

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

(Please note: second Tuesday this month!)

### AAUW FUND PROGRAM



#### Leen Arnaout

PhD candidate and recipient  
of an AAUW Fellowship

Leen will be our speaker  
for the November general  
meeting at the Orinda Community  
Church, Fellowship Hall.  
9:30-11:30 am.

Leen Arnaout, a second-year Jordanian Ph.D. student in the University of California, Berkeley – University of California, San Francisco graduate program in bioengineering. She is working in the lab of Dr. Ian Holmes to develop computational tools to study the host-pathogen interactions governing trachoma, the leading cause of blindness internationally. She earned her B.S. in biomedical engineering at Boston University in 2021.

**Did you know:** The American Fellowship program began in 1888, a time when women were discouraged from pursuing an education. It is AAUW's largest fellowship program and the oldest non-institutional source of graduate funding for women in the United States designed to support women scholars pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks.

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## MINGLE ★ AND JINGLE



at Our Holiday  
Fundraising Party!

On Sunday, December 3  
starting at 5 pm  
we will be celebrating  
our branch priorities  
and the wonderful  
programs they support.

Plan to join us at the  
Moraga Gallery in the  
Rheem Shopping  
Center and don't forget  
to bring your  
family and friends!



Please turn to page 3  
for all the details and  
the link to purchasing  
your tickets.



**... WORDS from the PREZ**

Sometimes a person needs a stimulus for a rise in blood pressure... right? It's good for the heart muscle. I remembered that at the October meeting when my outrage level began to increase. For example, what fool would want to ban that adorable penguin book? What's wrong with that fellow in Texas who has 400 books on the suggested list of books he wants banned? On the other hand, how pleasant to hear stories about the calming effect that a cohort of AAUW members can have on a school board meeting. Glad, too, that the offensive

attenders are coming LESS to meetings WHEN WE COME MORE.

I thoroughly enjoyed each of the panel members assembled by Public Policy co-chair Laura Monin and her capable, creative team. (Read her article elsewhere in this Triad.) Big thanks from the Directory team go out to the Ad Team, so capably led by Pat Lopker. The ad team brought home the bacon with a full bank of advertisers – at least one new one – and the nearly complete list of repeats. Congratulations and warm thanks to Pat, Lana Reichick, Bonnie Fend, K deGroot, Bonnie Gallogly, Maryellen Judson, Diane Bell. Ads were gathered by Mary-Leigh Miller in addition to her always excellent art work. Thanks for all the work done by others for the “pretty in pink” Directory. That list includes Mary-Leigh again for the art work and Joan Foster for gathering of interest group material and edits of text and fact-finding on phone numbers (Political and Governance). Check out Peggy Cabaniss’ History section. Linda Bochte (got to pick the cover color) gets our thanks for the members needing to be listed – hey, it’s a directory, right? Marie Bonilla keeps the always up-to-date database – thank you.

We have a busy year this year. Next month the AAUW Fellow (grant awardee) will tell us about her PhD work at UC Berkeley and UCSF and Peggy will speak from her knowledge of National AAUW. December is the Fun(d) raiser where we’ll get to see all the goodies in the baskets for the raffle – to eat well – to hear music to enhance the event. I enjoy the art work on display (yes, it’s that kind of place) and to rub shoulders with my AAUW buddies. January brings whatever DEI chooses, February brings .... (stay tuned, it’s a busy year).

There are some organizing chores to be done as well. The Bylaws are in need of an update, possibly some of the Policies and Procedures. We have to get to some modifications of the Strategic Plan and we will launch a Nominating Committee very early in November. Please get ready to say “yes” when they phone you or approach you at a meeting.

This is an exciting branch. We do a great deal of good work. I worry that we might be stretching the limits of our “bandwidth” with the continuing increases seen in project workloads.

Yours in our awesome branch,

**Gail Chesler, President**

**BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS  
October 10, 2023**

**The Operating Organization 501(c)(4)**

- Branch membership numbers 126 marvelous women.
- At the up-coming program about AAUW National in November, a “fellow” (grant recipient) will talk about her fascinating research.
- We will participate in the AAUW California School Board Project. Attending local school board meetings will likely be a goal for branch members.
- The OML Nominating Committee will begin its work seeking elected officers for 2024-25.

**The Community Outreach 501(c)(3)**

- Fundraising committee (Dec 3rd) moves ahead with gusto. Gift baskets for raffles sound awesome.
- Shred Event, Harper Greer fashion show, and the Restaurant Walk were previewed.
- OML will sponsor and actively participate in math festival at Burckhalter in 2024.

**Recorded and prepared by  
Peggy Cabaniss and Gail Chesler in absence of  
Barbara Bell, Secretary**

**AAUW Mission**

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

**Value Promise of AAUW**

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

**FOCUS ON ... THE HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER • FUN for FUND\$**

# MINGLE AND JINGLE

## Holiday Fundraiser

**December 3, 2023**

**5:00 - 8:00 pm – \$75**

**Moraga Art Gallery**

432 Center Street, in the  
Rheem Shopping Center



**Benefitting AAUW-OML Mission-based Programs**

*For more information on these projects look on our website.*

- **Tasty Appetizers • Wine Tasting provided by Hess Winery •**
- **Music • Live & Silent Auction •**

To make reservations and/or make a donation to the AAUW-OML  
Community Outreach Fund, [CLICK HERE](#)

This year's holiday party is really shaping up with more membership involvement than ever before. With each of our five branch priority groups – Scholarship, Tech Trek, STEM, Burckhalter and DEI – putting together theme-based packages for the silent auction, we are really beginning to see a lot of creativity, enthusiasm and ingenuity being brought forth.

The event will be catered by **Genuine Goodness** of Orinda, who will be providing wonderful hearty appetizers. We are very excited to secure **Hess Winery** in Napa, who will not only be pouring wine at our event but will also be contributing to the live auction by providing a tour of its winery and fabulous art collection. At our holiday event, you will also be surrounded by beautiful gallery art, available for purchase, and entertained by live holiday music.

Members of the holiday fundraiser committee have been actively at work, seeking items for the silent auction from wine tasting to art tours and theater outings to sailing. There is going to be much for you to choose from! The packages they are putting together are priceless and here's just a sampling of what

will be available: One of a kind handcrafted bird houses, a Sea Ranch get-away package, numerous gift certificates to local stores and restaurants, and a Sailing on the Bay experience.

If you have something that you think others would be interested in bidding upon, please reach out to Renee Rosado. She can be reached by email at [renee\\_rosado@yahoo.com](mailto:renee_rosado@yahoo.com). **Remember, all proceeds will go to fund our branch priorities.**

**This is a fundraiser party that you will definitely want to be a part of.**

Non-AAUW members are encouraged to join in on all the fun. To secure your spot, and those of friends and family members that you are inviting to join you, please click on the link in the banner above. You can also go directly to the OML website

***The more the merrier!***

**Shari Simon,  
Fundraising Team Committee Member**

**HIGHLIGHTS from the OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING**

A timely and fact filled October General Meeting introduced AAUW California Public Policy’s “School Board Project” to address the fact that school boards across the country and in California are facing censorship and curricula interference. Local school boards are being challenged in the name of protecting children’s and parents’ rights. Divisive groups are running candidates for school boards who will attempt to ban books and change curricula to exclude an historically accurate and factual account of marginalized groups and our country’s past.



The meeting was facilitated by Laura Monin (Public Policy Co-Chair) and included an expert panel (see photo at top). Janette Maher gave the perspective of the American Library Association and displayed examples of banned books. Aida Glimme, Superintendent of the Orinda Union School District, explained how a school district chooses curriculum and books. Laurinda Ochoa, a member of AAUW California School Board Project committee, gave an emotional clarion call for our members to get involved.



AAUW-OML will provide training on how to effectively support our local school boards, including by attending school board meetings and advancing AAUW’s policy positions supporting academic freedom, protection from censorship, and bias-free, high-quality education. Plan to join a one-hour Zoom training, scheduled for either Wednesday, November 8 or Friday, November 10 at 10 am. **Contact Laura Monin if you would like a Zoom invitation.**



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

*Photos by K. deGroot*

**~ HARPER GREER FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER ~**

Our Fashion Show was held on Thursday, October 26. Everyone who attended had a fun time socializing with our AAUW friends, listening to jazz music and viewing the latest fashions. We hope you found something you liked and shopped for our cause. Many thanks to Carol Heppenstall for organizing, our fabulous models and to all who worked on the event and most importantly those who of you who supported our event. I hope you all will continue to patronize this business!



Look for a complete report and lots more photos taken by K. de Groot in the December issue of the Triad!

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

## SCHOLARSHIP ~ FOCUS ON OUR AWARDEES

This month we introduce our second high school recipient. As you will see, during high school she was actively engaged in discovering problems and creating amazing opportunities throughout her community.



**Nilab Ahmed**  
**Miramonte High School**  
**Northwestern University**

Listening to her mother's stories about her struggles adjusting to American life as a young refugee from Afghanistan inspired Nilab to volunteer at the *Keeping Our Promise*, a nonprofit resettlement service, a partner of the Afghan coalition of Fremont. As she visited with refugee families, she heard the anxieties among the parents: not being able to give their children the support they needed or even find a way to find solutions for struggles ranging from bullying to language barriers.

"Their (Afghan families in the program) emotions and struggles felt familiar. The events in my life that made me feel 'othered' and how I chose to cope reflected experiences that my students were now dealing with when they were ill-equipped to. . . I began to rethink how KOP's tutoring program could be pivoted to help."

During the pandemic she continued tutoring at *Keeping Our Promise*. 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. As the first non-adult tutor and first of Afghan descent she felt inspired to bridge the gap between the specific needs of the children and the volunteers. Her pilot program expanded to 56 tutors!

"It was a mutual learning opportunity as the volunteers and their students got to interact with someone whom they saw as 'the other.' To help the tutors become more comfortable with their roles, I educated volunteers on the nuances of Afghan culture and etiquette . . ."

Nilab also created and developed an official website for the organization. She was able to help with technology redesign that addressed needs such as reliable internet and access to devices.

**Thank you to Gail Chesler and Bonnie Gallogly for updating our scholarship applications to make them easily approachable and appropriate for today's students. Thanks to Bonnie Fend and Carol Heppenstall for organizing the Harper Greer shopping fundraiser and scholarship committee members who helped.**

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING

### Sneakers 4 Scholarships



Scholarship has received \$263.25 since July 1st! We have mailed 25 more bags. A sneaker drive was held at Acalanes High

School and another one will be at Miramonte in November. Please continue to help our scholarship program by asking your family (grandkids), friends and neighbors to save their gently worn sneakers. These sneakers can help AAUW raise funds for our local high school scholarships and Saint Mary's College High Potential Program scholarships. With your help, we can keep sneakers out of landfills, reduce toxic chemicals in our air and soil, and raise money to support our local scholarships. We have sneaker drop off locations at Moraga's 24 Hour Fitness, The Lafayette Veterans Memorial Center, Lafayette Community Center Pickle Ball Courts and the Oakwood Gym, plus we will be collecting at all our in person branch meetings.

### Tried & True Tutoring



The scholarship committee is once again partnering with Tried and True to help secure rooms for the ACT and SAT practice tests and classes at the local high schools, which we receive a percentage of the students fees. In October a 3-week class was offered at Miramonte and a mock test will be offered on November 4th at Campolindo. We are grateful to be working with this company again.

**Turn to page 4 to read about our successful evening event at Harper Greer!**

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

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS ~ SUPPORTING TECH TREK

### Restaurant Walk '23

Thank you to everyone who joined the Walnut Creek Restaurant Walk! We enjoyed the stroll around downtown Walnut Creek on a beautiful evening sampling so many foods! Some of us had fun meeting at Five Tacos and Beers for a delicious chicken taco (and a margarita) before heading to our pick of the other 20 restaurants! Believe me, no one went home hungry. In addition to the taco, two of my favorites were the buffalo chicken slider from the Broderick Roadhouse and ice cream from the San Francisco Creamery. Thanks to your participation, the event earned Tech Trek \$479! We plan to participate in the Restaurant Walk next year, so you are invited to join us!

**Jan Cushman, Chair, Tech Trek**



### Shred Day at 5A: A Success for Tech Trek

Heartfelt thanks for the dedication of our hardworking Tech Trek committee members and friends who worked to make our eighth Shred Day at 5A a success. And a special thanks to courageous Jan Cushman for working the lead task in 2022 and 2023—asking every shred customer to donate extra dollars to help send Lamorinda girls to STEM camp. This year we received outstanding donations – the key element to the success of Shred Day.

Since 2014, most of our committee volunteers have worked 90 percent of our shred events. With eight successful Shred Days in the books, we have contributed approximately \$16,000 to help fund science camp scholarships. This October, we earned \$1,900, helping fund 1.5 Tech Trek scholarships in 2024.

OML has sent 129 local girls to AAUW's often life-changing Tech Trek camp. Since the first camp was held at Stanford University in 1998, the cost of camp scholarships has gone up significantly. Camp costs have increased 25 percent in just the past two years!

**It takes a village!** We are blessed to have a loyal band of hard working volunteers willing to work four noisy hours on concrete, push publicity on OML and social media sites, help make flyers, and lug our signs around town. We are also grateful for the long standing support of every member who comes to shred papers and donate dollars. *We could not do it without you!*

Thanks to all who worked on Shred Day, and behind the scenes in preparation for the event. Special thanks to the strong men who help us hustle the boxes.

**Lana Reichick, Chair, Shred Day Event**



~ GETTING READY for the STEM CONFERENCE ~

A committee meeting was held on October 18, which included all the STEM committee members in the photo below. Here are the highlights from the meeting:

- The Keynote Speaker will be Dr Sonya Schuh, Women’s and Gender Studies at Saint Mary’s College. Sandy Fox-Sohner recommended that we see the HBO Max docuseries called *Not So Pretty* with Sonya’s research with her students on the effects of unregulated toxins in beauty care products. We will provide a photo and bio in a future Triad issue.
- We are putting together a Sports/Adventure theme for our fundraiser silent auction package for the holiday party on December 3. If anyone has a donation or suggestion, please contact Heidi Mayer or Renee Rosado.
- *Save the Date* communication for the conference went out to about 900 people, primarily the parents of STEM Conference participants. It will also be sent to the Bay Area Girls Club and other organizations in neighboring communities.
- We are looking for volunteers for the conference. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sheila Apte. We will provide a link for online signup in next month’s Triad.
- We are contacting 17 past presenters, and four to five potential new presenters who may be interested in putting on a workshop for the 2024 conference.
- The next meeting will be held on November 15, 1PM at Oakwood Athletic Club.

Heidi Mayer, Member, STEM Conference Committee



OML BOARD OF DIRECTORS ~ 2023-24

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and Michele Jacobson

BURCKHALTER

We are excited to welcome the DEI group to Burckhalter. The new DEI strategic plan includes committee members working once a month at Burckhalter. The principal, Ms. Geathers, says she is looking forward to getting to know everyone and working together for the success of Burckhalter students.

Janette Maher,  
Chair, Burckhalter

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our branch currently has 126 members. We have membership renewals throughout the year. Members should receive a renewal notice from National when their renewal is due. We continue to reach out to the parents of our Tech Trek and STEM girls

Linda Bochte,  
VP, Membership

TECH TREK PLANS

For summer of 2024, there will be only one Tech Trek camp at Sonoma State University. In December, we will know where an additional camp will be located. Campuses under consideration are Stanford, CSU Monterey Bay, UC Santa Cruz, San Jose State University, Santa Clara University and possibly Berkeley. We need to be patient while this is worked out!



Jan Cushman,  
Chair, Tech Trek

## KUDOS to the OML AD TEAM!

AAUW-OML has a small cohort of committed advertising sales reps who meet the challenge every year, keeping our directory self-sustaining. Our loyal advertisers support the community work we do – especially a few long-supporting members who advertise their businesses year after year, decade after decade. Many thanks to **Joan Evans, Soraya Gorlesorkhi, K. DeGroot, Diane Bell** and **Lana Reichick**.

Take a look at all our directory advertisers – both long established and new ones. Know them and thank them. For home security, contact **Bay Alarm**. Reach out to **Dr. Barbara Persons** for local cosmetic surgery consultations. Visit **Creative Alterations** on Brown Avenue for expert tailoring.

Support restaurants **Casa Orinda** as well as **Town Bakery & Cafe** and **Golden Palace** in Moraga. (You can order take-out using their QR code.) Join **Meadow View Winery's** mailing list to get a members' discount when you buy direct in Orinda.

When you shop at **Diablo Foods** and **Hollie's Home Grown** in Lafayette, thank them for joining us as an advertiser. Get your watch straps and batteries replaced at fine jeweler **Stephen Ware's** stores. When you need an oil change, new windshield wipers, tires or brakes serviced, visit friendly **E's Auto Service** in Moraga (next to Canyon Brewery) and the **Service Outlet** in Lafayette. Thank them for advertising in our OML directory. Tell them their support endorses the good work we do in the community. They are our partners in that work.

We appreciate Tech Trek Dad **Steve Hall** as a returning advertiser and our loyal tech guru. We are happy to have Lamorinda's Handyman **Todd Bunch** as a local "can-do" person we can trust and reach by text message. ("No job too small.") Put these valuable resources in your contact list so you can reach them when you need them.

Tell **5A Rent-A-Space** Manager George Burns we truly appreciate all the ways he supports AAUW-OML. Stop by the office to say hello. They will likely have a small gift for you on their counter.

If you do business with a local company that might like to support the work we do, ask them to become our partner as a supportive advertiser. If you appreciate a particular advertiser, write the owner a personal thank you note, handwritten on a beautiful notecard. Tell them their ad helps support our good work in Lamorinda. They will not soon forget a personal thank you note. One short kind note will go a long way. It will likely get pinned to a bulletin board.

Lastly, thank you to the OML team that produces our valued directory. Under the long-standing leadership of Advertising Coordinator **Pat Lopker**, these OML members are our committed ad sales team, in addition to those who renew their own business ads every year, we thank: **Stacia Cragholm, K. DeGroot, Bonnie Fend, Maryellen Judson, Pat Lopker, Mary Leigh Miller** and **Lana Reichick**.

Kudos to **Gail Chesler, Mary Leigh Miller** and **Pat Lopker** for a terrific 2023-2024 edition published. Pretty in Pink! Brava! for a job well done.

The 23-24 Ad Team

## 2023-24 AAUW-OML SPONSORS/ ADVERTISERS

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### LAFAYETTE

Asian Accents – Original Designs in Jewelry by K. de Groot\*  
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The Service Outlet – Marc Harvey  
Todd Bunch, Lamorinda's Handyman  
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### MORAGA

AAAAA Rent-A-Space  
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Angie Evans Traxinger & Joan Evans\* – Village Associates Real Estate  
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Bay Alarm Company  
Milner's Jewelers – Countrywood Shopping Center, Pleasant Hill

Our ADVERTISERS would love your **SUPPORT**. Tell them you saw their ad in our Directory!

If you missed picking up your OML directory at the October meeting, look for it at the November general meeting on November 14



## SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

**MUSEUM MAVENS AND GORGEOUS GARDENS**

Friday, November 3  
Eugene O'Neill Tao House Tour

We will meet at the Railroad Museum at 205 Railroad Avenue in Danville where we will be shuttled up the hill in a van for the guided tour of the home. Lunch to follow at Bridges Restaurant. If you are interested and have not previously RSVP'd, please contact Trudy Barron to see if we might have room for you to join us at [trudyLbarron@gmail.com](mailto:trudyLbarron@gmail.com).

**HIKING EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS**

Saturday, November 11 & 25

November hikes will take place on Saturday, November 11 at Bort Meadows on Redwood Road and Saturday, November 25 – Redwood (Canyon Meadow). Meet behind the Canyon Brewery in Moraga at 9 am to carpool. Hikes in December are planned for Saturday 16 and 23 – more info to follow in the December Triad. Contact the hike leaders for more information:

Marilyn Evans 925-376-3484

Ellen Beans 925-878-8314

**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.

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

We meet for casual play at the Moraga Commons. Contact Mary Leigh Miller at [mlmiller602@gmail.com](mailto:mlmiller602@gmail.com) to join the group.

**ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK**

Friday, November 17 • 10 am  
Orinda Bookstore

**The Accidental President: Harry S. Truman and the Four Months that Changed the World**, by A.J. Baime. The story begins with the death of FDR and coincides with the last months of World War II. Truman faced conflict with the Soviet Union over Poland and Eastern Europe; diplomatic crisis from Argentina to Austria; ending the war in Europe; Lend Lease; China; secret agreements; the atomic bomb (that Truman only learned of his first day as president); defeating Japan; creating the U.N.; transitioning from a wartime economy; forming his own cabinet and more. The author makes no excuses for Truman, but instead argues how fortunate our country was to have such a practical, hardworking leader of integrity. Contact Mary Mlynek for more information, [ml\\_mlynek@yahoo.com](mailto:ml_mlynek@yahoo.com).

**GREAT DECISIONS**  
No meetings in November  
or December

Books have been ordered for Great Decisions and will arrive in January. There will be no meeting in November or December. If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Judy Helder, [judyhelder@gmail.com](mailto:judyhelder@gmail.com).

**DEI – BLM ALLIES GROUP**  
Monday, November 13  
Via Zoom • 3-4:15 pm

We are reading the book *Push Out* by Monique Morris. Please read to page 95. We will discuss up to that point in the book at the meeting, plus finalize our strategic plan for DEI for 2023-2024. DEI is open to all interested members. Contact Denise at [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com) for more information.

**FINANCIALLY SAVVY LADIES**

Friday, November 17 • 1-3 pm  
at Peggy Cabaniss's home  
743 Crossbrook Drive, Moraga

Our new Special Interest Group, Financially Savvy Women, had our first meeting on Friday, October 20, where we discussed how to develop our personal Statement of Net Worth. Join us for our next monthly meeting on Friday, November 17. The focus for this meeting will be to develop a **Cash Flow Statement** (commonly called a budget, but in general terms, not details). We will be meeting monthly (except for December) and will have a different topic for each meeting. Please call or email Peggy if you would like to join or find out more about our group, [pcabaniss7@gmail.com](mailto:pcabaniss7@gmail.com).

**EVENING SALON**  
Thursday, November 9 • 7 pm  
At Denise Burian's home

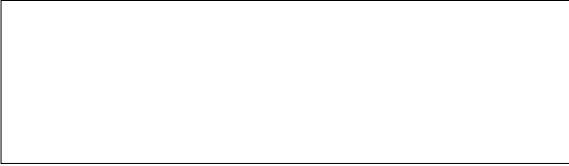
Our next meeting is Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Denise Burian. All members are welcome for appetizers and wine in an open and casual environment. We bring topics to discuss and have an open discussion about those issues of the day- social, cultural, important news stories. Due to Thanksgiving, we will not meet on the 4th Thursday. Contact Denise Burian at [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com) for more information.



**NOVEMBER 2023  
AT A GLANCE**

- 1 WED - CRITIC CHOICE BOOK GROUP  
Pass your book along to the next person on your list.
- 2 THU – SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
1:30 pm – Home of Mary Ann McLeod
- 3 FRI – MUSEUM MAVENS & GORGEOUS GARDENS  
Tour of the Eugene O’Neill house in Danville  
*Read more on page 9.*
- 4, 18 SAT – FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING  
1 pm – Laura Wittenberg’s home.
- 6, 20 MON – BOCCE BALL  
10 am – Moraga Commons *Read more on page 9.*
- 13, 27 MON – GOLF GROUP  
Contact Jan Gee for time and venue, [jgee17@yahoo.com](mailto:jgee17@yahoo.com).
- 7 TUE – BOARD MEETING**  
**1 pm – Orinda Community Church**  
**(Note: first Tuesday, this month only)**
- 8 THUR – EVENING SALON  
7 pm –Marilyn Evans’ home  
*Read more on page 9.*
- 11, 25 SAT – REGIONAL PARK HIKES  
9 am – Meet at Canyon Brewery parking lot.  
*Read more on page 9.*
- 13 MON – DEI-BLM Allies Group  
3 pm – Via Zoom  
*Read more on page 9.*
- 14 TUE – GENERAL MEETING**  
**AAUW FUND PROGRAM**  
**9:30 am – Orinda Community Church**
- 15 WED – STEM COMMITTEE MEETING  
1 pm – Oakwood Athletic Club  
*Read more on page 7.*
- 15 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS  
1 pm – Via Zoom  
Contact Carol Messinger.
- 17 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK  
10 am – Orinda Books *Read more on page 9.*

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- 17 FRI – FINANCIALLY SAVVY WOMEN  
1 pm – Peggy Cabaniss’s home *Read more on page 9.*
- 24 FRI – DEADLINE for DECEMBER TRIAD  
Send all articles to Mary Leigh Miller, 925 360-4443  
[mlmiller602@gmail.com](mailto:mlmiller602@gmail.com).
- 30 THURS – BIKE RIDING GROUP  
9:30 am – Meeting place TBA  
Contact Diane Bell, [dianelouise2020@yahoo.com](mailto:dianelouise2020@yahoo.com).

**DECEMBER 2023**  
*Look for more information in the December Triad*

**3 SUN – MINGLE and JINGLE**  
**5-8 pm – MORAGA ART GALLERY**  
**OML Annual Holiday Fundraiser**

**12 TUE – BOARD MEETING**  
**1 pm – Via Zoom**

**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.*