

Sign up below for the OML Branch annual

May Luncheon MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024

La Finestra Restaurant
1419 Moraga Way, Moraga
Free onsite parking

Celebrating ...

- AAUW Fund Branch-Named Gift Honoree
 - Recognition of the 2023-24 Board
 - Installation of the 2024-25 Board
- OML Distinguished Woman of the Year:

Laura Wittenberg

11:30 am ~ Check-in and Socializing
12:00-2:00 pm ~ Luncheon and Program

\$48 per person

Reservation Deadline: Friday, May 10

Make your reservation online:
<https://square.link/u/K7r7AqXf?src=sms>

Buffet Menu

including Caesar and Caprese Salads,
Pasta, Chicken Marsala, Salmon Gorgonzola,
assorted desserts, coffee, tea, no-host bar

For questions contact Marla Schroeder: marlakays@comcast.net

TUESDAY, JUNE 11 In-Out Board Meeting

held at the home of
Mary Ann McLeod
starting at 11:30 am
with a Potluck lunch.

*Look for more information
in the June Triad*

2024-25 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Denise Burian

President Elect: vacant

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Barbara Bell

Program Vice Presidents:

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 for voting
in this slate of officers*

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It's May... one of the things not listed on the "things will happen at the **May Luncheon**" is the opportunity to rub shoulders with all my AAUW buddies. That's the most important for me. I get some of that "fix" at the general meetings, of course, but they are shorter times. I hope to see you there.

By Monday, May 20th, we will have completed nearly all of our tasks for the year – and it's such fun now to hear of **the end-of-the-year meetings by committees and interest groups**. Reassuring, too, to know that some of the groups will be meeting through the summer – the bocce ball folks have meets and whoever's read the book keeps reading and discussing AND the Advertising group begins its really important "reaching-outs" to our advertisers. Great Decisions continues – hey, I could join in, I bet.

The other things some those **groups are doing is planning** – scholarships to consider, tech trek outreach to those middle schools with teachers who will be nominating marvelous 7th grade girls. A new activity is the GovTrek program. This one is interesting because we need to figure ways to inform the high school girls of the opportunity. Once they know how to get involved, we just get out of the way. Want to see what they've been doing the past two years? **Check this out.** I have been impressed by the new and critically important work of the **Public Policy committee** – the School Board initiative and its collaboration with the LARGE assembly of groups from Contra Costa and Alameda counties. Education is a core focus for AAUW and for the citizens on the planet at large. The issues of book banning and who is on the school board and are their meetings safe from those who harass and what may be taught in the classroom – we at OML have several folks working in this arena. There is room for more.

The Program co-chairs will have **Zoom to talk about next year** as well.

Oh yeah, **HAVE YOU VOTED YET** for the National Bylaws changes? As of April 24th, half of our members have not yet voted! Please expect a phone call with the offer of assistance. Your vote is important.

And speaking of "reaching out" are there **changes that are needed in the Directory** –what phone numbers and email addresses represent YOU? Send a message to Gail with your changes gailchesler@gmail.com

I look forward now to the In & Out Board and all the transitions that come with that. All the best to all of y'all,

Gail Chesler, President

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS April 9, 2024

Laura Wittenberg, nominated as the Distinguished Woman, will be honored at the May Luncheon Meeting at La Fenestra Restaurant on May 20. Please note the change in dates.

Lobby Days was held the week of April 8. The bills prioritized by AAUW are:
 1. AB2843 Health Care Coverage for Rape and Assault
 2. AB2326 Title IX Oversight and Compliance
 3. AB20099 Protecting Reproductive Health Clinics.

Membership Renewals will be online. Most of our members renew in June. Our branch dues, \$24.00, are forwarded to OML by National.

Voting for the proposed national by-laws amendment to eliminate the degree requirement for membership began on April 3 and will continue until 12 noon ET on May 16.

Seven girls have been selected for the Tech Trek camp, three from Stanley, two from Joaquin Moraga and two from Orinda Intermediate School. The celebration meeting will be held on April 21 and the Ice Cream Social on May 19.

Next year, the STEM Conference will be held on March 8, 2025

The In and Out Board Meeting Potluck will be held at the home of Mary Ann McLeod on June 11.

Barbara Bell, Secretary



AAUW Mission • AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.
Value Promise of AAUW • By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

FOCUS ON ... OUR DISTINGUISHED WOMAN ~ LAURA WITTENBERG



Laura Wittenberg learned about AAUW-OML from Mary Leigh Miller and Ruth Balsdon and became a member in 2009. She volunteered for Sister-2-Sister, as it fit perfectly with her interests and experience. When Stacia Cragholm wanted to put on a one-day, hands-on STEM Conference, Laura volunteered to be on the committee. She helped create the Ambassador program as an extension of the Sister-2-Sister concept.

Laura also developed a Parent Program for parents of the middle school girls who attended the STEM conference (*photo below*). It runs concurrently and includes a keynote speaker, a professional panel, a student panel, and a brief talk and tour by the Dean of Saint Mary's College Science Dept., Roy Wensly. Some of the titles and topics over the years are: "Achieving Wellness and Academic Success;" "Negotiating the Maze: How to Guide your Daughter;" "Curiosity Leads to Creativity and Vitality;" "The Journey to Balancing Control: Building the Foundations for a Confident Teen." Over 60 parents attended this year.



Laura used her marketing and sales skills to raise funds for our community outreach projects. First by selling advertising space in the Triad. She was an early adopter of a need to raise money through a large community fundraiser supported by and to benefit all of our projects. She was instrumental in the Game Day event which benefited Scholarship Committee but supported by all of our members. It was a test run for can we do a big event. Covid caused a hiatus but Laura never gave up on the idea and in 2022 chaired a large Branch-wide fundraiser and raised \$15,000. It was so successful that we "made" her do it again in 2023 when Barbara Bell and she chaired the Mingle and Jingle Holiday Fundraiser that raised another \$15,000.

Laura served on the Scholarship committee for several years. The Saint Mary's College connection began because of us having the STEM Conference there, Laura began meeting with several professors and programs, especially the Women's and Gender Studies and the High Potential First Generation programs. OML's Saint Mary's College Schol-

arship Grant program was ending, but Mary Ann McLeod and Laura were instrumental in having us continue to give scholarships to students from the High Potential First Generation Program. Because of Laura, we sent 2 women from this Program to AAUW's NCCWSL (National Conference of College Women Student Leaders). She developed the relationships so much that Saint Mary's College became an AAUW College University Partner. Laura's work with them continues. They consider her a valued partner and students think of her as a mentor and friend.

Did I mention Laura was President for two years? She was also President-elect for a year, and has been on the Program Committee. She volunteers for Tech Trek events and some Public Policy initiatives. She is always there when she is needed to work or provide whatever support is necessary.

Laura is always supporting our causes and living our motto of advancing equity for women and girls. She also likes to have fun and do things. She's made many friends at OML working on our projects. But she likes to get to know people and knows that requires working together AND playing together. So she participates in many of our "Interest" groups, such as the International Travel Group, Evening Salon, Pass Around Book Group, Bocce Ball, Golf, and I've seen her at some museum tours. Because of so many activities and contributions,

Laura has made lifelong friends at AAUW-OML.

Laura's children have been involved in OML as well. Wendy and her family volunteer for our fundraisers and now she is a member. Her son, August demonstrates great patience with us as we order t-shirts and other items for the STEM Conference. Heidi, her oldest daughter, was a speaker for Girls4STEM. And several grandchildren have volunteered at AAUW-OML events.

Laura, thank you for all you've done and we know will do in the future. Congratulations on being our 2024 Distinguished Woman!

Denise Burian and AAUW-OML Members

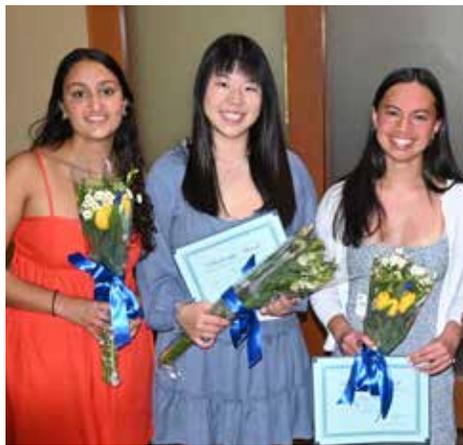
Laura, with Carol Heppenstall at the Harper Greer fundraiser.



AWARDS MEETING ~ CELEBRATING TECH TREK & SCHOLARSHIP

Sunday afternoon was sunny and warm as we gathered to celebrate our Tech Trek and scholarship awardees. The room was filled with young women, their families, mentors, and friends and we enjoyed listening as our scholarship awardees shared their stories with us.

The scholarship students pictured in these photos were honored because they shared two values that strengthen their communities —inclusion and compassion. Here are examples of the ways these students engaged with others to make sure all individuals felt they were valuable members of the community.



High school awardees, Zoya Acuna, Nicole Hui, and Bella Stratford (missing Evony Jackson).

such as allyship and identity which they then presented to elementary and middle school students to foster belonging and racial equity. **Nicole** raised funds for Afghanistan refugee families and tutored students in the Keeping Our Promise Program. By building these relations she helped them thrive and become self-sufficient individuals.

At Saint Mary’s College **Evony** (who was unable to attend our awards meeting) participated as a Weekend of Welcome leader creating a safe, comfortable, and fun environment for incoming freshmen and their parents. She continues these efforts throughout the year in the SMC Housing Office. **Ayanna**, a graduating senior at Saint Mary’s, interned with the San Mateo County Health Department Office of Diversity and Equity to better engage marginalized communities in matters of mental health. Ayanna is leading the planning and implementation of various community engagement projects.

Bella and Nicole became ambassadors to our branch STEM conference so middle school girls feel comfortable to pursue STEM classes in high school and college, leading to careers in science and math.

Bella created the Native American Cultural Club at Campolindo making students aware of her heritage, and welcoming them to participate in cultural activities, and diversity events. **Zoya** was a founding member of the UMBRELLA Committee. These students created lessons on issues

Our awardees were also compassionate, showing concern for others and supporting them. **Zoya** volunteers at John Muir Medical Center and trains others to become part of the student Care Team. **Bella** became a caregiver to her grandfather. Recognizing that young children need to understand a family member with Alzheimer’s she wrote a children’s book “Sundays with Grandpa.” While volunteering in a senior assisted living program, **Nicole** observed seniors waiting a long time for the help they needed to move from one activity to another. **Nicole** initiated a drive to collect gently used/new medical equipment and supplies from the local community to give to seniors at no charge.

As always, it is amazing and hopeful to listen to these young women as they begin to discover who they are and demonstrate their values by engaging in their community. We celebrated these students and, in doing so, celebrated our branch members and all they do to support young women. Thank you to our members who made this delightful event possible.



In the photo above: Saint Mary’s College attendees celebrate and reunite at the awards program along with Laura Wittenberg, OML’s Saint Mary’s liaison (on the left). They are Daniela Catubig, our speaker and Saint Mary’s alumna, Ayanna Wade, awardee, Joy Aburquez, Assistant Director and Lead Success Coach of the High Potential Program, and Chammeeta Denton, Director of the High Potential Program and her special guest.



At left, Jan Cushman, Tech Trek chair, and Mary Ann McLeod, co-chair of scholarship.

Turn to the next page for more news on the Annual Awards Meeting. ➔

AWARDS MEETING ~ CELEBRATING TECH TREK & SCHOLARSHIP, continued

At our awards program on Sunday, we warmly celebrated seven local middle school girls who received scholarships to Tech Trek, a weeklong STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) immersion program held this coming July at Santa Clara University.

The camp is designed to encourage rising 8th grade girls to persist with their excitement about STEM through high school, college and into their careers. The program features numerous hands-on activities as well as a chance for the girls to make friends with other girls interested in STEM and to meet professional women in STEM fields.

The Tech Trek girls received a Tech Trek bear and a t-shirt featuring the names of 20 women who made significant scientific advances.



The following students who will attend camp each read an excerpt from their application essays on an area of science, technology, engineering, or math that they are most interested in. The topics were well described, interesting and diverse:

Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School:

Sadie Ginestro – architecture to conserve energy,
Athena Simbajon – structural engineering,

Stanley Middle School:

Olivia Sanders – cells and cytoskeletons,
Priya Holl – chemistry and pharmaceuticals,
Quinn Sousa – botany.

Orinda Intermediate School:

Merritt Thompson – animal behavior,
Madelyn Azalde – math as the basis for science, engineering and technology.

Thank you to Karen Feeny (below with Gail Chesler) for organizing the hospitality and thank you to members who brought an abundance of food for the reception.



The seven Tech Trek campers.

Jan Cushman, Chair, Tech Trek
Mary Ann McLeod, Co-Chair, Scholarship



Our speaker, Daniela Catubig graduated from Saint Mary’s College and works for Salesforce. She was also an awardee of a branch scholarship in 2021 so was able to reconnect with her Saint Mary’s mentors and Scholarship Committee members.

Daniela’s presentation called *“Becoming Her”* invited students to think about themselves as a whole person. She offered her story, stressing the importance of her grandmother and mother as role models who shaped her life. She reminded all of us to take care of ourselves and suggested we consider the following areas: 1. Take care of yourself, 2. Lean on your people, 3. Be open to change, 4. Find new hobbies and 5. Find your “why.”



STEM UPDATE

Thank you everyone. On March 16, 2024 we had 154 out of 172 steminists from 36 schools in 33 bay area cities. Locally, JM sent 59 students, Stanley sent 19, and OIS sent 17. We are doing something right at Joaquin Moraga.



The latest news.....

On April 19, Chris Laszcz-Davis, Peggy Cabaniss, Laura Wittenberg, and I, along with two ambassadors, Zoe Seaman and Giorgia Stankus, presented our STEM Conference at the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary meeting. I was introduced to several of the guests who came from the Ross-moor and Moraga rotaries. They were interested in hearing about our 2024 conference. Grace Richter

asked us why we aren't using the acronym, STEAM. Shouldn't we be using both sides of our brain? Perhaps, a topic for the future (not today).



Zoe and Giorgia were hits with all the Rotarians. They questioned them about their goals, STEM related experiences in and out of the classrooms, and ways in which they expected to make a difference in our world. Zoe hoped she would be able to encourage others to question the facts and to use multiple sources. At the end of the meeting, we were thanked and a Lamorinda Sunrise Rotarian announced they were donating one of their bionic arms to someone in the world in the name of Giorgia and Zoe.

Not to be left unsaid, we thanked them greatly for all the support the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotarians have given us over the years, from donations to hours of volunteer time. They are great community partners. Almost half of the audience had volunteered. Impressive.

After the meeting, I networked with several people, regarding sponsors and a potential geology workshop lead by a Campolindo grad, who works in a mine because "she can." I met someone who wanted more information and I thought about the presentation we started last year when California AAUW asked us to create a PowerPoint presentation on our conference. Maybe it's time, to complete this project..



Go STEM!

Stacia Cragholm, outgoing STEM Chair

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

**Have you voted yet?
A reminder from Denise Burian**

Almost all of you know me. I am a past President of AAUW-OML Branch, and is the incoming President for next year. I am also Co-chair of our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee. I am writing to remind you to vote in the AAUW National election. There is only 1 question on the ballot - to eliminate the college requirement for membership. When I was first a member, I liked that requirement, felt special, that someone recognized my college experience.

But now, as I have been learning more about AAUW, and about why DEI - diversity equity and inclusion is so important to our brand - we want equity for ALL women, college or not, I now believe we should eliminate this requirement. It does hinder us in getting grants from corporations who want to support us, and from individuals who share our policy priorities but feel that we are not inclusive of all women. I've come to believe that they are correct, that we, I, can no longer support this requirement.

So I am encouraging you to find that email from the voting consulting firm that is administering this election - AAUW.simplyvoting.com. I understand that they have or are sending you a reminder email in case you deleted it or it went into spam.

**And please vote.
I hope you will vote YES.**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFORMATION

Hello Members!!

It's that time of year when membership renewals are due for many of you. During the last two years new members who joined had a membership date based on when they joined during the year. **But for most of you, your membership date is June 30.** So most of you will be getting an email from AAUW National about how to join online and it is really simple! I will also be sending you an email telling you how to join online or by mail if you prefer. Dues are \$116, the same as this past year. (Natl. \$72, State \$20, Branch \$24).

PAY DUES ONLINE OR BY CHECK:

We encourage members to pay online: Use the log-in link in the email from AAUW. Or you can visit AAUW.org.

- In the top right corner click on Log In. If you have visited the Community Hub before and have already established an account you can log into your Personal Snapshot. If you have not, click *Forgot Your Password*, located below the blue log-in button at the bottom of the page.
- Enter your email address we used to send you this message, then click Reset Your Password to receive a log-in email from infosf@aauw.org. If you don't receive it in 5-10 minutes, email connect@aauw.org. **Please do not create a new account.**
- After you receive the login email, enter your email address and "Create and Confirm your Password" to access your Personal Snapshot.
- Once you are in your Personal Snapshot, click RENEW towards the bottom of the screen to renew your national, branch, and state memberships! Dual members should self-renew ALL memberships at once.
- You can also make a donation to the Greatest Need Fund (the unrestricted fund within our national AAUW Fund).
- If you want to pay by check, send a check for \$116 to Marie Bonilla, 3537 Springhill Rd., Lafayette, CA, 94549. Make the check payable to **AAUW-OML**. The renewal form is included in the email sent from me.

YOU CAN ALSO DONATE TO OUR PHILANTHROPIES:

- Online using a credit card: Go to our branch website link: <https://oml-ca.aauw.net/> and click on the DONATE button to select our Community Outreach Fund (or one of our individual projects). Go to the AAUW national website (aauw.org) to donate to the AAUW Fund.
- By mail with a check(s): Send a separate check(s) with allocations noted on the memo line with your membership renewal. A donation to our branch projects should be made payable to "AAUW OML Community Outreach Funds". A donation to AAUW National should be made payable to "AAUW Fund".

Please submit your member profile information regardless of how you pay dues to Marie.

The profile is in the email from Marie and her address is on the form.

Marie Bonilla, VP, Membership

BURCKHALTER LIBRARY NEWS

A local woman went to Orinda Books to thank Pat Rudebusch, the owner, for all the great books Pat has recommended in the store's newsletter. Because this woman has a Kindle, she rarely buys the books at the store and wanted to generously give Pat \$200. Pat insisted the money go to charity and recommended that the money go to Burckhalter. Thank you to Pat and the anonymous kind donor!

The Board voted to give a one year AAUW membership to our school parent volunteer, **Lisa Gedigian**. Lisa is a vital part of the library team. She works every week reading to classes, checking books, and any other job we ask.

Welcome Lisa!

**Janette Maher,
Chair, Burckhalter**

GOT SNEAKERS UPDATE



Keep those sneakers coming! Look for a collection bin in the following location:

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

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



PUBLIC POLICY ~ LOBBY DAYS

Each year AAUW-CA chooses about 30 bills to support during the legislative year in Sacramento. Three of the 30 are considered “A” bills or our top priority bills for the year.

Lobby Days provides an opportunity for the AAUW CA membership to participate in the legislative process supporting the three “A” bills in person or on zoom with their legislators or their designated staff person. It’s a win-win opportunity. The legislators get our input and we get a chance to promote AAUW goals.

This year we spoke for :

- AB 2843 Health Care Coverage for Rape and Sexual Assault Survivors
- AB 2326 Title IX Oversight and Compliance Act
- AB 2099 Protecting Reproductive Health Clinics

Basically these three bills strengthen existing law.

This year I joined AAUW CA co-chair of Public Policy, Amy Hom, and Cameron Godson, aide for Buffy Wicks who is my representative. In the introduction I spoke about the good things OML does for our community, especially Burkhalter as it is in Oakland and in Buffy Wick’s district. Perhaps brag would be more descriptive!

I also got to speak for AB 2099 which has been introduced by Rebecca Bauer-Kahan. AB 2099 provides more support for abortion clinics, staff, volunteers and patients. I chose to speak to this bill because I had witnessed with my own eyes in Walnut Creek at a Planned Parenthood Clinic where a woman was being harassed as she tried to enter.

I hope we will all watch how our bills proceed through the legislative process and lend more support throughout the year, perhaps by letter or phone call. You can see our full Legislative Agenda by going to “Bill Tracking Report.” This report is continuously updated. I also hope we have as good a year passing our bills into law as we did last year.

**Connie Whitting
Co-Chairs Public Policy**

**Lobby Day meeting with Assemblywoman
Rebecca Bauer-Kahan’s staffer.**

Denise Burian led a team of AAUW members, mostly from the Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek Branch, at a Lobby Day Zoom meeting with a staff member in Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan’s (RBK) office. We discussed the three bills, one of which is sponsored by RBK. Since all of us live in RBK’s District, we told her about the many initiatives each branch does to advance equity for girls and women. Assemblywoman Bauer-Kahan has asked her staff to maintain close ties with AAUW branches as she is aware of the impact we have on our communities.

Denise Burian, Co-Chair, DEI

DEI REPORT

Lift Up Public Schools Summit

Twenty-four – yes 24 – AAUW members from OML and the Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek Branch (DAW) attended the Summit on April 13t at Rossmoor. We are part of the Lift Up Public Schools consortium made up of groups in Contra Costa and Alameda County who are working together to protect our local schools from individual and groups who want to ban books, discriminate against some groups, and limit what history is taught in our schools.

Over 160 attendees listened to a keynote address on what is going on nationwide and a panel of local school board members informing us about what is going on now within our school districts and school boards. We then broke into groups by local school boards to develop an action plan to support the election/re-election of pro-public education school board trustees.

This activity is in line with the AAUW-CA School Board Project, and we will comply with AAUW-CA guidelines as to our activity, as well as AAUW National and AAUW California public policy positions and initiatives. To this end, we are continuing to attend local school board meetings.

I spoke at the Lafayette and Acalanes school board meetings in March and April. At these meetings, several community members have made profound and moving statements supporting existing school district policies and why these policies are so important to their families.

Denise Burian, Co-chair DEI

SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK

Friday, May 17 • 10:30 am
Book selection meeting at
Susan Wilson's home
25 Waterloo Place, Moraga

The criteria for the book choices are:
1. It must one that you personally have read
2. Your synopsis be only four or five sentences.
3. Your information be sent to Susan no later than May 4, 2024
4. Must be available in paperback
5. List the title, the author, if it is fiction or non-fiction and number of pages, with 450 as the maximum.

RSVP to Susan Wilson via email, schnappsmom@sbcglobal.net if you are coming. Bring a sandwich to eat, Susan will supply the beverage and dessert. Questions, email Mary Mlynek at ml_mlynek@yahoo.com.

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

We are reading and discussing the remainder of the book *From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the 20th Century*, 2nd Edition by William A Darity Jr. Please join us even if you haven't read all of the book, the conversations are interesting. 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 Burian for more information, denburian@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.

MUSEUM MAVENS

Saturday, May 11
Regional Park Botanical Gardens
(Rescheduled)

We were so sorry that we had to cancel our garden trip in April due to rain. We are rescheduling this event to Saturday, May 11, in hope of better weather. This garden is an enchanting 10-acre living museum of California native plants and flowers located within Tilden Park in the hills above Berkeley. (Spring Showcase Plants (<https://nativeplants.org>) We will carpool from Orinda Safeway, meeting at 1:15 pm. for the 2 pm tour For those who would like to, we will meet afterwards at Orinda Square for drinks and snacks. Please contact Marjorie at singlermarjorie@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

EVENING SALON Thursday, May 9 • 7 pm at Denise Burian'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.

GREAT DECISIONS Wednesday, May 1 • 10 am Via Zoom

Marta Johnson is leading the discussion about U.S. China trade rivalry. Marta has some very interesting questions to spur the discussion. Marielle will send the invitation. I hope we have lots of attendance. Email Judy for more information: judyhelder@gmail.com

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BOCCE BALL

Monday 6 & 20 • 10 am
Every Tuesday • 6 pm
Moraga Commons Bocce Courts

We meet for casual play at the Moraga Commons on the first and third Mondays. Starting the last week in April, we are also playing Tuesday evenings in a league game. You are welcome to join either or both groups. Not a lot of experience is necessary – it's an easy game to learn! Contact Mary Leigh Miller at mlmiller602@gmail.com for more information.

**MAY 2024
AT A GLANCE**

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

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

6, 20 MON – BOCCE BALL
10 am – Moraga Commons Bocce Courts
Read more on page 9

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

9 THUR – EVENING SALON
7 pm – Home of Denise Burian
Read more on page 9.

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

13, 27 MON – GOLF GROUP
Contact Jan Gee for time and venue, jgee17@yahoo.com.

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

14 TUE – BOARD MEETING
1 pm – Orinda Community Church

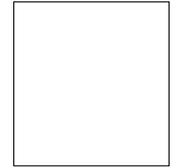
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20 MON – MAY LUNCHEON
11:30 am - 2:30 pm – La Finestra Restaurant, Moraga

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

30 THURS – BIKE RIDING GROUP
9:30 am – Meeting place TBA
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NEWS FROM OTHER BRANCHES

**AAUW Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek
GARDEN TOUR 2024**

**Gardens in Danville, Alamo and Walnut Creek
FRIDAY, MAY 10 & SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024**

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Tickets \$45 per person

Proceeds provide college scholarships for local women, STEM camperships for middle school girls, and educational programs in our community.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit our branch webpage at

<https://daw-ca.aauw.net/2024-garden-tour>

June 2024

Look for more information in the June Triad

11 TUE – IN-OUT BOARD MEETING
11:30 am – Home of Mary Ann McLeod

**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.