

Don't miss our
TUESDAY, MAY 16
LUNCHEON
held this year at
SHELBY'S RESTAURANT
11:15 am – 2:00 pm

The May Luncheon Tradition Continues ...

Our AAUW-OML May Luncheon will be held
at Shelby's Restaurant in Theatre Square, Orinda.

*There is three hour validated free parking
in the garage below.*

Please join us for an enjoyable time
together, a delicious meal and a tribute
to our honored guest, **Denise Burian**,
this year's Distinguished Woman.

The cost of the luncheon is \$45,
payable online or by check.

The deadline for reservations
is Saturday, May 6.



If you have not received your invitation or have any questions
about RSVPing for the luncheon online, please contact Marla
Schroeder, May Luncheon Chair by email to marlakays@comcast.net
or call 925 997-1115.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Shelby's on May 16!

At this luncheon, we will be recognizing our outgoing
executive board and installing the new one. To see the
incoming board members, please turn to page 6

AAUW Fund will also be announcing the Branch-Named
Gift Honoree.

Upcoming in June

TUESDAY
JUNE 13
11:30 - 3 pm

**IN/OUT BOARD
MEETING**

Please mark your calendars for the annual In/Out Board meeting on Tuesday, June 13. This is a time when our outgoing board members welcome their new counterparts for the upcoming year.

We will have a pot luck luncheon starting at 11:30 am at the home of Peggy Cabaniss, 743 Crossbrook Drive, Moraga.

Lunch will be from 11:30-1:00 followed by the board meeting at 1 pm.

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... PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is hard to believe that our May luncheon is just around the corner and we are getting close to ending another fabulous year for our branch. So many good things have happened this year including interesting general meetings, our first Holiday Fundraiser benefitting the entire branch, the STEM Conference at Saint Mary's College, sending seven young girls to Tech Trek camp this summer, awarding three high school and three college scholarships, and staffing the library all year at Burckhalter school. All of our Special Interest Groups have engaged with members to provide activities ranging from outdoor activities (hiking, golf, bike riding, bocce ball, museums and gardens) to indoor intellectual discussions (evening salon, Great Decisions, book clubs, memoirs and writing).

We began the year in August by meeting at Saint Mary's College for a special board meeting to develop our **Strategic Plan** for the year. We have accomplished every single item we listed as a goal for the year:

1. Develop a plan for fundraising that will benefit the entire branch. (Raised almost \$12K at our Holiday Fundraiser).
2. Develop a plan that addresses continuing membership issues for our branch (increased membership by almost 20 women).
3. Develop a comprehensive communications and engagement plan for the branch (increased publicity through the website, Triad, social media to an increased number of women).
4. Focus on DEI issues for the year (held general meetings and monthly discussion groups on DEI topics).
5. Focus on public policy issues for the year (actively engaged with California elected officials, IBC groups, members in getting out the vote).
6. Support the AAUW and AAUW California public policy priorities.
7. Support the AAUW's strategic plan initiatives (Education/ Training: addressing barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women; economic security: ensuring livelihoods for women; leadership: closing the gender gap in leadership opportunities).
8. Retain AAUW designation as a Five-Star Branch (awarded again for 2022 and we will submit an application for 2023).
9. Review overall finances and impact of our community outreach projects.
10. Continue to support the activities of our Community Outreach Projects: Burckhalter, Scholarships, Teach Trek, STEM conference, DEI.
11. Continue our collaboration with Saint Mary's College, both with professors and students.
12. Recognize as our Distinguished Woman an OML member

whose work in any field – volunteer and/or professional – has demonstrated creativity, initiative and outstanding achievement. (Celebrating Denise Burian as our DW in May).

For several years, the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch has been recognized as one of the few **Five-Star Program** branches across the country. In the fall, we will submit our application to AAUW National for consideration once again as a Five-Star Branch. We have already completed almost all the requirements for this honor and expect to fulfill those items remaining by the end of June. The basic list of what our branch must meet is the following:

1. **Programs:** Host at least four mission-based programs that align with the AAUW national strategic plan.
2. **Advancement:** Raise \$30 per member in FY2022 towards the Greatest Needs Fund, retain at least 90 percent of our branch's membership, increase the Legacy Circle membership in the branch by 10 percent, or make a branch contribution to AAUW Greatest Needs Fund in honor of our 140th anniversary.
3. **Communications and External Relations:** Have 3-5 postings with a DEI focus in FY2022 on all existing websites and social media accounts.
4. **Public Policy and Research:** Conduct an annual meeting with elected officials around an issue in our national strategic plan, appoint a public policy chair for the branch who collaborates with the state public policy chair, and host at least one event where there is the opportunity to sign up for the Action Network.
5. **Governance and Sustainability:** Appoint a Diversity Officer for the branch, implement a succession plan for the board to ensure new ideas and perspectives are included in future leadership, develop a strategic plan for the board that aligns with National's strategic plan.

The only thing we have not completed is adding one new member from our branch to AAUW's Legacy Circle. I encourage all members to consider adding AAUW to your estate plans by designating a percentage of a retirement plan, annuity, or insurance policy to AAUW. The percentage does not have to be large nor does the dollar amount, but making the legacy gift continues to make an impact on the future and sustainability of AAUW.

Our year has been full, impactful, interesting and educational, and above all, fun! Thank you to each and every board member who has worked hard to fulfill the commitments of their job. Thanks to each and every chair and all committee members of our projects and special interest groups. And thanks to every single member who continues with our branch and maintains support of AAUW's mission and values.

Peggy S. Cabaniss, President

~ CELEBRATING DENISE BURIAN ~ DISTINGUISHED WOMAN 2023 ~



Denise with some of the STEM Conference committee members.

Our branch is proud to recognize Denise Burian as the OML Branch Distinguished Woman for 2023. Since joining in 2014, she has immersed herself in many aspects of the organization, from public policy and technology, to STEM Conference and Evening Salon. Over nine years she created and implemented new priorities and initiatives, and assumed leadership roles, including a two-year stint as president.

Born in 1955 to Dorothy and Richard (of Czech ancestry), Denise spent her preteen years growing up in the small town of Wagner, South Dakota, population 1,500. She and two brothers were not only close in age but also were closely bonded and surrounded by grandparents and relatives. Reading, listening to the news, and talking politics was routine and Sunday dinner at grandma's was a must. When she was 12, Denise's parents moved the family to Pittsburg, California.

Denise embraced politics beginning in high school in 1972, when she volunteered for McGovern's campaign for President. Later on, when her two daughters were small, she served on the Pittsburg Unified School District Board of Education. Her family to this day continues to be politically active. Her daughter, Mariah ran for office in Tennessee, and Denise worked on her campaign.

Denise attended Diablo Valley College and transferred to UC Berkeley on a scholarship. At Berkeley, counselors asked her how she saw herself in a work environment. Her answer: "I picture myself in a business suit and carrying a briefcase." Denise wanted to major in business but counselors discouraged her, and after being steered toward sociology, she graduated from UC Berkeley in 1977 with a degree in that field, and continued on to get a master degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University.

Denise married young and had two daughters, Mariah and Marisa while going to college. After getting a divorce in 1983, she pursued work as a social worker for four years, including a year in Adult Protective Services in West County. Her original vision of being a businesswoman, briefcase in hand and wearing a business suit, came into being when she got a job with California's State Compensation Insurance Fund, where she worked for 27 years. Denise began as a loss control consultant in Oakland, working

with employers to create a safe workplace. Through supervisory corporate positions, she became a recognized expert in workers' compensation insurance. Getting promoted to management levels, she was responsible for regulatory reporting, electronic storage of policyholder records. She founded the dispute resolution program and Quality Assurance of policy document output to policyholders and permanent records. Denise earned a reputation of problem solving, designing and implementing changes in corporate processes, and managing large projects. Her last job assignment and one in which she did for 12 years, was as Director of Corporate Real Estate (first female in this position), where she was responsible for all real estate owned and leased by State Fund, as well as construction and remodel projects and facilities management. During her corporate real estate career, Denise started with the management of 1.8 million square feet to house 5,000 employees growing to three million square feet to house 10,000 employees. She retired in 2013. It was an exciting career.

Denise was a feminist before it became popular. Influenced by her grandmothers' and her mother's sense of independence, Denise kept her name, no Mrs. for her! Throughout her education and work history there were many mentors, from teachers who recognized her intelligence and encouraged her to go to college, to work mentors who encouraged her to take risks and to accept challenges. To this day, Denise continues to get together with her "glass ceiling club," a group of retired women who were the first females to rise to the highest levels of the organization (even the first female president and CEO), and who supported and mentored each other as they climbed the leadership ladder.

She met Pat Beckner, the love of her life, at the same time she became an empty nester. Pat being an only child always said "yes" when asked to do something. Denise embraced this philosophy and it is one reason why Denise is immersed in every avenue of OML's organization. She doesn't like to say "no."

After Denise joined the branch, she quickly became involved in public policy and attended many branch activities. She served as president in 2019-2021 and during the pandemic quickly got the branch up and running via Zoom meetings. She co-developed the Girls4STEM webinar series to introduce STEM professionals to high school girls during the pandemic. She also proposed and implemented the AAUW-encouraged DEI initiative in response to the George Floyd crisis, and guided our branch to AAUW National Five-Star status. She chaired the STEM Conference in 2022 and continues to participate in many interest groups of AAUW – OML, including helping many of them with technology issues. Denise is a giver, a doer and a leader who leads with a smile and a wonderful laugh!

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 16

An Inspirational Afternoon

Future Tech Trek campers, scholarship awardees, their families, and our members thoroughly enjoyed our awards program on Sunday. We warmly celebrated our student honorees.

We awarded three scholarships to graduating high school seniors: Tess Gundacker – Acalanes, Nilab Ahmed – Miramonte, and Liesel Hilkemeyer – Campolindo. Sophomore and junior members of the High Potential Program at Saint Mary's College also received scholarships: Briana Alexander, Sophia Gonzales and LaReina Torres.

We live in stressful times, living amid a pandemic and its aftermath as well as dealing with systemic inequality are some of the issues facing us today. Each of our awardees took time to address these issues and discovered ways to engage in the community and make life a little better for others.

Some of these young women volunteered in hospitals, senior citizen programs, and refugee centers. Others worked with families and tutored children in underserved areas. One student helped develop our branch STEM programs to help young women feel comfortable and competent in STEM classrooms. I'll relate each student's story in future Triad articles.

Thank you to all who worked to make the day so special: our committee members, the origami committee, Peggy Cabanis and her food committee and Laura Wittenberg for set up.

Meet the Awardees

As a member of the Acalanes Publicity Board **Tess** observed school communications information favored certain activities and ignored other school activities. As the Associated Student Body Public Relations Officer, she emphasized equal coverage and highlighted many underrepresented groups across campus. She was determined to lift others up and bring them along in her quest to unite the Acalanes Community. During Covid Tess assisted senior citizens in Lamorinda Village by helping with tasks, cooking meals and grocery shopping.

Nilab developed compassion for Afghan refugees from listening to her mother's stories. During the pandemic she continued tutoring at Keeping Our Promise, a partner of the Afghan coalition of Fremont. When older tutors stayed home due to Covid, Nilab realized more help was needed so she initiated and organized a new tutoring program by recruiting and training high school students to remotely tutor the students.

Liesel recognized that she was passionate about STEM but also uncomfortable in class because she was the only female student. She enthusiastically participated in our branch STEM programs, Tech Trek, Girls4STEM webinar, and our STEM Conference. Through these programs Liesel was able to help younger female students see themselves reflected in STEM success stories and ready to enter and enjoy STEM classes.

LaReina boldly continued volunteering in her local hospital while taking online classes during Covid. She engaged with patients and siblings of all ages to provide age-appropriate play and socialization. In the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit LaReina compassionately cuddled new babies and interacted with their parents



Sophia is dedicated to her chosen professional field, psychiatry. She participates in many on campus clubs that allow individuals to learn about themselves, such as the Pride Club and the Diverse Abilities Club. She has volunteered as a science camp counselor, she currently tutors children, and is volunteering at the Multicultural Institute in Berkley supporting students so they realize they are capable individuals.

Briana received a MICAH Fellowship, an opportunity to live in a community on campus that held discussions and worked to create positive social change. During that time, Briana worked with the Felton Institute where she made read aloud videos for teachers. The goal was to embody a critical literacy framework centered on multiculturalism and social justice. Briana is currently a Team Leader and Family Engagement Program Assistant in the Jumpstart Program working with preschoolers and their families.

Mary Ann McLeod and Bonnie Fend,
Co-Chairs, Scholarship Committee

TECH TREK AWARDS SEVEN MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

This year is the 25th anniversary of Tech Trek! We celebrated this year’s seven Tech Trek winners at the Celebration of Excellence awards ceremony on Sunday, April 16. The Tech Trek girls received an AAUW backpack decorated with two colorful flowers, a Tech Trek bear and a certificate.

The following students will attend camp:

Ally Rogin and Sophie Westin – Orinda,
 Evelyn Hollenberg and Thea Wilberts – Stanley
 Morgan Butler, Adelaide Chan
 and Vasilisa Pridatko – Joaquin Moraga.



Our featured keynote speaker was **Molly Mudgett** who attended Tech Trek in 2013, volunteered as a counselor and will teach robotics at camp this July. She graduated from Northwestern with her bachelors and masters degrees in mechanical engineering and works for Apple as a prototyping engineer. She shared her journey, *From Tech Trek to Engineer* and highlighted the importance of young women working equitably and comfortably in the STEM field.

Jan Cushman, Chair, Tech Trek



Jill Eberhard, Carol Heppenstall, Tech Trek student, Thea Wilberts, Bonnie Fend and Mary Ann McLeod

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Two more new members! **Renee Rosado** and **Sibel Giftgi** joined our branch in March.

Renee is a graduate of USF (Business). She is interested in Tech Trek and STEM. Another interest is hiking the East Bay Parks. Her talents/resources include: bring a snack for general meetings, fundraiser help, computer skills, chair short-term project/event, program planning and give a hand where needed. Renee has experience writing grant proposals.

Sibel is a graduate of City College of SF. She is interested in Scholarship, Tech Trek, STEM and DEI. Other areas of interest are golf and international travel. Her talents include finance skills, fundraiser help and computer skills.

We now have 129 members in our OML branch. We look forward to adding more as we had membership packets available at the STEM Conference and at our Tech Trek and Scholarship awards on Sunday, April 16.

Linda Bochte, VP, Membership

(photo below) Laura Wittenberg, LaReina Torres, Briana Alexander, Sophia Gonzales, Joy Aburquez (Senior Support Coach, High Potential Program, Saint Mary’s College)



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS April 11, 2023

The AAUW OML Board met Tuesday, April 11, 2023, on the Zoom platform.

A motion was made to update our policies and procedures regarding branch reserves. We will maintain a three year reserve for the branch assets based on a slightly increased normal expense budget for the branch of \$7,000. Funds above the reserve level will be distributed over a maximum five years to either National AAUW Fund or our branch Community Outreach Funds. We will retain \$21,000 in reserve for 501 (C4). This motion was passed.

Laura Wittenberg, Peggy Cabaniss, and Renee Rosado plan to meet to discuss a sizable fund raising project in our next year.

The annual awards meeting for Tech Trek and Scholarship will take place Sunday, April 16. Recipients and their families are planning to attend. Molly Mudgett, former Tech Trek winner and STEM participant and now mechanical engineer, will be the guest speaker.

Plan to join all our members for our May 16 Luncheon to honor our 2023 Distinguished Woman, Denise Burian. The luncheon will take place at Shelby's Restaurant in Theatre Square, Orinda.

Our outreach priorities have enjoyed interviewing their applicants for AAUW awards. Tech Trek met many applicants and selected seven girls from our middle schools for Science Camp at Sonoma State. Scholarship interviewed the high school and Saint Mary's College girls and has notified the girls of Sunday's meeting.

Burckhalter volunteers plan to host a teacher appreciation lunch on May 3.

Denise Burian and Jan Cushman moved to gift Wendy Shay membership in AAUW-OML, which was passed

Maryellen Judson, Secretary

AAUW is currently in the process of producing an Oral History of the organization. Members will receive an email from Katrina Sun Breese explaining the project and reminding AAUW members that it is optional to participate in the project.

Members also are receiving a card from the company producing the oral history, asking you to call a number if you want to share your story about what AAUW means to your life. Remember, this is an optional, voluntary opportunity for members!

Peggy S. Cabaniss, OML President

BURCKHALTER UPDATE



In addition to connecting students with good books, we also provide books that support and enrich the classroom curriculum. First graders have been studying birds this spring, and, in the photo above, first grade teacher Ms. Balbuena is sharing a new library book with her students. They loved the great illustrations in *The Beak Book*.

On May 3 we are hosting a teacher appreciation luncheon for all the teachers we work with each week. Join us on May 3rd as we honor them

Janette Maher, Chair, Burckhalter

2023-24 OML ELECTED BOARD

- President**
Gail Chesler
- President-Elect – open**
- Secretary**
Barbara Bell
- Treasurer**
Marielle Boortz
- Membership**
Linda Botche
- AAUW Fund**
Peggy Cabaniss
- Programs**
Chris Laszcz-Davis
and Michele Jacobson

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES

Public Policy Priorities for 2023-25

Kathleen Harper, Director, Public Policy Committee Chair reported that the CA State Public Policy Committee thanked all the members who took the time to weigh in on updates to our Public Policy Priorities for 2023-25. The committee has reviewed all 466 comments and agreed on 11 modifications based on members’ input. Our three main criteria for edits were:

1. Is it within our mission?
2. Does it address a new issue germane to current circumstances?
3. Would adding it inform the public as to an important AAUW California position, provide guidance for the Public Policy Committee on forming our Legislative Agenda, and/or provide guidance to our membership in shaping their branches’ public policy positions and programs?

The Board of Directors has approved the suggested changes and it is now up to members to vote yes or no. Click below to view the proposed changes:

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/2023-proposed-public-policy-priorities/>

Laura Monin
Public Policy Co-Chair



GOV TREK

Congratulations to the Inaugural Graduate Class of Gov Trek Women!

We are proud to introduce the class of 2023 graduates of the Gov Trek program! After an incredible journey of learning and career exploration, these talented and driven young women are ready to showcase their skills and make their mark on the world of politics. Your support of their efforts was valuable.

We invite you to congratulate these outstanding young women by watching and sharing the recordings of their BRILLIANT political campaign simulation videos with your branch and community. This is a tremendous achievement and they have earned recognition of their hard work, dedication, and commitment to gender equity in public service and elected office.

Click below to watch their videos and learn the results of the competition.

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/gov-trek-finale-competition/>

Shauna Ruyle, Gov Trek Program Director, govtrek@aauw-ca.org

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SNEAKERS 4 SCHOLARSHIPS
DONATE YOUR OLD SNEAKERS

KEEP THOSE SNEAKERS COMING!

These places still have collection containers:

- Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building
- Orinda Community Center by the tennis courts
- Lafayette Community Center by the pickle ball court
- 5A Rent-A-Space in Moraga

Thank you for helping to make a difference for our environment and helping to fund scholarships for our local high schools and Saint Mary’s College High Potential Program women.

STEM CONFERENCE PARENT PROGRAM

The STEM Conference Parent Program 2023, the fifth one we have conducted, included a parent whose daughters attended Campolindo and are moving forward in their careers, a panel made up of three college and three high school students, and a Saint Mary's College faculty member. They all shared their stories followed by Q&A, and closing the event was a campus tour guided by the School of Science Dean, Roy Wensley.



Our speakers (left to right) Laura, Roy Wensley, Shari Simon and Amy Chu.

Shari Simon, an AAUW-OML member, mother, and advocate was our keynote speaker. The focus of her talk was ***Curiosity Leads to Creativity and Vitality***. As a parent of two young women who attended school in Moraga, she shared her personal journey with her daughters to adulthood, what worked, what did not work so well, and the wisdom that she acquired over the years. Our second speaker was Dr. Amy Chu, PhD Chemistry, Saint Mary's faculty, and AAUW-OML member. Amy also shared her personal journey, sharing how her family, teachers, mentors and peers encouraged and supported her journey. Dr. Chu hopes to create a program for first year chemistry students that will not focus on weeding out those students who are struggling but help the students to learn through a more experiential approach to chemistry 101 that keeps them engaged in the learning.

Our student panelists consisted of three high school students and three college students who are pursuing careers in science, engineering, technology and math. The students shared their stories and words of wisdom for how parents create a nurturing environment for their emerging daughter as she climbs her ladder to personal academic success.

These young women spoke of the social stigma for girls participating in STEM classes in school, how many girls were

interested in STEM in 5th & 6th grade, but as they moved into high school only a few continued. They all spoke of having had a father or teacher who encouraged them to continue their studies and not give up. What stood out with these young women was their engagement in other extracurricular activities that provided relief from their studies. They shared how participating in AAUW-OML programs helped them to develop confidence and gave them the tools to engage with professional women who valued their input, inspiring them to believe in themselves and their ability to excel.

A father commented he was disappointed more fathers did not attend this workshop. He asked if we would consider having a repeat of the parent program one evening. He also volunteered to help organize it.

One parent wrote: "When you know better, you can do better. . . I loved that the parent workshop highlighted topics/areas I can now actively address with my children. In all areas of their lives curiosity, resilience, and connection."



Student panel and speakers



STEM Conference Pizza Party – enjoyed by all!

Laura Wittenberg
STEM Parent Program Coordinator

SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

DEI – BLM ALLIES GROUP
Monday, May 8
Via Zoom • 3-4:15 pm

We will be discussing our next book, *There There*, by Tommy Orange. Please read up to page 117.

Contact Denise Burian to be included.
denburian@gmail.com.

GREAT DECISIONS
Wednesday, May 3
Via Zoom • 10 am

Global Famine, led by Judy Hammon
 For more information, contact Judy Helder at judyhelder@gmail.com

**ANYONE WHO HAS READ
 THE BOOK**
Friday, May 19
At Mary Mlynek's Home
10:30 am

The May 19 meeting will be held outside on Mary Mlynek's backyard deck, at 1225 Warner Court, Lafayette, for shade and appropriate distancing from each other. We will decide on the choices of books for the coming year.

Bring a sandwich. Mary will supply drinks and dessert.

Continue to send your book recommendations, along with a **very short synopsis**, to Susan Wilson, schnappsmom@sbcglobal.net. We will review the choices on May 19, and vote on the books for the coming year.

On June 16 we will discuss a carryover book, *Mudlarks, in Search of London's Past Along the River Thames*, by Lara Maiklam, nonfiction, 294 pages.

MUSEUM & GARDEN GROUP
Friday, May 5
10:30 am • Rosie the Riveter
World War II Exhibit
Homefront Museum
Richmond Marina

This exhibit is dedicated to the individuals who stepped up when needed to keep our defense industries producing during World War II. Many female defense workers were hired as riveters and welders and the "Rosie the Riveter" icon and song were a central part of the campaign to recruit women and persuade men to accept them.

Our AAUW group is going to this museum on a Friday, as we hope to be able to meet one of the original "Rosies" who come only on Fridays. We will also see the many posters designed during World War II to promote these causes, watch several short movies concerning these events, view the Rosie the Riveter Memorial, and lunch at "Assemble" adjacent to the museum. Museum cost is free. We will send information on possible carpooling once I have a list of interested participants. Please RSVP to Trudy at trudyLbarron@gmail.com by Monday, May 1.

ORIGAMI ANYONE?
will resume in August
First & Third Monday
At Mary Leigh Miller's home

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

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, dianelouise2020@yahoo.com. for information about this month's ride.

EVENING SALON
Thursday, May 11 & 25
At Laura Wittenberg'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. We will also meet by Zoom on Thursday, May 25. Contact Denise Burian at denburian@gmail.com.

**HIKING EAST BAY
 REGIONAL PARKS**
Saturday, May 6 and 20

May 6: Rancho Laguna walk led by Ellen Beans. Meet at the Canyon Brewery in Moraga at 9 am

May 20: Ranger led hike in Kennedy Grove 9:30-11 am, three miles. Carpools meet at the Orinda Rite Aid at 8:45-9 am.

Looking ahead, June 3: Ranger led Pride Hike in Tilden (starting at Quarry Picnic site) 9-noon, four miles. Meet at Orinda Rite Aid at 8:15-8:30 am.

Looking forward to seeing you! for more information, contact Marilyn Evans, marilynbevans@att.net. Let me know if you wish to hike this summer. We could also pick a good weekday for this and try to keep it during the year as Saturdays can become busy and hard to get out on that day.

BOCCE BALL
1st & 3rd Mondays
Moraga Commons • 10 am

We meet for casual play on Mondays. Team play on Tuesday evenings at the Moraga Commons is starting on May 2. Contact Mary Leigh Miller at 925 360-4443 or online at mlmiller602@gmail.com to join the group.

MAY 2023
AT A GLANCE

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

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 TUE – BOCCE BALL LEAGUE GAME
6 pm – Moraga Commons Bocce Ball Courts
Read more on page 9.

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

5 MAY – MUSEUM & GARDEN GROUP
10:30 am – Rosie the Riveter Museum
Read more on page 9.

6, 20 SAT – REGIONAL PARK HIKES
Read more on page 9.

8, 22 MON – GOLF GROUP
Contact Jan Gee for time and venue, jgee17@yahoo.com.

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

9 TUE – BOARD MEETING
1-3 pm – At the home of Peggy Cabaniss

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

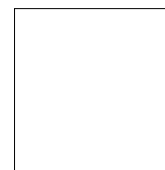
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17 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS
1 pm – Via Zoom
Contact Carol Messinger.

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19 FRI – FRIDAY EVENING MOVIE GROUP
6:30 pm – Contact Mary Leigh Miller for more information.

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21 MON– DEADLINE for JUNE-JULY, 2023 TRIAD
Send all articles to Mary Leigh Miller, 925 360-4443
mlmiller602gmail.com.
Please note earlier deadline due to travel plans.

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

JUNE-JULY 2023

Look for more information in the June-July Triad

9 TUE – IN/OUT BOARD MEETING
11:30 - 3 pm – Home of Peggy Cabaniss

**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.*