



## Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach December 2021

### HOLIDAY MUSIC AND SING-A-LONG

Barbara Smith's Trio will be providing classical holiday music and a sing-a-long at our meeting. Members of the group are:

**Barbara Smith**, piano, a longtime WM-FV-HB branch member and leader of the Music and Dance Interest Group. She joyfully began as an accompanist at age 10, playing hymns weekly for her Sunday School class. She advanced to accompanying choirs, performing groups, soloists, and Summer Theater. With her BS in Music Education, she taught in public schools both before and after 25 years of teaching piano at her home studio. In retirement she plays with small chamber groups and volunteers for Senior Sing-a-longs and special events.

**Edith Van Huss**, violin, who, as a kid loved math, music, art, and literature. After teaching high school French for several years, she earned an MBA and became a CPA. She then worked in treasury operations for a financial services firm. Now retired, she volunteers for Symphony Irvine and Social Chamber Music Workshop.

**Alice Taber**, cello, has dabbled in music since 7th grade when her school established an orchestra. After college, she focused on her career as a librarian and family, putting music on a back burner until joining the Cerritos College orchestra 15 years ago. New friendships and connections opened a variety of opportunities and experiences.

### ROBYNE'S NEST

We are also happy to have Robyne Wood from Robyne's Nest speak to us today about the charity that she started in 2015.

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### General Meeting

**December 18, 2021**

**Greenbrook Clubhouse  
18222 Santa Joanana  
Fountain Valley**

**Social/Refreshments**

**9:00-9:45 a.m.**

**Speaker 9:45-10:00 a.m.**

**Entertainment**

**10:00-11:00 a.m.**

**Menu**

**Assortment of  
Beverages and pastries**

**\$15 check due by Dec. 10  
to:  
AAUW :WM-FV-HB  
c/o Sandra Guerrero  
19120 Beachcrest Lane #A  
Huntington Beach, CA  
92646**

**Your check is your  
reservation**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- 2 Happy Hikers 4:30 p.m.
- 6 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 8 Polly's Pies 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- 9 Quest 10 a.m.
- 9 Music & Dance 7 p.m.
- 18 General Meeting 9 a.m.

### JANUARY

- 3 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 13 Quest 10 a.m.
- 15 General Meeting
- 24 Evening Book Review

## 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 November 2021 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.

Finance Officer's Report

### November General Fund

Beginning Balance \$ 17,486.43

Ending Balance \$ 17,004.84

### Fund Account

Beginning Balance \$ 14,058.01

Ending Balance \$ 12,993.01

Website:

<http://wfhca.aauw.net/>

## BRANCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

[Membership inquiries and  
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Click on the above links to  
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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles must be in no later than  
January 10, noon.

Send to Jeanne Smith

[dandjsmith@earthlink.net](mailto:dandjsmith@earthlink.net)



## **Presidents' Message**

**“Remember This December, that love weighs more than gold.” (Josephine Dodge Dasham)**

**“No one ever became poor by giving.” (Anne Frank)**

**“It is December, and no one asks if I was ready.” (Sarah Kay)**

**Dear Members:**

**It was heartwarming to meet our charming and smart Tech Trek girls at our October Meeting; their love of science and discovery was truly magical.**

**Our survey results so far have indicated that our members are comfortable coming to in-person meetings. They also enjoyed breakfast at Mile Square, and they are open to experiencing new venues. Please be sure to come to our November Meeting at the Navy Golf Course. It is delightful inside and outside.**

**We have been designing our December Meeting at the Greenbrook Clubhouse to encourage all members to join in the year-end holiday spirit and have a bit of fun. Please put on your holiday sweater and come!**

**Our Program Committee and Authors Luncheon Committee, both need volunteers right now. Please consider signing up at our November Meeting.**

**We hope you have a joyful Thanksgiving with family and friends.**

**Sincerely,**

**Donna Kratter and Getta Wolff, Co-Presidents**

## **POLLY'S PIES**

Thank you to all of you who attended our Polly's Pies Dine In or Take Out Day in October. Our portion of the proceeds came to \$106. Polly's donates 20% of the proceeds to AAUW-WM-FV. We will be having another day on Wednesday, December 8. You may eat any time from 8 am to 9 pm. This is at the Polly's at 9791 Adams Avenue, Huntington Beach. Each person must present the flyer which you can download from our website or call Maxine Boyett (714-546-5839). We very much appreciate your participation.

Co-chairs: Maxine Boyett and Connie Nelson

## **AUTHOR'S LUNCH**

We now have a venue for the Author's Lunch. It will be held at the Mile Square Golf Course on Saturday, April, 23, 2022. We do hope you will be there to hear our wonderful authors Kate Quinn and T. Jefferson Parker.



## ROBYNE'S NEST

The mission of Robyne's Nest is to provide at-risk and homeless high school students (who are alcohol and drug free), with little to no parental support, in the Huntington Beach and Newport Beach High School Districts, with the resources and support to complete high school and pursue a path to self sufficiency through college, trade school or military options.

Robyne Wood founded Robyne's Nest seven school years ago and has assisted 125 students and currently works with approximately 46 students in school or who have recently graduated and need help landing on their feet.

Many students are struggling when it comes to basic support from their parents for such needs as food, housing, academics and even safety. Many of these students want help and that is why they continue to go to school looking for security, routine and a place to belong.

Robyne's Nest is a proactive approach to help our youth stay away from drugs, crime, homelessness, human trafficking and early parenthood. It provides: financial assistance (Student Living Expense Program); basic needs (food, clothing, hygiene items and school supplies); living resources (referrals to other social service and healthcare agencies); and educational classes in Life Skills.

Robyne's Nest's website is [robynesnest.org](http://robynesnest.org)

### VERY MUCH NEEDED ITEMS

Robyne's Nest is a 501 (c) (3) tax entity, donations (monetary or in kind) are deductible.

- Monetary Donations. Please make your check out to Robyne's Nest. Because of the Covid situation, abandoned students live in rental units and not with families; Robyne's Nest provides rental assistance, so, monetary gifts are very needed.
- Gift Cards. Ideally in \$25 increments (Wal-Mart, Target, Kohl's, Shoe City, Vans).
- Grocery Cards. Grocery Outlet, Smart & Final, Stater Bros., Ralph's, Costco or 99 cent Stores.
- Food, School Supplies and Toiletries. Visit Robyne's Nest website to shop Wal-Mart, Target and Amazon.
- Bus Passes. Bus Passes can be purchased at Stater Bros., Von's and Target.

**Please bring  
monetary  
donations  
and gift  
cards to our  
December  
Meeting**



## INTEREST GROUPS

### MUSIC & DANCE

Thursday Dec 9 7:00 PM

Barbara Smith

RSVP [basmith10@verizon.net](mailto:basmith10@verizon.net)

Annual Holiday Concert HB High School

Tickets including ticket fee-- \$18 (limited)

The evening will feature the APA Orchestra as well as special guest performances by the APA Musical Theatre department, MMET department, Surf City Singers, and the HB High School Band and Color Guard.

### EVENING BOOK REVIEW

Evening Book Review will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be January 24, 2022.

At our November 22 meeting, we will be selecting books for January, February and March.

### DECEMBER QUEST

Thursday, December 9, 2021

10:00 A.M. Docent led tour

Let's start off the holiday season with something fun...Muzeo's Holiday Express exhibit of model trains sponsored by the Train Collector's Association and the Toy Train Operating Society. Our docent-led tour at 10 am means we will have the entire venue to ourselves before it opens to the public at 11. Senior tickets are \$8, adults not as well-aged pay \$10. A short walk after the exhibit takes us to lunch at the Anaheim Packing House, an upscale food court that we visited a few years ago.

Here are the links to Muzeo and the Packing House:

<https://muzeo.org/upcoming-exhibitions/>

<https://www.anaheimpackingdistrict.com/merchants>

If you would like to attend, please email Joanne Flahive at [jflahive@roadrunner.com](mailto:jflahive@roadrunner.com) no later than December 1.



**HAPPY HIKERS**

**Thursday, December 2, 2021**

**UPPER NEWPORT BAY PRESERVE**

**4:30 p.m.**

Hi all- It is that magical time of year again, and we are going to view the Christmas lights on Balboa Island on December 2, 2021. We will meet at 4:30 at the bridge over to Balboa Island off Bayside Drive.

We usually park at the Pavilions Store on Bayside Drive- you might want to carpool. We will walk to the Balboa ferry to enjoy happy hour at the Balboa Pavilion, and then stroll through the island with oohs and aahs at the splendid decorations. Make sure to bring \$2 for the round trip ferry ride. Please let me know if you can make it. Many thanks and happy holidays!

**RSVP to Ann Kajdasz at [ralphkaj@aol.com](mailto:ralphkaj@aol.com)**

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS**

**The following groups need volunteers. This is a great way to meet members of the branch.**

**Program Committee**

**Get involved with our AAUW Branch! Volunteer for the new Program Committee! You will have the opportunity to assist the Program Chairs and support the projects of our AAUW Branch. THANK YOU**  
**Contact Sandy Guerrero at [sandraguerrero@me.com](mailto:sandraguerrero@me.com) (626-234-8501).**

**Author's Lunch Committee**

**We are in need of committee members for the Author's Lunch next April. Only one person signed up at the breakfast. If interested, please contact Maxine Boyett (714-546-5839) or Connie Nelson (714-540-4902).**



**JANUARY QUEST  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022**

**10:00 A.M. Docent led tour**

**The Career Success Center 2000 E. McFadden Ave, Suite 100, Santa Ana**

**As we start a new year, we are tipping our hats to a fantastic philanthropic organization...Working Wardrobes! The staff is excited to meet our AAUW group and looks forward to giving a one hour tour of the new Career Success Center.**

**Working Wardrobes Mission is : We do everything in our power to help men, women, young adults and veterans overcome difficult challenges so they can achieve the dignity of work and the Power of a Paycheck.**

**Since 1990 Working Wardrobes has served over 100,000 clients as they seek meaningful employment. Services and support are offered to people re-entering the workforce, veterans, seniors, young adults and the underemployed. The Career Success Center provides classes, workshops and individual career coaching services. Wardrobe services are also available for clients as they prepare for their interviews.**

**After our tour (which will hopefully inspire us to do a closet audit when we return home!), we will make a short drive to Avila's El Ranchito restaurant in Santa Ana.**

**Here are the links to WW and Avila's:**

**<https://www.workingwardrobes.org/>**

**<http://avilaselranchito.com/santa-ana/>**

**If you would like to attend, please email Joanne Flahive at [jflahive@roadrunner.com](mailto:jflahive@roadrunner.com) no later than January 5.**



**Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach, CA**

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 women 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.

Co-Presidents	Donna Kratter & Getta Wolff
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