

## January 16, 2024 General Meeting

Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall  
9:30-11:30 am

### **FOOD INSECURITY in CONTRA COSTA COUNTY and LAMORINDA**

This program, coordinated by our branch's DEI committee, will be hosting a panel of four guest speakers.

**Daniel McCarthy**

GaelPantry Coordinator, Mission & Ministries  
Saint Mary's College of California

**Janette Kennedy**

Executive Director – Development and External Relations  
Loaves & Fishes

**Kim Castaneda**

Vice President of Development and Communications  
Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties

**Sandra Scherer**

Monument Crisis Center  
Founding Executive Director & Senior Advisor

Each panelist will have two minutes to introduce themselves and share a little bit about their organization. We will then pose some questions for them to answer. They will also provide ways in which our membership could support their programs as volunteers and/or with food /monetary donations.

*Please turn to page 4 for ideas on how you can get involved.*

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## FEBRUARY 13, 2024 GENERAL MEETING

### **Generative Artificial Intelligence Friend or Deepfake?**

Guest speaker, **Dr. Po Chi Wu**, an investor in Human Capital, will explore what it 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, policy-holders and other stakeholders can weigh in and help develop guideposts.

### **IMPORTANT CHANGE of DATE and PLACE for OUR FEBRUARY MEETING**

**Event:** February 13, 2024  
AAUW-OML General Meeting  
10 to 11:30 am

Social gathering begins at 9:30 am for coffee and refreshments.

**Location:** Serbian Orthodox Church Community Hall,  
1700 School Street, Moraga

## ... WORDS from the PREZ



Phew! We made it through the holidays! And we did it in fine form. The seasonal parties are done and there are happy pictures in this issue of the Triad. A lot of money was raised for our good causes – Burckhalter, DEI, Scholarship, STEM Day, and Tech Trek. We are so proud of the work done by our Fundraising committee and each of their members – scrambling, being clever, working hard. Proud, too, of their leadership and so many of their family members and friends

who helped. We raised a lot of money and you will hear more about that.

Now it's on to the new year. DEI in January, AI on Feb 13th, Women Entrepreneurs in March. We have marvelous programs and marvelous women who attend them. So I suggest we focus on bringing along our friends to attend those marvelous meetings. Trust me, the women we bring will be glad they came – these are timely and important topics! They are subjects that well-informed women (yes, men too, of course) will be interested in understanding. While the “I'm hungry” plight of those in our neighborhoods and those further afield do rightfully cause serious concern, there are things that can be done and some other things that must be done – some by us – some by local and state government. Much is being done – but not enough yet, by all of us, including the good-deed-doers like Meals on Wheels and many others.

Our February speaker, widely renowned Dr. Po Chi Wu, will help us understand more about artificial intelligence. We will gain knowledge to give some structure to what we know and what we want to learn about that increasingly life-affecting topic. Maybe it's scary, but “scary” is helped by understanding. Learning about a new subject for me always begins with adding lots of new words to my vocabulary. There is so much I don't know. March holds some personal fun with women talking about what their professional lives have been like as entrepreneurs. Many members (and guests, right?) will share in their memories.

I am enjoying hearing of the activities that we're taking on. For example, there's good work being done by the DW committee – have you sent your email or letter of recommendation? The Nominating Committee's work is important. Think about how you can help this very active branch. The work of the Bylaws committee will conclude in the next few weeks with a few changes. We'll read and vote before the end of June.

See you soon. This year has gone fast. **Gail Chesler, President**

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS December 12, 2023

Marielle Boortz reported on a ZOOM meeting for Financial VPs in which 25 branches participated. There is a California State publication specifically for non-profits. AAUW California is working to provide us with more guidance regarding the new regulations which may apply to our branch.

The Mingle and Jingle Fundraiser on December 3 was a big success. Seventy-nine tickets were sold with seventy-two people in attendance. A good time was had by all. In January we will have a panel discussion by members of non-profits, including the Contra Costa Food Bank, Loaves and Fishes and St Mary's College. Members are asked to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Food Bank.

Lobby Days will be held April 2 and 3. There will be an announcement in March of bills under consideration, which Assembly members will be participating and when training for the event will be held.

Our branch will begin attending school board meetings starting in January. An organization is being created to address the issue of banned books and how it may adversely affect school curriculum.

A committee has been formed to review the by-laws. National has mandated that certain provisions in the by-laws be verbatim. A vote will be held once the review is complete. National intends to have a vote on open membership next Spring. Both membership and revenue have been declining. OML, however, has 130 members.

Two books will be given to each student at Burckhalter at the winter break. Teachers will also be receiving two boxes of new books. The Stem conference will be held at Saint Mary's on March 15. Registration opens on January 29 and training for volunteers will be on March 10.

**Barbara Bell, Secretary**

## It's Art Contest Time!

The annual AAUW Art Contest is nearly upon us and we hope that you are excited as we are to start spreading the word in your states and branches! The AAUW Art Contest is an excellent way to showcase members' talent while also supporting AAUW's mission. The winning art (such as the one above) has been featured on notecards that are mailed to members and supporters every spring.

**The next AAUW Art Contest will begin on January 8!** Be sure and check out AAUW's Art Contest page and upcoming emails to stay up to date on the schedule and how you can participate. For now, feel free to peruse the gallery of previous winners and perhaps find inspiration for your entry!



**PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS from the DECEMBER FUNDRAISER ~ MINGLE & JINGLE**



*Browsing the offerings on the silent auction tables*



*Exceptional wines offered by Parkmon Winery (on the left) and Hess Winery (on the right)*

*Read about how our STEM Ambassadors helped us with the event on the next page.*



*(Above) Some of the Live Auction winners pose with Shawn Shay, our intrepid auctioneer.*



*(Above) Enjoying the company*



*(At left) Culinary winners from Genuine Goodness Catering*

*Photos by K. deGroot*

**MORE on OUR SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER**

**Happy New Year!**

We close 2023 with good news for our branch. Our Mingle & Jingle Fundraiser was a great success. The planning committee, representing each of AAUW-OML’s priorities, came together to stretch beyond their comfort zone by soliciting donations and creating a fabulous selection of items to choose from during the silent and live auctions.

The wine tasting, offered by Hess Estates Winery in Napa and Dave Parker’s hand-crafted wines from sustainably farmed fruit grown in Lamorinda, helped to create an exciting atmosphere for the party goes to enjoy the evening. They also munched on a tasty selection of appetizers provided by a new local caterer, Diane Eames, owner of Genuine Goodness Catering in Orinda.

Over 70 guests visited with friends while keeping an close eye on the silent auction items they were hoping to win. Our live auction, led by Shawn Shay, brought in over \$4,000.

Shawn Shay also played Santa in the afternoon in front of the Art Gallery, with our high school STEM ambassadors promoting the event throughout the Rheem Shopping Center. *(Check out the photo below!)* The girls also played a significant part in assisting with the silent auction from the closing through to the winning bidders departing with their treasured items.

Bravo on a job well done by a great team of volunteers and our guests who opened their pocketbooks to provide significant financial support for the work we do as a branch through our priority projects. More to come next month when our treasurer will report the final numbers.

Thank you to each and every one who helped to make the Mingle & Jingle Fundraising Event a financial success and a fun gathering with friends.

**Laura Wittenberg and Barbara Bell, Co-Chairs**



**AN OPPORTUNITY  
to DONATE  
at the JANUARY 16  
GENERAL MEETING**

It would be great if we could encourage attendees to bring a food donation to the January 16 meeting. Here are some ideas for healthy, non-perishable food items that are always needed. All should be with expiration dates that are valid for a minimum of two months.

- Peanut butter
- Canned tuna and chicken (in water)
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Shelf-stable milk
- Applesauce
- Beans/lentils (dry or canned)
- Rice
- Whole grain cereals/crackers
- Whole wheat/grain pasta
- Canned soups/vegetables/tomato products
- Canned fruits (in juice)
- 100% Fruit juice (cartons or small boxes only)
- Non-perishable ready-to-eat meals (chili, ravioli, etc.)
- Canned beans, fruits, chicken, soup, vegetables
- Granola bars, Energy bars
- Jam/Jelly
- Ramen Noodles
- Oatmeal

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Our branch currently has 130 members with the addition of **Deborah Kimbrell** who is a Professor Emeritas at UC Davis.

Also joining us is **Rose (Ogie) Strogatz** as a dual member with Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek. I am waiting for her profile for more information.

Three members need to renew in December and I will contact them to make sure they receive notification and options for renewing.

**Linda Bochte, VP Membership**

**SCHOLARSHIP ~ FOCUS ON OUR AWARDEES and FUNDRAISING**

Each month we profile one of our student awardees. Each young woman is actively engaged in her community and striving to learn about the problems and possibilities in our society. LaReina demonstrated compassion, caring and concern throughout her community engagement.



**LaReina Torres**  
**Saint Mary’s College**  
**Class of 2025**

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

“During the pandemic, nobody knew what to do and nobody knew how long it was going to last. I learned a lot about myself and about how quickly I could adapt to various situations. I have contributed so many hours to help my local community by making kids feel comfortable when they couldn’t see their parents and making parents feel safe that their child was in the best place they could be for his or her condition.”

At Saint Mary’s, LaReina engages in campus activities by participating in many groups and serving in many roles, such as president of Be the Match and head of publicity for the Campus Activities Board and Gael Sisterhood.

“Most recently, I have learned that social change isn’t a wave of people all at once, but it starts with you doing something. I am learning that social change can come from an idea or even a necessity . . . I realize volunteering has given me more knowledge, culture, and inspiration than I could ever give back in my time.”

**GOT SNEAKERS?**

Our sneaker fundraiser continues! We made \$78.50 in November and \$80.00 in December. Please save your sneakers and ask your families if they got new sneakers for the holidays and have old ones to get rid of. Maybe the new pair isn’t what they wanted or doesn’t fit right. We are happy to take them off your hands.



The New Year is a good time to evaluate what you have and clean out the closets! We hope to have a collection site at Miramonte high school in January. It is great to have the support of our high schools to help us raise funds for their scholarships. We continue to collect at the following locations!

- Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building
- Oakwood Gym
- Lafayette Community Center by Pickle Ball Court
- Orinda Community Center by tennis/pickle ball courts
- 24 Hour Fitness in Rheem

**Bring your sneakers to our January meeting!**

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

Thank you for your support!

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

**DISTINGUISHED WOMAN COMMITTEE**

**2024 DW Committee Seeking 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 1 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 Mary Ellen Judson, Laura Monin, Lou Williams, Shari Simon and me, Denise Burian. You can send your nomination(s) to any one of us. Thank you.

**Denise Burian, Distinguished Woman, 2023**

**PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES**

**GovTech**

January 20, 2024 is the deadline to register for GovTrek. This is a free, self enrolling program for junior and senior high school girls provided by AAUW-CA. It will start on February 3 and run for seven consecutive Saturdays for two hours on zoom. The purpose is to introduce girls to careers in public service and elected office. Please advise any junior or senior high girls you may know of this opportunity to learn and grow in leadership skills. Here's the link: [govtrec@aauw-ca.org](mailto:govtrec@aauw-ca.org)

**Lobby Days**

Lobby days will be on April 2 and 3. This event gives AAUW members a chance to meet legislators and to advocate for legislation supported by AAUW. This is an exciting opportunity to participate in our democracy.

**Here are dates leading up to Lobby Day:**

- Mid-January: An interest survey arrives. Be sure to complete and return it to be included in the communication list for the event.
- Mid-March: Training materials on the bills will be posted on the state website.
- March 25: A mandatory training webinar will be held.

**AAUW-CA School Board Project**

OML will participate on the AAUW-CA School Board Project. This means that some of our members will attend local school board meetings to speak out against banning books and in support of the current California curriculum. We will speak during the public comment period, which is usually near the beginning of the meeting, using a script provided to our members who attend. The meetings are usually scheduled the same time every month, but there are changes on occasion. We will put the school board meetings on the OML calendar.

Please contact Denise Burian or Laura Monin for more information, as well as the script. Here is the schedule of school board meetings in January:

- **Moraga SD** – Tues., January 9 at 6 pm, 1010 Camino Pablo (Library)
- **Acalanes USD** – Wed. January 17 at 6 pm, 1212 Pleasant Hill Rd
- **Lafayette SD** – Wed. January 17 at 6 pm, 3477 School Street
- **Orinda USD** – Mon. January 22 at 6 pm, 8 Altarinda Road (Board Rm)

**Connie Whitting, Co-Chair, Public Policy**

**A LOT GOING ON at BURCKHALTER!**

Students have been checking out the cookbooks so much that we had a cooking demo for no bake cookies, fudge and popcorn chicken. Denise passed out samples to the new want-to-be chiefs.

Last week before break, students were very excited and grateful to choose two books to take home from the book giveaway. We also had a book giveaway for teachers and they could have as many books as they wanted. Thank you Lisa, our parent volunteer, for driving to Moraga to pick up and transport our 700 book giveaways to school.



**Big news!** Warriors team member, Klay Thompson came to school with toys for everyone and a new washer/dryer for the school community. He met Janette for a photo op. *Check out the photos on the right!*



**Janette Maher, Chair, Burckhalter**

## ~ WELCOME to the STEM CONFERENCE 2024 ~

**Meet Some of Our Workshop Presenters**

These two workshop presenters will be in charge of Math Festival Fun. Here's what they have to say about the workshop:

**Our goal is to show you how much fun math can be at a "Julia Robinson Math Festival." You'll explore some of our favorite math puzzles and play with math in the same way that mathematicians do. At the end of the festival, we'll show you how to access our free online math puzzles so that you can keep playing with fun and meaningful math at home.**



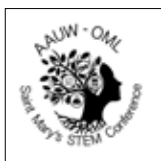
**Nancy Blachman** enjoys being given mathematical puzzles and opportunities to explore and make discoveries. She founded the Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival (JRMF.org) to give opportunities for K-12 students (and others) to play with mathematical problems, puzzles, and games. Nancy prefers getting around town by bicycle to driving a car. At home,

Nancy often watches documentary films while rowing on her indoor rower. Born in Palo Alto, Nancy has also lived in New Jersey, Illinois, England, France, Israel, and Spain. Nancy has degrees from University of Birmingham (UK), UC Berkeley, and Stanford. She currently lives in Burlingame and has twins who are 23 years old.

**Daniel Kline** is the Executive Director of the Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival, a math education nonprofit on a mission to help all students build confidence, joy, and a positive identity around math. He first fell in love with math at the University of Chicago, where he got his BS in mathematics. He then went on to receive his master's in Mathematics Education at the University of Pennsylvania, and spent some time as a high school math teacher in Northern California. His all-time favorite experience was studying abroad in Budapest, where he learned how to develop mathematical concepts through games and manipulatives. For the past three years, he has been excited to be able to apply what he learned there to his work at JRMF by developing fun and meaningful math experiences for both adults and children.



**Stacia Cragholm, Chair,  
STEM Conference and  
Heidi Mayer, Workshop Coordinator,  
STEM Conference**

**More About the Keynote Speaker**

Saint Mary's Professor of Biology, **Dr. Sonya Schuh**, will provide the Keynote talk to kick off our 2024 STEM Conference. She is a passionate teacher, scientist, artist, proud mother, athlete, environmentalist, and "STEMinist."



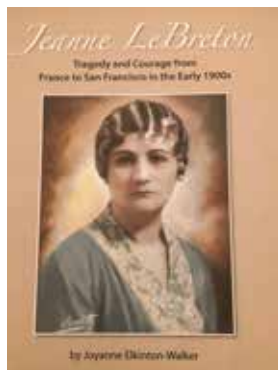
Dr. Schuh's research includes areas of reproductive and developmental biology and toxicology. She explains, "My research focuses on uncovering the effects of endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs), such as bisphenol A (BPA) and phthalates, found in cosmetics, personal care products, and plastics on embryo development, stem cells and human health. These ubiquitous chemicals are everywhere and used in a wide variety of daily products, are found in over 93 percent of people, and they're virtually unregulated here in the U.S., with several multi-million dollar industries producing and using them. Unfortunately, it's a clear case of 'profit over people' that we're working hard to expose and change."

Dr. Schuh and her all-woman undergraduate research team, **the STEM Chicks** (see photo above) are rare for this type of research which usually relies on graduate/doctoral level students. They were recently featured in a four-part series on HBO Max entitled "Not So Pretty." In episode three, their research on the effects of BPA, BPA alternatives, and phthalates on embryo development, toxins regularly found in beauty products and packaging, are highlighted. The Schuh team has since filmed for another upcoming documentary on plastics and fertility, and have published six manuscripts on their research in various high impact science journals, with this work being widely presented.

Dr. Schuh says, "Of all my accolades and work, my three amazing children are hands-down my best and proudest accomplishments (with my long list of wonderful students coming in second). We can all make a difference by the way we pursue answers and solutions, treat other people, and care for all people and life of this earth. Change begins in you."

## JOY ELKINTON-WALKER ~ BOOK SIGNING ~

A long-time member of our branch's Memoirs and Musings interest group, Joy Elkinton-Walker has proudly published the memoir of her Grandmother's life which she has diligently worked on for several years. The book is titled *Jeanne LeBreton – Tragedy and Courage from France to San Francisco in the Early 1900's*. This is the fascinating story about how Joy's grandmother left France for a new life in America and ended up being stranded in the Panama Canal zone with only her wits and determination to support her young family.



Joy had copies of this beautiful book to show off at our December 13 Memoirs and Musings group meeting, and surprised all in attendance by presenting each of us with our very own copy. Since we had heard pieces of the story over time, we felt well acquainted with these members of Joy's family and their trials and accomplishments. The book was well researched, and the many photos it contains of people and places in the story help to bring it to life.



(from left to right) Jennifer Cook, Judy Hammon, Joy and Carol Messinger.

For those of you who would like to hear more about this dynamic memoir, please plan to attend Joy's book signing at **Orinda Books at 2 pm on Thursday, January 18, 2024**. I'm sure she would love to see many of you there. It might inspire some of us to research our own family histories. Also, it would be an inspiring way to launch into a new year!

Joy will also bring copies of the book to our January meeting.

**Judy Hammon,**  
Memoirs & Musings interest  
group member

## TECH TREK



Our Tech Trek team met at Jan Cushman's house on December 9 to plan for the upcoming Tech Trek program. Places for seven girls have been requested. We still don't know for certain where our girls will be going for camp, but it is likely to be either Stanford University or Santa Clara University. The California Tech Trek director and the camp director, Cynthia Miller, are still negotiating with both campuses. Hopefully we will know soon the location and week of our camp!

At the meeting, we confirmed the interview teams:

**Joaquin Moraga** – Lana Reichick (lead) with Sandy Fox-Sohner, Pam Docherty and Marielle Boortz;  
**OIS** – Kim Lockett (lead) with Marcy Place and Christine Walwyn;  
**Stanley** – Karen Feeney (lead) with Joanie Jump and Gail Chesler.

*Thanks for volunteering!* We revised the list of interview questions, incorporating a couple of questions that the San Ramon branch has used in the past. Continual improvement! Activity will ramp up in January when we request nominations from the math, science and computer teachers.

The Tech Trek state program is asking for an estimate of volunteers from our branch. I have told them we will have at least one dorm mom (me) and two junior counselors (past Tech Trekkers). I'll let you know about other opportunities to volunteer for specific activities, such as registration, Mad City Money, and field trips. If you would like to be a dorm mom or volunteer for shorter activities, please let me know. It is a busy and fun-filled week!

The state Tech Trek program has set up a Tech Trek Alumnae Group Community (state-wide). They held a Game Night on December 16 by Zoom. Tech Trek alumnae in 8th, 9th and 10th grade were invited to participate to reconnect with the amazing Tech Trek community while playing fun online games including Gartic, Mafia, Skribbl, and more!

### Jan Cushman, Chair, Tech Trek



*Build It Workshop from a past Tech Trek Camp*



**SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES**

**MUSEUM MAVENS and GORGEOUS GARDENS**  
**Thursday January 4 • 6:30 pm**  
**Ruth Bancroft Gardens**

After Christmas blues? Come join us in exploring the Ruth Bancroft Garden lights display in Walnut Creek. Cost is \$29. We will walk through the gardens displaying dazzling sculptural art and illuminations of plants throughout the garden. You will need to purchase your own ticket. We will probably go to an early dinner at 5 pm. Contact Trudy Barron as soon as possible to let her know if you are interested in attending.  
*TrudyLBarron@gmail.com*

**ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK**  
**Friday, January 19 • 10 am**  
**Orinda Bookstore**  
**276 Village Sq., Orinda**

Book : *A Girl Called Sampson*, by Amy Harmon, 411 pages, Fiction. Based on the life of Deborah Sampson who disguised herself as a man, fought in the Revolutionary War, was wounded, had her sex discovered by a doctor, was honorably discharged, petitioned for a pension and won \$4 dollars a month. Contact Mary Mlynek for more information, *ml\_mlynek@yahoo.com*.

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

We are reading the book *Push Out* by Monique Morris. Please plan to complete the book by the January meeting for discussion. The meeting will also focus on activities needed to recruit girls for the March STEM Conference and a schedule to attend local school board meetings. DEI is open to all interested members. Contact Denise at *denburian@gmail.com* for more information.

**FINANCIALLY SAVVY LADIES**  
**Friday, January 19 & 26 • 1-3 pm**  
**at Peggy Cabaniss's home**  
**743 Crossbrook Drive, Moraga**

We will have two January meetings to discuss the topic of Investments. **Friday, January 19** – Introduction to Investments, Asset Classes, Risk and Return. **Friday, January 26** – More advanced level of discussion about Investments, Portfolio Construction. Call/email Peggy Cabaniss for more information – 925-708-5178 or *pcabaniss7@gmail.com*.

**GREAT DECISIONS**  
**Wednesday, January 3**  
**10 am • Via Zoom**

The books are ready now and can be picked up at Judy Helder's house. If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Judy Helder, *judyhelder@gmail.com*.

**BIKE RIDING GROUP**  
**Last Thursday of the Month**

Our group bicycles on the last Thursday morning of each month. We ride on trails (not on streets). Please contact Diane Bell, *dianelouise2020@yahoo.com* for information about this month's ride.

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

**Jan. 6, 2024** Oyster Bay, San Leandro 3 mile flat loop. East Bay ranger-led hike Meet at Rite-Aid, Orinda at 9 am.  
**Jan. 20, 2024** Valle Vista (one of our hikes) meet at Canyon Brewery at 9 am.  
**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

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**EVENING SALON**  
**Thursday, January 11 • 7 pm**  
**Home TBA**

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* for more information.

**JANUARY 2024  
AT A GLANCE**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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

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

**3, 17, 31 WED – STEM COMMITTEE MEETING**  
1 pm – Oakwood Athletic Club.

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

**4 THU – MUSEUM MAVENS & GORGEOUS GARDENS**  
6:30 pm – Ruth Bancroft Gardens Light Display  
*Read more on page 9.*

**6, 20 SAT – REGIONAL PARK HIKES**  
9 am – Meet at Canyon Brewery parking lot.  
*Read more on page 9.*

**8, 22 MON – GOLF GROUP**  
Contact Jan Gee for time and venue, [jgee17@yahoo.com](mailto:jgee17@yahoo.com).

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

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

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

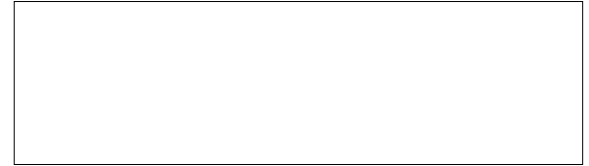
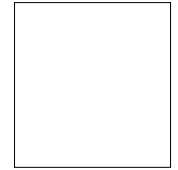
**11 THUR – EVENING SALON**  
7 pm – Home TBA  
*Read more on page 9.*

**16 TUE – GENERAL MEETING**  
**DEI PROGRAM – Food Insecurity**  
**9:30 am – Orinda Community Church**

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

**19, 26 FRI – FINANCIALLY SAVVY WOMEN**  
1 pm – Peggy Cabaniss’s home *Read more on page 9.*

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**24 WED – DEADLINE for FEBRUARY TRIAD**  
Send all articles to Mary Leigh Miller, 925 360-4443  
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**25 THURS – BIKE RIDING GROUP**  
9:30 am – Meeting place TBA  
Contact Diane Bell, [dianelouise2020@yahoo.com](mailto:dianelouise2020@yahoo.com).

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*Look for more information in the February Triad*

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

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

**NEWS FROM OTHER BRANCHES**

**THIRD THURSDAY MEMBER MEETING**  
**Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch**

*The Impact of Social Media on Girls:  
Challenges, Opportunities, and Support*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024, 6-8 pm**  
**Danville Congregational Church**

**JAMIE NUÑEZ,**  
Western Regional Manager at  
Common Sense Media  
will unpack a very important topic –  
*The impact of social media on our girls.*

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