

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 **A Special Public Policy Program**

Orinda Community Church
9:30 ~ 11:30 am

**Join us to discuss two
important and timely topics.**

- **Congressional
Redistricting in California**
- **Acalanes Union School
District's move to a 'By-Trustee Area'
Election System**

**Come to the October 21 General Meeting on Redistricting.
Learn About California's Prop 50 Congressional Redistricting & the New "Trustee Area" Redistricting Efforts at the Acalanes Union High School District.**

Redistricting has become a hot topic this year, at the national, state, and local levels. As a result, our Public Policy Committee will focus on this issue at the October Meeting.

**Please turn to page 3 to learn more
about this meeting and our speakers.
Turn to page 4 to learn more about Proposition 50
and how you can influence School Board decisions.**

Your Vote Matters.

Tuesday **November 18** **General Meeting**

9:30 am – 11:30 am

Social Gathering 9:30 am
Coffee + Refreshments

Orinda Community Church
Fellowship Hall
10 Irwin Way, Orinda

EMMA BISHOPP



***Nutrition:
What We Know;
What We
Don't Know;
What We Should
Know***

Emma Bishop is a holistic nutrition consultant and Level 3 Restorative Wellness Practitioner. Her formal training began at Bauman College in Berkeley where she developed a strong foundation in nutrition and health. Committed to expanding her expertise, Emma pursued advanced training with Restorative Wellness Solutions, focusing on the interpretation and application of functional lab testing to help clients identify the root causes and blocking factors undermining their well-being.

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... from DENISE'S PERSPECTIVE

I am so sorry I had to miss one of my favorite meetings of the year – our annual Showcase, where our leaders describe our community outreach projects and the direct impact we make in the lives of young women and girls. Our goal is to advance equity for women and girls and we do this through advocacy, education, and our projects. While we have a very engaged membership in which 50% of our members are actively involved in leading and/or volunteering for our projects, I encourage new members to jump in and get involved. Each of our outreach priorities will welcome you with open arms and you will feel good about the direct impact you can make. And then, to reward yourself for doing good work, check out our special interest groups and do something fun, educational, intellectually stimulating – all of which will also result in building friendships. So dive in, join some of these groups. You'll be glad you did.

I am very excited about our October 21st member meeting. Several of us have been attending school board meetings for two years to support our educators and ensure that our great schools don't get pressured to ban books or pull back on diversity in curriculum. Schools are making good progress in providing a safe educational environment for all students, and we don't want to backslide. As a result of our involvement, we know the candidates supporting AAUW public policy priorities for education. Then the Acalanes Union High School District election issue arose on converting to trustee area elections from the current at-large elections. Refer to the details provided in this Triad by our public policy team on this as well on Proposition 50 which is on the CA November ballot. It will be an outstanding program and I am looking forward to hearing from Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer Kahan and Acalanes district leaders on these important issues.

I am very happy to report that AAUW National has revised their strategic plan. They identified three strategic priorities and I summarize them here:

1. Fund High Education - Provide grants and fellowships; support women in academia and research; and build networks for alumnae to lead and expand AAUW's global reach.
2. Remove Barriers to Success in Education and the Workplace – champion legislation; promote inclusive, safe, and accessible ed. environments through Title IX and civil rights.
3. Strengthen AAUW's Reach – with a renewed focus on supporting an effective network of states and branches through aligned strategies and initiatives like the Five-Star Program; Grow organizational sustainability through member engagement and impact evaluation.

I love the new emphasis on supporting and developing local branches. AAUW-CA stepped up its support of branches over the last several years. Now National is too. AAUW can be more impactful when our activities and advocacy are aligned.

One area the board decided would be a priority this year in terms of governance and a succession plan is to encourage more members to take on leadership roles, like starting out as co-chairs of positions on our board. While we decided this in June, it became even more critical when two of our key members came down with serious medical conditions over Labor Day weekend – Laura Wittenberg and me. We will both make a complete recovery but it reconfirmed our commitment to build on our succession plan so we have the depth we need to complete our projects this year and into the future. And new leaders who feel ready to take on more responsibility as we recruit for new board members every year. Please think of your skills and offer them to the organization so we can remain a strong impactful organization. *Thank you.*

Denise Burian, President

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

4-Star Branch This year, our AAUW-OML Branch, was approved as a 4-Star branch. Stand tall, be proud!

Tech Trek Save the Dates: Saturday, October 11th is the Shred Fest fundraiser. Tuesday, October 14th is the Walnut Creek Restaurant Walk. Contact Jan Cushman for more information and tickets to the Restaurant Walk.

STEM Conference: The STEM Conference will be held Saturday, March 7, 2026. The committee has confirmed our 14 workshops. 19 Ambassadors have been confirmed with 4 Seniors designated as Lead Ambassadors.

Burckhalter Elementary School: School is in its fifth week and the library is open. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, see Janette Maher.

Scholarship: Applications for AAUW-OML sponsored scholarships for high school and college students will go live online October 1st.

DEI: DEI has set up a Book Lending Library managed by Joanie Jump. Books will be available at our General meetings.

Additional Groups of Interest

IBC (Interbranch Council) is a group of local branch leaders that meet quarterly, on Zoom, to discuss AAUW issues, branch focuses and events. Comprised of OML, Danville/Alamo, Walnut Creek and smaller local branches.

A Tech Trek Alumni Group for the Greater Bay Area is being formed. The group will have Zoom gatherings, a Speaker series and do field trips.

Marcy Place, Secretary

FOCUS ON ... PROPOSITION 50 & OUR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION SYSTEM**Acalanes Union High School District (AUHSD)
New “Trustee Area” Election System**

AUHSD Superintendent Dr. John Nickerson and School Board Member Nancy Kendzierski will share the district’s recent efforts to move from “At Large” to “By Trustee Area” elections. This change stems from a 2003 amendment to the California Voting Rights Act, which requires jurisdictions to create smaller trustee areas to improve the ability of under-represented groups to elect candidates of their choice.



Although AUHSD had not yet made this transition, in May an out-of-town lawyer threatened to sue unless the district complied. To get into compliance, AUHSD began developing map options to divide the district into five new trustee areas balancing population, ethnicity, income distribution, protected groups, and communities of interest (among other considerations). The board will adopt one of these map options on October 15, which will guide all future trustee elections.

During this presentation, you will learn:

- Why the new system was required.
- How the maps were developed and what factors were considered.
- Which map was adopted and why.
- Potential implications of “By Trustee Area” elections, including effects on future board representation.

There will be time for audience questions following the two presentations, along with table discussions to share perspectives.

**Proposition 50 and Its Important Role
in Shaping National Politics**

Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan will educate us about Proposition 50, the California ballot measure that will ask voters on November 7 to approve a new, temporary congressional map that, if passed, would apply only to the 2026 and 2028 elections and expire in 2030, when the next census triggers the regular redistricting cycle.

The California measure is a response to “partisan gerrymandering” in Republican-led states such as Texas and Missouri. At the urging of President Trump, both states are redrawing their state’s congressional seats to create more favorable districts for the GOP, which could help the party maintain control of the U.S. House. Supporters of Prop 50 argue this temporary change is needed to offset those efforts and protect representative democracy. Opponents counter that it undermines California’s independent Citizens Redistricting Commission and could tilt our maps toward electing Democrats.

Assemblywoman Bauer-Kahan will address why Democrats in the California State Legislature agreed to move forward with legislation to call for this special election and what the impact of this Congressional Redistricting will be if the measure passes. She will speak to what this means for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission who oversees redistricting and will also share how Proposition 50, if passed, could affect California’s influence in congress.

Karen Feeney, Public Policy Committee

~ PROPOSITION 50 – WHY IT MATTERS ~**What’s at stake:**

Whether or not California continues to use its independent Citizens Redistricting Commission or shifts to a different process that would set the state’s congressional maps for the 2026 and 2028 elections.

Temporary change:

If Prop 50 passes, the Citizens Redistricting Commission would resume in 2030, when the next census triggers a full redistricting cycle.

Supporters say:

It safeguards democracy and offsets partisan redistricting in states like Texas, Missouri, and Florida.

Opponents say:

It undermines California’s citizen-led process and risks maps that don’t reflect all voters.

AAUW Lens:

Supporting Prop 50 does not align with a particular party; it aligns with AAUW’s long-standing mission to advance equity for women and girls and to protect the freedoms AAUW has championed for well over a century.

**Learn more about Prop 50 on the next page
and at our October 21 General Meeting.**

● The Public Policy/School Board Project Team is holding a kickoff meeting on **Monday, October 6 at 1pm via Zoom**. Any members interested in embracing action – at any level – are invited to attend.

Contact Shari Simon for the link:
sharisimon55@gmail.com

SUPPORT FOR PROP 50 A NON-PARTISON MOVE

The approval of Proposition 50 by California voters in November 2025 will set redistricting efforts in California for the next election cycles, until maps are redrawn after the next census in 2030. With its passage, we will experience a short-term loss of state democratic, people-centered control of redistricting. This effort can also appear to have partisan benefits.

We are experiencing creeping authoritarian efforts to undermine fair representation, trusted information, and democratic norms. This condition, paired with federal encroachment, threatens many of the values we care about, including AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls. Although California maintains strong protections for women and girls, marginalized peoples, free speech, accurate history, sound science, and democratic norms, we remain subject to federal laws, rules, and enforcement actions.

A short-term loss of people-centered redistricting can be seen as an investment in a democratic future—one in which the will of all people is more fully recognized. "While this kind of redistricting is often framed as an escalation of a partisan conflict, in the current political environment, we should think carefully about what is being labeled as partisan," said Dr. Melissa (Missy) Maceyko, expert in effective social change and political action, and co-chair of AAUW California's Public Policy Committee. "Partisan labeling can be reductive when the choice has become one of supporting authoritarianism or preserving functional democracy and protecting the rights of all people," she added.

AAUW California reminds all Californians that support for Proposition 50 is a non-partisan move to preserve democratic norms in California, resist Project 2025, and continue advancing gender equity through AAUW's mission and policy priorities.

2025 Special Election Voting Timeline to Nov 4th

Mon, Oct 6	Counties begin mailing ballots*
Tue, Oct 7	Ballot drop-off locations open
Mon, Oct 20	Last day to register to vote (same-day registration is available)
Sat, Oct 25	Early in-person voting begins
*Check your county – early voting may open as soon as Oct 6	
Tue, Nov 4	Election Day – Mailed ballots must be postmarked by 9 pm. Ballot drop-off locations close at 8pm
Wed, Nov 12	Deadline for ballots to be received at the election office

The above article was pulled from **AAUW-CA Prop 50 Get Out the Vote Resources** by Shari Simon

EMBRACE ACTION

Here are links to make it easy to stay up-to-date on relevant AAUW issues, make your voice heard on legislation at the National and State levels, and participate in the School Board Project. Together, we can make a difference.

Legislative

1. Become a Two-Minute Activist (Follow guidelines on back page of this Triad.)
2. Sign up to receive AAUW-CA Federal and CA Action Alerts where your voice and timely action can make a difference: AAUW California Legislative Action Alerts (25-27)
3. Follow AAUW-CA on BlueSky:
 - Download the BlueSky Social app from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android).
 - Sign up with your email. Create a username & password, then confirm via the email link.
 - Log in to the app with your new account.
 - Tap the Search icon and type: @aauw-ca-advocacy.bsky.social.
 - Tap "Follow" to get updates in your feed.
 - Prefer not to use the app? Go to <https://bsky.app> in your browser and follow the same steps.

School Board Project

We need AAUW volunteers to show up at our local school board meetings on a regular basis, both at the high school and elementary school level. Our goal is to support unbiased, uncensored academic education and ensure all students in the district - regardless of ethnicity, color, religion or sexual orientation - feel safe. We monitor agendas and make comments on specific agenda items when it is important to do so.

Acalanes Union H.S. District
Adoption of New Trustee Area Map
Wednesday October 15, 2025, 7PM
1212 Pleasant Hill Rd, Lafayette

- **Lafayette School District (K-8)** – Meets the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of the month. Varies from month to month.
- **Moraga School District (K-8)** – Meets the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday of the month. Varies from month to month.
- **Orinda School District (K-8)** – Meets the 3rd Monday of the month. Varies from month to month.

Shari Simon, Chair, Public Policy
Karen Feeney, School Board Liaison

**AAUW-CA Sponsored Webinar Coming Up
on October 7 About Project 2025**

**Project 2025 Impacts on AAUW Values – One Year Later:
How to Stop Ongoing Implementation**
Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 7 pm. Register HERE.

TWO IMPORTANT FUNDRAISERS for TECH TREK THIS MONTH!

SHRED PAPERS ON SITE
AAUW-OML SHRED DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

9 am to noon

5A Rent-A-Space
 455 Moraga Rd • Moraga



AAUW-OML's Annual Tech Trek Paper Shredding Fundraiser returns to 5A Rent-A-Space on Shred Day – always on the second Saturday in October.

Shred Papers On Site

Mark your calendars. Save the date! Plan to securely shred boxes of papers to help send local middle school girls to AAUW's own Tech Trek STEM camp.



Quick and easy – no need to get out of your car. Tech Trek volunteers will lift and empty your boxes into the secure paper shredding truck bins and return your empty file boxes to your car. No need to remove staples, paper clips or paper file covers.

Shred Fees: \$12 per Bankers' Size Box

Pulverized shredding on site by local company, *Diablo Paper Shredding*. Adding a generous donation for TECH TREK to help cover our increased costs will be much appreciated. Cash, checks, and cards accepted.

Thank you for your support. Send questions to: lanasan@aol.com

HOW to DONATE DIRECTLY to AAUW and OML

AAUW is a large non-profit organization that consists of national headquarters in Washington, DC, organizations in each state, and over 650 individual branches across the country. Both our national organization (through the AAUW Fund) as well as our branch organization (through AAUW OML) are dependent on and grateful for your donations which support the many programs and services provided.

The easiest way to donate is to go to our branch's website: <https://oml-ca.aauw.net/>. You can donate to National by clicking on the link to National. You can also donate to any of the community outreach projects sponsored by our branch – Burckhalter, DEI, STEM, Scholarship, or Tech Trek.

If you don't want to donate online, you can send a check as follows:

- Donations to AAUW National**

Make out to *AAUW Fund*, send to PO Box 6705, Moraga, CA 94570-6705

- Donations to our branch's projects**

Make out to *AAUW OML Community Outreach Fund* and note a specific project or "where needed," send to PO Box 6705, Moraga, CA 94570-6705.

Peggy Cabaniss, VP, Finance

A TASTE of
WALNUT CREEK
WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 15

The Restaurant Walk
Fundraiser for Tech Trek
Returns!

Join us on October 15! Walk and enjoy tastes of food from 30 restaurants (Check out the list below!). Plan to meet up with friends to walk and eat!

Tickets are \$45 and \$15 from the sale of each ticket comes to us.

Contact Jan Cushman by clicking here: jancushman@comcast.net before October 7 to purchase tickets. I will deliver the tickets to you! Also, let me know if you want to join up with a group. Below is the list of participating restaurants.

 OCTOBER 15, 5:30-8:30 pm	
5 TACOS AND BEERS Tacos BOBA STUDIO Mango Milk Tea (cattail), Brown Sugar Fresh Milk (cattail-free) BRODERICK WALNUT CREEK Kentucky Bourbon Chicken Sliders BUCKHORN BBQ & GRILL Tri Tip Salad/Slider EASY BREEZY FROZEN YOGURT Vanilla Custard, Cookie Topping FIZZ CHAMPAGNE & BUBBLES BAR Grandial, Brut (21+ only inside) GIBSONS IRISH PUB Shepherd's Pie GOTT'S ROADSIDE Mini Teriyaki Chicken Tenders LI CHA TEA Rare Milk or Dong Dong Oolong Tea LITA Brussels Sprouts, Chili-Lime Vinaigrette, Micro-Greens LOTTIE'S CREAMERY Ice Cream MAIN STREET KITCHEN & BAR Stuffed Endive Fall Fruit Salad MELO'S ITALIAN TABLE Burrata Bruschetta MIXED GRAIN Korean Pancakes, Potatoes, Veggie Jibap Chae, Kimchi Fried Rice MONTEACRO Panna Margherita & Suppli Al Telefono	NICK THE GREEK Mini Gyro Bowls PRESSED JUICERY Wellness Shot, Juice PRIME RIB AT THE GARDEN Prime Rib ROSA'S FAJITA CANTINA AT BOURBON HIGHWAY Nachos SAN FRANCISCO CREAMERY CO. Takeout Jr Scoop of Ice Cream SASA Chicken Kara-Age, Sautory 116 (21+) SHAKE SHACK Custard Sundae and toppings SIPEGS Rice Bowl Kofta and Maza Sampler SLICE HOUSE WALNUT CREEK Pizzas and Mestballs THE MODEL BAKERY Smoked Salmon Tartine on Model Bakery English Muffin TIFA CHOCOLATE & GELATO Lemon Sorbetto or Salted Caramel Gelato TOMATINA Garlic Raisin, Pome Tomato Cream, Mestballs TORSAP THAI KITCHEN Garlic Chicken Wings, Sautory 116 (21+) WC KITCHEN & BAR Short Rib Wontons, Sweet & Spicy Cauliflower Bites, Truffle Fries WORLD FAMOUS HOT BOYS Chicken Ebouffe and nuggies

STEM CONFERENCE UPDATES

Our 10th annual STEM Conference at Saint Mary's College on Saturday, March 7, 2026. Our AAUW planning committee and High School Ambassador Group have already started meeting to plan this impactful conference. Marie Bonilla and Stacia Cragholm have been busy securing our 14 workshop presenters! Some favorite workshops are returning: FBI Evidence Response Team, Exploring the Human Brain, Math Festival Fun, and more. And we have some new topics: A Day in the Life of a Vet and Math & Magic. We are looking for some help in February to print the name badges for the conference. If you have computer skills and some time, please let Kim know.



Our 19 High School Ambassadors

We have 19 eager high school Ambassadors from eight local high schools working to plan our conference. During our first meeting we spent time getting to know each other. We also introduced the committee groups and got their choices in terms of which group they would like to help. In our Ambassador meetings, we are highlighting famous STEM Women in History as well as current news about women in STEM.



Kim Lockett, Co-Chair, STEM Conference

BURCKHALTER TOY DRIVE

Last year, members participated in a Holiday Toy Drive. Let's see if we can collect even more toys this year!

Please bring a toy to the October General Meeting. Consider buying toys that represent our goals like DEI, STEM, and equality for women, which are especially needed for this school with a majority of Black students.

In the photo at right are some of the many toys that were brought to a holiday party at Peggy Cabaniss's home last December.



Janette Maher, Chair, Burckhalter Project

DEI LENDING LIBRARY MAKING CULTURAL CONNECTIONS



The DEI group of OML originated following the killing of George Floyd by a police officer on May 25, 2020, and the resulting protests across the US. Some members of the DEI group had demonstrated during the civil rights movement of the 1960s, and we all wondered what went wrong. Where was the progress that we had expected to happen?

We met to discuss what, individually and together, we could do to help get the country back on the right track, and then Covid hit. While meeting via Zoom we realized that we needed to know more about the problem, and so we started reading. We have learned a lot and continue to read and learn, expanding our horizons beyond BLM. However, we are also moving toward being more of an action group.

One of our actions is to share our journey of discovery with all the members of the OML branch by establishing a lending library with books that align with our purpose. With this in mind, we will bring a number of books, usually 10, to each general meeting for you view and borrow.

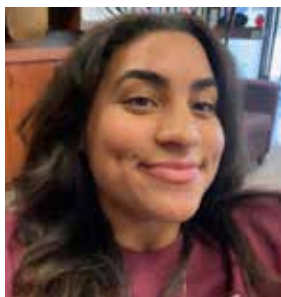
There is a library card in each book. Please write your name on the card and put it in the provided receptacle. We ask that you return the book within two months at a general meeting. We anticipate having a link to the list of books we have in the library on the OML site in the very near future.

The committee will not meet this October, but plans on meeting in November.

Pam Docherty, DEI Member

MEET OUR 2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Scholarship will feature one of our scholarship awardees each month. Each one of these young women is actively engaged in her community and striving to learn about new ways they can make a difference through leadership, promoting inclusion, equity and acceptance.



REBECCA CARRANZA Saint Mary's College Class of 2026

Rebecca provides translation services to the Hispanic community through the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, a nonprofit 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., in hopes of creating pathways towards empowerment for a better life.

In addition, Rebecca worked at the nonprofit East Bay Catholic Charities in the Immigration Legal Department Services as a legal services volunteer, helping fill out forms and assisting in preparing clients for naturalization interviews.

She also taught classes at the Saint Mary's Center **WE-CONNECT** department to help seniors master technology challenges. Rebecca helped set up technology to make it senior-user friendly. She is an honors student and very active on campus as the Vice President of Finance for the SMC Associated Students Executive Team.

Rebecca credits her mom for her wise words and in helping her realize that power exists within her. She hopes to do the same for other young women looking to empower themselves and create their own purposes.

Our next Scholarship meeting will be Thursday, October 2 at Colette Kersten's house, 9 Northwood Ct, Orinda at 1:30. Contact Bonnie Fend at brfend@sbcglobal.net if you wish to join us or would like more information about our scholarships.

Bonnie Fend, Chair, Scholarship

AAUW-OML COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP



AAUW-OML Branch, the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary, and the SMC campus's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion sponsored a one-day conference on "Women's Leadership in the Current Political Moment," hosted by NEW Leadership Institute at Saint Mary's College.

The keynote speaker was Gilda Gonzalez, M.P.A., an SMC alumna and the outgoing President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Northern California. The Mayor of Oakland, Barbara Lee, closed the conference. Participants of the panel discussion included the Mayor of Berkeley, Adena Ishii; the Mayor of El Cerrito, Carolyn Wysinger; and Richmond City Council Member, Claudia Jimenez. Participation at each presentation ranged from 70 to 80 individuals, a notable showing by College standards.

The goals for the conference were achieved, demonstrating to the SMC administration that there is local and regional interest in the NEW Leadership Program and interest among students to apply for the 2026 Summer Institute. After the conference, the Office of Community Outreach from the Oakland Mayor's office contacted us to discuss ways to collaborate with SMC and our Women and Gender Studies Department.



female students of color.

The AAUW-OML members (in the photo at left) who attended reported the conference to be a success. The panel spoke to the importance of individual participation in local government. They reported they appreciated seeing women of all ages interacting together. Unfortunately, Laura was not able to attend.

Through the AAUW - College and University Membership Program with Saint Mary's College our branch actively continues fulfill our mission to advance equity for all women and girls, underscoring the importance in expanding access to higher education, and advocating for inclusive policies.

**Laura Wittenberg and Deborah Kimbrell ,
Liaisons for the C/U Member Partnership
with SMC and AAUW-OML**

STARTING OFF OUR YEAR WITH A BANG!



Our branch kicked off the new year with a wonderful Showcase general meeting on September 16. It began with an array of breakfast casseroles and side dishes thanks to hospitality coordinator, Karen Feeney and her committee of cooks.

K. de Groot's camera captured the energy and camaraderie around the many branch priorities and special interest tables, and members got to hear more about each branch activity.

A special thank you to Jan Cushman who stepped in to fill Denise Burian's leadership role at the podium in her absence.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

I am happy to report that we currently have 137 members of our branch. We welcomed 24 new members during our fiscal year 2024-2025, and have enrolled 6 new members over the first three months of the new fiscal year. Please welcome our newest members: Toni Fannin, Kristin Becker, Kathy Wagner, Janet Brandrud, Michelle Perrault, and Alexxis Tamony. If you know these new members please reach out to welcome them to our branch, as will I.

I have created a new Member Profile and Service Preference Form. My goal is to have a new profile sheet on file for every member, as there are many members with no Profile on file. This change will help committee chairs identify those who are interested in actively helping or who might be able to help with a small task, when they have limited availability. At the General Meeting on September 16th, members completed new forms. If you took one home, please mail the completed form to: Laura Wittenberg, 7 Mariposa Lane, Orinda,



You can also click on this

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THE 2025-2026 DIRECTORY

In the old days, everyone had just a landline and hadn't yet gotten facile with email – or contemplated the need for another email. But that's not how the world is right now, is it?

The new AAUW OML directory will be distributed at the next General Meeting on October 21st. *Will your listing be right?*

By October 13th: If you've changed your "preferred" phone number or changed your "preferred" email address, please send email to gailchesler@gmail.com

Gail Chesler, Directory Editor



SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

CRITICS' CHOICE BOOK GROUP

The pick up for your first book will be on October 1 at my house from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Along with your book, you will find a rotation list for passing the book.

Andrea Green
1210 Larch Ave, Moraga
925 376-7087

If you need to make special arrangements because you are unable to come on that day, please contact me directly. If you have any questions, please let me know. This year we have 27 members, in three groups of 9. Therefore, we will read 9 books. The book you receive on June 1, 2026 will be yours to keep. Let's have a good year of reading and sharing books. Please always pass your book on the first day of the month. You will receive a reminder email each month in advance.

**ANYONE WHO HAS READ
THE BOOK**

Friday, October 17 • 10am
Orinda Books
276 Village Square, Orinda

A Woman of No Importance: The Unknown Story of a Spy That Helped Win World War II, by Sonia Purnell, non-fiction, 368 pages. In 1942 the Gestapo sent out an urgent message to find and destroy Virginia Hall, a young American woman who had been rejected by the foreign service because of her gender and her prosthetic leg. She talked her way into Churchill's spy organization before the United States entered the war and became the first woman to deploy to occupied France. This is the untold story of one of the greatest spies in American history. Discussion leader, Pam Docherty. For more information, contact Mary Mlynek, ml_mlynek@yahoo.com.

FINANCIALLY SAVVY WOMEN

Tuesday, October 7 at 1 pm
Home of Peggy Cabaniss

Our first meeting in our six month series will be on Tuesday, October 7. Please join us if you would like to know more about financial matters, particularly your own finances. We will cover the following: how to develop your Statement of Net Worth (first meeting), creating a Cash Flow Statement (second meeting), what are all the various documents needed for your Estate Plans (third meeting), the issue of Inheritances and what should you discuss with family (fourth meeting), Investments (fifth meeting), Advisors/Professionals who can help with your finances (sixth meeting). We use a case study for most meetings in order to learn how to analyze their finances. Hopefully participants will then go home to develop their personal plans. For more information and to join this group, contact Peggy at pcabaniss7@gmail.com.

EVENING SALON

Thursday, October 9 • 7 pm
Home of Marilyn Evans
17 Inverleith Terrace, Moraga

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. Contact Denise Burian or Marilyn Evans for details. Contact Denise Burian, denburian@gmail.com, to get on her email contact list. Reminders will be sent prior to the event.

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.

GREAT DECISIONS

We had a fantastic group this past year with typically great discussions. 13 members have already subscribed and I will be ordering the books soon. **If you want to join this group, I must have your check for \$35 by October 10.** Please call, email or text me and let me know your intentions. The topics for the coming year were listed in the September Triad. Our first meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 7.**

Judy Helder: judyhelder@gmail.com,

(925) 98-0151

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LAFAYETTE

Asian Accents – Original Designs in Jewelry by K. de Groot*
 Creative Alterations – Josef Jamkochain
 DIABLO FOODS
 Persons Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery – Barbara Persons, MD FACS
 The Service Outlet – Marc Harvey
 Todd Bunch, Lamorinda's Handyman
 Ware Designs – Fine Jewelry

MORAGA

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OCTOBER 2025 AT A GLANCE

1 WED – CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP

Pick up your first book at Andrea Green's home
Read more on page 9.

2 THU – SCHOLARSHIP MEETING

1:30 pm – Home of Colette Kersten
Read more on page 7.

6, 20 MON – BOCCE BALL

9:30 am – Moraga Commons bocce ball courts
Read more on page 9.

6 MON – PUBLIC POLICY/SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

1 pm – Via Zoom
Read more on page 3.

7 TUE – FINANCIALLY SAVVY WOMEN

1 pm – Home of Peggy Cabaniss
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9 THU – EVENING SALON

6 pm – Home of Marilyn Evans
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11 SAT – SHRED DAY

9 am-noon – 5-A Rent-A-Space in Moraga
Read more on page 5.

13, 27 – MON – GOLF GROUP

Contact Jan Gee for time and venue, jgee17@yahoo.com.

14 TUE – BOARD MEETING

1 pm – Via Zoom

15 WED – RESTAURANT WALK

5:30-8:30 pm – Downtown Walnut Creek
Read more on page 5.

17 FRI – ANYONE WHO'S READ THE BOOK

10 am – Orinda Books
Read more on page 9.

21 TUE – GENERAL MEETING

SPECIAL PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM

9:30 am – Orinda Community Church

24 FRI – DEADLINE for NOVEMBER TRIAD

Send all articles to Mary Leigh Miller, mlmiller602@gmail.com

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11 TUE – BOARD MEETING

1 pm – Orinda Community Church

18 TUE – GENERAL MEETING on NUTRITION

9:30 am – Orinda Community Church

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