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## Orinda Junior Women's Club Announces Youth Ink 2016

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All sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students who live or attend school in Orinda are invited to participate in Youth Ink 2016, the annual creative writing contest sponsored by The Orinda Junior Women's Club, a local nonprofit service organization that supports a variety of organizations in the greater East Bay. The Youth Ink 2016 prompt is "Future," which was chosen because it encompasses almost limitless potential for subject matter, thereby encouraging young writers to personalize their pieces, according to Amy Stuffmann, president of Orinda Juniors.

Organizers say the first rule is to write about anything you like: real or imaginary. "There is no limit to the imagination. Whatever you write about, just remember to have fun!"

"We eagerly await the results of how Orinda's talented young writers approach this year's prompt, although they can write about anything they choose," said Stuffmann.

Co-sponsors of Youth Ink 2016 include The Orinda Association, Friends of the Orinda Library, and The Orinda Community Foundation, which make providing the following prizes possible: \$250 for first place; \$125 for second place; and \$75 for third place.

A panel of several local professional writers, including reporters and best-selling novelists, will evaluate Youth Ink 2016 submissions and choose winners. The judges' names will be shared when the winners are announced at an awards ceremony at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 21 at the Orinda Public Library.

Youth Ink 2016 submissions will be accepted on an ongoing basis but must be hand-delivered to a designated school representative or postmarked by Friday, Feb. 17 and mailed to Orinda Junior Women's Club, Post Office Box 40, Orinda, CA 94563 in order to be considered for an award. Youth Ink 2016 submission forms are available through the administrative offices and English departments at Orinda Intermediate School, the Orinda Public Library, Orinda Academy, Athenian School, School for Girls, or online at [www.orindajuniors.org](http://www.orindajuniors.org).

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