

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

## SHOWCASE

9:30 - 11:30 am • Fellowship Hall  
Orinda Community Church • 10 Irwin Way, Orinda

- Enjoy breakfast on the patio, provided by the OML Hospitality Committee, while you reacquaint yourself with our branch's many **Special Interest Activities**.
- Come inside to hear our guest speaker and learn more about OML's important **Branch Priorities**.



Read more about Teli on page 3.

**Guest Speaker:**

**TELI THAYER**

**Community Partner Coordinator for  
GIRLS CRUSHING IT**

*Girls Crushing It* empowers girls ages 8-18 through entrepreneurship experiences that cultivate confidence and leadership skills. Our programs include entrepreneurship workshops, masterclasses, expert panels, pitch events, and more. It culminates with functioning pop-up shops, where girls sell their products to actual customers.

Since 2018, we have educated more than 5,000 girls who have sold products to more than 15,000 customers. The Girls Crushing It program is having tremendous success building self-confidence and emotional and financial empowerment. Our alumnae report a 92percent+ increase in leadership, confidence and business acumen. To learn more about Girls Crushing It, visit [www.girlscrushingit.org](http://www.girlscrushingit.org), and follow us on *Instagram* @girlscrushingit.

Up next on our radar: Our **Fall Pop-Up Shop** will be September 23rd and 24th at the Lafayette Art & Wine Festival. Our pavilion will feature 60 young entrepreneurs across the two-day festival. We hope you will stop in and visit our entrepreneurs' booths. *Admission is free.*

**Our alumnae report:** 95 Percent Increased Confidence •  
92 Percent Increased Leadership • 99 Percent Increased Business Acumen

## OCTOBER 17 PUBLIC POLICY MEETING

**Book Banning,  
Censorship and  
Curriculum  
Interference  
Here in California?**

AAUW-CA established the *School Board Project* sub-committee within the AAUW California Public Policy Committee to gather data and coordinate efforts to fight against the book banning and censorship that are creeping into California schools.

Local subcommittee member **Laurinda Ochoa** will lead us in an interactive discussion at our October 17 General Meeting.

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... PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It will be so pleasant on September 19, starting at 9:30, to be roaming around the patio at Orinda Community Church, noshing on great treats and happily sipping another cuppa. Even better than eating and roaming, you could be meeting some new colleagues in OML and/or reintroducing yourself to the colleagues in AAUW whom you have known for years. Please take time to introduce the new-ish ones to their new colleagues. If you're the one who is new-ish, don't be shy. Step right up and introduce yourself to someone -- you'll be glad you did.

On that patio, you will be able to learn about and sign up for one or two or three of the interest groups. Of course I'm not suggesting that you need to limit yourself to three. They've been busy already and I'm looking forward to seeing what books our Critics Choice group will read this year. I've never tried bocce ball so this could be the year with those champs. And then there is the bike ride and there are the hikers and Great Decisions and Anyone Who's Read the Book, and DEI and Evening Salon, and so many other choices!

After the noshing, the branch priority project teams will be set up inside the large meeting room. They will share information and flyers and poster boards where you can learn about their goings-on. Scholarship is getting ready to implement some new ways to ease the application process for our local high school girls and the Saint Mary's "first generation" young women who are so deserving of our help. STEM Day got a contract to have our well-received program day on March 18th; the parents' program continues. The TechTrek team has a place for you on their process and will want you to know about their Shred Day. Burckhalter has started the academic year at that elementary school. DEI seeks to bring diversity home to our branch and to the STEM day. All the teams have room for your energy and creativity. Talk with them; find the one or more that suits you, that energizes you. You catch my drift?

There is also some serious business that draws our attention. Read the Public Policy column to see what we need to worry about and to act on with the widespread attacks on our education system, e.g., folks who want to ban books or tell teachers what they can't teach. Stay tuned for our November meeting with a National focus. Before you know it, we'll be festive at our December Fun(d)raiser!

I welcome you to our new year 2023-24. If I haven't had a chance to greet you, come say "hello" and I'll be looking to greet you as well.

**Gail Chesler, President**

**Schedule of meetings through 2023:**

**All meetings are held at the Orinda Community Church unless otherwise noted.**

- Board Meeting – 09/12/2023, 1 - 3 pm.
- General Meeting – 09/19/2023, 9:30 am -11:30 am.
- Board Meeting, – 10/10/2023, 1 - 3 pm. Meeting on Zoom.
- General Meeting – 10/17/2023, 9:30 am -11:30 am.
- Board Meeting – 11/07/2023, 1 - 3 pm.
- General Meeting – 11/14/2023, 9:30 am -11:30 am.
- Board Meeting – 12/12/2023, 1 pm - 3 pm. Meeting on Zoom.
- No General Meeting in December – Holiday Fundraiser.

**BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS August 8, 2023**

The meeting was opened by President Gail Chesler who stated that she would like to hold the meetings to 90 minutes. She mentioned that several of the meetings would be held via ZOOM in order to save money.

Marielle Boortz, VP Finance, reported that she and Gail had completed the financial review of the branch budget and the Community Outreach Fund. Our branch currently has assets of \$27,875 and the Community Outreach 501(c3) has an ending balance of \$69,534.35, The budget will be submitted to the membership at the September meeting.

The Holiday Fund Raiser will be held at the Moraga Art Gallery on December 3, from 5 to 8 pm. Come prepared to bid for items in the Auction and don't forget to buy raffle tickets. Approximately \$38,000 is necessary to fund the Community Outreach priorities.

The speaker at the September Showcase meeting will be Teri Thayer of *Girls Crushing It*, an organization created to empower girls from 8 to 18.

Membership Chair, Linda Bochte, reported that we currently have 128 members. A new member social was held at the home of Marie Bonilla on July 30.

A Shred Event is scheduled for October 14 to raise funds for Tech Trek. Jan Cushman is planning a reunion for the girls who attended this year's Tech Trek, held at Miramonte Gardens on August 27. The Scholarship Committee will hold a Fashion Show at Harper Greer on Thursday, October 26. The emphasis will be on Holiday Apparel. The STEM Conference will be held at Saint Mary's College on March 16, with training for all on March 10.

**Barbara Bell, Secretary**

**FOCUS ON ... RAISING FUNDS for  
OML'S MANY OUTREACH PROJECTS**

Please join us at this year's Holiday Fun(d)raiser, scheduled for Sunday, December 3. Festivities begin at 5 pm. We will *'Jingle & Mingle'* in celebration of friendship and community. The proceeds will fund a significant portion of our community outreach efforts.

Currently, the \$24 that our branch receives from annual AAUW dues – that we all pay – barely covers our branch's operating costs. To ensure we are able to continue to fund and further strengthen all of our outreach programs – from our Scholarship Projects to Tech Trek, to Burckhalter Library, to our STEM Conference, to our DEI Program– our Holiday Fun(d)raising committee has set a goal to raise over \$10,000.

Tickets are \$75 (\$50 counts as a charitable contribution) and are available to both AAUW-OML members as well as members of the community. We encourage you to invite your spouse, partner, friends, siblings, and grown children as this is an opportunity to come together, celebrate, and share what AAUW-OML is all about. In addition to featuring our community outreach efforts, we will have a raffle and there will be both a silent and live auction.

Beyond your attendance, you can help support the Holiday Fund(d)raising Committee – and in turn our branch – with the donation of items for either the silent or live auction. Wine, family experiences (e.g. a week away in a popular location at a home you or a family may have access to; sailing on the SF Bay; tickets to sporting events), and/or gift certificates to local restaurants or shops that you have in your possession are just a few examples of the types of goods we're looking for. Reach out to Laura Wittenberg at 925-788-0901 or [laura.wittenberg.mft@gmail.com](mailto:laura.wittenberg.mft@gmail.com) if you believe you might be able to contribute in this way.

The Holiday Fun(d)raising committee meets next on Saturday, September 9 at 10 am, Please join us if you would like to participate in the planning and implementation of this event – the more, the merrier! Contact Laura at [laura.wittenberg.mft@gmail.com](mailto:laura.wittenberg.mft@gmail.com).

**Shari Simon, Fundraising Team Committee Member**

**MEET GUEST SPEAKER,  
TELI THAYER**

**Teli Thayer** coordinates the Community Partner Program for Girls Crushing It. She joined Girls Crushing It last winter after meeting founder Roxanne Christophe



while volunteering together at a school dance. While fate may have brought them together, Teli had heard glowing reviews about the organization from a tween neighbor who had been actively involved in the workshops, pitch fests, and pop-up shops. Teli is excited to be a contributor, and remains awed and inspired by the generosity of their partners, the capacity of the team, and the ambition of the entrepreneurs.

No stranger to community engagement and supporting youth, Teli spent the last decade successfully collaborating with a wide range of stakeholders to achieve programmatic and funding goals for local schools and nonprofits. She has served in a number of roles, including President of both Lafayette Juniors and Burton Valley PTA. Teli feels an enormous sense of satisfaction when she can bring together local businesses and volunteers to champion, support, and empower community members of all ages. Additionally, Teli has worked in the technology industry executing integrated marketing campaigns.

Teli appreciates the invitation to speak at the September AAUW meeting. She is looking forward to sharing more about the past, present, and future of Girls Crushing It, and talking about how our dynamic organizations can provide support to one another. *Teli can't wait to meet you.*

**Think About What Might Encourage You to Donate:**

- Someone I know asked me
- I have an emotional connection
- I want to help save or change a life
- Giving is a tradition in my family
- I want to connect to others and build a social network
- I want to leave a legacy
- I want to be seen as a leader in the community.

**Did You Know:**

Here is a national snapshot about giving by source compiled by a poll done in 2015, which show the invaluable power of individual donations.

- Bequests: 9 percent
- Corporations: 5 percent
- Foundations 16 percent
- Individuals: 71 percent



## TECH TREK CAMP WRAP-UP

### AAUW-OML Tech Trekkers Thrilled by Their Experiences at Katherine Johnson STEM Camp

The seven enthusiastic 8th grade girls who attended Tech Trek camp at Sonoma State University in July were honored at a reunion and reception on August 27. Evelyn Hollenberg and Thea Wilberts from Stanley Middle School, Ally Rogin and Sophie Westin from Orinda Intermediate School and Morgan Butler, Adelaide Chan and Vasilisa Pridatko from Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School shared their experiences with branch members and parents. The girls were delighted with their special experiences bonding with “like-minded girls” who love science and math and seeing their possible future in a variety of STEM careers.



A sampling of the activities in the core classes: Morgan, Adelaide and Sophie were in the Engineering core class where they learned the physics of hand-made cars and made a laser. Vasilisa enjoyed learning about chemistry and conducting experiments (*photo at left*). Thea helped investigate a model crime scene (a “caticide”) in Forensics. Ally and Evelyn designed and built robots in the Robotics core class.

Everyone went on a field trip to the Sonoma Water Agency where they used microscopes to study aquatic invertebrates, visited a fish ladder and learned about how the Agency supplies groundwater to Sonoma. They asked many questions about the STEM careers of five professional women – a toxicologist, a bird rehabilitation manager, a high school science teacher and two women from Medtronics, a medical technology company. They heard words of wisdom from the high school



*Build it with Ally Rogin*

counselors about the transition from middle school to high school. There was a surprise presentation debunking the theories of UFOs – very interesting! They learned to solder and made flashlights with Gail Chesler. They were introduced to household budgeting during the “Bite of Reality” exercise. They learned about structural engineering and every dorm group built struc-

tures of their own imagination and design using rolled up newspapers. “Build It Night” was the grande finale. The constructions included a dragon, a tyrannosaurus, two British phone booths, the Golden Gate Bridge, a bird cage, an amusement park and a grandfather clock with hands and a pendulum that moved. It was a very busy week!



*Build it Dragon Team with Sophie Westin*



Molly Mudgett, a former Tech Trekker from Lafayette now working as an engineer at Apple, taught the robotics core class (*photo at left*). Former Tech Trekkers Bella Stratford from Lafayette and Giorgia Stankus from Moraga were junior

counselors. Jan Cushman was a dorm mom at camp. Thank you to all the branch members who volunteered at camp: **Lana Reichick, Kim Lockett, Judy Helder, Linda Bochte, Christine Walwyn, Laura Monin, Sheila Apte and Renee Rosado.** You are great supporters!



*Back row, left to right: Molly Mudgett (robotics teacher), Sophie Westin, Ally Rogin, Evelyn Hollenberg, Vasilisa Pridatko, Giorgia Stankus (jr counselor) Front row, left to right: Adelaide Chan, Thea Wilberts, Jan Cushman and Morgan Butler*

## TECH TREK CAMP, cont.

### Comments from the Girls' Thank You Letters:

**Morgan Butler:** I had an amazing time! I met so many new people and learned so many new things. Engineering was very exciting and hands on. We learned how to make our very own tinfoil wire that connected a battery to a light bulb. I never knew how calming rolling newspapers could be.

**Adelaide Chan:** Thank you for this unforgettable opportunity to attend Camp Johnson this year. This has given me a chance to meet new friends and attend very interesting talks. Professional women's night helped me with my stress in life and my worries about applying for college. I give a million thanks to those who chose me to be part of this experience.

**Thea Wilberts:** Thank you for giving me this amazing opportunity. Tech Trek was an amazing experience and I am so grateful that I was able to learn from smart talented women. I got to learn so much in forensics. I will be headed toward a STEM career. *(In photo below, second from right)*



**Vasilisa Pridatko:** I really enjoyed my core class chemistry. I also really enjoyed professional women's night. I feel like I truly learned so much from these women. I also really enjoyed introducing one of the women. I feel like I know my place in STEM. I really enjoyed getting to know so many wonderful people who enjoy the things I love.

**Ally Rogin:** I can't thank you enough for selecting me for this camp! I have learned an unthinkable number of things in my robotics core class and the other workshops like the Galileo scope. I loved my core class teacher, Molly Mudgett, who has such an amazing and inspiring career at Apple.

**Evelyn Hollenberg:** I greatly enjoyed my core class, robotics with Molly Mudgett. She taught me a lot about how to code robots in different ways and even make one that can draw a smiley face. Thank you once again for this extraordinary camp, it helped me see the multitude of possible STEM careers I could pursue.

**Sophie Westin:** My Tech Trek experience is one I have thoroughly enjoyed. I got to make such cool gadgets like a laser in my afternoon core class, Engineering. I have had a glimpse of the true world from the "Bite of Reality" activity. I've made many new friends who I am planning on keeping contact with after Tech Trek.

**Jan Cushman, Chair, Tech Trek**

Thank you to everyone who donates to support Tech Trek! This year our cost went up from \$1,000 per girl to \$1,400 per girl. We would greatly appreciate your support for donations and for our fundraisers so we can continue to send seven girls to camp. *Thanks again!*

## SHRED PAPERS ON SITE AAUW-OML SHRED DAY

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
9 am to noon  
5A Rent-A-Space  
455 Moraga Rd • Moraga



AAUW-OML's Annual Tech Trek Paper Shredding Fundraiser returns to 5A Rent-A-Space on Shred Day – always on the second Saturday in October.

### Shred Papers On Site

Mark your calendars. Save the date! Plan to securely shred boxes of papers to help send local middle school girls to AAUW's own Tech Trek STEM camp.

*Quick and easy – no need to get out of your car.* Tech Trek volunteers will lift and empty your boxes into the secure paper shredding truck bins and return your empty file boxes to your car. No need to remove staples, paper clips or paper file covers. **PLEASE NOTE: Metal DVDs and hard drives can no longer be accepted at this event.**

*Still \$10 per banker's size file box.* No price increase. Adding a generous donation for Tech Trek to help cover our higher costs will be much appreciated. Your cash, checks and cards are all accepted!

Send questions to: [lanasan@aol.com](mailto:lanasan@aol.com)



## AAUW FUND UPDATE

Just as our branch relies on member dues and donations to support our local programs and Community Outreach Projects, AAUW National depends on members for financial support to carry out their many programs that promote our mission. Donating to AAUW Fund helps ensure that we carry out the goals of the Strategic Plan which are to offer programs which help women achieve equity in pay, education, job opportunities, and leadership.

Your contribution is needed for AAUW’s “Greatest Needs Fund.” This fund allows AAUW to respond rapidly, in our communications and advocacy, to critical issues affecting women as they emerge – whether it’s a new threat to Title IX, an opportunity to partner with employers, or the dawn of a social justice movement like #MeToo. When donations are not restricted to fellowships or specific projects, we have the dollars we need to pivot as the national dialogue shifts – and get our work covered by major media outlets such as the New York Times, CNN and Fortune. Greatest Needs is also what fuels our groundbreaking research and effective advocacy work to pass fair-pay laws and other key equity legislation. Giving to Greatest Needs is a great way to ensure AAUW’s continued visibility, relevance and sustainability.

Our branch and our members have been generous donors over the years to the AAUW Fund. In fiscal 2023, we contributed a total of \$10,100 with \$1000 coming from the branch and \$9,100 coming from members. The year before, we contributed \$7,251 with \$1,000 coming from the branch and the remaining \$6,251 coming from members.

### Thank you to the following members who donated last year to AAUW Fund:

Alison Mackenzie	Jill Eberhard	Gail Chesler
Ann Collins	Joan Armstrong	Patricia Lopker
Avon Wilson	Judy Hammon	Peggy Cabaniss
Barbara Bell	June Howe	Renee Ross
Bonnie Fend	Laura Wittenberg	Sally Church
Denise Burian	Linda Bochte	Sharon Flower
Diane Bell	Marilyn Evans	Soraya Golesorkhi
Elaine Gallaher	Mary Ann McLeod	Trudy Barron
Janet Mendenhall	Nancy Brewer	Valarie Burgess
Janette Maher	Nancy Kornfield	Victoria Courtney

**Peggy S. Cabaniss, AAUW Fund Chair**

## PUBLIC POLICY

### The School Board Project Why Is AAUW California Involved?

AAUW believes that high quality public education is the foundation of a democratic society and the key to improving economic prosperity and gender equality “... We support academic freedom, civic education, protection from censorship, (and) bias-free education ...”

**Issue #1:** Books are being banned in 32 states, 110 school districts (and counting).

**Issue #2:** Curriculum is being censored in 16 states with laws restricting education on race in classrooms. Twenty other states are considering such restrictions. Three states are forbidding instruction on or discussion about gender identity. Three additional states have similar laws pending.

California is not immune. Recent school board meetings in Temecula and Chino have erupted in chaos. Is this a local issue? In the San Ramon Unified School District, two current trustees (who are up for reelection next year) are being specifically targeted by the religious right and Moms 4 Liberty because of their support for gender equality and opposition to book bans.

For more information see:  
<https://www.schoolboardproject.com/>

**Laura Monin  
Co-Chair, Public Policy**

## STEM UPDATE

While Stacia has been on hiatus, the STEM committee continues to make progress. Thanks to Barbara Bell who secured the COI, (certificate of insurance), Marielle Boortz who issued the check, and Renee Rosado for hand-delivering the signed contract, COIs, and initial payment. Renee met with Karen Chresci, the Saint Mary’s College event planner, last Sunday to secure March 10, 2024 for training and March 16 for the AAUW-OML STEM Conference. Our 8th!! Congratulations!

Sandra Fox-Sohner is working on identifying and vetting the keynote speaker. We are looking for someone to help Sandy identify potential speakers. Sandy recruited Danielle Feinberg, who has been our keynote speaker, three times. Danielle’s message soundly resonated with the middle school girls. We want to find someone who has a great story to tell, not to mention amazing accomplishments. If you have some ideas for a keynote speaker or you want to help Sandy choose one, contact either of us.

**Stacia Cragholm, Chair, STEM Conference**

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Our OML Branch high school scholarship awardees are university bound; **Tess Gundacker** to Fordham, **Liesel Hilkemeyer** to Chapman and **Nilab Ahmed** to Yale. **Briana Alexander**, **La Reina Torres** and **Sophia Gonzalez** are resuming their education at Saint Mary's College. These young women are continuing to find opportunities to take the lead and build their leadership skills.



Bonnie Fend, Carol Heppenstall and Jill Fernald are working on an October 26 fundraiser at **Harper Greer**. Join us from 5-7 pm to view the latest holiday fashions, listen to live jazz, sip wine, and ask our models about the fashions they are wearing. If you shop from October 22 through 29 and mention AAUW, we will earn 10 percent for AAUW scholarships.



We are continuing our *Sneakers for Scholarships* program so please bring your used sneakers to the September meeting.

Our scholarship committee meets on the first Thursday of the month. If you would like to join our committee, please contact Mary Ann at [mabill100@comcast.net](mailto:mabill100@comcast.net), or sign up at our September branch meeting! We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new members.

### Mark Your Calendars!

Scholarship committee meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Ann McLeod, 100 Greenfield Drive, Moraga. The first one is on September 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Shopping dates at Harper Greer for scholarship fundraiser October 22-29  
Fashion Show: October 26, 4-7 pm

High School Scholarship application deadline: February 14

Saint Mary's College High Potential Scholarship application deadline: March 7

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

### OML BOARD OF DIRECTORS ~ 2023-24

*President*  
Gail Chesler  
*President-Elect – open*  
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Marielle Boortz

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*Programs*  
Chris Laszcz-Davis  
and Michele Jacobson

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

July 30, 2023 was a beautiful day to gather at Marie Bonilla's home in Lafayette. New members **Marcy Place**, **Michele Jacobson**, **Marta Johnson**, **Renee Rosado**, **Natallia Westin** and **Kim Lockett** were in attendance.

Leaders of our interest groups shared information about golf, bocce ball, hiking, biking, book clubs, evening salon, great decisions, international travel and love of movies. It was a mini preview of our Showcase general meeting scheduled for September 19.

There were wonderful conversations and yummy snacks. We hope to have a new members gathering at least once a year!

**Linda Bochte, VP, Membership**



## PROPOSED BRANCH BUDGETS

### Proposed OML Branch FY23/24 Budget

		Actual FY22/23	Proposed FY23/24
<b>INCOME</b>			
	Branch Dues	2,664	2,544
	May Luncheon	2,565	2,700
	Advertising	3,720	3,000
	Other	149	130
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>9,098</b>	<b>8,374</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Administration</b>			
	Insurance	525	525
	Memorial Gifts	50	100
	Postage	234	250
	Other	90	165
<b>Community Involvement</b>			
	AAUW Fund contribution	1,000	1,000
	AAUW Fund expenses	0	100
	Community Outreach	1,000	1,000
	Public Policy	83	350
<b>Leadership Recognition</b>			
	Distinguished Woman Award	381	400
<b>Meetings</b>			
	Zoom account	546	496
	Hospitality supplies	13	80
	May luncheon	2,906	2,700
	Program	417	1,500
	Room rental	1,385	1,735
<b>Membership</b>			
	e-news	168	185
	Gift memberships	54	72
	Overview/Directory	389	390
	Membership activities	207	250
	Triad	284	280
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>9,733</b>	<b>11,578</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>-635</b>	<b>-3,204</b>

### Proposed Community Outreach Fund FY23/24 Budget

		Actual FY22/23	Proposed FY23/24
<b>Burckhalter</b>			
	Beginning account balance	3,357	4,164
	Expenses-books, supplies	-2,448	-4,000
	Donations	2,035	1,700
	Ending account balance	4,164*	1,864
<b>DEI</b>			
	Beginning account balance	1,300	1,872
	Expenses	0	-1,000
	Donations	450	400
	Ending account balance	1,872*	1,272
<b>Local Scholarship</b>			
	Beginning account balance	22,188	29,833
	Fundraisers expenses	-1,306	-75
	Scholarships-HS seniors	-4,500	-6,000
	Scholarships-St. Mary's HP/TRIO students	-3,000	-4,000
	Other expenses	-24	-325
	Donations	9,068	3,000
	Fundraisers income	4,626	800
	Ending account balance	29,833*	23,233
<b>STEM</b>			
	Beginning account balance	5,936	13,826
	Ambassadors meetings & volunteers gifts	-1,112	-1,400
	Conference intern	0	-1,000
	Conference meals, snacks	-2,716	-4,000
	Conference honoraria	-1,000	-1,700
	Materials	-670	-840
	St. Mary's rental fee	-4,644	-6,000
	T-shirts/tote bags	-4,509	-5,000
	Conference other expenses	-784	-1,040
	Conference attendee fees	8,200	8,000
	Donations & other income	10,064	12,500
	Ending account balance	13,826*	13,346
<b>Tech Trek</b>			
	Beginning account balance	14,970	14,197
	Camper scholarships	-9,700	-9,800
	Fundraisers expenses	-1,110	-1,415
	Other expenses	-478	-430
	Parents' contributions	370	350
	Donations	3,745	4,500
	Fundraisers income	3,388	3,720
	Ending account balance	14,197*	11,122
<b>Unallocated</b>			
	Beginning account balance	8,074	5,643
	Expenses	-330	-360
	Allocations to projects	-12,196	TBD
	Donations & other income	2,431	2,000
	COF fundraiser net, undesignated income	7,663	TBD
	Ending account balance	5,643	7,283

\*Includes Board-approved allocation from COF unallocated monies

#### NOTES:

Branch FY23/24 starting bank accounts (checking and savings) total = \$27,875

Branch FY23/24 projected ending bank accounts total = \$25,012

These bank balances indicate that the branch has the funds on hand to cover projected expenses.

To view a complete breakdown of these proposed budgets, please contact OML's VP of Finance at:  
[AAUWOMLTreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWOMLTreasurer@gmail.com)

*These two proposed budgets will also be available at the September general meeting where you will be asked to vote on their acceptance.*



**SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES**

**CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP SELECTIONS**

The following books have been chosen for The Critics' Choice/group:

- Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano
- Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
- Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult
- Pineapple Street* by Jenny Jackson
- The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride
- Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett
- Trust* by Hernan Diaz
- Fragile Cargo* by Adam Brookes
- Master Slave Husband Wife* by Ilyon Woo
- My Friend Anne Frank* by Hanna Pick Goslar
- The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel

If you would like to read 11 best sellers for \$30, please call Andrea Green at (925) 376-7087 to register or visit our table at Showcase.

**ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK**

**Friday, September 15 • 10 am  
Orinda Bookstore,  
276 Village Square, Orinda**

Book to discuss: *Midnight Library*, by Matt Haig. Between life and death there is a library. Every book contains a different life and different choices. You can undo every decision you regret. A little like the movie "It's a Wonderful Life." In the *Midnight Library* you get to explore the choices we make that compose our life. Contact Mary Mlynek for more information, [ml\\_mlynek@yahoo.com](mailto:ml_mlynek@yahoo.com)

**DEI – BLM ALLIES GROUP  
Monday, September 11  
Via Zoom • 3-4:15 pm**

We are reading *There There* by Tommy Orange, and will finish our discussion of the book at the September meeting. Contact Denise Burian to be included. [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com).

**HIKING EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS  
No Hikes in September**

No hikes are scheduled for the coming month of September, and starting in October, our two hikes will be as follows: Saturday, October 14 – a ranger-led hike at Sibley of three and a half miles in a loop. A second hiking date of Saturday, October 28 – this one to Rancho Laguna in Moraga. Both hikes will meet behind the Canyon Brewery at 9 am.  
Marilyn Evans 925-376-3484  
Ellen Beans 925-878-8314

**GREAT DECISIONS  
Wednesday, September 6  
Via Zoom • 10 am**

Topic to discuss is **Politics in Latin America** led by Barbara Bell.

For more information, contact Judy Helder at [judyhelder@gmail.com](mailto:judyhelder@gmail.com) or text the number in the directory.

**EVENING SALON  
Thursday, September 14  
At Marilyn Evans' home  
7 pm**

Our next meeting is at the home of Marilyn Evans, 17 Inverleith Terrace, Moraga. All members are welcome for appetizers and wine. We have an open discussion about issues of the day – social, cultural, important news stories. Contact Denise Burian at [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com) for more information.

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

We meet for casual play on Mondays. Our team play on Tuesday evenings at the Moraga Commons is over for the season. Contact Mary Leigh Miller at 925 360-4443 or online at [mlmiller602@gmail.com](mailto:mlmiller602@gmail.com) to join the group.

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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, [dianelouise2020@yahoo.com](mailto:dianelouise2020@yahoo.com) for information about this month's ride.

**SEPTEMBER 2023  
AT A GLANCE**

4, 18 MON – BOCCE BALL  
10 am – Moraga Commons  
*Read more on page 9.*

6 WED – GREAT DECISIONS  
Politics in Latin America  
10 am – Via Zoom  
*Read more on page 9*

7 THU – SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
1:30 pm – Home of Mary Ann McLeod

9 SAT – FUN(D)RAISING PLANNING MEETING  
10 am – Laura Wittenberg’s home.  
*Read more on page 3.*

11, 25 MON – GOLF GROUP  
Contact Jan Gee for time and venue, [jgee17@yahoo.com](mailto:jgee17@yahoo.com).

11 MON – DEI-BLM Allies Group  
3 pm – Via Zoom  
*Read more on page 9.*

**12 TUE – BOARD MEETING**  
**1 pm – Orinda Community Church**

14 THUR – EVENING SALON  
7 pm –Marilyn Evans’ home  
*Read more on page 9.*

15 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK  
10:30 am – Judy Peak’s home  
*Read more on page 9.*

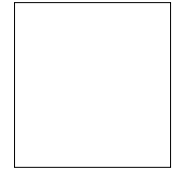
**19 TUES – SHOWCASE!**  
**Kick-off General Meeting**  
**Guest Speaker: Teli Thayer, *Girls Crushing It***  
**9:30-11:30 am – Orinda Community Church**

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

24 SUN – DEADLINE for OCTOBER TRIAD  
Send all articles to Mary Leigh Miller, 925 360-4443  
[mlmiller602@gmail.com](mailto:mlmiller602@gmail.com).

28 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 pm – Orinda Community Church**

**14 SAT – SHRED DAY**  
**Annual Fundraiser for Tech Trek**  
**9 am - Noon – 5-A Rent-A-Space, Moraga**

**17 TUE – GENERAL MEETING**  
**PUBLIC POLICY**  
**9:30 am – Orinda Community Church**

**26 THU – FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER**  
**4-7 pm – Harper Greer, Lafayette**

**All our special interest groups will be showcased at our first general meeting of the upcoming year on September 19.**

**You will have the opportunity to sign up and get more information on each activity.**