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The Orinda Junior Women's Club (Orinda Juniors) is pleased to announce details for Youth Ink 2012, the annual creative writing contest open to all sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students who live or attend school in Orinda. The Youth Ink 2012 theme, "There is a Knock at the Door," was chosen because it encourages highly personal writing and lends well to open style choice.

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

"We can't wait to see how Orinda's talented youth writers will approach this year's intriguing theme," said Cathy Opdycke, president of Orinda Juniors.

Generous co-sponsors of Youth Ink 2012, including The Orinda Association and The Orinda Community Foundation, have made it possible to provide impressive prizes:

\$250 for 1st place,

\$125 for 2nd place,

\$75 for 3rd place

10 honorable mentions who receive

gift certificates from a local

book store

A panel of several local professional writers, including reporters and best-selling novelists, will evaluate Youth Ink 2012 submissions and choose winners. The judges' names will be shared when the winners are announced at an awards ceremony at the Orinda Public Library on Thursday, April 26, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Youth Ink 2012 submissions will be accepted on an ongoing basis but must be hand-delivered to a designated school representative or postmarked by Feb. 10, 2012 and mailed to Orinda Junior Women's Club, Post Office Box 40, Orinda, CA 94563 in order to be considered for an award. Go to www.orindajuniors.org for submission forms and more information.

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