

Eleven Young Women Receive AAUW OML Scholarship Awards

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Back row, from left: Samantha Stuber, keynote speaker; Audrey Moore, Campolindo High School; Samantha Purcell, Saint Mary's College; Madeline Kalil, Acalanes High School. (Absent: Zahra Hasanain, Miramonte High School); front row: Isabelle Katz and Liesel Hilkemeyer, Joaquin Moraga Intermediate; Maggie Conklin and Marianne Eichmann, Orinda Intermediate; Jada Hembrador and Maya Martono, Stanley Intermediate. (Not pictured: Ella Easley from Stanley)

Photo Sandy Fox-Sohner

The AAUW Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch presented 11 outstanding young Lamorinda women with college scholarships and Tech Trek camp scholarships on April 22.

The keynote speaker Samantha Stuber, College and Career Center Director at Miramonte High School, gave an inspirational speech on "The Equation to Success," addressing components that make leaders in the classroom, at home and in the workplace: service, authenticity, and learned tools, such as setting goals, communication skills, the importance of engagement and inclusion.

Stuber is a Lamorinda native who worked in several small businesses but eventually found her passion in helping students during the monumental and high-pressure time in their high school years. She continues her service by creating a website that will help students in all socio-economic levels find the

scholarship help they need.

This marks the 50th year the OML Branch has supported young women in the community by awarding scholarships to senior young women. In 1968 the Orinda Branch awarded a gift certificate to the senior girl at Miramonte with the highest grade point average. Through the years, the awards and procedures have changed but the goals have remained the same.

The Scholarship Committee is committed to encouraging local, young women graduates who demonstrate academic excellence and are discovering their personal qualities through community service. While reading applications and essays is important, it is the time members spend interviewing the girls that helps decide which girl is most deserving of the award.

Three 2018 High School Scholarships of \$1,200 were awarded to Zahra Hasanain

(Miramonte High School), Madeline Kalil (Acalanes High School), and Audrey Moore (Campolindo High School). Samantha Purcell, a senior at Saint Mary's College, was awarded the Gayle Uilkema \$5,000 Scholarship.

The awardees participated in programs that benefited their school community such as EquiTeam, Environmental Club, volleyball and track and field teams, as well as Latin Club and Public Speaking. Locally they served Be the Star You Are Charity, Lawrence Hall of Science, Project Empathy and Ronald McDonald House Charities. Moore volunteered to teach Spanish to Haitian migrant workers in the Dominican Republic and Hasanain volunteered in a hospital in Pakistan.

Thanks to generous donations, successful fundraisers and wonderful Branch

Hopper at Stanford University this July.

The 2018 Tech Trek scholarship winners are Liesel Hilkemeyer and Isabelle Katz from Joaquin Moraga Intermediate, Jada Hembrador and Maya Martono from Orinda Intermediate School, and Maggie Conklin, Ella Easley and Marianne Eichmann from Stanley Middle School. Through hands-on activities, being surrounded by like-minded girls who love math and science and exposure to women role models in STEM, these young women are encouraged to pursue science technology engineering and math careers.

These girls were chosen after a rigorous process of being nominated by their teachers, completing an application, and being interviewed by a team of three AAUW-OML members.

In Memory

Mary Corinne Collins Moore

1936 – 2018



Mary was born in Duluth, Minn., on Dec. 9, 1936. She died peacefully on April 26, 2018, in Walnut Creek, Calif. She is the daughter of Emmons Collins and Mary (Bradley) Collins. She is the sister of Stephen Collins and Johanna Duclos, and twin sister of Sarah Wyard.

Mary graduated from Smith College in Northampton, Mass., before moving to San Francisco where she met John W. Moore. They married in 1966 and were together for 47 years until John's death in 2013.

Mary and John made their home in Moraga where they raised their two children: Robert Emmons (Bob) Moore and Mary Katherine (Katie) Wunder,

married to loving son-in-law Michael Wunder. Mary and John became the happy grandparents of Mary Elizabeth (Mimi) Swanson, and her step-brothers, Cristian and Brandon Wunder.

Mary's life was filled with adventure and laughter. Her quick wit and sense of humor endeared her to those of us lucky enough to know her. Mary added sparkle to all gatherings, with the Fourth of July being her signature event.

Mary also had a kind and generous spirit, donating many hundreds of hours in service to her church and community. She spent tireless hours at the Bay Area Crisis Nursery. She loved her volunteer job in the Endoscopy department of John Muir Hospital and she helped found the Valley Adult Day Care Center (LARC).

She will be remembered most for being an unconditionally loving mother, wife, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend.

Mary was famous for her delicious frosted brownies and all agree they have never been equaled. As a gift to those who love Mary, Bob and Katie have agreed to share her well-guarded secret brownie recipe. Copies will be available at the Celebration of Mary's Life, which will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 19 at the Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 433 Moraga Way in Orinda. There will be a dessert reception following the church service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Lamorinda Adult Respite Center "LARC", Bay Area Crisis Nursery or Moraga Community Foundation.

Two new Troop 243 Eagle Scouts honored

Submitted by Lisa Schreiber



Cameron Shapoorian and Nelson Rogers

Photo David Cowen

Boy Scout Troop 243 of Lafayette honored two new Eagle Scouts at a Court of Honor on May 11 at Lafayette Christian Church. Cameron Shapoorian and Nelson Rogers earned the Eagle Scout Rank, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scout program. Requirements include earning a minimum of 21 merit badges and demonstrating Scout spirit, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Eagle Scouts are presented with a medal and a badge that visibly recognizes the accomplishments of the Scout.

Shapoorian is a senior at Acalanes High School. Since joining Troop 243, he has held numerous leadership positions, including senior patrol leader. His two years of National

Youth Leadership Training prepared him well. Shapoorian's Eagle Project involved refurbishing a 21-foot tall Acalanes High School sign which had been donated to the school by the Classes of 1961 and 1962 but which had fallen into disrepair and been abandoned. The work involved heavy machinery and much sanding and repainting, but six months later, it was ready to be reinstalled. In the fall, Cameron will attend Diablo Valley College in hopes of transferring to a four-year school to pursue a master's degree in software engineering.

Rogers is a sophomore at Acalanes High School. His Scouting experience began in first grade as a Tiger Scout in Lafayette Pack 220. In Troop 243, he served as patrol leader, instructor, guide, and senior patrol leader. Rogers' Eagle Project consisted of assembling a jazz ensemble, creating and practicing a repertoire of songs, and then performing at retirement communities locally and throughout California. With the support of the Generations in Jazz Foundation, Nelson Rogers & the Jazz Eagles shared their music with a very special – and appreciative – part of the community. Boy Scouts has imbued Rogers with leadership skills that he routinely puts to use as a swim coach during the summer and as a curling coach all year long.

Since its formation in 1955, 205 Scouts from Troop 243 have been awarded the Eagle Scout Rank.

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In Memory

Lucille Jane Madsen

Rossmoor Resident

October 26, 1913-April 28, 2018



Lucille Madsen passed away at her home in Rossmoor on Saturday. She was a much-loved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt.

Lucille Andrade was born in Oakland, Calif., and graduated from Oakland High School. She married Christian Madsen in 1933, and they lived in Oakland and Orinda, as well as their summer home in Strawberry, Calif., until Chris' death in 1999.

Lucille moved to Rossmoor in 2000, and has been active in church activities, as well as many groups in Rossmoor. She was a member

of Daughters of the Nile, the Rossmoor Squares, the International Club, The Centenarian Club, and the Oakland High Alumni club, and was a Sweetheart of the Orinda Masonic Lodge.

Lucille is survived by her daughter Lois Moore (Bob) of Truckee, Calif.; grandson Erik Moore of Reno, Nev., granddaughter Robyn Carr (Matthew) of Bozeman, Mont., and great grandson Oliver Carr, as well as her many nieces, nephews and Godchildren.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Lucille's life on Thursday, May 17, at 11 a.m. at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in Orinda. A reception will follow, with internment at Oakmont Cemetery at 2 p.m. (925-765-6538).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Lucille's honor to Lamorinda Adult Respite Center, Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 433 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA 94563.