

Lana Reichick AAUW-OML's 2025 Distinguished Woman

Each year, as a branch, we recognize an AAUW member who has set herself apart and distinguished herself in initiative, creativity, leadership, friendship, and a steadfast commitment to advancing gender equity for women and girls.

Sometimes the individuals who do 80% of the work get 20% of the credit. We have had a "Hidden Figure" in our midst. Introducing Lana Reichick, the AAUW-OML Distinguished Woman of 2025, is an honor. Lana has been a member of AAUW since 1989, when Judy Helder suggested she join to make new friends with interesting women working for equity for all women.

I have learned as I learn Lana's history with AAUW-OML and the Moraga Community. Lana is a powerhouse! Lana, a single mother, moved to Moraga with her two sons, Adam and Brent. She was commuting from Moraga to San Francisco, working full time as a buyer for Macy's Department Store. Inspired by Mary Kay (founder of the Cosmetic Company) to believe that anything was possible when keeping sight of her goal. There were many setbacks and disappointments she had to overcome. Lana never wavered in her desire to provide the best life possible for her sons. Lana worked hard and persevered. Lana convinced the Boy Scout troop to accept her as the participating parent. When she could not attend the overnight camp (men and boys only), her newfound Moraga Village guided and supported her sons, ensuring they were not left out. She was an active member of the PTA, served on the school board, helped with fundraising for the schools, and much more. Lana joined AAUW-OML to meet interesting women working together for a purpose. Lana has faced the challenges of life, a single , loving parent with grace and dignity, a friend and contributor to her community.

We do not have room on this page to list all the hats Lana has worn as a member. She served on the board in many capacities. Volunteering to be the Corresponding Secretary but working full time. Lana could not always attend meetings, but she sent each member a birthday card on her birthday. Lana, a strong supporter of Tech Trek Camp, wanted to ensure more girls could attend. Working with the parents of the community and members of AAUW-OML, she pulled off a Garden Tour of several local exquisite gardens in the Lamorinda area that raised enough money to fund seven girls to the Tech Trek camp that year. It was Lana who single-handedly started the Shred Fest Fundraiser for Tech Trek. Lana takes on needed tasks gracefully, is willing to help support AAUW-OML, and is a friendly and constant behind-the-scenes volunteer. Lana has been a "Hidden Figure" while playing a significant role in the success of our programs as a member of the AAUW-OML community. Throughout her life, she has demonstrated her support of equity and education for women with action, using her organizational expertise and love of fundraising to make things happen.

**Please join me in recognizing OML's 2025 Distinguished Woman, Lana Reichick.
At our May Luncheon at La Finestra's at 1419 Moraga Way, across from Safeway.**