

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

➔ **Please note: second Tuesday**

## GENERAL MEETING

**Serbian Orthodox Church**

Community Hall

1700 School Street, Moraga

➔ **Please note: change of venue**

9:30-11:30 am

***AI ~ Promise and Peril of Generative  
Artificial Intelligence***

**Guest speaker: Dr. PoChi Wu**

Dr. Wu, an investor in human capital, will explore what AI is, what it isn't, its evolution to present day technology and its opportunities and limitations. To the extent available, he will also talk about legislative activity addressing AI at present.

Specific case study situations will be discussed with some opportunity to brainstorm on how our communities, policyholders and other stakeholders can weigh in and help develop guideposts.

Dr. PoChi Wu is an active advisor at SkyDeck, the incubator /accelerator program at UC Berkeley and advises several startups around the world. His passion for making a difference has grown over several decades of experience as a venture capitalist and entrepreneur in Silicon Valley and in Greater China, and most recently, as an Adjunct Professor teaching entrepreneurship in Hong Kong and Berkeley. He is Co-Founder and senior partner at FutureLab Consulting, which is focused on new technologies at the intersection of blockchain, artificial intelligence, and quantum computing. He is co-author of "Agile Innovation: the Revolutionary Approach to Accelerate Success, Inspire Engagement, and Ignite Creativity" and "Quantum Design Sprints".

In the non-profit world, he is Co-Founder and Director of Entrepreneur Futures Network (EFN), which provides mentors to business plan competitions at major universities such as Yale, NYU and The university of Michigan. In Hong Kong, he was Co-Founder and Vice-Chairman of Invotech, where he championed the role of entrepreneurship in building Smart Cities. Dr. Wu has a PhD in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology from Princeton University and BA degrees in Mathematics and Music from UC Berkeley. Dr. Wu resides in Orinda.



**TUESDAY,**

**MARCH 19**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Orinda Community Church

***Women Leaders  
Life and Career Learnings  
What We Valued Most  
and What We Might  
Have Changed  
~ A Retrospective View ~***

This general meeting will feature a panel of female leaders from various walks of life, ages and maturity points on the career trajectory.

They will address their challenges, their opportunities, things they might have done differently and learnings they offer the newer generation.

### Panelists include:

- **Pat Rudebusch**, Business Owner, The Orinda Bookstore
- **Leta McCollough Seletzky**, a National Endowment for the Arts 2022 Creative Writing Fellow.
- **Katharine White, Esq.**, Managing Attorney of San Francisco Bay Area litigation support team at top-five law firm
- **Saira Pasha**, Associate Director-Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, AT&T.
- **Dr. Jacalyn Buettner**, Chiropractor, Union Square Chiropractic.
- **Dr. Jamie Textor**, Veterinarian, former owner and surgeon, Total Performance Equine.



... WORDS from the PREZ

As we continue into this new year, we're presenting important programs for our members. I'm glad we are doing good work in the larger world. I am proud of the programs we've produced and the education we are getting as a result of those programs – and as result of the interest groups, as well. The fun of those adds to our well-roundedness.

**Good job, DEI!!** for the program at our general meeting in January. I learned a lot – and was surprised by some of what was said about **food insecurity**, i.e., hunger, locally. The structure of the meeting was well planned and carried out. We heard from the panel members thoroughly and the Q & A was excellent.

I anticipate, with pleasure, our Feb 13 meeting at the Serbian Church in Moraga – at the regular time for social gathering at 9:30 with the meeting to begin at 10 am. The topic will be **Artificial Intelligence** and there is so much we each need to get a “grip” on. This will be a good start for some of us and will augment understandings for those who already know. Every day’s news has some reference to AI; I want to be better equipped to understand what the news is saying.

I've also been thinking a lot about **MEMBERSHIP**. With sadness, we have acknowledged the passing of three valued members in the past few weeks. Most recently, one of the 50 Year Honorary Members of our branch, June Howe, passed away. Nancy Kornfield and Linda Bochte also now leave big “they are missing” holes in our branch. We are fans of our branch and the good work we do – both for others and for ourselves. Bringing **new members** into our fold is important; it must happen for our branch to continue to thrive. I still remember, as I was about to retire in 2012, I said to my friend, Pat Beckner, “I’m not sure what I’ll do with all this time.” Pat’s reply --- “Don’t worry, we’ve got you covered.” She took me to the January meeting in 2013, and I’ve been hooked ever since. The conclusion I hope you draw is “**Bring My Friends to AAUW Meetings**”. Introduce them to other members while there. They can come as many times as they’d like before becoming a member (p.s. National membership is half price if they join at a meeting <smile>).

- Coming up – opportunities to say “yes” to the nominating committee;
  - Opportunities to endorse *Someone Swell* for Distinguished Woman”
  - Opportunities to say “yes” if the STEM Day needs you
  - Opportunities to say “yes” to Tech Trek working visits to camp.
- Let’s do this.

**Gail Chesler, President**

**BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**  
January 9, 2023

A memorial service will be held for Linda Bochte at 10:30 am on February 3 at Saint Perpetua Catholic Church in Lafayette.

Membership renewal will be in June for most existing members. Those who have joined in the past two years or so will renew on the date they joined.

The February board meeting will be by ZOOM on Tuesday, February 6. The general meeting will be at the Serbian Orthodox Church Community Hall on February 13. Dr PoChi Wu, a noted molecular biologist, will speak on artificial intelligence.

The deadline for high school juniors and seniors to sign up for Gov Trek is January 20. The program will begin on March 3 and meet for seven consecutive Saturdays.

Lobby Days will be online April 2 and 3. Training materials will be posted mid-March. Those interested in participating must attend a mandatory training webinar on March 25.

A committee is being formed to protect public school education. Ogie Strogatz and Karen Feeney are on the committee. Anyone interested in attending school board meetings should contact Denise Burian.

Tech Trek will be held at Santa Clara University, July 7-14. AAUW-OML will send seven girls at a cost per girl of \$1,200. There are eight other camps across the state.

The scholarship committee has scheduled a meeting to go over the entire application process. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is February 14..

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**FOCUS ON ... THREE MEMBERS THAT WE HAVE LOST**

**Linda Bochte**, beloved mother, grandmother, partner, sister, godmother, and friend, passed away on January 2, 2024 after a brief illness. Memorial service will be at her church, St. Perpetua Church of Lafayette on Feb 3, 2024 at 10:30 am.



Linda attended Santa Clara University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics, graduating with honors. When her two daughters Sara and Dee were at Happy Valley Elementary School, Linda volunteered in their school library and discovered her career. She returned to school and earned a Library Certificate at Diablo Valley College. She was the librarian at Burton Valley Elementary School in Lafayette for 22 years.

Linda spent her retirement years with her grandchildren, traveling with her long-time partner John and gardening. She had many roles in the St. Perpetua church community. In the AAUW community, Linda was our branch Membership Chair. Many new members will remember her welcoming manner. Linda also participated with Scholarship, Tech Trek, the nominating committee, and Burckhalter. Linda’s depth of library expertise added immeasurably to our library classes at Burckhalter and she launched several new programs there. Students and staff will miss her reading great books to them and sharing her love of children’s literature.

“Goodnight Moon, goodnight everywhere, goodnight Linda.”

**Janette Maher, good friend and fellow librarian**



**June McLaughlin Howe** died on January 16, 2024. She was a founding and honorary life member of OML as well as a charter member of Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in Orinda where our branch met for a number of years.

June attended the University of California and received a bachelors degree in English and later a masters degree in Literature from San Francisco State University. She taught high school English in the Acalanes district for several years and was active in our branch for a number of years afterward.

**Nancy Kornfield** died peacefully at home surrounded by family on January 17, 2024. Born in Los Angeles, she graduated from Beverly Hills High School and then attended Cal, beginning her lifelong passion as a Cal Bears fan. Nancy taught high school Spanish in Oakland and Contra Costa County schools for 60 years. She married in 1958, had two daughters, then moved to Moraga and never left. Her friends remember her as a volunteer-extraordinaire, donating her time and talents to many organizations, including a long-time involvement with AAUW-OML.



Nancy was part of the pass around book group for many years as well as the Museum Mavens group. She also interviewed Moraga seventh grade girls for Tech Trek, helped out with registration at many STEM conferences and was part of Sister-to-Sister. She often brought treats to general meetings and always appreciated the ones about political issues: A member of the League of Women Voters, she was devoted to elections, especially the propositions. She was also an active volunteer with Planned Parenthood and other organizations benefitting women and girls. She was an active member of Temple Isaiah.

Nancy was a longtime lover of the arts: museums, theater (Berkeley Rep, Aurora, Cal Shakes, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, SF Ballet, Symphony, ACT), Cal football and basketball subscriber and a big fan. She loved to travel and had visited over 40 countries.

A couple of thoughts from a friend’s perspective. Nancy really knew how to be a friend. She was always ready to listen, console, give her opinion (directly!), laugh, go for walks, and share meals. She always showed up.

**Contributed by Marty Schimbor**





## STEM CONFERENCE ~ MARCH 16, 2024



### STEM Conference attendee and Stanford freshman aspiring to be an Industrial Engineer

Just like so many of us, I have been involved with our STEM Conference from the beginning. When we see the aspiring students taking part in building bridges, dissecting brains and putting a computer together, we are thrilled but also wonder how much difference are we really making.

Last spring when I found out that my close friend's granddaughter, Meera, chose to go to Stanford to be an Industrial engineer I was delighted. Meera Chakradeo, a graduate of Northgate Highschool in Walnut creek, attended the Stem Conference for two years and says she enjoyed the conference and remember it to be a lot of fun.

"It was cool to hear women from various fields." She said when I talked to her a few months after she started her freshman year. She even remembered the speaker, Jessica Ma, who started her own company to prepare taxes. When I asked whether she would advise others to attend the conference, she said, "For sure, since it will be a great experience and a cool way to meet other girls. It is a good way to learn outside of the classroom environment and it will be an awesome experience if you keep your mind open,"

Having a great hands-on project to build and exposure to different areas of STEM is what she remembers the most about her experience. She was exposed to different STEM related programs since elementary school and the conference definitely introduced her to various STEM fields. What attracted her to her chosen major is the stream lining and improving the processes part of industrial engineering. And interestingly, she first realized its importance while selling hundreds of boxes of cookies as a girl scout! Most of all, she recognizes the importance of having women mentors in STEM and hopes that one day she can be a mentor for others.

**Sheila Apte, STEM Conference Workshop Presenter**

The 2024 STEM Conference for Middle School Girls will be held on Saturday, March 16 at Saint Mary's College from 9 am. to 3:30 pm. Each student will select five of her top choices out of the 14 workshops offered. The cost is \$50 and scholarships are available. **Scan here for more information.**



Registration is now open and will close on February 29. **Scan here to register.**



### A Special Invitation to Parents

Parents can join a free parent workshop from 9 to 11 am in the Soda Center, focusing on *Building the Foundation for a Confident Teen: the Journey to Balancing Control*. A panel of local high school and college students will share their experiences in the study of STEM. A campus tour and refreshments are included. **Scan here to register.**



## STEM Conference Volunteers Are Needed!!

Safety and security for our upcoming STEM Conference is paramount to its success. Mandatory training for all volunteers is scheduled for March 10 from 10 am to noon in the SMC Soda Center. Volunteers are needed for registration (am), adult monitors in workshops, hospitality, and lunch duty. Your help with safety and security is crucial to the success of our conference.

**The adult monitors** (8 am-3 pm) have one of the most important roles of the day. They meet and work with our professional presenters, making sure all attendees are engaged, and providing another adult in the workshop for overall supervision. Together, the monitors (high school and adult) pay close attention to details, specifically making sure everyone in the class is engaged in the activity. They need to help any attendees who are in the wrong place or need assistance with the activity. Evaluations at the end of each workshop will provide valuable information.

**The registration volunteers** (8 - 10 am) manage the welcoming, distribution of attendee's name tags, schedules (on back of nametags), goodie bags, and T-shirts.

**The hospitality volunteers** oversee four venues: 1) The parent program (8:15-11 am); 2) Galileo Hall, which serves coffee, snacks, and lunch for our presenters (7:30 am-2 pm); 3) Moraga Room in the Soda Center (7:30 am-3:30 pm); and 4) Lunch in the Lafayette Room.



**To sign up to volunteer, please scan the QR code and follow the directions. Thank you for your support and assistance!**

**SCHOLARSHIP ~ FOCUS ON OUR AWARDEES**



**Sophia Gonzalez**  
**Saint Mary's College**  
**Class of 2024**

Each month it is my pleasure to share the information our committee has discovered about our awardees by reading their essays, letters of recommendation and interviews.

Saint Mary's student, Sophia Gonzales, is tireless and inspiring in her desire to serve those in need and encourages others to do the same. Sophia has volunteered at Sky Mountain Outdoor Education Center and has tutored children since sixth grade. Currently she is tutoring students at the Multicultural Institute in Berkeley. This program supports children that lack resources and gives them support so they can thrive and realize they are capable individuals.

“Personally, I adopted several leadership skills while volunteering . . . Through these interactions I have learned more about my own values, beliefs, and priorities. Additionally, community engagement allowed me to identify my own strengths and weaknesses and develop strategies for improving them.”

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, Psychology Club, and the Diverse Abilities Club. She has led various groups, from students, to young adults to administrators and university academics. While participating in these programs Sophia leads numerous outreach efforts to many diverse groups.

“A community can come together to address issues such as poverty, homelessness, or inadequate access to healthcare. I have learned that these problems affect not just individuals but communities collectively, and by working together, individuals can develop solutions that benefit everyone. Community engagement can also promote dialogue between different groups within the community, fostering understanding and collaboration.”

**Scholarship Application Deadlines**

Branch Scholarship Application closing dates are coming soon. Our high school deadline is Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and our college deadline is Thursday, March 7, 2024. Go to our scholarship page on our OML website to find the requirements.

If you know a young woman who will be graduating from Acalanes, Campolindo or Miramonte High School or a junior or senior student in the High Potential Program at Saint Mary's College who has participated in community service activities, please encourage her to apply.

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



*Keep  
 Collecting  
 Those  
 Sneakers!*

**TECH TREK**

**Tech Trek Camp**  
**Santa Clara University**  
**July 7-13**

We have been approved to send seven girls to Tech Trek camp at Santa Clara University! Our three teams are waiting for the teachers' nominations and planning the interviews to be held in March.

Once we receive the information about the nominated girls, the parents will receive an email inviting them to give permission for us to interview the girls.

Then the girls will get a link to submit their applications and essays based on this prompt – “Please write a 400-500 word essay telling us in some detail about an area of science, technology, engineering or math that you are most interested in. or what have you done to further your knowledge in this area and what are you most curious to learn?”

**Jan Cushman,**  
**Chair, Tech Trek**



*Soldering close-up at Tech Trek Camp last summer.*

## PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES

### Upcoming Webinars

As advocates for progress and change, the American Association of University Women is proud to present two pivotal webinars aimed at fostering inclusion and addressing critical challenges in today's educational landscape. Join us for enriching discussions that not only illuminate the path to greater equity but also empower you to become a catalyst for change in your community.

#### **Inclusion in Practice: How AAUW's Policies and Practices Promote Inclusion**

**Date: Wednesday, January 31, 7 pm Eastern Time**

The webinar is designed to aid local branches and states as they explore various national policies and bylaws of AAUW national, featuring the resources available in AAUW's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Toolkit. The webinar provides an informative look at several national policies and practices, including the soon-to-be-announced member civility policy. **As this is a late notice, a recording will be available at a later date.**

#### **School Boards: The Battleground for the Education Culture Wars**

**Date: Wednesday, February 7, 7 pm Eastern Time**

Across the country, we have seen school boards, and candidates for school boards, taking up controversial policies that have led to banning books from school libraries; the censorship of curriculum in school classrooms due to individuals finding content "objectionable"; and policies leading to a lack of a safe space for students with "objectionable" sexual identities. Learn how one AAUW state board is fighting back and what you can do locally. **Register Now by clicking here**

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### Lobby Days - April 2 and 3, 2024

Meetings will be held virtually as well as in person. Our AAUW California Legislative Advocate will schedule meetings with the legislative offices. The committee will assemble teams of AAUW members and college students matching them with Assembly and Senate districts. Training materials on the bills chosen for the meetings will be posted on the state website in mid-March, and a mandatory training webinar will be held on March 25, 2024. Lobby Days is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your legislators and advocate for legislation to promote gender equity and improve the lives of women and girls. Please join us in this important activity.

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### AAUW CA School Board Project

Public Policy and DEI have begun attending local school board meetings. Our comments have been very well received. Here is a link to the DEI webpage for the dates of school board meetings and the suggested script to use during the public policy period.

<https://oml-ca.aauw.net/diversity-equity-inclusion-dei/>

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

## BURCKHALTER MATH FESTIVAL

There was a lot of fun and enthusiasm for math at the afternoon Math Festival held at Burckhalter on January 23. We co-sponsored the event with the Parent's Club. Many parents, when they came to pick up their kids, stayed to play the games.

#### *Comment from a Burckhalter parent:*

Thank you all so much for all your hard work today! I was thrilled with all the math joy and success I witnessed. I saw students who struggle with classroom math having such a good time with the games. Thank you all for helping build their confidence and grow their love of math.



**Janette Maher,  
Chair, Burckhalter**



## JOY ELKINTON-WALKER BOOK SIGNING

Congratulations to Lamorinda AAUW’s own Joy Elkinton-Walker who held a book signing at the Orinda Bookstore on January 18th. A long-time member of the Memoirs and Musings interest group, Joy researched and wrote a memoir of her grandmother, Jeanne LeBreton. Her book is titled *Jeanne LeBreton, Tragedy and Courage from France to San Francisco in the Early 1900’s*. Joy was inspired to write this memoir after several visits to Nantes, France where her Grandmother Jeanne and Grandfather Louis had lived and worked in the early 1900’s.

Joy was assisted at the book signing by her sister, Jeannine Herron, who read several sections of the book after Joy talked about those parts of the story. Joy’s niece, Melissa Titone, recorded the presentation. The readings detailed Jeanne’s life in France where her husband Louis had designed and created beautiful dresses, the family’s subsequent arrival in Colon, Panama on their way to a new life in America, followed by the shocking discovery that their supposed friend, Giraud, had stolen all their fabrics and merchandise for setting up a business in the new world. Abandoned in Panama, Joy’s grandmother Jeanne supported her family by opening a small dining space in her home where she served French meals to officers of French ships and other French speaking people in the area.



Another part of the story features Joy’s aunts, Louise and Raymonde, who signed up with the U.S. Army in World War I to be telephone operators in France due to their fluency in both English and French. This group of women came to be called the “Hello Girls.”

The book signing was well attended by members of AAUW, the Montelindo Garden Club, the Orinda Community Church, and others. The Orinda Book Store will continue to carry “*Jeanne LeBreton*” for those who wish to obtain a copy.

### Judy Hammon, Member of the Memoirs & Musings Group



## DEI WEBINAR

### Was AAUW always inclusive? Step back to the 1940s and find out.

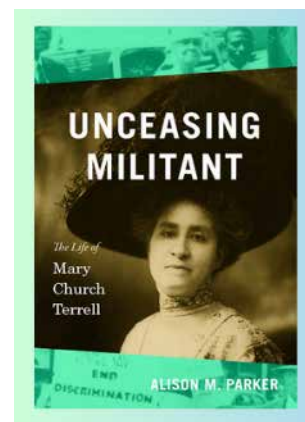
Join our webinar *Mary Church Terrell and the Fight to Integrate AAUW* on Sunday, February 4, at 3 pm. Hear the story of how this pioneering Black activist supported an anti discrimination suit to become one of the first Black members of AAUW.

We’ll hear firsthand from her biographer, Dr. Alison Parker, whose book *Unceasing Militant: The Life of Mary Church Terrell* chronicles this remarkable woman’s career fighting for racial equality as co-founder of the NAACP.

#### [Register Here](#)

I look forward to sharing this story so we can all learn more about this part of AAUW’s past.

Charmen Goehring, DEI Committee Chair  
AAUW California Board of Directors  
[diversity@aauw-ca.org](mailto:diversity@aauw-ca.org)



## DEI Field Trip!

The DEI (Diversity Equity & Inclusion) Committee plans to take a field trip in March. Check out the DEI webpage for more information if you are interested in joining us.

## FOOD INSECURITY in LAMORINDA and CONTRA COSTA

Our January meeting, focusing on Food Insecurity in Lamorinda and Contra Costa County was well-attended and well-received.

Based on the presentation, a few members have put forth the idea of creating an AAUW-OML group that would consistently volunteer together, perhaps once a month. There are also a few members who have expressed an interest in forming a group focused on advocacy—working at the County level to ensure that additional excess and unallocated Measure X funds are distributed, via EHSD (Employment & Human Services Department) to address food insecurity. Additionally, a few people have shared the desire to host a food drive or organize a monthly AAUW-OML food drop-off. If you have an interest in participating in any of these efforts/activities, please reach out to the co-chairs of DEI Group, Denise Burian and Shari Simon (deniseburian@gmail.com/sharisimon55@gmail.com).

Below we've included links to the websites of the four organizations, listed by category of key ways that we can support each one. Please feel free to share this information with your family and with friends. Based on the presentation, it was clear that the need is great—and that each organization would benefit greatly from additional community support.

Thank you to all the attendees who donated food – it was divided up and delivered to the Gael Pantry, Burckhalter, Loaves and Fishes and the Monument Crisis Center.



## DISTINGUISHED WOMAN NOMINATIONS

We know that you know the OML members who contributed the most in the last few years to the health, growth and work of our branch. Many are deserving of recognition but, alas, we can give only one Distinguished Women recognition this year.

Please help us decide who our next Distinguished Woman will be by sending us your nominations for DW via email or mail. We will also have nomination forms at our General Meeting. The committee members are Maryellen Judson, Laura Monin, Lou Williams, Shari Simon and me, Denise Burian. You can send your nomination(s) to any one of us. *Thank you.*

### Advocacy

- Food Bank of CC&S: [Click here](#)
- Loaves and Fishes is just starting an Advocacy Program in collaboration with ECCCA's (East Contra Costa Community Alliance) new Policy Institute. They will be seeking two to three residents who are willing to participate. *They will keep us informed.*

### Food Donations

**The best day/time to deliver fresh produce and canned and dry goods:**

- Food Bank of CC&S: Monday - Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm
- Loaves and Fishes: Monday-Thursday (call for drop-off times)
- Monument Crisis Center—information is forthcoming
- Gael Pantry—information is forthcoming

### Monetary Donations

- Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa [Click here](#)
- Monument Crisis Center [Click here](#)
- Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano [Click here](#)
- SMC of CA / Gael Food Pantry [Click here](#)

### Volunteering

- Loaves and Fishes of CC [Click here](#)
- Monument Crisis Center [Click here](#)
- Food Bank of CC&S [Click here](#)

**Shari Simon, Co-Chair, DEI**

*MINUTES, Continued from page 1*

The senior ambassadors designed the trifold for the STEM Conference. Eleven workshops have been planned. Several more may be added. The conference is designed for girls who identify as female.

The DEI committee is planning a visit to the American African Diaspora Museum. No date has been set as yet.

**Barbara Bell, Secretary**



**SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES**

**ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK**  
**Friday, February 16 • 10 am**  
**Orinda Bookstore**  
**276 Village Sq., Orinda**

Book: *The Henna Artist*, by Alka Joshi, 342 pages, Fiction. Escaping from an abusive marriage, seventeen year old Lakshmi makes her way alone to Jaipur. There she becomes the most highly requested henna artist and confidante to wealthy women. But trusted with the secrets of the wealthy, she can never reveal her own. Discussion leader: Marielle Boortz. Contact Mary Mlynek for more information, [ml\\_mlynek@yahoo.com](mailto:ml_mlynek@yahoo.com).

**MUSEUM MAVENS**  
**Friday, February 23 • 9:30 am-3 pm**  
**Asian Art Museum, SF**

This month we will explore exhibits including Japanese Tastes in Chinese Ceramics, Japanese Ink Paintings and Storytelling in Chinese Pictorial Arts. Cost is \$17. Afterwards, we will enjoy a delicious lunch in the museum restaurant where food is created by the famous Asian Box. Contact Trudi Barron to RSVP, [TrudyLBarron@gmail.com](mailto:TrudyLBarron@gmail.com)

**GREAT DECISIONS**  
**Wednesday, February 7**  
**10 am • Judy Helder's home**  
**18 Inverleith Terrace, Moraga**

Denise Burian will facilitate this first in-home meeting to discuss Mideast Realignment. Please let Judy know if you are attending so that she can arrange the number of chairs. [judyhelder@gmail.com](mailto:judyhelder@gmail.com).

**FINANCIALLY SAVVY LADIES**  
**Friday, February 16 • 1-3 pm**  
**at Peggy Cabaniss's home**  
**743 Crossbrook Drive, Moraga**

We will focus on Estate Planning issues – what documents are essential for handling you and your finances both during your life and at your passing. We will also discuss the concept of *The Family Meeting* where information about your estate plans is shared with your family. Call Peggy Cabaniss, 925-708-5178 or email [pcabaniss7@gmail.com](mailto:pcabaniss7@gmail.com)

**EVENING SALON**  
**Thursday, February 8 • 7 pm**  
**at Marie Bonilla's home**

All members are welcome for refreshments and drinks in an open and casual environment. We bring topics to discuss - about issues of the day- social, cultural, important news stories. Contact Denise Burian at [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com) for more information.

**DEI – BLM ALLIES GROUP**  
**Monday, February 12**  
**Via Zoom • 3-4:15 pm**

We are reading the book *From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the 20th Century*, 2nd Edition by William A Darity Jr. Please read up to page 50 for our first discussion of the book. DEI is open to all interested members. Contact Denise for more information at [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com)

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**HIKING EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS**  
**Saturdays in February**

- Feb. 10, 2024** Sibley - East Bay ranger-led hike Meet at Canyon Brewery at 9 am.
  - Feb. 24, 2024** Briones (one of our hikes) Meet at Rite-Aid, Orinda at 9 am.
- Contact the hike leaders for more information: Marilyn Evans: 925-376-3484 or Ellen Beans: 925-878-8314

**iPhone Camera Class**

**Ksenija Omer** has offered to teach two iPhone photo classes to benefit AAUW. In the three-hour class you will learn and practice features of your iPhone camera, improve landscape and portrait photos, and edit and store photos. The first class will be held February 8 from 9 am to noon at **Jill Eberhard's home: 90 Tara Road, Orinda**. The cost is \$90 per person for the class. Please contact Jill to attend!



**FEBRUARY 2024  
AT A GLANCE**

**1 THU – CRITIC CHOICE BOOK GROUP**  
Pass your book along to the next person on your list.

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

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

**7 WED – GREAT DECISIONS**  
10 am – Home of Judy Helder  
*Read more on page 9*

**8 THUR – EVENING SALON**  
7 pm – Home of Marie Bonilla  
*Read more on page 9.*

**9 FRI – iPHONE CAMERA CLASS**  
9 am – Home of Jill Eberhard  
*Read more on page 9.*

**10, 24 SAT – REGIONAL PARK HIKES**  
9 am – Meet at Canyon Brewery parking lot.  
*Read more on page 9.*

**12, 26 MON – GOLF GROUP**  
Contact Jan Gee for time and venue, [jgee17@yahoo.com](mailto:jgee17@yahoo.com).

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

**13 TUE – GENERAL MEETING  
AI PROGRAM**  
**9:30 am – Serbian Orthodox Church, Moraga**

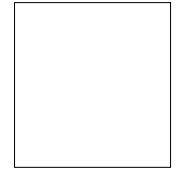
**14 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS**  
1 pm – Via Zoom  
Contact Carol Messinger.

**16 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK**  
10 am – Orinda Books *Read more on page 9.*

**16 FRI – FINANCIALLY SAVVY WOMEN**  
1 pm – Peggy Cabaniss’s home *Read more on page 9.*

**21 WED – STEM COMMITTEE MEETING**  
1 pm – Oakwood Athletic Club.

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**23 FRI – MUSEUM MAVENS & GORGEOUS GARDENS**  
Tour of the Asian Art Museum  
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**24 SAT – DEADLINE for MARCH 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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**12 TUE – BOARD MEETING**  
**1 pm – Orinda Community Church**

**16 SAT – STEM CONFERENCE**  
**8:30 am - 3:30 pm – Saint Mary’s College**

**19 TUE – GENERAL MEETING  
WOMEN LEADERS**  
**9:30 am – Orinda Community Church**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL  
SPECIAL INTEREST COORDINATORS:**  
*If your group decides to meet on a different day or  
time than normal, please contact our Calendar Coord-  
inator, BONNIE GALLOGLY, so she can update the  
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