

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach
April 2021

Here, There, and Everywhere



April 17, 2021
Zoom
Check in & Social
10:30 a.m.
Meeting 11:00 a.m.

A panel of AAUW Travel Group participants will discuss local adventures, favorite international destinations, and dreams of future travel when the pandemic subsides.

Here: Learn about day trips to local places you may never have considered, from intrepid friends who will provide tips on where, when, why and how to plan a day or two of fun that is safe and fantastically interesting.

There: Think beyond “local” through hearing the experiences of well-traveled AAUW women who are experts on National Parks, river and ocean cruises, and road trips in the U S, Canada, or Mexico.

Everywhere: What are the far-off destinations that might surprise you and enlarge your knowledge of unfamiliar places and their peoples? Hear about ways to mingle with locals to gain insights into their lifestyles. Discuss how to deal with unclear, ever changing travel rules and procedures and how the pandemic has altered our perspectives on the world scene.

Next General Meeting

May 15, 2021

Zoom

Check in & social:

10:30 a.m.

Meeting: 11:00 a.m.

Watch your email for the invitation to join the meeting.

We have tutorials available if you wish to refresh your Zoom skills.

AAUW Next Board Meeting

April 5, 2021

7 p.m.

Zoom

DUES ARE DUE

Have you sent in your dues?
Look on the Honor Roll.

Send your dues now. The deadline is June 5.

Calendar of Events



APRIL

- 5 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 6 Quest 10 a.m.
- 7 CA voting begins
- 10 Newsletter deadline, Noon
- 17 General Meeting 10:30 a.m.
- 21 Travel Group 2 p.m.
- 26 Evening Book Review 7 p.m.

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 2021 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.

Finance Officer's Report

Feb. General Fund

Beginning Balance \$ 16,627.46

Ending Balance \$ 16,205.70

Feb. Fund Account

Beginning Balance \$ 13,998.12

Ending Balance \$ 14,028.12

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles must be in no later than

May 10, noon.

Send to Jeanne Smith

dandjsmith@earthlink.net



To our AAUW
W-FV-HB branch !

Our Sunshine Member

Do you know of someone in AAUW who is experiencing a health challenge or who is experiencing personal challenges or a setback? You can help us by notifying the Sunshine Committee so we can show them we care. Call or email Valerie Schmitt. Her phone is (714)846-6872 and her email is j7shadow@aol.com



DUES ARE DUE

It is now time to pay your dues for
2021-2022.

Dues are late after June 5

How much to pay?

Regular Membership \$100

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 \$1240.

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

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

BRANCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

[Membership inquiries and new members](#)

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Public Policy

AAUWCA is reviewing the issues in line with our mission that show up in bills that will come to the CA Legislature. We each have an Assembly and Senate CA Representative for our district. At the 3/24/21 statewide remote meeting, 161 members in groups of 4 members each spoke with 2-3 of their legislators to discuss the same 3 issues that were assigned by our AAUWCA Public Policy Committee. I worked with one of these groups. Please let me know if you participated. Would you like to be on the branch public policy committee? For more information, contact Karen Jackle - -karjac@gmail.com

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

Voting takes place April 7 – May17.
An important bylaws amendment will eliminate the degree requirement for membership. Both AAUW National Board and AAUW-CA Board approve this amendment. See page 6 for details.

INTEREST GROUPS

HB Reads – George Takai - They Called Us Enemy – Read by mid-May

The book for Citywide One Read for HB, is by our local celebrity who was in Star Trek. It is a memoir and a graphic novel. Elizabeth at the HB Library really bought into it. She made March, Compassion Month, April, Poetry Month, and May is the big month as it is Asian Pacific Islander Month and that is when our book club will agree to discuss this book. We hope to get George to come to speak to us in May. There may be a film sponsored by HB Reads at the library. George's Japanese American family was interned in Arkansas. You can check the book out as eBook for free through the HB Library on Hoopla and it is available through County library system ,too. More info: info@hbread.org

EVENING BOOK REVIEW

The book for April is

The Paris Seamstress by Natasha Lester

Monday, April 26, 2021

7:00 P.M. - Zoom Sign in & Social

7:15 P.M. - Zoom Meeting

Leader: Lynne Ehret

RSVP to Jeri Goldsbrough -

jerig6@mac.com or

Carolee Focht - focht@verizon.net

Looking Ahead

They Called Us Enemy by George Takei

HB Reads and HB Sister City are partnering to promote the graphic novel version of this book.

DUES ARE DUE

Quest

We have a Quest for April! We plan to reserve short outdoor tours of the Pacific Marine Mammal Center in Laguna Beach on Tuesday, April 6. The tour is limited to 20 attendees, ten at 10 a.m. and ten at 10:30 a.m. There is no charge for the mammal center but they welcome donations (either cash or items from their Amazon Wish List).

Lunch will follow, venue TBD.

Please email Joanne at jflahive@roadrunner.com ASAP if you would like to attend, as the online ticketing opens mid-March. (If you had signed up for the January tour we had to cancel, please be sure to sign up for this one if you are still interested.)

Here is information about the Center and their Wish List for Amazon donations.

<https://www.pacificmmc.org/>

<https://www.pacificmmc.org/our-wish-list>

Stay well,

Joanne Flahive and Janet Riness

Travel Group

Wednesday, April 21, 2 pm

Travel planning is back...so come see how others are coping with new restrictions, compelling adventures, and local travel for family visits. Masks provided, if you don't come with one. We hope the ocean breeze will help make it a safe, small-group event.

Meet outside at Janet Johnson's home at 16275 Tisbury Circle in Huntington Beach (Humboldt Island). Note the time change to 2 pm to capture the afternoon sun. Please RSVP to janetjohnson535@yahoo.com



BE SURE AND VOTE

Between April 7 at 9 a.m. and May 17 at 2 p.m. PDT, all AAUW members will have the opportunity to vote on an important bylaws amendment that will eliminate the degree requirement for membership.

The AAUW National Board of Directors strongly supports elimination of the degree requirement for membership and will put the requirement up for a membership vote this spring. This important change is a critical step in bringing AAUW's bylaws and membership requirements in line with our mission of advancing equity for women and girls. While AAUW is fiercely committed to the educational attainment of all women, given our commitment to inclusion, this is simply the right thing to do.

All voting will take place online unless a member sends a specific request to AAUW for a paper ballot. All members without an email address on file with AAUW national will receive notification of the vote by mail.

Public Policy

The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, aka. the Covid Relief Bill, passed by the Senate 3/6/21, contained funding which supports several AAUW priorities.

- It provides \$130 billion to help K-12 schools take steps to ensure that students and educators return to the classroom safely.
- It invests \$39 billion in child care grants
- It provides \$1 billion for the Head Start program
- It provides access to affordable health care.
- It expands the purposes allowed for long-term family leave so that anyone who took a leave in the past year to provide caregiving or caring for a child because their school has closed can take that leave again.

For those of you who encouraged your members to use the Two Minute Activist in support any of these measures, our voice was heard.



Membership News

A big thank you to all who attended our virtual New Member meeting. It was great to catch up with members as well as meet some of our new members. We are thrilled to welcome four new members to our AAUW branch.

They are:

- Linda Safford, from Fullerton
- Maria Kootsikis from Long Beach
- Barbara Shapiro, from Huntington Beach
- Martha Elliot, from Huntington Beach

We hope to bring you more information on these ladies in the near future. We also hope to have an “in person” social gathering sometime this summer so we can meet and greet them properly!

Sue McDannel, LuRae MacArthur

February Membership Meeting



HONOR ROLL 2021-2022

Is your name on this list? These are the members who have PAID for 2021-2022 as of March 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, Marie Bisson, Maxine Boyett, Louise Chatlynne, Kristine Chinen, Rita Collins, Terri Elders Martha Elliott, Carmen Erber, Donna Ewing, Sandra Guerrero, Dorothy Guillaume, Mary Gundling, Linda Haberl, Donna Holder, Ann Johnson, Carol Kanode, Maria Kootsikis, Diana LoSchiavo, Margaret Long, Rosalie Lyons, LuRae MacArthur, Linda MacDonell, Ruth McLelland, Georgia Merchant, Leanne Metzler, Lois Mosing, Pat Potter, Julie Ramphal, Zelda Rice, Janet Riness, Linda Safford, Barbara Shapiro, Lucea Shieler, Barbara Smith, Jeanne Smith, Christina Sumpter, Fran Thelander, Carol Valcarcel, Clara Vance, Fredricka Veenstra, Lou Ann Weise, Getta Wolff.

Life members \$38, Dual members \$18, General members \$100.

Check should be made out to **AAUW**. The deadline is June 5.



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.

Membership Co-VPs	LuRae MacArthur & Sue McDannel
Programs Co-VPs	Theresa Elders & Linda MacDonnell
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Address Correction Requested

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