

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19 GENERAL MEETING

Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall  
10 Irwin Way, Orinda

### *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.

The panel discussion will be facilitated by Program VP, Chris Laszcz-Davis.

#### 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 a 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.



## SUNDAY, APRIL 21 3-5 pm

### **OML's Annual Awards Meeting**

Honoring our Tech Trek and graduating high school senior winners, and women from Saint Mary's High Potential program



Guest speaker, **Daniela Catubig** earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Saint Mary's College. Daniela's dedication to academic excellence and her passion for empowering others propelled her into various leadership roles. She was honored with the prestigious Earl W. Smith award for her graduating class. In 2022, she was one of our branch's Saint Mary's scholarship winners.

**Be sure to read about the  
*Proposed Bylaw Change  
to Remove Degree  
Requirement for  
Membership in AAUW*  
in a special message  
from AAUW California**

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**The 2024 DISTINGUISHED WOMAN  
will be announced at this meeting!**

## ... WORDS from the PREZ



**Your vote will be requested April 3 - May 15. The topic at hand is a change to the bylaws of our national organization, AAUW. This change removes the degree requirement for membership.**

It may help you to hear that over the decades, AAUW has increased the inclusivity of our organization many times.

A stand-out year, we voted to allow the inclusion of men. There are not a lot of men, and they believe in and are willing to work in behalf of our mission. And we've voted to include women with AA degrees, and voted to include people with a high level of training, such as nursing.

**I encourage your "yes" vote.** Others who seek your "yes" vote include the board of the national organization, the unanimous encouragement of the California Board of Directors, and many others. On April 3, look for your encrypted ballot email from Simply Voting. Check your spam folder. It's a month away; consider putting it on your calendar.

I've voted against this change other years. And I keep an open mind. The points bring me to "yes" are two (though there are LOTS more reasons to vote "yes") (1) I hear and understand that some younger women (graduates) decide not to join AAUW at all because we are not inclusive and (2) I hear and understand that some grant awarders choose not to fund our organization because we are not inclusive. To find other reasons, our website will have a page of links to great and clearly stated reasons.

I believe that there are folks out there without degrees who espouse our mission. There's a photo in the up-coming California Connection of a GREAT woman – who led the construction of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly of the United Nations, approved by that body in December 1948. Later, President Kennedy appointed her the first chairperson of the President's Commission on the Status of Women. Enough hints? That was Eleanor Roosevelt. She had no degree and would not be able to join AAUW if she were here today.

There are many women out there who want to work with us – to help achieve our mission. These women have skills and energy and they want the same things we want – equity for women and girls. Let's let them be part of "us."

Coming up on March 19 – I'm looking forward to hearing an amazing panel of six female leaders from various walks of life and ages – all of them ultimately thriving. We'll hear about their careers, their challenges, their opportunities. Retrospectively, they will share some things they might have done differently and learnings they offer the newer generation: "What we valued most and what we might have changed."

Looking back at February 13 – Wow – that was a really fine educational session for me on the topic of Generative Artificial Intelligence – Thanks, Dr Wu.

**Gail Chesler, President**

**Information and how to vote for the *Proposed Bylaw Change to Remove Degree Requirement for Membership in AAUW* is in a special message from AAUW California on page 6**

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS February 6, 2023

Karen Feeny reported that we now have members attending the school board meetings, however just attendance is not enough. A group has been formed to come up with a strategy to identify key people who are in agreement with AAUW policies and to provide support to them.

Hospitality has requested additional funds to replenish supplies for our general meetings. Marie Bonilla has agreed to step in until a new membership chair is elected.

Lobby Days will be held on April 2 and 3. This year college students will be included. There is a mandatory training session on March 25 to learn about the bills which AAUW will be supporting.

AAUW National has recommended a change in the by-laws. Voting will be held from April 3 to May 15.

There is no final report on the fundraiser as Marielle is away for a month.

The Math Festival at Burchalter was an enormous success. Letters have been sent to invite girls to submit an application for Tech Trek.

A photography class will be held to raise money for scholarships.

There will be 14 workshops at the STEM Conference this year. The FBI will be returning to give a workshop and some of the high school girls will put on a robotics workshop.

The DEI group is planning a field trip to the Museum of African Diaspora in San Francisco on February 29th. They are currently reading *From Here to Equality*, a book about reparations.

**Barbara Bell, Secretary**

**FOCUS ON ... WOMEN LEADERS**

**More on our panelists at the March General Meeting, facilitated by Program VP, Chris Laszcz-Davis.**

**Pat Rudebusch**, owns the Orinda Bookstore which hosts noted authors from all over the United States. She was recognized as Orinda's Citizen of the Year in 2012 for her volunteer work on behalf of the Orinda Schools, which included serving on the Orinda Union School District board of trustees for 12 years, along with numerous Parents Club and Educational Foundation of Orinda board positions. She holds a BA from Northwestern University. Originally from the Chicago area, Pat now resides in Orinda.

**Leta McCollough Seletzky** is a National Endowment for the Arts 2022 Creative Writing Fellow. She is the author of *The Kneeling Man: My Father's Life as a Black Spy Who Witnessed the Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.*, a Library Journal Best Book of 2023 and Book Page Best Nonfiction Book of 2023. A litigator turned essayist and memoirist, her work appears in *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, *Oprah Magazine* and *Washington Post*. She holds a BA from Northwestern University and a JD from the George Washington University Law School. She grew up in Memphis, Tennessee, and now lives in Walnut Creek, California.

**Dr. Jamie Textor**, DVM, PhD, DACVS, DACVSMR, Veterinarian, former owner and surgeon for the Diablo Equine Veterinary Service, specializing in surgery, sports medicine and regenerative medicine. She holds an undergraduate from Colorado State University, PhD from UC Davis and residency in Large Animal Surgery at Cornell University. A sought after speaker at conferences globally, she is a past President of Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club and resides in Martinez.

**Katharine White**, Esq., Managing Attorney of San Francisco Bay Area litigation support team at top-five law firm. Her areas of focus include providing strategic guidance to optimize client outcomes and providing procedural guidance for the firm's Litigation & Trial Department. She graduated *cum laude* from Loyola Marymount University with a double major in Political Science and History and graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law with a certification in Social Justice Law.

**Saira Pasha**, Associate Director- Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, AT&T. She is responsible for several key functions within the National Regulatory Organization including community relations, Public Utility Commission docket management, disaster recovery efforts, and a variety of regulatory and community affairs initiatives. Saira also serves on the AT&T External and Legislative Affairs DEI Talent Pipeline Subcommittee. She holds a 2023 AT&T Connection Award for efforts and significant contributions toward driving business results and advancing critical California telecommunication policies. Graduated from Mills College.

**Dr. Jacalyn Buettner**, Palmer College of Chiropractic, *cum laude* 1985. Living her dream of a Big City Career Girl, she found her calling in chiropractic and established Union Square Chiropractic over 35 years ago. Driven by a passion for global outreach, she travels with the Flying Doctors of America, extending chiropractic care to underserved regions worldwide. An active political advocate, Gov. Wilson appointed her to serve on the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. A 30 year resident of Orinda, she continues to enrich and support her community serving on the Board of the Orinda Association.

**NEWS from the AAUW FUND**

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we have given over \$8,300 to the AAUW Fund in the past calendar year. Whereas Fellowships and Grants are funded by AAUW's Endowment funds, donations to the AAUW Fund help maintain programs such as NCCWSL, STEM, Work Smart/Start Smart, advocacy, and communications. Our branch members contributed the following in 2023:

**January through June: \$3,047**  
**July through December: \$5,255**  
**Total: \$8,302**

Thank you to the following members who have contributed to the AAUW Fund this past year:

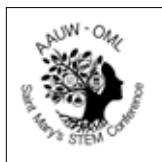
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## STEM CONFERENCE ~ MARCH 16, 2024

## OML STEM Conference – Bonus for Parents



AAUW-OML is offering a complimentary program for parents the morning of the STEM Conference. Negotiating a daughter's journey through middle school can be challenging. This year's program is open to all middle school girls' parents. Join us for an opportunity to network with other parents while building a toolbox of helpful hints on how to mentor and guide your daughters through a maze of choices leading to the development of confident and competent young women.

Parents who have attend this program have given it a "5-Star" rating. They have found the discussions with student panelists to be beneficial in gaining insight into the mind of girls. Parents felt they gained new perspectives and were left feeling more prepared to talk with their daughters openly on the tough issues. One father's comments after attending the program: "I am so thankful I took the time to attend this Parent Program. I feel I gained insight into the workings of my daughter's mind. I wish there were more opportunities such as this."

## Highlights of the 2024 STEM Conference Parent Program:

## Building the Foundation for a Confident Teen – Journey to Balancing Control"

As parents in today's fast-paced and ever-changing world, it is crucial to stay ahead and arm yourself with the knowledge and tools necessary to navigate the challenges of raising a daughter. Seize the opportunity to have an open discussion. Gain insight in ways to communicate with your daughter by listening to our speakers and joining a panel discussion of the social, emotional, educational and health factors impacting girls.

• **Keynote Speaker: Alice Baldrige, Ph.D,** Saint Mary's Interim Dean of Science, Professor of Geological Sciences

The daughter of an amateur astrologist, Dr. Baldrige will share how she became interested in her father's telescope which led her to the study of Earth Sciences and joining NASA's Solar System Exploration Research Virtual Institute.

• **Guest Speaker: Karen Brockwell, BSC,** Chemical Engineering, 30 years Biotechnology: Oil & Gas industries, and Genentech, parent of two grown daughters (Campolindo)

It is hard work to become an engineer, but it's worth it. It can be uncomfortable working in a male dominated environment, but you learn to push through this. It's often tough to balance a demanding job with the rest of your life (family, sports, travel, etc.) Karen is a strong advocate for encouraging women into technical fields, mentoring young women in Science and Engineering.

• **Panelists:** High School Ambassadors, Nicole Hui, Bella Stratford, Molly Stephens, Zoe Seaman and College Women Students in STEM

Parents will learn strategies for finding balance between providing rules within a secure and safe framework and allowing room for their daughter to become a competent and confident individual. They will learn how to recognize signs of being an overachiever, how this is different from being a high performer, and ways that to achieve goals in healthy ways.

## Be a Science Queen!

STEM Conference Keynote speaker, **Sonya Schuh** will describe her journey as a woman scientist, teacher (at Saint Mary's College) and mother, and her path, obstacles, inspirations, tips and tricks.

"I've learned along the way," she says, "I will provide some insight not only on my success and career and how I came to study female fertility and development, but the importance I place on women's beauty – brain, body, spirit – and how to be a true Science Queen!"



## STEM Workshops 2024

- Be a Beekeeper!
- Cool Chemistry
- Engineers, Structures & Earthquakes
- Experiments in Space - Where No One Can Hear You Scream
- Exploring the Human Brain
- FBI Evidence Response Team
- Green Plants Make Rubber Tires
- Heart Matters: The Cardiac and Peripheral Vascular Examination
- Learn Architecture with LEGOS
- Math Festival Fun
- Why Spatial is Special
- Greenhouse Gases & the Warming Earth
- Build Your Own Power Plant with Renewable Energy
- Robotics A-CAD-emy: Bring Your Imagination Alive with CAD

**Laura Wittenberg, Saint Mary's Liaison  
and STEM Committee Member**

**SCHOLARSHIP ~ FOCUS ON OUR AWARDEES**



**Briana Alexander  
Saint Mary's College  
Class of 2024**

Our third Saint Mary's High Potential student, Briana Alexander encompasses the ideas we look for when selecting our awardees: passion for education, student experiences and lessons learned through community service.

Briana received a MICA Fellowship, an opportunity to live in a community on campus that held discussions and worked to create positive social change. During that time, Briana worked with the Felton Institute where she made "read aloud" videos for teachers. The goal was to embody a critical literacy framework centered on multiculturalism and social justice.

"I've been motivated to learn from others and help others realize their potential and capacity for knowledge. Working alongside Alicia Torres at the Felton Institute as an intern, I saw the many hats she had to wear and the amount of passion it takes to do this kind of work (community engagement)."

As a Team Leader and Family Engagement Program Assistant in the Jumpstart Program, Briana worked with preschoolers and their families. She developed a dynamic support team that was able to create important conversations regarding her students. Briana was able to see her influence grow, as she melded several groups with a single goal—to guide young students to reach their potential.

"Now that I'm working at Jumpstart, I can see how much I've grown from being an independent tutor trying my best to assist my peers to working within organizations in a collective, intentional effort to reach many different communities."

**Scholarship Update**

It's here, the time we read about outstanding young women in our local high schools! We've received sixteen applications and look forward to interviewing the students in the coming weeks. Our Saint Mary's High Potential Program applications are due March 7. If you know anyone in the program, please encourage them to apply.

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

**2024 TECH TREK CAMP at SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY  
JULY 7~13, 2024**

**Santa Clara University is a Beautiful Campus!**



I visited the campus recently with our camp director, Cynthia Miller, and former campus director Melinda Moir. We had a tour of the dormitory, cafeteria and the rooms where classes and presentations will be located. This year the dorm rooms have the typical arrangement – doubles facing a corridor. Every dorm room has a sink so that will decrease the congestion in the bathrooms. Classrooms are large, bright and well furnished – actually much nicer than the classrooms we had at Stanford.

Judge LaDoris Cordell has once again kindly agreed to be the keynote speaker at orientation on the Sunday of camp. Judge Cordell is a very inspirational speaker and does a great job of getting the girls in the right mindset to make the most out of their time at camp.

As of last week Cynthia was still looking for a couple more dorm moms – need experience with teens and be excited enough about Tech Trek to consider spending a very busy week at camp. Each dorm mom keeps track of 10-12 girls with the help of a junior counselor, getting them to meals and classes, accompanying them to presentations and settling them for lights out. **Please let me know if you are interested.** And applications are rolling in from the girls nominated by their teachers



**Jan Cushman, Chair, Tech Trek**



**PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE  
~ AAUW NATIONAL ~**

**Proposed Bylaw Change to Remove Degree Requirement for Membership in AAUW: A Message from AAUW California**

This April, we will have the opportunity to practice the inclusion that we value by voting to welcome any person who is passionate about equity for women into AAUW, whether they have a degree or not.

AAUW National is proposing a bylaws amendment to eliminate the degree requirement for membership. On January 20th, the AAUW California Board of Directors unanimously approved a statement of support for the bylaws change.

**We'd like to share our reasoning with you.** Our organization was founded in 1881 to advance opportunities for women and to work toward equal treatment with men. While the early members focused on increasing the number of women going to college, they also worked to make employment of women and children safer and began the fight for pay equity. As AAUW evolved to meet women's needs, the organization and its impact grew. Our focus expanded to include advocating for the needs of people of color and individuals/communities in poverty. The efforts of AAUW earned us permanent United Nations (U.N.) observer status which in turn led to AAUW members expanding the fight for civil rights and an overall deeper understanding and appreciation of those who are marginalized.

Throughout the past 143 years, AAUW members never stopped advocating for education while expanding our focus to ensuring policies around maternity leave, reproduction rights, equal pay, and policies against sexual harassment and violence against women. Welcoming those without a degree will not change who we are and what we are working towards- it will enhance our efforts by including anyone who is as passionate as we are about equity for women and girls. AAUW and its eligibility requirements have changed substantially over the years and yet, we still work together and strive to make women's lives better and we will continue to do so for years to come. Treating each other fairly and supporting one another with compassion is the foundation of AAUW and serves as the catalyst for current and future efforts. As we enter a time of uncertainty in our nation, we need to band together and continue to advocate for a better future.

We encourage you to practice the inclusion our founding members worked for and vote "yes"- watch for your ballot in April.

**Together in equity, AAUW California State Board**

**BURCKHALTER LIBRARY NEWS**

Diane Bell read the book *Bartali's Bicycle* to the upper grades recently. It's a true story about the 1938 Tour de France winner who secretly worked with the Italian Resistance to save hundreds from the Nazis. His heroic efforts were only revealed after his death in 2000.

Diane came to school wearing her "bicycle gear" and shared her stories of fun bicycle vacation trips and good exercise. Diane leads the Bicycle Interest Group and organizes monthly rides. Check the Triad for the next ride.



**Janette Maher, Chair, Burckhalter**

**SCHOLARSHIP, continued**

**GOT SNEAKERS?**



Our sneaker fundraiser continues and we are adding monthly to our scholarship fund! We had a successful collection at Miramonte High School and we are still hoping to have a collection at Campolindo High School. 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 and what to give a huge thank you for letting us continue our collection.

- Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building
- Lafayette Community Center by Pickle Ball Court
- Orinda Community center by the tennis courts
- 24 hour fitness, Rheem location

**Bring your sneakers to our March 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 women.

**Keep bringing those shoes!**

**Bonnie Fend, Co-Chair, Scholarship**



**DEI and PUBLIC POLICY**

**Local School Board Monitoring and Support**  
**You are invited to attend a Community Summit:**  
**Developing Action Plans to Support Local School Boards.**  
*When: APRIL 13, 10 am • Where: Rossmoor (room TBD)*

The goal of this summit is to gather a network of individuals to 1) develop action plans for individual school districts within Contra Costa and southeastern Alameda County that will ensure school board candidates who support academic freedom are on the ballot, and successfully elected, in November, and 2) establish coalitions of people who will commit to monitor/support their local school board's efforts and balance the presence of any opposing individuals or organizations.

It will take a network of people to ensure this happens. There are ways that our AAUW chapter may be involved with action steps that come out of this meeting. The organizing group is hoping for at least 200 attendees at the summit. This effort includes all districts in our OML AAUW area. If you are interested in this topic, your participation will be valuable. We hope you will consider attending.

As AAUW members, we believe in quality public education for all students, free from hate and discrimination. We support academic freedom, and believe all students deserve a factually accurate and bias-free education, and that all public schools should be free from political or religious censorship.

As we learned at our January General Meeting, local school boards have been under attack across the country by conservative organizations opposed to these principles. AAUW California has made ensuring *Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students* a priority.

In response, our branch has established a team of members who have pledged to monitor and show support for our local school districts. The team includes:

- **Acalanes High School District:** Denise Burian, Karen Feeney, Lana Reichick
- **Lafayette Elementary School District:** Denise Burian, Karen Feeney
- **Moraga Elementary District:** Mary Ann McLeod, Laura Monin, Christine Walwyn
- **Orinda Elementary District:** *We need someone!*

**Karen Feeney, School Board Monitoring Committee Member**

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**LAFAYETTE**

- Asian Accents – Original Designs in Jewelry by K. de Groot\*
- Creative Alterations – Josef Jamkochain
- DIABLO FOODS
- Hollie’s Homegrown
- Persons Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery – Barbara Persons, MD FACS
- Steve Hall, Tech Help & Consulting
- The Service Outlet – Marc Harvey
- Todd Bunch, Lamorinda’s Handyman
- Ware Designs – Fine Jewelry

**MORAGA**

- AAAAA Rent-A-Space
- E’s Auto Service & Repair, Inc
- Golden Palace Restaurant
- National Assoc. for Advancement of Female People – Diane Bell\*
- Town Bakery and Cafe
- ViaVienté – Lana Reichick\*

**ORINDA**

- Angie Evans Traxinger & Joan Evans\* – Village Associates Real Estate
- CASA ORINDA
- Meadow View Winery
- Shelby’s Restaurant and Catering (Complimentary recognition)
- Soraya Golesorkhi\* – Coldwell Banker Realty

**WALNUT CREEK & Beyond**

- Bay Alarm Company
- Milner’s Jewelers – Countrywood Shopping Center, Pleasant Hill

**OF PASSING INTEREST ...**

**U.S. teachers are limiting lessons on political and social topics.**

The numbers: 65% of teachers are holding back some forms of education, a new report found. And teachers in politically conservative areas are more likely to censor themselves.

Why? They’re worried about parents complaining. And a wave of legislation has reshaped how teachers are allowed to discuss race, history, sex and gender in classrooms. (*The Washington Post*)

**It’s My Vote!**



**Introducing the 2024 Voter Engagement Campaign**  
**Wednesday, March 6**  
**7 pm ET**

The AAUW Action Fund is launching our It’s My Vote! 2024 Voter Engagement Campaign. Join us for a kickoff call on Wednesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) to learn how AAUW can support voter engagement work around the country. On the Zoom call, we will share the training, tools, and resources available to members to engage in this effort. *Click on this link:* **REGISTER NOW**

**HIGHLIGHTS & TAKE-AWAYS from the FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**

**Promise and Peril of Generative Artificial Intelligence**

Orinda resident, Dr. Po Chi Wu presented a talk, Promise and Peril of Generative Artificial Intelligence at the Feb. 13 OML general meeting. He explored the topics of what is artificial intelligence (AI) and what it isn't; its evolution to present day technology; its opportunities and limitations; and, to the extent available, legislative activity addressing AI at present. Specific case study situations were discussed. The attendees numbered well over 60 participants (about 15 new attendees), plus a good number of men, many of whom interacted actively during the Q & A segment. The feedback was outstanding.



Photos provided by K. deGroot

*Gail Chesler, Dr. Wu, Chris Laszcz-Davis and Gary Satterfield from the Home Rotary Team*



**Early days of AI - risks/challenges**



*One of the Powerpoint slides accompanying Dr. Wu's presentation.*

As one participant shared, "The presentation fit the needs of so many of our branch members, myself included. We were in need of your clear explanations of the phases and processes that are bedrock to understanding GenAI and key to soothing some of the fears we have. We are most grateful for your marvelous presentation and the patient and thorough way you dealt with the Q&A."

Dr. Po Chi Wu sent a list of resources for members who asked for additional AI information. Gail Chesler offered to aggregate them and forward them onto our members.

**Chris Laszcz-Davis, Co VP, Programs**

**Rotary HOME Team**

Program Co-Chair Chris Laszcz-Davis is a member of and Past-President of the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club. Since the Club has a number of initiatives that might prove of interest to our AAUW members, she invited HOME Team lead, Gary Satterfield, to provide us with a 50,000 foot overview of HOME Team's "free services" to seniors. Our members are encouraged to seek their help when needed.



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## SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

**ANYONE WHO HAS READ  
THE BOOK**

**Friday, March 15 • 10 am**  
**Orinda Bookstore**  
**276 Village Sq., Orinda**

Book: *Anxious People*, by Frederick Backman, 335 pages, fiction. A charming novel by the author of *A Man Called Ove*, about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined. A character rich novel with everyone's grievances, hurts, secrets and passions ready to boil over. No one is who they appear to be. Contact Mary Mlynek for more information, [ml\\_mlynek@yahoo.com](mailto:ml_mlynek@yahoo.com).

**GREAT DECISIONS**

**Wednesday, March 5**  
**10 am • Marie Bonilla's home**  
**3537 Springhill Rd., Lafayette**

We will be discussing *NATO's Future* at this meeting. Mary Mlynek will lead the discussion at the home of Marie Bonilla. 3537 Springhill Road, Lafayette. Please carpool if possible due to limited parking space. Please RSVP to Marie, [edmarie.bonilla@comcast.net](mailto:edmarie.bonilla@comcast.net) Questions about Great Decisions? Email Judy Helder at [judyhelder@gmail.com](mailto:judyhelder@gmail.com).

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

We are reading the book *From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the 20th Century*, second edition by William A Darity Jr.. Please read parts two and three for our discussion of the book. DEI is open to all interested members. Our main focus this year is on supporting Public Policy and the CA School Board Project. Contact Denise for more information at [denburian@gmail.com](mailto:denburian@gmail.com).

**FINANCIALLY SAVVY LADIES**

**Friday, March 22 • 1-3 pm**  
**at Peggy Cabaniss's home**  
**743 Crossbrook Drive, Moraga**  
*(Please note that this is a week later than previously announced)*

Our session for March will focus on the topic *Getting Help With My Finances*. We will discuss the following: who are the professional team members that could work with me on my finances, what are some signs that I might need help handling my finances, who could help me if I needed assistance due to health/mental issues, what should I do in case of an emergency (fraud, scam, elder abuse, etc.)? For more information, call Peggy Cabaniss, 925-708-5178 or email [pcabaniss7@gmail.com](mailto:pcabaniss7@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](mailto:dianelouise2020@yahoo.com). for information about this month's ride.

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

Hiking dates for March will be Saturday, March 9 in Redwood and Saturday, March 23 in Rancho Laguna. We will meet behind The Brewery (Moraga) at 9 am.

Hiking dates for April will be "further afield." Dates will be Saturday, April 6 and Saturday, April 20 We will be going to Sunol to view wildflowers starting at 9 am. We will meet a little earlier for this at the Moraga-Lafayette Trailhead right next to the round-about on Olympic Blvd. at 8-8:15 am (at the latest). Contact Marilyn Evans for more details, [marilynbevans@att.net](mailto:marilynbevans@att.net).

**MUSEUM MAVENS**

**Friday, March 22 • 9:15 am-3 pm**  
**Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland**

Friday, March 22nd, we will be having a docent-led tour of the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland at 10 am. Please meet at the Cemetery Office by 9:45. After the walking tour, we will spend time viewing the outstanding Tulip Exhibition that features spectacular floral designs created by local artists and garden clubs and college floral design classes. Then we will go to the iconic Fenton's restaurant for lunch.

For your information, the walking tour will be about two hours in length and there will be some hills and stairs. However our guide is 77 years old and will be sensitive to our abilities. Canes and walking sticks are welcome, but walkers would not work. Please RSVP if you have not already expressed your interest. Thank you to Bonnie Fend for organizing this trip for us and if you have questions, you can contact her at [brfend@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brfend@sbcglobal.net). It should be a great trip! Please RSVP to Trudy Barron: [TrudyLBarron@gmail.com](mailto:TrudyLBarron@gmail.com).

**EVENING SALON**  
**Thursday, March 14 • 6 pm**  
*Please note earlier time!*  
**at Laura Wittenberg'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.

**BOCCE BALL**  
**On hold until the spring**

We meet for casual play at the Moraga Commons. Starting in early May, we will also play Tuesday evenings in a league game. Contact Mary Leigh Miller at [mlmiller602@gmail.com](mailto:mlmiller602@gmail.com) to join the group.

**MARCH 2024  
AT A GLANCE**

**1 FRI – CRITIC CHOICE BOOK GROUP**

Pass your book along to the next person on your list.

**7 THU – SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

1:30 pm – Home of Mary Ann McLeod

**12 TUE – BOARD MEETING**

**1 pm – Orinda Community Church**

**6 WED – GREAT DECISIONS**

10 am – Home of Marie Bonilla

*Read more on page 9*

**14 THUR – EVENING SALON**

7 pm – Home of Laura Wittenberg

*Read more on page 9.*

**9, 23 SAT – REGIONAL PARK HIKES**

9 am – Meet at Canyon Brewery parking lot.

*Read more on page 9.*

**11,25 MON – GOLF GROUP**

Contact Jan Gee for time and venue, [jgee17@yahoo.com](mailto:jgee17@yahoo.com).

**11 MON – DEI-BLM Allies Group**

3 pm – Via Zoom

*Read more on page 9.*

**19 TUE – GENERAL MEETING**

**WOMEN LEADERS**

**9:30 am – Orinda Community Church**

**13 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS**

1 pm – Via Zoom

Contact Carol Messinger.

**15 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK**

10 am – Orinda Books *Read more on page 9.*

**16 SAT – STEM CONFERENCE**

**8:30 am - 3:30 pm – Saint Mary’s College**

**22 FRI – MUSEUM MAVENS & GORGEOUS GARDENS**

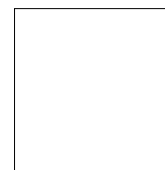
Tour of the Mountain View Cemetery

*Read more on page 9.*

**22 FRI – FINANCIALLY SAVVY WOMEN**

1 pm – Peggy Cabaniss’s home *Read more on page 9.*

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**24 SUN – DEADLINE for APRIL TRIAD**  
Send all articles to Mary Leigh Miller, 925 360-4443  
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**28 THURS – BIKE RIDING GROUP**

9:30 am – Meeting place TBA

Contact Diane Bell, [dianelouise2020@yahoo.com](mailto:dianelouise2020@yahoo.com).

**April 2024**

*Look for more information in the April Triad*

**9 TUE – BOARD MEETING**

**1 pm – Via Zoom**

**21 SUN – GENERAL AWARDS MEETING**

**Honoring OML’s scholarship winners**

**3 pm – 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 Coordinator, BONNIE GALLOGLY, so she can update the website calendar.*