



TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

**Joint General Meeting
with AAUW-DAW
at the Lafayette Library
9:30 ~ 11:30 am**

***Prenatal Equity Initiative:
Addressing Racial Disparities
in Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes***

Our AAUW-OML Branch, in conjunction with the AAUW Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch (DAW), is excited to be co-sponsoring this joint membership meeting.

A panel of top researchers and experts from Contra Costa Health and the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative will share their research and efforts as part of the Perinatal Equity Initiative.

In California, Black infant mortality rates are two to four times higher than the rates for other racial and ethnic groups, (except for Pacific Islanders), irrespective of income. In 2018, The Perinatal Equity Initiative (PEI) was signed into California State law to change these outcomes.

Experts from the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) and Contra Costa Health's Perinatal Equity Initiative (PEI) will share what that they are doing to end preventable morbidity, mortality, and racial disparities in California maternity and infant care and identify ways we can support their efforts locally and statewide.

Turn to page 3 for information on the panelists for this meeting.

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Tuesday

February 18

10:00 am – 11:30 am
Social Gathering 9:30 am
Coffee + Refreshments

**SERBIAN CHURCH
Community Hall
1700 School St., Moraga**



***REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS
and its IMPACT on the
PROGRESS of WOMEN***

**Guest Speaker:
Beth H. Parker, Esq.**

Beth Parker will explore the history, progress and status of reproductive rights in the United States; important milestones; impact on economy, education and families; and to the extent available, legislative activity addressing these rights today. There will be an opportunity to brainstorm how our communities, policy holders and other stakeholders can weigh in and help develop advocacies for women.

**Registration opens for
the March 8, 2025
STEM Conference
on January 13th.**

**Go to the OML web page
for the link to register.**



... from DENISE'S PERSPECTIVE

The holidays are a time for celebrations, family, being thankful, new beginnings and hopefulness. I am thankful for spending this time with my family and enjoying our holiday traditions together. Spending time with young people who are excited and optimistic about their lives gives me hope for the future. Even with these challenging times, our branch has a lot to look forward to in the coming months.

First, our branch members donated generously and we met our 2024 Raise the Bar fundraising goal of \$20,000. A whopping 64 of our members, and 14 of your family or friends, donated a total of \$24,775. That is amazing and shows that you support our community outreach programs and want us to continue them. Thank you all so much for the vote of confidence with your dollars. There will be a thank you reception for all who donated. More information will be sent out soon.

Thank you to the chairs and members of these committees that do the work to give scholarships, send girls to Tech Trek, put on the STEM Conference, volunteer at Burckhalter, focus on DEI progress, public policy, and work with our College/University partners at Saint Mary's College. We change girl's lives, one girl at a time.

I am very excited about the joint program we are presenting with our neighbor Branch - AAUW Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek on **Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at the Lafayette Library**. I am excited to welcome them and the public to this very interesting panel discussion on *Addressing Racial Disparities in Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes*. I've heard about some of the research they've done and the findings and results are fascinating, impactful and I'm hopeful that, with conscious effort, outcomes can change. This is our usual membership meeting time. We will gather at 9:30 a.m. and the program begins at 10. Read more about it on pages 1 and 3. You don't want to miss it.

The Nominating Committee is set and will work in January and February to get a new slate of officers by our March meeting. See article on page 4. I am thankful for the members who volunteered for this committee. It is a difficult job to call people and ask you to volunteer more of your valuable time. But for a small organization that does as much as OML does with all volunteers, it does require leadership. It is very rewarding to witness the fruits of the volunteer labor of our many groups. Trust me, I know it is some extra work, but very worth it. We need you.

This year's Distinguished Woman, Laura Wittenberg, continues giving via her leadership of the STEM Conference Parent Program, her work with the College University Partnership at Saint Mary's College, Fundraising Committee, and Chair of finding our next Distinguished Woman. Please send your nominations to Laura via email. We would like to hear from you – who do you think deserves this recognition by our branch?

Public Policy also has a lot going on these next few months. There will be CA lobby day this spring. Locally, OML members will continue to attend school board meetings to advocate for equity and safety for all students. We are making an impact in our community and our work is appreciated by many. With potential threats to education policies we support, and to funding, we must remain vigilant and advocate for public education.

Happy New Year!

Denise Burian, President

AAUW-OML's 5-Star Status?

As President, I submitted the information required by AAUW National to determine our status as a branch. OML has been a 5-star branch since the inception of the program several years ago. Well, this year they've determined that we are only a 4-star branch.

Our branch attained the Communications & External Relations, Programming, Governance & Sustainability and Public Policy & Advocacy stars. This recognition is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and commitment of our branch members to advancing AAUW's mission of gender equity for women and girls.

They said we did not meet the requirements for the Advancement Star. We have to attain three of the following:

- Donate \$30 per member to National's Greatest Needs Fund,
- Increase contributions to the Greatest Needs Fund by 15% from the previous year,
- Retain at least 80% of Branch membership,
- Make a branch contribution or support a registrant's attendance at NCCWS. and
- Recruit at least one Legacy Circle member in FY25.

I am asking them to reconsider or take a closer look as we think we earned this star. But even if not, we know in our hearts we are a 5-star Branch as a result of the many mission based programs which we accomplish every year.

There was no board meeting held in December.
Look for January board meeting highlights in the next issue of the Triad.

FOCUS ON ... DEI & the JANUARY MEETING

OML is joining up with AAUW Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek for the January 21st meeting at the Lafayette Library. We have a fascinating panel who will share their research findings and real world solutions that are being implemented and studied in local hospitals to reduce the racial disparities in maternal and infant health than occur in all hospital settings no matter income level. Our speakers are very involved in the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) and Contra Costa Health's Perinatal Equity Initiative (PEI) initiatives and will share the impact of these programs with us. You don't want to miss this program that is open to both Branches and the public."

The Distinguished Panel of Experts:

Natalie Berbick, MSW (she/her) is an experienced advocate for health equity and social justice in the maternal and child health arena. She is Family, Maternal, and Child Health Director at Contra Costa Health. As a graduate of UC Berkeley and the University of Michigan School of Social Work, her calling has been to support the health and safety of children and families throughout her twenty-year career by addressing health disparities and disenfranchised populations with prevention and intervention services. She launched and led the Contra Costa Perinatal Equity Initiative in 2018.

Adiam Mengis, MPH, LLB, (she/her) is a Public Health Program Specialist for the Perinatal Equity Initiative, and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome & Comprehensive Perinatal Services Coordinator, at Contra Costa Health. Her broad public health background includes having worked in Seattle as Educator Consultant with the King County Department of Public Health, and as HIV/AIDS Outreach and Early Intervention Services Manager with the Center for Multicultural Health. She holds an MPH from Touro University California and an LLB from the University of Asmara, Eritrea.

Christina M. Oldini, RN, MBA, CPHQ (she/her) is Associate Director with the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC). Founded jointly in 2006 by Stanford Medicine and the State of California, CMQCC is a multi-stakeholder organization committed to ending preventable morbidity, mortality and racial disparities in California maternity care. Ms. Oldini has led initiatives focused on substance abuse and exposure for pregnant people and newborns, as well as perinatal equity. She has extensive direct patient nursing care experience and holds an MBA and BSN from the University of San Francisco.

This program is hosted by the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette and Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW Branches.

This free event is open to the public.

**Location: Lafayette Library (Community Hall),
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette.**

Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

The event will run from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**NOMINATING
COMMITTEE**

Thank you to the five people who agreed to serve on the nominating committee: **Marcy Place (Chair), Jan Cushman, Marie Bonilla, Diane Bell and Renee Rosado.** They have a big job to do to ensure the succession, and *success* of our branch. Being on the nominating committee is not an easy job as they have to call people to ask them to serve in some leadership capacity. My recommendation? Say yes! Yes, it is work to be on the board and to be a leader. Considering the results of our many community projects, many busy and happy members, and the impact we make on the lives of many girls and young women, not to mention on our own lives. It is worth it! You will get to know a lot of members. *And you may enjoy it!*

**We are looking for the
2025 Distinguished
Woman of AAUW-OML.**

Have you ever written a recommendation for a Distinguished Woman? No? Why not? Criteria: leadership, active promoter of all priority programs, influencer, vision, major contributor, length of service.

Could you please take a minute to write about that special person who works tirelessly to make OML a great organization?

Email your recommendations or do it the old-fashioned way and drop me a line. Waiting to hear from you!

Laura Wittenberg:
laura.wittenberg.mft@gmail.com,
or mail to 7 Mariposa Lane,
Orinda, CA 94563.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES

Each month we are featuring one scholarship awardee. Each young woman is actively engaged in her community and striving to learn about the problems and possibilities in our society.



Evony Jackson
Saint Mary's College
Class of 2025

Evony volunteered as a Saint Mary's Weekend of Welcome leader where she helped plan a program to create a safe, comfortable, and fun environment for incoming freshmen. She coordinated events and activities to help students meet each other. She helped students settle in their dorm rooms and supported this transition for students and parents. She continues this work in the student housing office and trains new students in the program. In the larger community, her work experience allows her to tackle challenges and make meaningful contributions to any environment in which she finds herself.

Evony enjoyed being assigned to different residence halls so that she could help the first year students and their parents. She found that helping people and supporting people became her new passion. She learned she could relay helpful information and help resolve conflicts or concerns. When she started working with the student housing office, she took on more leadership responsibilities and her abilities grew. This experience taught her a lot about herself and her strengths and weaknesses. Evony will be our STEM Conference Registration Coordinator.

Harper Greer

Join the scholarship committee on Thursday, February 13 for a late afternoon of viewing fabulous fashions, bubbly and nibbles. Harper Greer in Lafayette will once again host us from 3-6 pm. From 3:30-4:15 AAUW models will stroll through the store as John gives a commentary on each fashion. Then listen to jazz music, visit with friends, and enjoy a glass of wine. You will be able to casually wander around the store shopping for the latest fashions or for that special outfit. 10% of the proceeds from 2/13-2/20 will benefit scholarships. (Must mention AAUW or bring in the flyer that's in this Triad for scholarship to get the 10%). Thank you to the owners John & Terry Kiskaddon



- **Please wear your previously purchased Harper Greer clothing to our January branch meeting on January 21 to help promote our fundraiser.**

Come to our scholarship meeting on January 9 at 2 pm (note change of date and time) at Gail Burnett's house (1012 Juanita Drive, Walnut Creek) to learn how you can be a part of our fashion show and find out about upcoming interviews for our high school and Saint Mary's College scholarships. *We can always use more interviewers.*

Bonnie Fend, Chair, Scholarship Committee



Fashion Show

You're invited to
 Our Annual Fashion Show at Harper Greer

Thursday, February 13
 3~6 pm

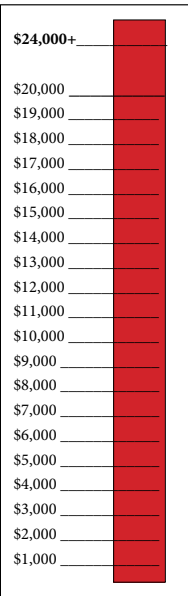
- 3:00 Reception & Shopping
- 3~4:15 Fashion Show
- 4:15~ 6 Reception continues

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10% of all sales will go to AAUW scholarships for local high schools and Saint Mary's College young women

If you can't make our special event, shop anytime from February 14 to 20. Just mention AAUW so that 10% will go to our scholarships.

RAISE the BAR FUNDRAISER



WE DID IT!


Thank you to our wonderful and generous members! **We definitely RAISED THE BAR!**

AAUW OML Members met the challenge we gave you at our Showcase meeting. YOU met our goal of \$20,000 and then exceeded it by 25%. Wow! Sixty Four of you, plus 14 of your friends donated \$22,275. With our kick-off donation of \$2,500, we raised \$24,775. And we believe there are more checks in our PO Box that will be picked up and added by the time you read this, which will bring up over \$25,000 total.

This is an exciting and amazing outcome. It means AAUW-OML can continue to operate all of our Community Outreach projects this year and help get us set up for next year. It means to those of us who work on those projects that YOU – our members and friends – want us to continue offering these wonderful and impactful programs; that our volunteer effort means something and is appreciated.

Our Community Outreach Programs: Tech Trek, Scholarships, STEM Conference, Burckhalter, and DEI programs are very appreciative of your generosity. We could not do it year after year without you. Whether you participate by volunteering (and these programs do take a lot of volunteers!) or whether you donate – all of your sharing of time, treasure and talent is important to make the impact on the lives of the young people we serve.

Thank you so very much!
Tech Trek, Scholarship, STEM Conference,
Burckhalter Volunteers and DEI Committees
**2024 Fundraising Committee: Barbara Bell,
Laura Wittenberg and Denise Burian**



A celebration for all those who donated to our Raise the Bar Fund Drive is in the works!

Everyone who donated \$100 or more will be receiving an invitation from Denise. We plan to hold the party in late January or early February at the Moraga Art Gallery.

HOLIDAY PARTY TOY DRIVE

OML members who attended the Holiday Party at Peggy’s brought unwrapped toys to donate to the children at Burckhalter Elementary. Our members were very generous – we donated over 60 toys. The Burckhalter staff spent all day on December 18 sorting toys into age groups and transforming Room 1 into a toy shop. Students came in small groups to shop for their favorite toy.



Toys brought to the holiday party at Peggy Cabaniss’s home

In past years, Klay Thompson from the Warriors did a toy giveaway, but he is no longer with the Warriors. This year the school collected toys with goal of getting at least one toy per student. So our OML toy contributions went a long way to

ensuring each student got a toy. Leftover toys will not go to waste, they will be given to Burck-halter families in need, used in the classroom, or given as student awards.

Lisa Gedigian, Burckhalter Volunteer



The “Toy Shop” where Burckhalter students selected their favorite toy.

STEM CONFERENCE UPDATE

Our STEM Conference will be at Saint Mary's College on Saturday, March 8th. Registration will open on Jan 13 and close on Feb 7. Our website is in the process of being updated and will have the registration form link open on Jan 13. Please spread the word to friends, neighbors and families with middle school girls.

A big thank you to Stacia for all her work to line up our fabulous workshops! We have 13 workshops lined up and are finalizing the 14th at this time.

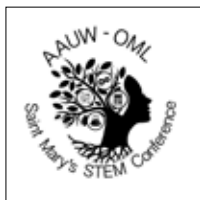
- The Awesome Power of Genetics
- Balloon Cars
- Constructing the Universe
- Experiments in Space - Where No One Can Hear You Scream
- Exploring the Human Brain
- FBI Evidence Response Team
- Green Plant Make Rubber Tires
- Heart Matters: The Cardiac & Peripheral Vascular Examination
- Math Festival Fun
- Polyhedra Party
- Robotics aCADemy: Bring your imagination alive with CAD
- Seeing and Touching DNA
- Structures, Bridges, & Engineers

We are looking for adult volunteers to help as workshop monitors. The adult monitor role is to be another adult in the room, helping to make sure everything is running smoothly. There is a mandatory training on zoom for ALL workshop monitors (yes even those who have helped before) on Thursday Feb 27 at 5 pm. We need to make sure all monitors are up to date on safety procedures and the details of the role. If you are interested in being an adult monitor please contact Shelia Apte. Monitors can work from 8 am-12:30 pm, 11:30 am-3:30 pm, or 8 am-3:30 pm.



We have a wonderful group of High School Ambassadors who are stepping up this year in the planning of our conference. Here are two photos from our December Ambassador meeting.

**Kim Lockett, Chair,
STEM Conference**



~ PUBLIC POLICY ~ SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

We have had two new board members join our school board outreach efforts: **Allison Daniels** will help monitor the Moraga School District and **Liddy Clark** is monitoring the Orinda School Board.

Acalanes Unified High School District Update:

Chris Severson, a current board member whose term won't be up until November 2026, is stepping down from the board. As a result, the current board will be appointing someone to fill his seat for the remainder of his term. **Stacey Schwepes**, one of the candidates we supported for the Acalanes Unified High School Board of Directors, has decided to apply for the position. The board will be interviewing candidates on Monday, January 13. We encourage our members to write a letter of support for Stacey, which should be emailed to superintendent John Nickerson at superintendent@auhsdschools.org as well as schoolboard@auhsdschools.org, which reaches all school board members.

Stacey Schwepes is the best candidate for this position:

- She has over 20 years of service to the school community.
- She is a graduate of Campolindo High School and a parent of two Las Lomas graduates.
- She has held leadership roles on the Las Lomas PTA Executive Board and organized the first wellness fair at Las Lomas.
- She has been a member of the Citizens Oversight Committee for AUHSD Measures G&A.

Stacey is committed to public education and maintaining educational excellence while ensuring fiscal responsibility.

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

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Banner Year for Membership 2024!

“We must be doing something good” (from the Sound of Music?), but it struck me that we are thriving and attracting new members through our presence in the community with our many propriety programs. We have welcomed 20 New members during 2024, and our roster shows AAUW-OML as 138 strong. We also have 10 Honorary Lifetime Members (50+ years as Member of AAUW).

Why did our new members join? They were attracted for a variety of reasons: Buckhalter Library Program, STEM Conference, Tech Trek Science Camp, DEI, and Public Policy. They liked our members attending the School Board meetings and our partnership with Saint Mary’s College. as well as the branch interests groups. It was a desire to find a community of like-minded women and a desire to give back to their community. Many new members joined us at the Christmas holiday celebrations at Barbara Bell’s and Peggy Cabanis’ homes, where we had the opportunity to have some wonderful conversations.

The membership committee would like to have more social gatherings in the new year, as it is a great way to create more opportunities for the membership to meet the new members. We are in the planning stage, so if you have some thoughts on some fun activities to get to know our new and seasoned members, contact my co-chairs: Ling Yan and Sheila Newton.

Be sure to introduce yourself to the new members at our general meetings. The list is long so I do not expect you to remember the names, just look for a blue *New Member* ribbon on their name tag. The following have joined since January 1, 2024, – you can find their contact information in the new directory that Gail Chesler has been distributing.

Bev Rubini	Susan Lee Vick	Malia Mudgett
Joan Schwimmer	Sheila Newton	Vera Potapenko
Myrna Santiago	Wendy Reicher	Danielle Ginestro
Dianne Faiete	Marcie Schmitz	Rosemary Jensen
Maria Ruiz	Karen Brockwell	Laura Fields
Nancy Siegel	Mary Walfoort	Liddy Clark
Nancy Case	Debbie Katz	

A growing and thriving membership leads to a healthy and vibrant organization!

Happy New Year!

Laura Wittenberg,
VP, Membership

NEW LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE

**You are Invited to a
 STRATEGY BREAKFAST
 for the NEW Leadership Institute
 in the Current Political Climate.**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025
 Saint Mary’s College Campus
 Hagerty Hall
 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**

**NEW EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP FOR
 WOMEN AT SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE:
 NEXT Steps for 2025**
<https://www.stmarys-ca.edu/new-leadership>

**RSVP TO:
newleadershipsmc@stmarys-ca.edu**

The Women’s and Gender Studies Program at Saint Mary’s College of California is excited to announce the next phase in preparing for our second New Leadership Program. On January 28, 2025, we will host the inaugural bi-annual meeting, bringing together women leaders from the greater East Bay and across California.

Last June, Saint Mary’s College Women and Gender Studies launched their first “NEW (New Education for Women’s) Leadership Program” that began at Rutgers University teaching undergraduate women from across the Bay Area and the State on how to engage in politics, advocacy and public service. Drawing on Saint Mary’s critical thinking and social justice traditions, we asked the community to imagine what an inclusive and just society might look like, engaging everyone in making the ideal of equality and social justice a reality.

This gathering aims to foster networking among like-minded women and galvanize support for the program. Together, participants will advocate for the advancement of women in leadership roles through education, advocacy, and philanthropy, establishing a platform to empower women leaders in politics and business.

For more information on this leadership breakfast, contact Laura Wittenberg, laura.wittenberg.mft@gmail.com,

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTIES



Our branch welcomed the holiday season in style at the homes of Peggy Cabaniss and Barbara Bell.



Judy Helder, at the piano, led everyone at Peggy's house to a rollicking rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas, including lots of pantomime.



At Barbara's evening soiree, we enjoyed cocktails and mocktails, and spent our time sharing holiday memories.



A big thank you to both hostesses for a wonderful prelude to the holiday season.



THE 2024-25 DIRECTORIES ARE OUT!

The 2024-25 Directories were distributed at the November OML branch meeting. We got about 45% of them in the hands of branch members. Gail Chesler has the rest and will be bringing them to the holiday parties in mid-December and then again to the January general meeting. Get in touch with her if you have not received yours yet.

Gail at gailchesler@gmail.com

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SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

**MUSEUM MAVENS AND
GORGEOUS GARDENS
Trip to the Oakland
Museum of Art
Friday, January 31
Meet at 10 am to carpool**

Join us for an enriching trip to Oakland Museum to see **XICANX – Indigenous Artworks Exhibition** as well as the California exhibition.

Plan to meet at 10 am to carpool at the **Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church** in Lafayette. Email Trudy to RSVP at trudylbarron@gmail.com by **January 17**. We look forward to seeing you and enjoying lunch afterwards!

The Art of Xicanx Peoples offers ancestral forms of liberation, healing, and being at Calli: Read more about the exhibit by clicking here: <https://museumca.org>.

**HIKING EAST BAY
REGIONAL PARKS**

For January, February, and March, Bonnie Gallogly will be the leader with Ellen Beans assisting. She will be sending out the reminder emails. So far we have a hike planned for both January and February with East Bay Parks Strolls that occur on Saturday mornings, which will not be the same Saturday every month. We will let you know as to when and where to meet in The Triad, **On Saturday, January 11 the hike will be at the Moraga Trail**. Meet at 10 am in the small parking lot opposite Saint Mary's College.

The February 8 hike will be at Sibley starting at 9:30 am. The meeting place will be Rite Aid in Orinda at 9 am Or if you prefer you can take the back way thru Canyon and upon reaching Skyline Blvd, the meeting place will be at 2400 Skyline Blvd. They do not want dogs on this hike. If you are not already on it, contact Marilyn Evans to get on the email list: marilynbevans@att.net.

**DEI – BLM ALLIES GROUP
Monday, January 13
3-4:15 pm on Zoom.**

We are reading the book *Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on Health in America* by Linda Villarosa. We will discuss chapters 1-4, which includes the chapter about maternal and infant health. This ties into our DEI Committee sponsored January 21 program on addressing racial disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes. The program is a joint presentation with AAUW Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek and is being held at the Lafayette Library at our usual membership meeting time of Tuesday, January 21, 2025. We gather at 9:30 a.m., the program begins at 10:00 a.m. Read more about it on page 1 and 3.

**FINANCIALLY SAVVY WOMEN
Thursday, February 6
10 am-Noon
Home of Peggy Cabaniss
Topic: *Inheritances***

There will be no meeting in January for Financially Savvy Women. We will meet again on Thursday, February 6, from 10-noon at the home of Peggy Cabaniss. Topic for that meeting will be *Inheritances* – what to do when you receive one, and what to consider in discussing with your beneficiaries what they might receive one day from you. For more information, call or email Peggy Cabaniss, 925-708-5178 or pcabaniss7@gmail.com.

**BOCCE BALL
First & Third Mondays • 10 am
Moraga Commons Bocce Courts**

We meet for casual play at the Moraga Commons on the first and third Mondays, weather permitting. Contact Mary Leigh Miller at mlmiller602@gmail.com for more information.

**EVENING SALON
Thursday, January 9 • 7 pm
at Joan Schwimmer's home**

Come celebrate friendship and participate in interesting discussions. There will be a lot to discuss as 2025 will be an interesting year. Joan's address will be sent in separate email. Contact Denise Burian for more information and to get on the email list, denburian@gmail.com.

**ANYONE WHO HAS READ
THE BOOK
Friday, January 17 • 10 am
at Orinda Books,
276 Village Square, Orinda**

The White Lady: A British Historical Mystery, by Jacqueline Winspear, fiction. Set in 1947, Elinor White, a veteran of two wars, a trained killer and protective of her anonymity, she is drawn back into the world of menace, which she has been desperate to leave behind. Elinor finds herself facing down one of the most dangerous organized crime gangs in London, ultimately exposing corruption from Scotland Yard to the highest levels of government. Contact Mary Mlynek at ml_mlynek@yahoo.com, for more information,

**GREAT DECISIONS
Wednesday, January 8
10 am • Judy Helder's home**

Great Decisions books have not arrived. Hopefully they will be here by January 8. Please plan to come to an informal meeting at my home, 18 Inverleith Terrace at 10 am. I will keep you informed. Call Judy Helder on 925-980-0151, or email: judyhelder@gmail.com for more information.

**JANUARY 2025
AT A GLANCE**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

1 WED – PASS ALONG YOUR CRITICS CHOICE BOOK

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

6 MON – STEM CONFERENCE MEETING
3-4:30 pm – Home of Peggy Cabaniss

8 WED – GREAT DECISIONS
10 am – Judy Helder’s home
Read more on page 9.

9 THU – SCHOLARSHIP MEETING
2 pm – Gail Burnett’s home
Read more on page 4.

9 THU – EVENING SALON
7 pm – Home of Joan Schwimmer
Read more on page 9.

11 SAT – HIKING the MORAGA TRAILS
10 am – Meet at the parking lot off St. Mary’s Rd
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.

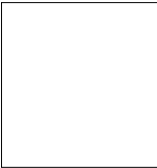
14 TUE – BOARD MEETING
1 pm – Via Zoom

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

21 TUE – OML GENERAL MEETING
DEI Program with DAW Branch
9:30 am – Lafayette Library

24 FRI – DEADLINE for FEBRUARY TRIAD
Send all articles to Mary Leigh Miller, 925 360-4443
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27 MON – STEM CONFERENCE MEETING
3-4:30 pm – on Zoom

28 TUE – STRATEGY BREAKFAST
8:30-9:30 am – Saint Mary’s College
Read more on page 7.

31 FRI – MUSEUM MAVENS
TRIP to the OAKLAND MUSEUM
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FEBRUARY 2025
Look for more information in the February Triad

11 TUE – BOARD MEETING
1 pm – Orinda Community Church

13 THU – SCHOLARSHIP’S FASHION SHOW
3-6 pm – HARPER GREER, Lafayette

18 TUE – OML GENERAL MEETING
Reproductive Rights
9:30 am – Serbian Orthodox Church, Moraga

**Celebration of Life for
Carol Messinger**
Saturday, January 11, 2025
11:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Fireside Room at Rossmoor
1001 Golden Rain Road
Walnut Creek 94595
RSVP to Pam House, house.pam@juno.com