



**Authors Luncheon
2017
Guest Authors:
Dorothy Ralphs
Chris Epting**



Saturday March 18, 2017

Mesa Verde Country Club, 3000 Club House Road, Costa Mesa, CA, 92628

714- 617-3316

Silent auction 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM

Lunch at 12 Noon

Cash only for purchase of wine.

**** Reservation form on our website at <http://wfh-ca.aauw.net/>****

Dorothy Ralphs wrote My Africa, Sunshine and Hailstones.

A poignant coming of age tale of a young white girl in 1950s South Africa, on the cusp of Apartheid. She transports the reader to the land of her heart.



Chris' latest book, Making Waves, is the story of Olympic Gold Medalist, Shirley Babashoff, and she will be part of his presentation.

Chris Epting is an award-winning travel writer and journalist with a particular passion for uncovering and documenting the history of California. His weekly column for the Huntington Beach Independent, "In the Pipeline," keeps readers informed on local topics, people and events. In this presentation, he will look at some of the individuals, institutions and issues that have shaped Orange County over the last 125 years.



Calendar of Events

February

- 14 Film Discussion, 7:00 pm
- 22 Travel Group, 7:00 pm
- 27 Evening Book Review, 7:15 pm

March

- 2 Bunco
- 2 Happy Hikers
- 6 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 9 Quest
- 11 Wrapping Party, 10:00 am
- 14 Film Discussion 7:00 pm
- 17, Music and Dance, 5:00 pm
- 18 Authors Luncheon, 10:00 am
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Authors Luncheon Auction Wrapping Party
Saturday, March 11, 2017, 10:00 am

Carol Loehman's house
16192 Norgrove Circle, HB 92647

Interest groups plan to drop off baskets at Carol's house!

Call Janet at 714-907-5093 for pickups.
Please bring donations and baskets.
Call Janet for any questions.
Bring a food item to share.
EVERYONE WELCOME!!!!

BOARD MEETING

The Board consists of all officers and committee chairs and meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month. All members are encouraged to attend.

The February Board of Directors meeting was held at the home of Ann Kajdasz.

FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Jan. General Account

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| Beginning Balance | \$15,506.95 |
| Ending Balance | 15,187.95 |

Fund Account

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| Beginning Balance | \$14,914.66 |
| Ending Balance | 15,468.78 |

- The next Board meeting will be Monday, March 6 @ 7:00 pm at Georgetta Wolff's home, 19472 Summer Breeze, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Note: The next issue of the newsletter will be the April issue.

Articles must be in no later than March 10.

Send to Sara Cairns: saracairns@me.com

Website: <http://wfh-ca.aauw.net/>

BRANCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Contact the Co-Presidents

Membership inquiries and new members

Update member contact information

Programs

Web site problems, comments, corrections

Click on the above links to email.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

To all our great members--

We hope you are having a wonderful 2017 so far and are all keeping dry! We want to thank our Membership VPs Leanne Metzler and Georgia Merchant for a great New Members Luncheon on February 4 at the Claim Jumper Restaurant. Everyone worked very hard to make the experience welcoming and informative for our guests. We had almost 50 ladies attending, with 10 potential new members. Kudos for everyone involved-- you all went above and beyond to demonstrate what a warm, enjoyable branch we have!



We have a Nominating Committee for the coming year-- Joy Ferguson, Carol Hoke, Judy McLeod and Georgia Merchant have all kindly agreed to help us find new candidates. We have only two positions to fill since many of our Board members will be continuing their two year terms. Our long-time Treasurer, Mary Lou Galleher, has decided to hang up her calculator next year. She has been an absolute blessing to AAUW for her dedication, hard work and unfailing patience. So if anyone has some accounting background or is good with math, please consider applying for this position. Mary Lou has it all well organized and running smoothly and would be willing to help orient a new Treasurer. We also need to find a new Fund Vice-President or Co-VPs. This position is primarily responsible for our annual Authors Luncheon to raise money for funds and Tech Trek. Janet Pevehouse and Brenda Schisler have done a crackerjack job the last two years, but it is time to pass the torch! Again, the ladies have everything well-organized and running efficiently and we are all willing and able to jump in to help. So if anyone out there is interested or knows of someone who could be available, please contact one of our Nominating Committee members. It really is fun to be a Board member, and you can make a significant impact in AAUW!

Thanks to all of you, and we will see you at the Authors Luncheon!

Ann Kajdasz

Jeri Goldsbrough

Co-Presidents



Join the AAUW Board

This year we are looking to fill two positions. Do you have a finance background or are good with numbers? We are looking for a Financial Officer and also a team to head our Educational Fund (now Fund) position. Many thanks to Mary Lou Galleher, Janet Pevehouse and Brenda Schisler for a job well done in filling these positions the past two years. Please consider volunteering for a board position in 2017-2018. For more information and a description of these positions, please contact the nominating committee.

Joy Ferguson (714-904-9046), Carol Hoke, Judy McLeod or Georgia Merchant.

♪♪♪ Annual St Pat's Fun
 LUCKY YOU on Friday, March 17 at 5:00 PM !



Cottage of Barbara and Dan Smith, 7352 Emerson. Ave, Westminster
 RSVP basmith10@verizon.net

Break out your Green Garb to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and "lift your spirits" with a lively Sing-A-Long of all the old Irish favorites. Remember these? -- Danny Boy, Peggy O'Neil, My Wild Irish Rose, When Irish Eyes are Smiling, Cockles and Mussels, etc., etc.

Lyrics and LIVE music by the Sapphire Trio & Fiddlin' Spencer happily provided.

All lads and lasses are welcome to bring a hearty appetizer and "swill" an Irish beer/coffee/ (all beverages are welcome).

A Prize for the best dressed and also one for writing or bringing the best limerick to read aloud.



Kevin L. Jones
 The Gilded Age,
 Dressed In Diamonds
 AAUW Luncheon
 January

DUES ARE DUE

It is now time to pay your dues for 2017-2018.

How much to pay?

Regular Membership **\$87**

Dual Membership **\$18**

Life Membership **\$38**

Send your check to:

Jeanne Smith

12 Sirius

Irvine, CA 92603

949-725-9780

Make check payable to:

AAUW



Please note: Life Members have paid the Association Membership times 20, which currently is \$980.

Check the Honor Roll on page 10 to see if you have paid your dues.



INTEREST GROUPS

**HAPPY HIKERS**

Happy Hikers gather the first Thursday of each month for hikes and lunch. Contact: Carol Hoke 714-891-8307 email: carolhoke@verizon.net



Feb. Hikers at Peters Canyon

The rain held off for the Happy Hikers to venture out to Peter's Canyon. It was a beautiful sunny day as we hiked around the lake. We were challenged with some very steep trails. A Roadrunner was showing off for some photographers. We ended the hike through the charming Willow Trail.

Thursday, March 2, Happy Hikers venture to James Dilley Preserve in Laguna Coast Wilderness Park. Happy Hikers will hike Barbara's Lake Loop - a distance of 3 miles and elevation gain of 300 feet. Barbara's Lake is a 12 acre spring-fed lake and is the only natural lake in Orange County. We will see willows, cattails and bulrush offering habitats for coots, mallards and grebes. Carpool from Ralph's parking lot on Brookhurst departing at 9:00am. Lunch to follow. RSVP to Carol Hoke at 714-891-8307 or cawalrus@gmail.com by Wed.,

**MARCH QUEST
VILLAGE OF HOPE,
ORANGE COUNTY RESCUE MISSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017**

Carpool from Coco's on Valley View at 9:15 am,
or Ralph's parking lot at 9:30 am
Please let me know where you will be departing.
Docent led tour from 10am to 11am,
lunch at a restaurant near-by.
RSVP TO Mary Gundling by March 1st.
714 891 2471 or dgundling@verizon.net

The Orange County Rescue Mission is known as the Village of Hope. It is a 2 year program to house, feed, clothe, and prepare adults to become self-sufficient through personal and professional development. They have facilities for one hundred ninety-two people who are single or married, and children are included. The services that are provided are spiritual, personal development, case management, counseling, parenting skills, child enrichment, medical and dental services. They work with the people so that they become employed and are self-sufficient at the end of the program. Village of Hope is staffed by volunteers. Their Mission is to minister the love of Jesus Christ to the Least, the Last, and the Lost of our community. It is a beautiful, uplifting campus and a fantastic organization.

Quest tour of Tucker Wildlife Refuge, February



INTEREST GROUPS

The Company of Cheerful Ladies



We are a book club that reads books that are light, entertaining, fiction or non-fiction. For further information, contact:

Susan Rousseau.
signupsusie@aol.com

EVENING BOOK REVIEW

The book for March is
Hillbilly Elegy
 by J. D. Vance

Monday, March 27, 2017



7:15 P.M. - Social
 7:30 P.M. - Meeting
 Hostess: Judy McLeod
 Co-hostess: Joy Ferguson
 Leader: Cheryl Searcy
 17391 Almelo Lane
 Huntington Beach
 714-846-5155

RSVP to Judy by Saturday, March 25

Looking Ahead:
The Sympathizer by Viet Nguyen
Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly

Bunco Fun Night

Our February Bunco Fun Night was held at Susan Rousseau's home. Thirteen ladies were in attendance, and several won more than one category. Winners were Diana, Pat, Margie, Susan, Carole, and Bev N.

Our next bunco will be held Thursday, March 2 at Bev Finnell's home and she will also provide refreshments.

A big thank you to The Carols who made our Authors Luncheon basket titled "Tea and Sympathy"

As of this writing, Lynn Henderson is in the hospital with her blood clots. We hope they solve the core of her problems and she gets home quickly.

Sharon Cope, Chairman



BRIDGE NEWS

Ladies Duplicate is the first Wednesday of the month.
 Contact Mary Gundling

Couples Duplicate is the third Sunday of the month.
 Contact Jane Berlinger

Contact Carol Loehman for Marathon

BRIDGE RESULTS

Ladies Duplicate: Feb. 1

1. Angie and Jeani
2. Georgia and Pat
3. Carol V and Judy



Couples Duplicate

1. Lynne and Bob
2. Valerie and Eric
3. Fran and Pete




FILM DISCUSSION

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Contact Linda Janesick, 714-328-8339 or
email: mypixel2@aol.com

Come and join our great group of intelligent women and have a stimulating evening discussing not only the selected movie of the month, but other pertinent and relevant issues of our time. We welcome everyone to come and share their thoughts, feelings and opinions in a warm and comforting environment.

Golf

If you are interested in playing golf on Wednesday mornings, call Bev Finnell 714-839-7377 or Jeri Goldsbrough 714-897-8549. 

PLAY READING

Play Reading meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Contact Marilen Steiger 714-842-9247



Travel Group - Wednesday, March 22, 7:00 pm

Thinking about a river cruise...in the U. S.? Come learn what Carole Smith, a frequent river cruiser on American waters, has found as some of the most interesting possibilities. The number of companies offering U.S. cruising is increasing with new ships, new itineraries, more inclusive packages, plus shorter flights to reach them. At the home of Judy McLeod. Please RSVP to judy12don@aol.com or to this message if you plan to come--and we hope to see you!

Woman's Rights are Human Rights (Op-ed)

On a day, after the parched earth was cleansed by much needed rain; I joined 20,000 women, men and children who gathered to show solidarity against possible threats to our rights in the crowded Santa Ana streets. Despite the crowds, all was peaceful, in fact, joyous. It was inspiring to experience the peaceful demonstrations and read the creative signs. The march reaffirmed lessons learned in school, that our democracy demands that it is a responsibility of citizens to speak out.

Much has been written about the worldwide response to the march. I want to add my personal thoughts. We are living in changing times, with dictates from voices some of us do not understand. There is no debate, orders are issued from on high that affect all of us.

We must stay informed, and actively involved to protect our rights. I say this not from a partisan viewpoint, rather as a plea that the energy from the women's march be translated into peaceful, progressive action.

Together we must, and will overcome any assault to human rights.

Carol Kanode, AAUW Newport/Huntington Beach

A Message from AAUW California: It is Time to Become an AAUW Activist!

The outcome of the November election and subsequent events have raised concerns in organizations that focus on women's issues, including AAUW and its coalition partners in California, the California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom, and Stronger California. Finding appropriate ways to express the concerns of members is a challenge. We see issues that we thought to be "settled" now have become front-page news, such as access to health care for people at all income levels, forthcoming challenges to Roe v. Wade, and freedom to make personal reproductive choices. "Rights" that women have taken for granted are now at risk!

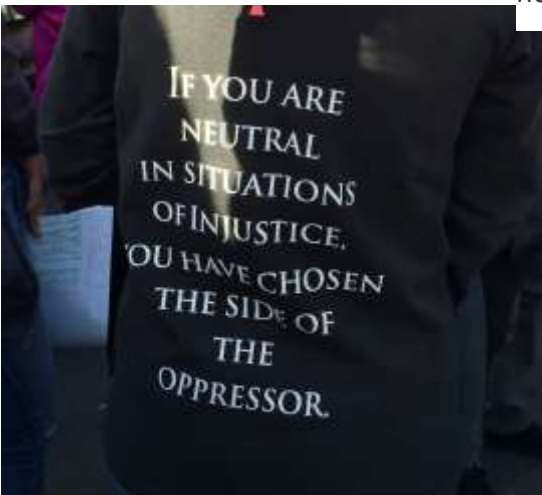
AAUW is a non-partisan organization engaging in issue-based advocacy. Our messages cannot identify with political parties, but this does not mean that we must remain silent when key components of our mission are being challenged. In fact, we *must* speak up. As Lisa Maatz, AAUW VP for Governmental Affairs has stated, "AAUW will speak truth to power", and has already made strong statements as candidates for cabinet posts are being vetted by Congress. It is critical that AAUW members and all citizens concerned with equity be knowledgeable and aware of the current status of important issues, and take action. Women's rights are human rights!

What should you do as an AAUW member? First, become informed. Use the AAUW website to educate yourself on issues. Check your facts in these days of "fake news" messages being planted. AAUW staff is closely monitoring actions contemplated by the incoming administration and Congress, and posting information on the website.



Next, get connected AAUW's national Two -Minute Activist network. If you haven't already, take advantage of the easiest way express advocacy: sign up for AAUW Action Alerts. Go to the national website, <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/> and sign up. AAUW will notify us when it is time to make contact with our elected officials. When you use Two-Minute activist you are automatically connected with the office of your elected Member of Congress or U.S. Senator. Make yourself heard! These "electeds" have offices in their districts – even consider making a visit there to express your views!

When you are signed up on national's Two-Minute Activist, you are automatically signed up for AAUW CA Action Alerts. As this legislative session moves forward you will also be receiving messages about taking action on CA bills and other actions that might require immediate responses from members. Change only takes place when we collectively demand it...Act now!



Biennial Action Priorities WM-FV-HB AAUW Survey Response 2016

Issues that AAUW should address:

*Support for more women in public office(s).

**How to disagree respectfully.

*To encourage respectful, polite and “listening” approaches on all of the above topics(Priorities) with an effort to encourage the same among our politicians.

*Get rid of the electoral college, it is outdated.

*Self-moderate language to be “color blind”. Stop dumbing down dialogue! See National website “pale not male”.
From 5 members

*6 members marked Choice in determination of one’s reproductive life.

*1 member marked Support for U.N. programs that address human rights and women’s and girl’s concerns.

MEMBERSHIP DUES HONOR ROLL 2017-2018

Is your name on this list? These are the members who have **PAID** for 2017-2018 as of **February 10**. If you are **not** on this list, please send your check to Jeanne Smith, 12 Sirius, Irvine 92603. My phone number is 949-725-9780.

Pat Allgeier, Doris Barton, Marie Bison, Maxine Boyett, Sharon Clunk, Carmen Erber, Hadar Hawk, Diana LoShiavo, Rosalie Lyons, Lucia Midgley, Rosemary Smith, Lou Ann Wiese.

Thank you so much for your great response. Again, if you have not sent in your check please do so.
Jeanne Smith, 12 Sirius, Irvine, 92603, 949-725-9780.

Life members \$38, Dual members \$18, General members \$87.
Check should be made out to **AAUW**.



Golden West College Scholarships 2016 and 2017

Our AAUW Branch, awarded scholarships to four Golden West College students in 2016. GWC forwarded the notes from each of the recipients last month and are included below. Once again, AAUW will award four GWC Scholarships this May honoring Shirley Pyle, Michele Feicht, Ed Cummings and our Branch Scholarship. If you would like to donate to the two open scholarships, please use the attached Donation Form.

Golden West College Scholarship Recipients 2016

Thank you for your generous donation to my education. With this gift, I will be able to continue my education and reach my goal of becoming an English teacher.

Thank you again!

Shaída Ulloa

Words cannot express how thankful I am for your help in pursuing my education. This journey hasn't been easy but with this scholarship, I am able to start working towards my BSN (Nursing) in the fall! Thank you for everything you have done for me!

Ashley York

Thank you so much for the 2016 scholarship. It will be used to help cover books and tuition next year when I transfer to a four year university. Thank you!

Melody Mulligen

Thank you so much for blessing my family with this scholarship! This is such an honor and I am truly grateful to have been chosen. Thanks again,

Allison Coover

AAUW Golden West College Scholarship Donation Form

Our branch currently has two open scholarship accounts at GWC honoring Michelle Allgeier Feicht and Ed Cummings (Diana's husband). Your contribution helps students who have returned to school and are transferring to a four year college. The scholarships are awarded in May and all members are welcome to attend.

To donate to one of the AAUW Scholarships at GWC, indicate the name of the person you are honoring in the memo section of your check, and mail with the form below to:

Golden West College Foundation Office
15744 Golden West Street
P.O. Box 2748
Huntington Beach, CA 92647-2748

Date: _____

In memory of: _____

Please Send Receipt to: _____

For questions, please contact Joy Ferguson at 714-904-9046

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for woman and girls through advocacy, education, and research. AAUW is California's most active and diverse organization for women offering action for equity, personal and professional growth, community leadership and friendship.

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