of girls by branch members.

The 25th anniversary of Tech Trek is 2023! We are glad to celebrate this milestone with girls at camps back on campus! Our branch has sponsored 122 girls since 1998!

**Jan Cushman,
Chair, Tech Trek**

PUBLIC POLICY in ACTION**November 8 was a good day for women!**

AAUW members can be pretty happy with the results. Here are a few highlights:

- One woman was added to each house of Congress: the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, bringing the numbers to 124 (H) and 25 (S).
- Of the total of 149, 54 are women of color.
- With Nancy Pelosi stepping down as speaker of the house, we lost the most powerful woman's voice in government, but still have a woman on the minority leadership team, Minority Whip Katherine Clark.
- Governors of 12 states are now women.
- 23 percent of all mayors across the nation are women, including our brand new and first woman mayor of Los Angeles, Karen Bass.
- 32 women won seats in the California Legislature (total confirmed 44, 3 pending)
- All executive positions in California except governor are filled by women, including secretary of state, lieutenant governor, treasurer, and controller.
- Proposition 1 prevailed and women's right to control their own reproductive choices is now enshrined in our constitution.

The state Public Policy Committee thanks each and every AAUW California member who voted, and who worked within their branches to do their own voter education events.

On December 1, Kathleen Harper did a presentation for the California online branch on the election results. The recording of the presentation is posted on the website: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/got-voter-fatigue/>.

**Kathleen Harper, Director,
Public Policy Committee Chair,
publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org**

**Laura Monin
Public Policy Co-Chair**

SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

2022-23 AAUW OML SPONSORS/ ADVERTISERS

*AAUW members

EVENING SALON

Thursday, January 12

At Laura Monin'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 about the news, but we always find something to chat and laugh about. Contact Denise Burian at denburian@gmail.com.

DEI – BLM ALLIES GROUP

Monday, January 9

Via Zoom • 3:30-4:45 pm

We chose the book *How the Word is Passed* by Clint Black. Please read the first two chapters, to page 84 if you have a physical book. Contact Denise Burian to be included. denburian@gmail.com.

GREAT DECISIONS

Wednesday, January 4

Via Zoom • 10 am

This month we will discuss **Brazil**. Please send articles to Marielle and she will forward them to the group. Books are ordered for 2023. They should arrive early this month. Text or call Judy Helder 925-980-0151 or judyhelder@gmail.com for more information.

ORIGAMI ANYONE?

Monday, January 9

At Mary Leigh Miller's home • 1 pm

Contact Lynda Leonard if you want to join the group. lyndaeleonard@gmail.com.

HIKING EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS

First and third Saturdays beginning in February

Contact Marilyn Evans or Ellen Beans for more information.

MUSEUM GROUP

Sunday, January 15

Eugene O'Neill's *The First Man* Museum of San Ramon • 2 pm

Our group will go to the Museum of the San Ramon Valley to see the first West Coast production of Eugene O'Neill's *The First Man*. The museum is located at 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. Plan on having a light dinner nearby after the play.

Eugene O'Neill loved and hated many things in his life. New London, CT, the only "home" he knew growing up was no different. While the town provided him with a measure of security and sense of community, he clearly outgrew its puritan pretensions. In *The First Man*, he imagines himself an anthropologist who has traveled the world only to land back in the provincial town he grew up in. Scandals and intrigues lead to a showdown with his family and the community when an unexpected pregnancy unleashes a flurry of speculation and family members are forced to choose sides.

If you are interested in going, contact Marjorie Singler at 925-878-5915 or singlermarjorie@gmail.com

ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK

Friday, January 20

Via Zoom • 10 am

The selection this month is *The Summer Before the War*, by Helen Simonson, author of *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*. This book begins in 1914 in the idyllic town of Rye, England. A woman school-teacher is appointed to replace the Latin master, a very controversial choice. The novel highlights the end of the idea that war is a romantic adventure, showing how it affects everyone, not just soldiers in the trenches.

Contact Susan Wilson for the Zoom link, schnappsmom@sbcglobal.net

LAFAYETTE

- Asian Accents – Original Designs in Jewelry by K. de Groot*
- Creative Alterations – Josef Jamkochain
- DIABLO FOODS
- LAMORINDA'S Handyman
- 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
- Casa Turing – Cal-Mex Dining
- E's Auto Service & Repair
- 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
- Shelby's Restaurant and Catering
- Soraya Golesorkhi*
 - Coldwell Banker Realty

WALNUT CREEK & Beyond

- Bay Alarm Company
- Goliath Water Heater & Plumbing
 - East Bay – Jayme Perez
- Milner's Jewelers – Countrywood Shopping Center, Pleasant Hill

The 2022-23 Membership Directory is in the works and will be available soon.

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.

**JANUARY 2023
AT A GLANCE**

1 SUN – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

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

5 THU – SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
1:30 pm – At the home of Mary Ann McLeod

7 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP
6:30 pm – Sara Lautenbach’s home

7 SAT – REGIONAL PARK HIKES
Read more on page 9.

9, 23 – MON – GOLF GROUP
Contact Jan Gee for time and venue, jgee17@yahoo.com.

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

10 TUE – BOARD MEETING
1-3 pm –Marie Bonilla’s home

12 THUR – EVENING SALON
7 pm –Laura Monin’s home
Read more on page 9.

15 SUN – MUSEUM & GORGEOUS GARDEN GROUP
2 pm – Eugene O’Neill play in Danville
Read more on page 9.

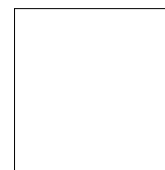
16 MON – ORIGAMI ANYONE?
1 pm – Mary Leigh Miller’s home
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18 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS
1 pm – Via Zoom
Contact Carol Messinger.

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

20 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK
10 am – Via Zoom
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20 FRI – FRIDAY EVENING MOVIE GROUP
7 pm – Contact Mary Leigh Miller for more information

24 TUE– DEADLINE for FEBRUARY, 2023 TRIAD
Send all articles to Mary Leigh Miller, 925 360-4443
mlmiller602gmail.com.

26 THURS – BIKE RIDING GROUP
9:30 am – Meeting place TBA
Contact Diane Bell, dianelouise2020@yahoo.com.

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Look for more information in the February Triad

14 TUE – BOARD MEETING
1-3 pm –Location TBA

21 TUE – GENERAL MEETING
Sandy Fox-Sohner on writing a screen play.
9:30 am – Orinda Community Church

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL
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*If your group decides to meet on a different day or
time than normal, please contact our Calendar Coor-
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