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## **Fishlow Twins Tagged as Top Two in Orinda Junior Women's Club's Youth Ink 2012**

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The Orinda Junior Women's Club (OJWC) announced the winners of Youth Ink, an annual creative writing contest open to all sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students who live or attend school in Orinda. Hanna Fishlow (OIS, grade 7) won first place for "A Starless Night,"

Olivia Fishlow (OIS, grade 7) took second place for "A Knock on the Door," and third place, went to Kate Dunn (OIS, grade 7) for "The Package." Winners will be honored at an awards ceremony and reading at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 26 at the Orinda Library Auditorium.

"We were impressed with the high-quality creative writing we observed in this year's Youth Ink competition," said Cathy Opdyke, president of the OJWC. "The turnout included a good mix of boys and girls and a solid representation of Orinda residents who attend Bentley School, OIS, Seven Hills School, Stanley Middle School, St. Perpetua, as well as El Sobrante and Moraga residents who attend an Orinda school."

Contest organizers prepared each Youth Ink submission into a completely anonymous format that provided no information about the writer's name, age, sex or school and provided them to an esteemed panel of local professional writers. The panel, which included Cynthia Leslie-Bole, Ann Manheimer, Melissa Manlove, and Scott Ostler, read and critiqued each submission and met at an in-person conference to determine the winners. Generous co-sponsors of Youth Ink included Lamorinda Web, John Orgo, D.D.S., Orthodontics, The Orinda Association, Orinda Community Foundation and Smart Lounge.

The following individuals were selected by the judges to receive an honorable mention:

Martha Castro, OIS, Grade 7,

"A Christmas to Remember"

Julia Dureault, OIS, Grade 7,

This Means Everything

Steve Ginsburg, OIS, Grade 7, "Jamie II"

Will Knox, OIS, Grade 7,

"There's a Knock at the Door"

Samira Maboudian, OIS, Grade 8, "The Nightmare"

Vivian McGowan, OIS, Grade 7, "There She Is"

Gabriel Moran, OIS, Grade 8,

"The Man On The Moon"

Kate Nerone, OIS, Grade 7,

"Beyond the Threshold"

Kendall Reid Martin, OIS, Grade 6, "Lily Jane"

McKenna Williams, Seven Hills School, Grade 6, "Black Magic"

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