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Orinda Junior Women's Club Announces Youth Ink 2018

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The Orinda Junior Women's Club recently announced details for Youth Ink 2018, the annual creative writing contest open to all sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students who live in or attend school in Orinda. The Youth Ink 2018 prompt is "My World." This prompt was chosen because it encompasses almost limitless potential for subject matter, thereby encouraging young writers to personalize their pieces. Entrants are encouraged to write about anything they like: real or imaginary. There is no limit to the imagination, and entrants do not have to adhere to the prompt. It is suggested that whatever entrants write about, they should 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 Katie Walsh, president of Orinda Juniors.

Co-sponsors of Youth Ink 2018, including The Orinda Community Foundation, Friends of the Orinda Library, and the Lamorinda Arts Council, make it possible to provide prizes of \$250 for first place, \$125 for second place, \$75 for third place, and gift certificates for 10 honorable mentions.

A panel of several local professional writers, including reporters and best-selling novelists, will evaluate Youth Ink 2018 submissions and choose winners. The judges' names will be shared when the winners are announced at an awards ceremony in April at the Orinda Public Library, Youth Ink 2018 submissions will be accepted on an ongoing basis once the competition opens, but must be emailed or postmarked by Wednesday, Feb. 14 in order to be considered for an award. Full entry details will be on the Youth Ink 2018 submission forms, available through the administrative offices and/or English departments at Orinda Intermediate School and other Orinda schools, the Orinda Public Library, and online at www.orindajuniors.org.

Orinda Juniors, a local non-profit service organization, supports a variety of organizations in the greater East Bay. Every year, its community service projects help the Orinda Senior Village, STAND! Against Domestic Violence, the Oakland Children's Hospital Family House, Bay Area Crisis Nursery, and others. For more information, visit info@orindajuniors.org.

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