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# MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

## La Finestra Restaurant

1419 Moraga Way, Moraga • Free onsite parking

Celebrating ...

- AAUW Fund Branch-Named Gift Honoree
  - Recognition of the 2024-25 Board
- Installation of the 2025-26 Board (Listed on page 7)
  - OML Distinguished Woman of the Year:

## Lana Reichick

11:30 am ~ Check-in and Socializing at the piano: Gail Burnett 12:00-2:00 pm ~ Luncheon and Program \$50 per person

Make your reservation online by clicking <u>HERE</u>

Buffet Menu will include
Caesar and Caprese Salads,
Pasta, Chicken Marsala, Salmon Gorgonzola,
assorted desserts, coffee, tea, no-host bar

For questions, contact Marla Schroeder: marlakays@comcast.net

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#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

There will be NO Triad published in JUNE

# In & Out Board Meeting

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 10**

Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall 10:30 am~2:30 pm

# Potluck - please bring something to share!

Our official closing year event is the In & Out Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, held at the Orinda Community Church.

The Incoming and Outgoing Board of Directors will reflect on what went well in the ending year and begin planning for the new year. Our fiscal year goes from July 1 through June 30th. While incoming and outgoing board members attend, all OML members are invited to help plan the new year. If there is some project you would like to get involved in, or see how the "sausage" is made, you are welcome. Let Denise know you are coming.

The meeting begins at 10:30 am for a closing discussion until noon. Potluck lunch will be at noon, followed by a planning session lasting until 2:30 or so. This is a time for new board members to meet with outgoing Board members and get familiar with duties of the job.

Thank you for a great 2024-25 and let's get ready for 2025-26. Denise.

A Celebration of Life Service for JOY ELKINTON WALKER will be held on Thursday, May 15 at 1 pm at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda.



## ... from DENISE'S PERSPECTIVE

#### My dear wonderful OML members,

I just finished a small celebratory lunch and watch party at my home for the Board and our members who are part of the School Board Project. I wish you could have all been with us. What were we celebrating? Well, today was the AAUW CA Annual Meeting and

they selected our Branch, Orinda, Moraga, Lafayette for the 2nd place Branch Activity of the Year Award. We were jointly recognized with the Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek Branch as we both have members attending Board of Education meetings on a regular basis and we both advocate on behalf of AAUW policy on education issues. There is another article about being recognized for this award, but I have to say that I am so proud of the work of our members to support an excellent learning environment for all of the students. This work is easy to replicate by other branches. Together, we DO make a difference. The presentation by Laurinda Ochoa of DAW and me is on our website.

We are almost ready to wind down the year for a low-key summer. You will see that we just had our Scholarship and Tech Trek awards ceremony. Great work by those project teams and so many outstanding young women getting scholarships and going to camp this summer. Our STEM Conference will be on hiatus but please put Saturday, March 7, 2026 on your calendar now as we will be reaching out to all of you by October to ask you to volunteer on that day. The library at Burckhalter will be winding down as well by the end of May. We can always use more volunteers next year, even 1 morning a month is helpful and rewarding.

Our annual May luncheon is on Monday, May 5th at 11:30 at La Finestra in Mirage. If you are reading this and haven't signed up yet, contact Gail Chesler and get on the list. You can pay by the Square link, or send a check to Peggy Cabaniss. We don't want you to miss it as we are recognizing Lana Reichick, who has volunteered for so many community outreach projects over the years (decades). Plus we are installing our 2025-26 Board of Directors.

While the May luncheon is our last member event for the year, the Board of Directors will gather for our In/Out Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 10th, likely at the OCC this year so we can have a working meeting to plan for next year. It is open to departing Board members, incoming Board members and to any member who would like to help us plan for next year. If you want to help and see how the sausage is made, let me know.

Does that mean that we go dark in the summer? Absolutely NOT. The sun is shining and we are playing - Bocce that is, every Tuesday night. Join us – the only all-women team. We also continue Evening Salon, golf, bike riding, and other social groups. Our community projects meet to develop their budgets and plan for next year. The book groups meet to select books and I am sure there are many get togethers over the summer. If we know about them, they will be listed in the July Triad (no June Triad).

It is time for most of us to send in our dues in May and June. And to vote in the AAUW National and AAUW CA elections (read more on page 4). Speaking of voting, please vote for Measure T and tell your friends to vote. It is a single item mail only special election ballot so few people have voted so far. Your vote can make a big difference. Send in your ballot by May 6th.

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 8, 2025

- The AAUW-OML luncheon will be held on Monday, May 5th at La Finestra Restaurant in Moraga from 11:15 am to 2 pm. All members, including our new members, are invited and encouraged to attend. The cost will be \$50 per person. To confirm you attendance, see the recent AAUW-OML email for registration information.
- Burckhalter Elementary is counting down the last 6 weeks of school. The school had a very successful math festival lead by Julia Robinson Math Festivals. If interested, their website has a plethora of math games for free. Visit https://jrmf.org/.
- If interested, a collective effort of parents and concerned Lamorinda citizens, are supporting Lafayette Elementary School to be a positive, visible voice for those who walk, bike and dive the Moraga Road corridor, most importantly, the children attending Lafayette Elementary School. Organized efforts are to counter anti-DEI demonstrators setting up in front of the school during student drop off and pick up.
- Mark your calendars for next year's STEM Conference, on March 7, 2026 at Saint Mary's College.
- Seven students have been selected from our local middle schools (OIS— three, Stanley—two , JM—two) for the Tech Trek camp, to be held at Santa Clara University. This year, three (3) former Tech Trekkers will be junior counselors. Karen Feeney and Jan Cushman will be dorm moms. The "Ice Cream Social" for this year's Tech Trekkers and family will be held on May 9th at the clubhouse at Miramonte Gardens at 7 p.m.
- There will not be a June Triad. Look for the June/July publication in late June.

## **FOCUS ON ... SCHOOL BOARD NEWS & SUPPORT for MEASURE T**





# OML and DAW Branches Win Statewide Award for School Board Outreach Efforts

On April 26, the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette and Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW Branches were awarded Second Place in AAUW California's Branch Activity of the Year Program. A small group of branch members watched the awards event on Zoom over lunch at Denise Burian's home. We are extremely happy to announce the award to all of our branch members.

Entitled *Equal Access to Public Education for All Students:* an outreach effort in support of public schools, the California State AAUW Branch honored our work monitoring school boards in both our branch areas. We spoke in support of public education at school board meetings, wrote letters or emails on specific board agenda items and countered efforts by Moms for Liberty representatives who are against unbiased and safe education for all students.

In addition, the award was given for our branches' efforts to:

- Interview and identify 2024 School Board candidates who supported AAUW Public Policy positions and share that information with members/friends
- Host public panel discussions on public education
- Reach out to other non-partisan organizations that share AAUW values (e.g., other AAUW branches, Parent-Teacher Associations, League of Women Voters, PFLAG)
- Lead a coalition Lift Up Public Schools to find and support Pro-Public Education School Board candidates in both Contra Costa and Alameda Counties.

As a result of our efforts, AAUW has gained exposure, status, and respect in our communities, branch membership has increased as others want to join us and we have increased the number of volunteers for our branches' community outreach projects.

Our branch has at least 10 members attending school board meetings regularly. We speak on agenda items that are related to our public policy positions. Our efforts DO make an impact on local public policy. Contact Karen Feeney if you want to join us.

Karen Feeney, School Board Monitoring Committee

#### **Vote YES on Measure T for AUHSD**

Many voters are receiving information that is misleading and/or inaccurate about this Measure T. Here are the facts:

According to Ed-Data, AUHSD (Acalanes Unifited High School District) has consistently spent 6% of expenditures on general admin while all high school districts in the state have gone from 6% to 7%. *Therefore, AUHSD is below average for General Admin cost and holding* while other high school districts are increasing.

More specifically, compared to similar high school districts in the Bay Area, AUHSD is #8 of 8 (lowest) for site and district salary expenses per student. The #1 (highest) high school district expenses in the Bay Area is Mountain View-Los Altos UHSD which spends 75% more per student on administrative salaries than the AUHSD. Even the number 7 district spends 11% more per student on administrative salaries. In terms of cost of living increases over the past 8 years: Even a modest 3% cost of living increase over 8 years would bring us close to 24%.

Here is a graph to make this information more clear:



AAUW-OML Board has endorsed this Measure to support our high schools. If you have not sent in your mail in ballot yet – Please do so before May 6th. Thank you.

Denise Burian, President and Shari Simon, Co-chair, DEI Committee

## **PUBLIC POLICY ~ LOBBY DAYS**



Lobby Day 2025 was held at the California Capitol in Sacramento on April 8th. Among the 85 AAUW-CA "lobbyists" from throughout the state were four AAUW-OML members: Laura Monin, Connie Whitting, Ogie Strogatz and Vera Potapenko. We met with the staffs of three State Senators (Arreguin, Grayson and Rubio), and one State Assemblymember (Wicks).



Vera Potapenko (a new OML member), State Senator Susan Rubio, Ogie Strogatz and Laura Monin.

California Public Policy had chosen three bills (out of 60) on which to lobby, two of which we were strongly in favor of, one which we strongly opposed.

Denise Burian and Laurinda Ochoa *(in photo below)* also met with Sen. Tim Grayson's staff member via zoom on April 9 and shared AAUW's position on the three bills that are listed here.



#### Senate Bill 418: Ensure Equal Access to Care for All AAUW Strongly Supports

This measure would prohibit a health plan or a health insurance provider from denying coverage or denying benefits to a person based upon their race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex—including sex characteristics such as intersex traits, pregnancy, and gender identity.

#### Senate Bill 771: Digital Hate Crimes, Intimidation, and Harassment: Social Media Platforms Endangering Californians

#### AAUW Co-Sponsor - Strongly Supports

It clarifies that a social media platform may be liable for civil penalty under existing law if and when its algorithms or AI aid or abet individual users who are engaging in already unlawful intimidation of others in online spaces.

# Assembly Bill 579: Yaeli's Law AAUW Strongly Opposes

AAUW California believes transgender and nonbinary youth deserve the right to live in an environment in which they can thrive. However, such youth often face disrespect and rejection by parents or guardians. AB 579 would approve such disrespect and rejection. It rests on the premise that denial of support for youth self-identity, including refusal to use a child's preferred name and pronouns, or refusal to allow their gender-affirming care is not harmful. As such, AB 579 would mandate that such actions should not be considered child abuse under the law, and, therefore, should not be allowed as a basis for custody or removal decisions.

The OML members who participated found the experience very worthwhile and encourage others to participate next year.

#### Laura Monin Public Policy Co-Chair

It's time to vote in the AAUW Election 2025. The election ends on May 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm ET.

To vote, look for an email that you received on Monday, April 28 from *Reminder: AAUW Election 2025 AAUW <vote@simplyvoting.com>* Follow the link in the email to access your ballot directly, or visit: https://aauw.simplyvoting.com/

For more information on the candidates and ballot initiatives, please visit <a href="https://act.aauw.org/MemberVote2025">https://act.aauw.org/MemberVote2025</a>. If you have any questions, or updates regarding your membership or changes to your address or email, please contact <a href="mailto:connect@aauw.org">connect@aauw.org</a>.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Sunday, April 27th was a special day as we honored seven young women as they inspired us with their extremely busy lives and all their accomplishments. They shared their passions and inspired us. They gave us hope for the future. Our scholarship committee read applications, evaluated them and then interviewed them. We were impressed with how well they all interviewed. Then we had the hard decision of selecting the recipients.



The 2025 Scholarship Committee.

Our high school applicants shared with us their multi-faceted talents of being a singer, a poet and musician. They were involved with many community service organizations at their schools and in their community sports and received excellent grades! As we say year after year, they are amazing!

#### Here are our high school recipients Emma Wong- Miramonte

Many of the traits used to describe Emma (in photo at right with her parents) are creative, confident, professional, respect for others, a listener, and consideration of others and willingness to create opportunities for the growth of others. She impressed the interview team with her involvement with the Lamorinda Arts council. She saw that her peers were not involved, so found a way to involve them by creating a youth ambassador program. Emma was an AAUW tech trek alumni and

she helped with a virtual summer camp for a week.

#### Jenna Kessler-Acalanes

Jenna impressed us with her varied community service: from her commitment to environmental issues, to music, to time spent at the Lafayette Library, to her journalist involvement in Blueprint, the school newspaper. Being the founder of Community Outreach and Improvement club at Acalanes gave her the leadership skills needed to branch out in her other endeavors. She organized a volunteer fair at Acalanes that was a big success.

#### Mia Polichio-Campolindo

Started a Faith Club at Campo that now has over 200 members. It has been so popular that other schools have started a similar club. Mia solved a challenge by going around inviting students that were critical of her club. She found that many she invited came and eventually joined. Mia is a talented singer who loved music and had a leading role in the school musical.

At the college level we interviewed four in the high potential program. These young women are the first in their families to attend college. They have good grades, are active in their college community and still found time to give back and help others. They helped college students adjust, immigrant women navigate the system, helped students with writing their essays and tutored students that needed extra help.

# Introducing our Saint Mary's College recipients Rebecca Carranza, Class of 2026

Rebecca provides translation services to the Hispanic community through the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, a non profit organization which offers legal assistance and resources to immigrants. Alongside paralegals and attorneys, Rebecca helps fill out work permits, residency forms, naturalization papers, asylum applications, etc.

#### Mayra Jimenez Almaras, Class of 2025

Mayra volunteers at the Food Bank of Contra Costa and



Solana in Concord, CA. She has been involved in all areas of the organization, assisting in food sorting, packing, and distribution to ensure efficient food delivery to local communities in need. Her bilingual abilities are an advantage in this role. In addition, Mayra has also dedicated much time to tutoring students for whom English is a second language.

#### Sophia Gonzales, Class of 2026

Sophia is part of the Residential Experience at Saint Mary's College, in her second year as a Residential Advisor. In this role, she has loved being there for her residents and their families, she fosters a sense of community, support, and inclusivity. Sophia has also spent eight years as a math tutor working with students from various backgrounds and volunteering with the Multicultural Institute in Berkeley to support children lacking academic resources.

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# SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS, continued

#### Felicia Coleman, Class of 2026

Felicia is passionate about writing and works with Saint Mary's Center for Writing Across the Curriculum, helping students with essays and editing their Spectrum Book. She writes poetry and believes writing is a tool for social change. Felicia is an active member of the Black Student Union at Saint Mary's.

As you can see it's another group of inspiring, successful young women. It was inspiring to meet and hear about all their accomplishments. Thank you to all that help and supported these students. We wish them well in their journey.



High School and Saint Mary's College Scholarship winners. The young women holding the certificates are our college awardees.



#### Sneaker Collection

Joan Foster's granddaughter, Charley held a successful collection at Miramonte High School and two past tech trekkers Allie and Sophie are presently holding a collection at Glorietta School in Orinda. We appreciate all the students help

with our project! While we did make money to fund our scholarships and we felt we were helping to keep sneakers out of the landfill the company we worked with started charging a service fee that took half of our profits, so we have decided to end our collections in June. Thank you for all your support and donations. The following locations will collect through June...Lafayette Pickle Ball Court, Lafayette Veterans Memorial Center, and Oakwood Gym. Collection at the Orinda Tennis Court has stopped.

**Next Scholarship Meeting**, May 1 at 12:30 pm, at the home of Jill Fernald, 178 Zander Dr, Orinda.

## **TECH TREK AWARD RECIPIENTS**

At our awards program on Sunday, we warmly celebrated seven local middle school girls who received scholarships to Tech Trek, the weeklong STEM immersion program held this coming July at Santa Clara University. Their application essays focused on an area of science, technology, engineering, or math that they are most interested in. The topics were well written, interesting and diverse.



#### Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School:

**Anna Ginestro** – DNA use in forensics and relationship to health

Helen Liu – robotics and coding

#### **Stanley Middle School:**

**Farah Falahati** – the complexities and importance of biochemistry

**Surya Spitzer** – chemistry and food science (including Jello)

#### **Orinda Intermediate School:**

**Molly Eichenberger** – biology, environmental sciences and math

**Olivia MacDiarmid** – the wonders of reptiles and amphibians

**Mao Yoshikuni** – microbiology, chemical engineering and data science

Three of the girls selected had prior commitments and were not able to attend the celebration. All of the girls will learn more about our camp at the ice cream social on May 9. The Tech Trek 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 women who made significant scientific advances. We have sent 143 girls to camp since 1998.

#### **APRIL AWARDS MEETING TAKE-AWAY**



Christy Tormey gave an impactful presentation on **Engineering Our Careers**. She shared her story growing up in Lafayette, attending Carondelet, selecting Duke University for her engineering degree (not too cold, not too hot!), and being hired by the Chevron Refinery in Richmond following an internship there. She described the growth of her jobs from the refinery, to strategic planning to supporting the reliable supply of fuels at the corporate level.

Christy earned her MBA at UC Berkeley by attending classes in the evenings and weekends—quite a go getter! Christy's presentation was full of great examples, wise advice and humor for young women starting out in school and in the workplace. It was delightful to also meet her husband and her four-month-old son who did a great job of sleeping through the event!

# Her presentation focused on the critical four corners of her career puzzle:

- Curiosity find an area that you are curious about, want to understand and find solutions to problems. Be prepared to pivot if your first direction needs to change.
- Capability learn and strengthen your knowledge and skills through school, work experience, and activities outside of both. Find mentors who can give frank feedback to help you grow and improve and support you.
- Confidence Don't be a wallflower in class or at work. Be confident to raise your hand and speak up. Be aware of "imposter syndrome" and go for it. Don't be afraid to fail everyone fails and you can learn a lot from failure.
- Collaboration Seek to work with diverse people. When putting together a team, select people who have different skills and styles than you to enhance the overall team success. Bring snacks!

She encouraged the attendees to seek out their own unique career puzzle for success!

Jan Cushman, Chair, Tech Trek

# APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES continued

• There will not be a board meeting in May. The "In and Out" Board meeting will be held on June 19th with the location and time to be determined.

#### **Post Board Meeting Addendum**

• A budget request was submitted from the Scholarship committee to the 501(3)(c) Board, to increase their budget for this year only so they can give four (4) \$2,000 scholarships to Saint Mary's college women. Since the board had already recently met, the members was asked to vote via email. The board members were asked: "Do you approve of scholarship increasing their budget this year to give four \$2,000.00 scholarships to Saint Mary's students instead of the two budgeted at the beginning of the year?" A quorum of the board voted YES,

Marcy Place, Secretary

#### **AAUW ADVOCACY**

We want you to know that our branch will follow AAUW National and AAUW-CA guidelines on response to the national political environment. AAUW remains committed to our core values and purpose – equity for women. And that means all women. We know that there continues to be differences in experiences and outcomes between groups of women due to past inequities and discrimination, and we will continue to shine a light upon those. We did that with the January program on infant and maternal health inequities and we will continue to stand up wherever there is a need. And in this environment, with attacks on women's health, and hard fought battles that we thought were behind us, we are needed more than ever. Be assured that we will continue our long history of advocacy and work towards equity. We are not going back.

Denise Burian, President

#### The OML Branch Board of Directors for 2025-26

President: Denise Burian
President Elect: unfilled
Finance: Peggy Cabaniss
Programs: Chris Laszcz-Davis
and Gail Chesler
Membership: Laura Wittenberg
AAUW Fund: Danielle Ginestro

Secretary: Marcy Place

#### WELCOME to OML'S NEWEST MEMBERS!

AAUW-OML membership continues to grow while many organizations are decreasing. Our newest member is **Giorgia Stankus**, a senior at Campolindo High School, former Tech Trekker and STEM Ambassador. Giorgia is our fist high school senior to join our branch! She joined as a student affiliate.

On Tuesday, April 22 we had a new member 2024-2025 informational meeting and social in the garden of **Liddy Clark**, who joined our branch last fall. It was an opportunity for new members and a few board members to enjoy getting to know one another while feasting on an abundant spread of yummy bites and drinks.

We concluded the afternoon with everyone joined in sharing their specific interests and hopes as members. We asked how the new members learned about AAUW-OML It turned out there were a variety of ways. They heard someone talking about our School Board activities, or a member suggested they think about AAUW-OML when chatting with someone at the gym. They might have met one of our members in a class or while participating in a community event, and when seeking to find an opportunity to give back or wanting purpose after retirement.

Help us to continue to grow our membership ranks with like-minded women by sharing with friends and neighbors why you have found fulfillment through your participation as an AAUW member. Our current roster shows 32 new members in 14 months!

At our general meetings, be sure to reach out to these new colleagues and help them to feel welcome. Watch for future meet and greet socials this summer. It is a great way meet new members and to learn about branch priorities and planned events. You do not need to be a new member to attend – all are welcome.





Laura Wittenberg, VP, Membership

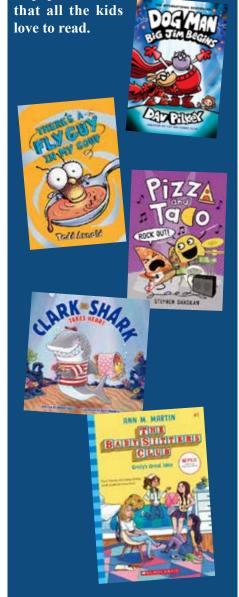


#### **BURCKHALTER UPDATE**

With the ending of the school just a few weeks away, we are collecting books for the summer book giveaway. Students are already asking when will they get to choose a book to take home and keep.

Help us gather these books by bringing a gently used or new paperback book appropriate for students age 5-10 to the May luncheon. Here are some suggestions

of popular books



Janette Maher, Chair, Burckhalter Project

#### **SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES**

#### MUSEUM MAVENS AND GORGEOUS GARDENS Danville-Alamo-WC Branch Garden Tour Friday, May 9 Meet at 9:30 am at LOPC

Please join us for a delightful garden tour of 6 outstanding gardens in the Danville/Alamo area on Friday, May 9th. Escape to serenity while immersing your senses in six magnificent gardens lovingly created by their owners. We will meet at Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church at 9:30 am. to carpool to the homes. Cost is \$40 and will need to be purchased in advance, This garden tour is a fundraiser for AAUW Danville/Alamo/Walnut Creek Branch, and we are glad to support them and enjoy the gardens. RSVP to TrudyLbarron@gmail. com and we will provide you with more information as to how to purchase your tickets, Also, please let us know if you would be willing to drive.

#### GREAT DECISIONS Wednesday, May 7 Wednesday, June 4 10:30 am

May 7 is at the home of Sheila Apte. The topic is *India: Between China, the West, and the Global South.* 

June 4 the topic is *International Climate Cooperation in an Era of Geo Political Turmoil.* We will meet at the home of Kathy Wyland.

Email Judy Helder on *judyhelder@ gmail.com* for more information.

#### GOLF Monday, May 12 & 26 10 am • Diablo Hills Golf Course

The golf group gets together twice a month for casual play in a golf course in Walnut Creek. Contact Janita Gee for more information, *jgee17@yahoo.com*.

# EVENING SALON Thursday, MAY 8 • 7 pm Home of K. De Groot 31 Hartwood Ct., Lafayette

Evening Salon is a casual discussion group trying to make sense of the current issues of the day. We share snacks and wine and enjoy each other's company. The June 12 Salon will be at Janette Maher's and July 10 at Laura Monin's. Contact Denise Burian, denburian@gmail.com,, to get on her email contact list.

#### ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK Friday, MAY 16 • 10 am

at Mary Mlynek's home 1225 Warner Ct., Lafayette

Bring a sandwich, Mary will supply drinks and dessert at lunch.

Nominate two to five **paperback books** for reading between June 2025 and April 2026. Submit your list in this format: Title, author, fiction, historical fiction or nonfiction, number of pages (350 or less!) and describe the book in only three or four sentences. Submit your paperback choices via email **as soon as possible** to Mary Mlynek, ml\_mlynek@yahoo.com

For more information on joining this book group, contact Mary Mlynek.

#### DEI – BLM ALLIES GROUP Monday, May 12 3-4:15 pm • on Zoom

This group is putting together a lending library for our Branch to start in September. Don't forget to vote on Measure T by mail by May 6th. We continue to attend school board meeting. Next meeting is via zoom Monday, May 12th at 3 pm. Contact Denise Burian, *denburian@gmail.com*, for more information.

# 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. We also play Tuesday evenings in league play. Contact Mary Leigh Miller at *mlmiller602@gmail.com* for more information and if you are interested in being part of the league, which runs from late April until the end of August.

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**MAY 2025** 

## MAY 2025 AT A GLANCE

1 THU - PASS ALONG YOUR CRITICS CHOICE BOOK

1 THU – SCHOLARSHIP MEETING 2 pm – Home of Jill Fernald Read more on page 6.

1, 12 MON – BOCCE BALL 9:30 am – Moraga Commons bocce ball courts *Read more on page 9*.

5 MON – MAY LUNCHEON 11:30 am – La Finestra Restaurant

7 WED – GREAT DECISIONS 10:30 am – Home of Sheila Apte *Read more on page 9*.

8 THU – EVENING SALON 7 pm – Home of K. de Groot *Read more on page 9*.

9 FRI – MUSEUM MAVENS GARDEN TOUR Read more on page 9 and in the box to the right.

12, 26 MON – GOLF GROUP Contact Jan Gee for time and venue, *jgee17@yahoo.com*.

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

16 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK 10 am – Home of Mary Mlynek *Read more on page 9*.

#### **JUNE 2025**

10 TUE – IN-OUT BOARD MEETING 11:30 am – Orinda Community Church Read more on front page

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## **NEWS FROM OTHER BRANCHES**



American Association of University Women Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch

## 23rd Annual Garden Tour

Friday, May 9 & Saturday, May 10, 2025 10 AM – 4 PM

Escape to Serenity







Immerse Your Senses and Restore Your Spirit

Proceeds support AAUW Local Community Projects including college scholarships for local students, STEM for middle school girls, and branch programs advancing equity for all. DAW AAUW is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax deductible. EIN # 92-3233415

**OUR 23rd GARDEN TOUR!**