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## **AAUW'S 2009 DISTINGUISHED WOMAN**

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At its recent annual May Luncheon, Joyanne Elkinton-Walker was honored as the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch of the American Association of University Women's 2009 Distinguished Woman. As one of the charter members of the branch, Joyanne has been active in it for many years. She was the original member to start the Scholarship Committee and served as the branch president in 1966-67.

Joyanne is a longtime resident of Orinda and is very active in the Orinda Community Church. For the past four years, she and her husband, Carl Walker, have participated in Ecumenical Advocacy Days for Peace and Justice. Recently she has been directing sales of Palestinian olive wood carvings and olive oil which have provided over \$8,000 to various Palestinian artisans and women's and children's aid groups. No one could be more deserving of this honor than Joyanne, as it was acknowledged by all in attendance at the luncheon which was held on May 19th at the Orinda Country Club.

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