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#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

# Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall 10 Irwin Way, Orinda 3-5 pm

## OML's Annual Awards Meeting Join the Celebration!

Congratulations to our Tech Trek campers, our graduating high school senior winners, and women from Saint Mary's High Potential program.



Listen to the students' inspirations and dreams and hear our guest speaker, Daniela Catubig's message to them.

#### **Becoming Her**

Daniela will explore the ongoing journey of self-discovery and empowerment, characterized by challenges and setbacks, yet enriched by the ongoing pursuit of discovering

ourselves and living an authentic life. It is about embracing all that makes us, – the highs and the lows.

Daniela is a graduate of Saint Mary's College and a recipient of our 2021 OML Community Engagement Scholarship. Currently she works at Salesforce on the C-Suite Marketing and Partnerships team where she orchestrates white-glove engagements for C-level executive decision makers, applying classroom learning to real-world experience.

Meet the students and their families. Applaud our branch programs that encourage young girls and women in middle school, high school, college, and beyond.

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#### **MAY LUNCHEON**

SAVE THE DATE!

**MONDAY, MAY 20** 

#### La Finestra Restaurant

in the Moraga Shopping Center

Please note the day of the week change so that we can have the spacious La Finestra all to ourselves to enjoy a buffet luncheon.

Join us for a lovely lunch and special tribute to Laura Wittenberg, this year's Distinguished Woman.

The cost of the luncheon is \$48, payable online or by check.

There's easy access, ample free parking and even a grand piano for anyone who'd like to provide background music.

More details and an email invitation will be coming to your inbox or by regular mail for those who receive the Triad by mail.

Any questions, please contact Marla Schroeder, marlakays@comcast.net.

The slate of Executive Officers nominating for the year 2024-25 can be found on page 3.

You will receive an e-blast in a few weeks instructing you on how to vote.



#### ... WORDS from the PREZ

This is the time of year when everything is buzzing. Well, the bees are outside – yeah, that's true. What I'm talking about is AAUW stuff. Think about all of it.... There's the Tech Trek awardees being interviewed and chosen and the Scholarship applicants from Saint Mary's being interviewed and chosen. Add the happy conclusion of the STEM day. Add the few remaining books in the Critics'

Choice. Hey wait, is there Bocce Ball in the summer?

Normally, when I happily participate in our general meetings, they're great and I enjoy them and learn from them. This month – yes, and last month too – I took notes. Our program with the six women panelists was SO GOOD (and folks are still talking about how much they learned from Dr. Wu about Generative AI). Being a woman myself (and you as well) it was great fun to hear how those six developed because they were willing to take risks and to grow into what they mostly are glad to be. No one left the impression that it was easy, and it's also true that they had some words of wisdom to share with their younger selves. Great job-Chris and Michele!

Probably lots of you are breathing sighs of relief and satisfaction for STEM Day. It's clear that the day was well-executed and tremendously satisfying and energizing for the providers and the participants alike! Great job – Stacia and that whole STEM committee! More in an article elsewhere in this Triad.

We're winding down some this month as our projects come to fruition. The Awards Day on April 21 is a jolly occasion that we share with the awardees and their families. We've invested a LOT in getting them chosen and up on our stage. So have their families. And some lovely speaker will build our energy to "go again" in the coming year.

Amazing, isn't it, there are some programs by AAUW California that we don't (yet) work into our routine. We could get good mileage out of a 501(c)(4) committee for Public Policy. There's really too much for just the two of our wonderful co-chairs of Public Policy. The state of our democracy is at risk. The GovTrek program finished just a bit ago and I stand in awe and applause for what the youngsters of today are capable of – it's amazing how smart and capable they are. You might want to take a look at the winning campaign of Team xxx.

Between now and the Awards meeting, you'll be asked to elect officers for our branch for 2024-25. We'll be doing that electronically again this year. You'll get an email asking you to click a link to vote for us. And early in April you'll also get a link from National AAUW to vote to or not to change the bylaws. I had my say in last month's Triad – I will vote "yes" – you will vote how you feel you should.

The May luncheon closes our year with a pleasant "bang." We'll be at La Finestra on Monday, May 20. More later. Love you guys,

Gail Chesler, President

#### BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS March 12, 2024

The March board meeting was held on Zoom and conducted by Peggy Cabaniss.

There will be a change in the date of the luncheon for the Distinguished Woman. Plans are underway to have the luncheon on Monday, May 20 at La Fenestra in Moraga. Invitations will be sent via email.

Chris Laszcz-Davis reported that she is still receiving kudos about the February program with Dr. PoChi Wu. The March program for the General Meeting will be a panel of six local entrepreneurial women discussing their careers, what they have learned and what they would do differently.

AAUW-OML members are currently attending local school board meetings. There will be a "Summit" meeting on April 13 at 2 pm at Rossmoor. Those interested will need to register for the meeting. Contact Karen Feeney or Denise Burian for more information.

Membership renewal in June will be online, which will eliminate the need for personal checks.

Voting for the new board will be online using Mailchimp. Information will be in the April TRIAD.

**Barbara Bell, Secretary** 

Information on voting for the Proposed Bylaw Change to Remove Degree Requirement for Membership in AAUW can be found on page 7.

Look for an email in early April from AAUW providing instructions on how to vote.

## FOCUS ON ... OUR DISTINGUISHED WOMAN ~ LAURA WITTENBERG ~

Laura Wittenberg, selected as our 2024 Distinguished Woman is probably the best ambassador for our branch among all of us. She will talk about OML to anyone she meets and is so enthusiastic that many get involved - either with their time, talent or money. And she challenges us to spread the AAUW message far and wide too. She is dedicated to carrying out the AAUW-OML mission of



working for equity for girls and women, and does that by actively supporting the many activities of our branch There are very few members as active as this year's Distinguished Woman.

Laura has had several board positions, including serving as President. Besides also helping out with Scholarship, Tech Trek and the STEM Conference parents program, she has participated in many interest groups and is always willing to share her home and her time to help members get things done, or just to get together. But one of her biggest contributions to OML has been with Saint Mary's College. Laura spent years developing relationships there by developing scholarships for women in the High Potential Program and sending two girls from Saint Mary's to NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders). These ongoing efforts resulted in the college becoming part of AAUW's College University Partnership program. Her dedicated efforts have changed girls and young women's lives.



If this is not enough, she is a tireless fundraiser and has worked on almost all of the OML fundraisers over many years. She was the champion of developing a branch wide fundraiser, which she has chaired for two years. Through her leadership, work and inspiring others to "make the ask" from businesses and museums, Laura has helped to raise over \$30,000,

ensuring the future of our community outreach programs.

Above is part of the announcement by Denise Burian (last year's Distinguished Woman) at the March general meeting. You can honor Laura Wittenberg by attending our annual May Luncheon on Monday, May 19 at La Finestra in Moraga, where you will learn more about how she values her time and committment to our branch.

*Top photo:* DW committee members, Maryellen Judson, Denise Buran and Lou Williams with Laura. *Bottom photo:* Celebrating at Shelby's Restaurant following the March Meeting.

#### NOMINATIONS for 2024-25 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thank you to Peggy Cabaniss, Mary Leigh Miller, Judy Helder and Sandy Fox-Sohner for serving on the Nominating Committee. After many calls and emails, we have a proposed slate of candidates for the 2024-2025 year. We will be voting electronically for the following positions:

President: Denise Burian
President Elect: vacant
Assistant to the President:
Barbara Bell

Program Vice President: Chris Laszcz-Davis and Gail Chesler

Membership Co-Vice Presidents: Laura Wittenberg and Ling Yan

AAUW Fund Vice President: Marilyn Evans

Secretary: Marcy Place Treasurer: Peggy Cabaniss

Thank you to our members who have volunteered for these positions on the OML Board!

#### **How to Vote**

On April 15, please expect a Constant Contact email with a link to Mailchimp that asks you to vote for our officers. The subject line will be: *Please click the link in this email to open your OML officer election ballot*. Press submit when you complete a one minute query.

The ballot will (1) ask for your name, (2) ask for your vote on the slate (yes, no, abstain), and (3) will leave room for any comment you'd like to make. Press "submit" to send that vote to be counted. We need a quorum of voters for the election to be completed. Please do vote.

Diane Bell, Nominating Committee Chair

#### STEM CONFERENCE WRAP-UP ~ IT TAKES A VILLAGE



Thank you to our village... On a sunny spring day we held our eighth annual AAUW 0ML STEM Conference for middle school girls. The campus of Saint Mary's College sparkled with people, budding spring blossoms, and

hope for the future. Close to 400 people descended on the campus. With the help of 34 0ML members, nine Rotarians and Kiwanians, nine Saint Mary's College students, and 38 workshop presenters, our 155 sixth through eighth grade girls checked in.

They listened to Dr Sonya Schuh's keynote address encouraging them to follow their passions, not to be dissuaded, and to find alternate paths, if necessary. The attendees were then led to their three workshops by 28 high school students, recruited by our 17 ambassadors.





Simultaneously, over 60 parents (best turnout ever) participated in the parent program, gaining insight into raising their daughters. (Photo at left: student volunteers help lead the Parents' Program)

It was a wonderful day and according to one parent: "My daughter attended the science conference today and said that was the most fun she's ever had! She followed up with "wish

there was a science conference every weekend."



Stacia Cragholm, Chair of the 2024 STEM Conference (pictured here with her daughter, Christina)





(photo above) The Cool Chemistry Workshop (below) Ambassadors show off the girls' T-shirts.





Photos by K. de Groot and Sandy Fox-Sohner

#### **DEI ~ LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD UPDATES**

Lift Up Public Education
Community Summit
April 13 at Rossmoor
1:30 – 4:30 pm (note time change)
You Must Register to Attend

The April 13 **Lift Up Public Education Summit** is shaping up to be an action packed, motivational event. Designed to present the breadth and depth of the challenges we face and what we must do to combat them, the agenda will include presentations from individuals deeply involved with the effort to support local school boards, breakout groups by local school districts, skill building workshops including such topics as how to speak effectively in support of your local school board and how to get a prodemocracy school board candidate elected. This event is being organized by a coalition of concerned citizens

In an effort to share the registration link with only trusted sources, please contact **Karen Feeney** (her contact information is in our branch directory) for information on how to register for this event. *You cannot enter Rossmoor without being on the registered guest list.* 

#### **Local School Board Update**

It looks like things are heating up at our local school boards. On March 6, an agenda item to adopt a proclamation for Women's History Month before the Acalanes UHSD attracted over 25 Moms For Liberty (MFL) supporters. Their concern was the proclamation's definition of "women" which included "cis-, transgender, binary and gender nonconforming individuals." I spoke to inform the district of our chapter's annual scholarship selection and in support of the Women's History Month proclamation as written. The MFL members who spoke against the item made rude, disparaging, hate-filled remarks about the board and their proclamation. Their behavior shut the meeting down for over 15 minutes. The meeting resumed when the MFL attendees agreed to behave respectfully. When the board voted 5-0 in favor of the resolution as written, the MFL attendees shouted obscenities and called the board members liars, as they marched out of the room.

On March 20, in response to the March 6 meeting, a large contingent of supporters for the Board's Women's History Month Proclamation attended the meeting. A letter condemning the MFL actions and supporting the board's student member (who was personally, verbally attacked during the hearing) was read. In addition, the student member

read a very emotional statement in response to the attack. A team of AAUW OML members, members from the AAUW San Ramon Branch, parents, and other members of the public spoke out against the MFL actions and in support of the Board's action. Only one MFL representative spoke at this hearing. When we are present, we make a difference.

On March 13, in anticipation of another backlash from MFL at the Lafayette Unified School District as they considered a proclamation for Transgender Visibility Day, members of AAUW-OML, along with members from the AAUW San Ramon Branch and Lift Up Public Education, as well as representatives of the LGBTQ+ community spoke in favor of the proclamation. Comments made in support of the resolution were heartfelt and extremely emotional. The School Board was very appreciative of the comments, and approved the proclamation 5-0. No MFL representatives attended the meeting.

We should all anticipate that Moms For Liberty will run candidates for open positions on all of our local school boards. The April 13 Lift Up Public Education Summit is designed to provide skills and pathways to reduce the potential for them to be successful.

Karen Feeney, School Board Monitoring Committee Member

#### **DEI Field Trip to MOAD**

Eight members of the DEI group visited the Museum of African Diaspora on February 29. It was very interesting, with thought-provoking art work. We enjoyed lunch in Orinda on our way home.

This painting is called *Emergency-Bloody Sunday*.



Denise Burian, Co-Chair, DEI

#### **PUBLIC POLICY**



The 2024 election will have a major impact on diversity and equity in education, women's economic security, and access to reproductive and civil rights for all women.

AAUW's voter engagement campaign – It's My Vote! – is designed to increase voter participation through training, tools, and resources for AAUW members to lead voter education and registration efforts.

#### **AAUW Priorities in the 2024 Election**

As part of our It's My Vote! 2024 voter engagement campaign, let's dive into the policy issues at stake in this year's national elections, including pay equity, equity in education, reproductive rights, and the Equal Rights Amendment. Learn how AAUW members can engage in local voter education efforts Wednesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. ET. Join the call here.

https://www.aauwaction.org/my-vote/

#### CALIFORNIA LOBBY DAYS ~ APRIL 2 & 3

Several AAUW OML members will be representing our branch by participating in small groups with our local representatives for California Lobby Days 2024.

The three Assembly Bills which have been chosen by CA Public Policy to lobby (including name of the representative presenting the bill) are:

- **AB 2843** (Petrie-Norris) Bill title: *Health care coverage:* rape and sexual assault.
- **AB 2326** (Alvarez) Bill title: *Public postsecondary education: sex discrimination policies.*
- AB 2099 (Bauer-Kahan) Bill title: Penalty updates for harassing and doxing abortion patients and providers.

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

#### THANK YOU from the AAUW FUND

Thanks to many of you who have donated to AAUW Fund (Greatest Needs) in support of all those programs not funded by AAUW's Endowment Assets. These programs include NCCWSL, Start Smart/Work Smart, research reports, advocacy for legislation affecting women, membership support, and communications.

Making a donation is easy, particularly online. Go to either our OML website (oml-ca.aauw.net) or the national website (aauw.org), use your credit card, and make a donation to either the Greatest Needs Fund or a particular area of interest.

AAUW is recommending that we use online services for donations (and dues payment) whenever possible to reduce the cost and time it takes for processing checks.

Peggy Cabaniss, VP, AAUW Fund

#### **GOT SNEAKERS UPDATE**



Scholarship has profited over \$600 in our sneaker collection so far! We had a successful collection at Miramonte and will be starting a Campolindo collection in April.

### We are looking for a new location for a drop off site for April.

A gym or pickle ball court would be ideal. Please contact me if you have any connections that would help us!

These places still have collection containers.

- Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building,
- 24 Hour Fitness in Rheem
- Lafayette Community Center by the Pickle Ball Court
- Orinda Community by the tennis courts.

#### Bring your sneakers to our April meeting!

Thank you for helping to keep our sneaker fundraiser going and helping to make a difference for our environment and fund scholarships for our local high schools and Saint Mary's College High Potential Program women.

We also had two successful ACT practice tests this month with Tried and True Tutoring with over 60 students attending.

Bonnie Fend, Co-Chair, Scholarship

#### SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

## Saint Mary's College will inaugurate a new program for women in politics this summer

This year is the 30th anniversary of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Saint Mary's right on time to celebrate it with a new institute for undergraduate women. The College will be welcoming 20 students from all other Bay Area institutions in June to learn about the many ways that women can get involved in the political process, public service, behind the scenes political work and become candidates in the future. The institute is called NEW Leadership and it has been running at Rutgers for 30 years but no California college or university had applied to become part of the network. The Women's and Gender Studies Program at Saint Mary's decided to apply before Covid hit. Our application was accepted and a small team of faculty traveled to New Jersey in 2023 to participate in their summer Institute and witness how they organized it. Needless to say, the faculty came back to Moraga very excited about putting it together and have been working fast and furious to prepare for summer 2024.

There is no question that the state and the country needs more young women involved in political work at all levels. The summer institute will be an intensive, hands-on, residential, and practical week leading the students in that direction. They will meet with female elected public officials who will share their own stories of finding their way into politics and why it matters that women participate. Students will also be in workshops that will teach them, for instance, how to get a bill through the legislature, how the proposition system works in California, how to build professional networks for careers in public service, how to run an election, what lobbyists do, and other activities. The students who enroll will go to Sacramento with the faculty and meet with women who work in government behind the scenes and meet with other elected officials there. To wrap up their experience, the students will work on a project with Saint Mary's faculty and present their results on the last day of the institute.

Along the way, there will be a couple of keynote speakers and receptions that will be open to the AAUW community and other interested women from Lamorinda. So be on the lookout for invitations in the coming months!

For information about the Institute, go to our website, where you will also find the contact information for the Saint Mary's faculty who are organizing the institute.

Myrna I. Santiago, Professor of History and Director of Women's and Gender Studies

#### **BURCKHALTER UPDATE**

#### Read to Achieve Reading Rally

The Warriors hosted a reading celebration at Burckhalter to emphasize the importance of literacy and feature female authors. Warriors guard Lester Quinones (in photo with Burckhalter principal, Dr. Geathers) and Warriors Dance Team members participated in a book reading, and took part in a Q&A on the importance of literacy. The event was sponsored by Ross Stores.

Janette Maher, Chair, Burckhalter

#### VOTING on the AAUW BYLAW CHANGE for MEMBERSHIP

Remember to vote between April 3 and May 15 on the proposed bylaw change which removes the requirement for a college degree in order to be a member of AAUW.

This bylaw change is unanimously supported by both the National AAUW Board and our California State Board.

Gail Chesler eloquently expressed the need for this change in last month's Triad – "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."

Peggy Cabaniss, VP, AAUW Fund





#### **TAKE-AWAYS from the MARCH GENERAL MEETING**

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

AAUW-Orinda, Moraga, Lafayette sponsored a panel of successful women entrepreneurs at their March meeting. Here is a summary of the valuable insights they shared. My notes did not track who said what, just the words of wisdom they shared with us, so we can share them with our Branch, community, and family members. Thank you to our outstanding panel. Below is a summary.



#### What was most valuable to you in your career?

- Having mentors both professionally and personal.
- Getting opportunities to take risks.
- Receiving a good education (which gave her the privilege of financial resources).
- Developing a network of people who were her support system.
- Having opportunity and foresight to take breaks- for time to nurture all of who you are.
- Having outside interests besides work people and causes provides perspective.
- Privilege of having a job that she enjoyed.
- Having a supportive spouse.
- Developing resilience and adaptability.
- Taking the time to invest in relationships.

#### What would you do differently?

- Start financial planning very early in life.
- Didn't take enough risks when young, took the path of least resistance would take more risks.
- Slow down- don't be in a hurry, enjoy where you are at the time.
- Still figuring it out. I wish I had not been so hard on myself.
- Get rid of the word "best." Get rid of "If I can't be the best, I am not good enough." Don't let "good" be the enemy of "best."
- Don't be afraid to fail or be bad at something.
- Don't worry too much, have fun!
- Don't say no to yourself. Try things.



#### What would you tell your younger self?

- Have a plan and dream but be aware that things may work out differently.
- Never be embarrassed about what you don't know.
- Never take anything personally.
- Believe in yourself go after your dreams.
- Set goals but have fun along the way.
- Stay flexible and fluid try to keep balanced.
- If they chose you (hired you) they are already cheering for your success.
- · Learn decision-making.

#### **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.

#### **Denise Burian**



#### **SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES**

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

Book: *Horse,* by Geraldine Brooks, A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession and injustice across American history in Kentucky, 1850. Leader will be Kathy Wyland. Contact Mary Mlynek for more information, *ml mlynek@yahoo.com*.

## GREAT DECISIONS Wednesday, April 3 10 am • Marie Bonilla's home 3537 Springhill Rd., Lafayette

Sheila Apte will be leading the discussion about *Science Across Borders* Scientific advances benefit from collaboration between researchers, but what happens when material such as AI is controversial but important to a nation's national security? Is there a middle ground between sharing information and denying access? How can we regulate cooperation? Please carpool if possible due to limited space to park. Please RSVP to Marie, *edmarie.bonilla@comcast.net*. Questions? Email *judyhelder@gmail.com*.

#### DEI – BLM ALLIES GROUP Monday, April 8 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 through Chapter 7 for our discussion. DEI is open to all interested members. Our main focus this year is on supporting Pubic Policy and the CA School Board Project. Contact Denise for more information, denburian@gmail.com.

## FINANCIALLY SAVVY LADIES Friday, April 19 • 1-3 pm at Peggy Cabaniss's home 743 Crossbrook Drive, Moraga

Join us for our last meeting of this special interest group. We have had a great series of meetings discussing financial goals, net worth, cash flow, budgeting, investments, estate planning, fraud and scams. Our last meeting will review the various professional advisors that should be considered in helping advise us on our finances. Call or email Peggy Cabaniss, *pcabaniss7@gmail.com* or 925-708-5178 if you have questions.

#### MUSEUM MAVENS Saturday, April 13 Regional Park Botanical Gardens

Join us for a guided 1 hour tour of the Friends of the Regional Park Botanic Garden. This garden is an enchanting 10-acre living museum of California native plants and flowers located within Tilden Park. We will carpool from Orinda about 1:15 pm. for the 2 pm. tour and for those who would like to, we will meet afterwards at Orinda Square for drinks and snacks. Please contact Marjorie Singler by April 11 at *singlermarjorie@gmail.com* if you are interested in joining us.

Sunday, April 28: Jazz Band and Jazz Singers with a tribute to Stevie Wonder, 2 pm. at LeFevre Theater at Saint Mary's College, Cost: \$8-15. Please contact Marjorie Singler by April 15 if you are interested in attending.

## EVENING SALON Thursday, April 11 • 7 pm at Mary Leigh Miller'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* for more information.

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#### **WALNUT CREEK & Beyond**

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

#### HIKING EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS

Hikers have received info on our schedule. For the general readership: hiking has been canceled due to knee soreness by the leaders and summer hiking was decided against last season. Contact Marilyn Evans for more details, *marilynbevans* @att.net.

## 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.



#### APRIL 2024 AT A GLANCE

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

3 WED – GREAT DECISIONS 10 am – Home of Marie Bonilla *Read more on page 9.* 

8, 22 MON – GOLF GROUP Contact Jan Gee for time and venue, *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 of Mary Leigh Miller *Read more on page 9*.

13 SAT – MUSEUM MAVENS & GORGEOUS GARDENS Tour of the Regional Parks Botanical Gardens *Read more on page 9*.

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

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

20 SAT – STEM MEETING Time TBA – at the home of Peggy Cabaniss. RSVP to Peggy.

21 SUN – GENERAL AWARDS MEETING Honoring OML's Tech Trek and scholarship winners 3 pm – Orinda Community Church

24 WED – DEADLINE for MAY TRIAD Send all articles to Mary Leigh Miller, 925 360-4443 *mlmiller602@gmail.com*.

AAUW-OML Database Coord. 3537 Springhill Rd. Lafayette, CA 94549	

25 THURS – BIKE RIDING GROUP 9:30 am – Meeting place TBA Contact Diane Bell, *dianelouise2020@yahoo.com*.

28 SUN – MUSEUM MAVENS Jazz Band Concert. *Read more on page 9*.

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Look for more information in the May Triad

14 TUE – BOARD MEETING 1 pm – Orinda Community Church

20 MON – MAY LUNCHEON La Finestra Restaurant, Moraga

### 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.