

May General Meeting has been canceled.

From Karen Jackle, Public Policy Director UPDATES FROM AAUW-CA PUBLIC POLICY TEAM

-By Kathi Harper, Public Policy Committee Co-Chair

With the coronavirus starting to show itself in California (but before the Governor's shelter-in-place orders), the AAUW-CA Public Policy team decided to exercise caution and improvised our annual legislative meeting with our Advocate in Sacramento. Co-Chairs Kathi Harper and Sue Miller, along with AAUW-CA president Jane Neimeier, did meet with Advocate Magaly Zaval at her office on March 13th, however we communicated with all other committee members via e-mails throughout the day.

Although challenging, the meeting was productive. We reviewed 44 bills with the following resolutions:

- Co-Sponsor 1 bill (SB973)
- Support 26 Bills in the following categories:
 - Product Regulation – 3
 - Family Planning – 5
 - Education – 6
 - Labor/Wages – 2
 - Gender Equity/Discrimination – 4
 - Family Protection – 3
 - Sexual Assault and Sex Education – 2
- 8 Bills will be "watched" for further developments
- 10 Bills were dropped

For more information on these bills, click here:

<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/publish.aspx?session=19&id=920d3c91-39f9-4e59-a017-b2d993254aef>

We have also learned that the Legislature will not reconvene until May 4th. We are not sure what impact that will have on this legislative session, we are advised that their focus is going to be on coronavirus bills, housing and wildfires. The state budget must be approved by June 15, so this too will be an area of focus. We will keep members updated as we learn more. Finally, we have learned that our long-time Advocate Shannon Smith-Crowley is still healing from the concussion she sustained in an accident last year, please keep her in your thoughts for a successful recovery.

Next General Meeting

To be determined.

Meadowlark Golf Club

Check in: 10:30 a.m.

Meeting: 11:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: 11:15 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m.

Menu: unknown

AAUW National Election

AAUW Members:

Voting Open April 8 – May 18.

Make your voice heard.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/>

Meet the candidates and vote.

AAUW Board Meeting Dates 2019-2020, 7 p.m.

May 4, Zoom

June 1 (joint)



Calendar of Events 2020

April

15 Travel Group 7 p.m. Zoom
 27 Evening Book Review 7:15 p.m. Zoom
 May
 4 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
 7 Happy Hikers 9:30 a.m.
 10 June newsletter deadline. Noon
 12 Polly's Pies Fundraiser 11 a.m.- 9:30 pm
 18 AAUW National Election closes
 18 Evening Book Review 7:15 p.m.
 20 Travel Group 7 p.m.

June

5 AAUW dues are past due

September

10 Quest Long Beach Airport Tour 9 a.m.

October

17 Authors Luncheon-Lisa See



May 25



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
 Articles must be in no later than
 May 10, noon.
 Send to Carolee Focht
focht@verizon.net

BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY...

*Be strong now, because
 things will get better.
 It might be stormy now,
 but it can't rain forever.*

Unknown



BOARD MEETING

An emergency meeting of the Board of Directors was called on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the home of Carole Smith.

MOTION: Donna Kratter moved to accept the letter of cancellation. MSC

MOTION: Karen Jackle moved to amend the first motion and to delete the sentence regarding donations. MSC

MOTION: Connie Nelson moved to amend the first motion to seek another author if Lisa See is not available. MSC

The April 6, 2020 Board of Directors meeting was held on the online video conferencing program Zoom.

Finance Officer's Report

February General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$15,910.27
Ending Balance	\$17,165.71

February FUND Account

Beginning Balance	\$14,242.27
Ending Balance	\$17,938.11

March General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$17,165.71
Ending Balance	\$17,045.83

March FUND Account

Beginning Balance	\$17,938.11
Ending Balance	\$23,879.17

MOTION: Terri Elders moved that the board recommend that the same girls will go to Tech Trek in 2021 as were scheduled to go in 2020. MSC

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled to be at the home of Julie Ramphal. This may change depending on circumstances.

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



WESTMINSTER-FOUNTAIN VALLEY- HUNTINGTON BEACH BRANCH

AAUW DUES ARE DUE

It is now time to pay your dues for 2020-2021.

Dues are late after June 5

How much to pay?

Regular Membership \$97, Dual Membership add \$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 \$1180.

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

Membership Dues

HONOR ROLL 2020-2021

Is your name on this list? These are the members who have **PAID** for 2020-2021 as of **April 9**. 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. **The deadline is June 5.**

Pam Alfieri, Pat Allgeier, Martha Barhouse, Doris Barton, Carol Bertino, Marie Bisson, Alyce Burnett, Kristine Chinen, Wendy Coates, Carmen Erber, Joy Ferguson, Sandra Guerrero, Mary Gundling, Linda Haberl, Tracy Hamilton, Susan Harpole, Donna Holder, Karen Jackle, Diana Jago, Jean Jordan, Ann Kajdasz, Carol Kanode, Cheryl Kelly, Jeanne Kulpinski, Margaret Long, Diana Lo Schiavo, Rosalie Lyons, Ruth Mc Lelland, Judy Martin, Miriam Matulich, Leanne Metzler, Lois Mosing, Bev Nogy, Pat Odell, Suzanne O'Hara, Gayle Perry, Julie Ramphal, Zelda Rice, Janet Riness, Gloria Rodriguez, Elizabeth Swain, Clara Vance, Lou Ann Wiese.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Cheryl Kelly



BS Computer Science Cal State Fullerton
MS Information & Computer Science UCI
Master of Divinity Claremont School of Theology

Presidents Letter

Dear Fearless Ladies,

As we forge forward in this crazy world of the Coronavirus, this too shall pass like any other nastiness has done back in history. We just need to outrun it! There is a lot of virtual "stuff" going on but I am not a techie so I will wait until this nonsense goes away. I do, however, know how to email so that is what I do. My telephone works too. I would suggest that you use whatever means you have to keep in touch with those you love, as well as friends.

There have been many suggestions as to how to use your time since we have a lot of time to use. I have cleaned out drawers and closets, tried on clothes that I think probably don't fit anymore, found books to read. I even went to the kitchen drawers and found items that I have not used for ten years but I kept for that one time that I need it. I have so much more room now. I have heard suggestions like: paint the dog's toenails, cut yourself a new hairstyle and dye your hair a different color, or try a new recipe. You're not going to be out where it gets wet anyhow.

All kidding aside, we will continue to monitor when it is safe to meet as AAUW friends.

Take time to read your Tri City Dispatch which will continue to come out each month.

In the meantime, be safe, wear your mask if you need to go out, wash those hands and keep a 6-foot distance from those who don't get it! We need to see all of you when we meet again. Take good care.

Bev Nogy and Carole Smith, Co-Presidents



INTEREST GROUPS

BRIDGE NEWS

Hopefully we will be able to play ladies duplicate again in June. By then I hope we remember how to bid! Please know I think of you and hope you are healthy and safe. If you would like to set up a Zoom chat, Carolee offered to set it up. Let me know if you want me to arrange a Zoom chat.

Mary Gundling, Chair



EVENING BOOK REVIEW

The book for May :

A Woman of No Importance, Sonia Purnell

Monday, May 18, 2020

7:15 P.M. - Social

7:30 P.M. - Meeting

Hostess: Jeri Goldsbrough

Co-hostess: Barbara Smith

Leader: Jeri Goldsbrough

Possibly a Zoom meeting.

RSVP by Sat., May 16

jerig6@mac.com



Cheerful Ladies Book Club

Meets every other month on the 2nd Wednesday of every other month.

Locations to be announced.

Contact [Susan Rousseau](#)

FILM DISCUSSION

Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Contact Linda Janesick, email: lindajanesick@gmail.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.

Bunco Fun Day

We will not be meeting during the month of May. We are hoping that we can get together soon.

To substitute or any questions, call Chairman, Sharon Cope.



Travel Group

May 20, 7 p.m.

The resilient Travel Group had a virtual meeting on Zoom on April 15, and we hope that our country is ready for in-person meetings on May 20. Since that is still unknown, please look for more information later. If we are lucky enough to meet, we will do so at the home of Janet Johnson (janetjohnson535@yahoo.com). Always optimistic and ready...travelers need to be prepared! Join this lively group for interesting discussions, even about local one-night stands.



INTEREST GROUPS

HAPPY HIKERS

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020
BOLSA CHICA WETLANDS 9:30am
Meet in the parking lot at the Interpretive Center, 3842 Warner Ave, HB

Our April hike was cancelled; however, several of us did a virtual hike on Zoom. It was fun to talk and to see each other. Hopefully in May we will be back on the trail again.

The big attraction of the Wetlands are the extraordinary variety and number of birds. We will be expecting the great blue herons to perform for us - feeding their baby chicks. Birds we hope to see: gulls, egrets, cormorants, pelicans, stilts, grebes, terns, marsh hawks to name a few. Along the way, we will see St. Catherine's Lace, buckwheat, coastal sunflowers and other plants. Who knows what will come across the trail - bunny rabbits, lizards, stink bugs, and...? Distance 3 - 5 miles, 2 1/2 hours. We will stop in to visit the interpretive center. Optional: binoculars. I look forward getting back on the trail with the Happy Hikers.

RSVP to Carol Hoke at cawalrus@gmail.com by Wednesday, May 6, 2020. Lunch to follow at the Golden Olive.

PLAY READING



Play Reading meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month.
Contact Marilen Steiger: mrws@verizon.net



GOLF

If you are interested in playing golf
Wednesday mornings,
Contact: [Jeri Goldsbrough](mailto:Jeri.Goldsbrough@gmail.com)

QUEST

After a lovely (but rainy) trip to the Kellogg House in March, we sadly had to cancel several Quests. The good news is that NOW is a great time to start planning our adventures for the coming year.

I've received some good suggestions for next year but will love hearing even more ideas. We are blessed to live in an area that offers many exciting venues to satisfy our Quest for Knowledge.

Our planning for next year will be held in May or June, in person if permitted, or virtually through Zoom or email. With that in mind, **please** submit a GREAT idea to jflahive@roadrunner.com by the end of April. Also, will appreciate information about cost, website, and other factoids about your suggestion.

Another question: IF we were to schedule additional Quests on weekends (possibly one/quarter), will YOU have interest? Traffic is generally lighter for trips beyond the OC. This may also allow some of our working members to participate. Please let me know your thoughts. -Joanne Flahive



ELASTIC NEEDED! 1/4 " or less for Nancy Pearson's mask project. Nancy is making masks and donating proceeds to girls scholarships and churches. Also, may purchase 1 for \$8 or 2 for \$15. Contact Nancy to donate or buy at to give size and color request.

Sadly reporting: **UNMark** Your Calendars for a **FUNdraiser**

Canceled: May 12, from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

A Dine in Day at Polly's Pies, 9791 Adams, Huntington Beach

From your Cochairs: Maxine Boyett, Donna Kratter, and Connie Nelson

THANK YOU FROM OUR
TECH TREKKERS

Dear, Tori Gregy, HW-FV-HB

Thank you supporting me at Tech Trek USI. You have given me a wonderful opportunity. I was able to break out of my shell, and be more social. Friends were made, good food was consumed, but in the end, I will never forget this week at Tech Trek. The amount of happiness I felt is too enormous ~~enormous~~ to put into words, including, frozen carbon dioxide, how to extinguish a match, & create ice cream, and cause a quarter to sing. I will remember them forever. The lab tours really opened my eyes to the many careers in STEM. Thank you for everything.

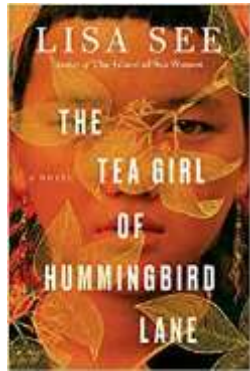
From,
Mikaela Garcia

Dear WM Tech Trek coordinators,

I am beyond thankful for the 2019 UCI Tech Trek scholarship. Tech Trek has been such an honor to attend. Before I continue let me just say that Tech Trek will forever be engraved in my heart and mind for a lifetime. I've made amazing friends, especially my dorm group. ~~even though~~ ^{even though} one of them are fun, childish, hungry, crazy, chill, extra, unique, and smart but all dumb. They make this camp even more enjoyable. My dorm mom, Gabriela, is the best. She is fun but keeps us in order. My group definitely wasn't the smartest but we were the closest. We would hang out every night until the last record of lights out. We would help each other by waking each other up. Let's just say we had each others back. I wasn't so excited about my core class, but there were some activities like the equation scavenger hunt and the elephant toothpaste. But I'm glad I was put into that class so that I can narrow down my dream job. Oh my gosh, the food was amazing. I was always looking forward to eating at Pippins, like all the time. Tech Trek offered me visuals of the campus making my 5 year dream going to UCI at an official student. All the junior counselors, co-director, dorm moms, and director were extremely patient and nice. They created amazing activities. All I have to say for now is I can't wait to see what's the next summer from Warner Middle School when I come back as a counselor. Thank you for giving me this amazing opportunity to attending Tech Trek at UCI 2019.

Good news from our AAUW Board:
The same girls will go to Tech Trek in
2021 as were scheduled to go this
summer, 2020.





AAUW WM-FV-HB BRANCH

Authors Luncheon, March 21 was, **unfortunately canceled.**

It is **rescheduled** for **October 17, 2020**
at the Costa Mesa Country Club

As in life, everything is fluid. We are disappointed that the Luncheon had to be canceled. The Branch Board determined that because of updated guidance (3-12-2020) from the California Department of Public Health cancellation was important for everyone's health. As you may be aware, many of the official guidance pieces have recommended cancellation of events at least through the month of April. **We have reached out to Lisa See and she has agreed to present at the rescheduled Author's Luncheon on October 17, 2020.** Lisa See has offered to personally inscribe a bookplate; if you are interested email her at lisa@lisasee.com – mention you are from AAUW WM-FV-HB.

<http://www.lisasee.com/books-new/>

Follow the above link to learn more about Lisa See's latest novel.

Please see our [website](https://wfh-ca.aauw.net/) for registration to Authors Luncheon.

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Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Co-Presidents, Carole Smith and Bev Nagy

If you are ill, or leery of going shopping during our period of self-isolation **THERE IS HELP OUT THERE.**

Fountain Valley:

The Center at Founders Village Senior & Community Center is available to assist via telephone Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm. (714-593-4446) Currently our congregate meal program is distributing 5 frozen meals on Thursdays to our senior residents to take home to prepare in their microwave or oven. Meals on Wheels Orange County (at 714-823-3294) is doing a phenomenal job in making sure our seniors have food. The suggested contribution continues to be \$3 per meal.

Westminster Senior Center (714) 895-2878

Temporary Hours: Monday through Thursday- 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Huntington Beach

Senior Center in Central Park.

SeniorServ - Hot Lunch (714) 375-8404 Monday-Friday at 11:30 am.

recommended donation of \$3.00 for those over 60 & or cost of \$5.00.



Call or Text 818-441-8833



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WESTMINSTER-FOUNTAIN VALLEY-HUNTINGTON BEACH

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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