



TRI CITY DISPATCH

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach
February 2022

MEMBERSHIP TEA

This year our membership recruitment event will take the form of a tea instead of the luncheon we have had in the past. With the difficulty of procuring venues and the prices they are charging we thought this would be preferable.

The good news is there will be no charge for either members or their prospective member guests! In return we are asking you to look through your contact lists and find some of your friends, neighbors or casual acquaintances that might be interested in our branch. Bring them to our event and we will attempt to win them over with our offerings of tea, goodies, current information on AAUW and our branch and of course our winning personalities!

Sue McDannel and LuRae Mac Arthur



MEMBERSHIP TEA

February 19, 2022

Home of Sue McDannel
4356 Candleberry Ave.
Seal Beach
2 p.m.

RSVP by February 14

Sue McDannel

phone: 714-325-0375

email: suemcdannel@yahoo.com

or

LuRae MacArthur

phone: 562-596-5865

email: rae6149@hotmail.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 3 Happy Hikers 9:30 a.m.
- 5 Quest 2 p.m.
- 7 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 8 Travel Group 3 p.m.
- 19 Membership Tea 2 p.m.
- 22 Polly's Pies 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- 28 Book Review 7:15 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 January 2022 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.

Finance Officer's Report

December General Fund

Beginning Balance \$ 15,840.84

Ending Balance \$ 15,976.02

Fund Account

Beginning Balance \$ 13,002.88

Ending Balance \$ 13,159.38

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles must be in no later than

February 10, noon.

Send to Jeanne Smith

dandjsmith@earthlink.net

BRANCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

[Membership inquiries and
new members Update
member contact information](#)

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FUND NEWS

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Due to Covid, we do not feel we can go door to door to solicit donations for baskets for our Silent Auction.

So, we are asking if you might be able to make a donation or ask someone you know if they can make a donation. Examples are unredeemed gift cards, gifts to recycle, plants from your yard or bottles of wine, etc. If you have any such items, please call Maxine Boyett (714) 546-5839 or Connie Nelson (714) 540-4902. There are registration, donor and tax forms to download and print with this newsletter.

Sad News

**Barbara Glerum passed away
November 16, 2021 from a stroke.**

**She is survived by a brother and
several nieces.**



Presidents' Message

“Though February is short, it is filled with lots of love and sweet surprises.”

(Charmaine J. Forde)

“All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn’t hurt.” (Charles M. Schulz)

Our December Holiday Meeting was joyous. Barbara Smith’s Quartet lifted our spirits with music. Our members generously gave to Robyne’s Nest to help at risk and homeless H.S. students; a heartwarming farewell to 2021.

Our February New Member Meeting will be a tea on February 19, 2022 at Sue McDannel’s lovely home. We need new members, so, please utilize your contact lists and social media to identify potential candidates. Please invite a friend or neighbor to come with you to the tea; a free event for all.

Wishing you all a wonderful New Year!

Donna and Getta

Note from Robyne Wood

Thank you so much for donating to Robyne’s Nest at your December Meeting. Your generous donations will be used to help meet the basic needs of local at-risk and homeless students. We are so grateful for you and your generosity! It takes a village to raise children and we are thankful for your part in our village. Please check out our website if you would like to volunteer with Robyne's Nest or other ways you can have an impact on these young lives at www.robynesnest.org.

Polly’s Pies:

We will be having another Polly’s Pies Dine-In or Take Out Day on Tuesday, February 22nd from 8 am to 9 pm. You can go to either of two locations: 9791 Adams Avenue, Huntington Beach 92646 or 3464 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos 90720. Jennifer Solano will be sending out an email blast for you to download and print the flyer. It is very important that you present the flyer to your server when you place your order. 20% of the proceeds will go to the AAUW-WM-FV-HB Fund. Thank you in advance for supporting us.

Maxine and Connie

The theme of this year's author's lunch is BE BRAVE! BE BOLD! BE BRILLIANT! We will be having our Author’s Lunch at the Mile Square Event Center in Mile Square Park, Fountain Valley on April 23rd. Our presenting authors are Kate Quinn and T. Jefferson Parker. The cost is \$65 if you register by April 1st and \$75 until April 12th, which is the close of registration. Registration forms can be sent to Judy Meyer, 8545 Ostrich Circle, Fountain Valley, 92708.



INTEREST GROUPS

EVENING BOOK REVIEW

February 28, 2022

The book for February is

The Distance Between Us by Reyna Grande

Hostess: Carolyn Knupke

Co-Hostess: TBD

Leader: Jeri Goldsbrough

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

18706 Santa Carmela St.

Fountain Valley

RSVP to Carolyn by Saturday, February 26

714-962-9815 or cgknupke@mac.com

HAPPY HIKERS

Oso Creek Trail

February 3 @ 9:30AM

Happy New Year hikers! In February we will be going to the Oso Creek Trail in Mission Viejo. This is about a 5 mile easy walking garden with a Peace Obelisk, mosaic history walls, painted butterflies, the Wave Wall and community murals- as well as gorgeous scenery! We will car pool from Ralph's on Ellis and Brookhurst at 9:30AM. Or if you want to go there directly we will meet up with you in the Ralph's parking lot off La Paz Rd. in Mission Viejo about 10:00. (Take the La Paz exit off I-55 and turn left) Lunch afterwards at California Pizza Kitchen. Please let me know if you are coming at ralphkaj@aol.com. Thanks and see you then! Ann

Quest for Knowledge

Our January Quest to tour Working Wardrobes has been postponed. We have rescheduled this tour for Thursday, March 10 at 10 am. Let's have a good turnout to learn about this worthy organization. Please email jflahive@roadrunner.com if you want to join the March Quest. If you had already signed up for the January Quest, I will keep you on the list for March.

We are looking forward to our February Quest which is an OUTSIDE event: Walking Architectural Tour of Santa Ana. The website indicates all tickets have been sold

Travel Group

Wednesday, February 8, 3 p.m.

Not quite time to travel, yet?

Talk with others about future travel planning.

At the home of Jeri Goldsbrough
5711 David Webster
Garden Grove

Please RSVP to jeri6@mac.com

By Shelley Mitchell and Ginny Hatfield AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

“It’s past time that we treat childcare as what it is – an element whose contribution to economic growth is as essential as infrastructure or energy...and the single most important thing we can do to build a stronger economy over the next several decades,” says Janet Yellen, the former Chair of the Federal Reserve Bank and now Secretary of the Treasury.

The state of U.S. childcare is deplorable compared with other developed nations, especially with respect to affordability. This fact has been brought home to us ever more vividly during the current pandemic. Women, who still bear the majority of childcaring, have left the workforce in the millions due to the absence of basic childcare services and the cost associated with it.

Here are some sobering statistics:

- 56% of married families with children under 6 consist of households where both parents work
- The employment rate for single mothers raising a young child is 65%; it’s 83% for single fathers who maintain custody
- The average American family with at least one child under 5 uses 13% of their income to pay for childcare
- Less than 20% of children eligible for a low-income federal assistance program are getting the funding
- 50% of Americans live in childcare “deserts” or areas where there are three children per every childcare opening
- In 24 states the average cost for infant full-time daycare exceeds the average cost of rent
- 97% of childcare providers are women, who are disproportionately women of color, making less than a living wage with no guaranteed benefits. In the US, the mean hourly wage for childcare workers is \$12.88, nearly \$3.00 less per hour than parking lot attendants, and \$5.00 less per hour than dog groomers.
- This is a textbook example of a broken market, whereby the benefits of providing a service (in this case childcare) are not included in its overall value. Are our children really less important than our cars and dogs?
- The consequences of not investing in quality childcare should have most Americans demanding action from their government leaders. Neglecting the care of young children is detrimental to their physical and mental wellbeing; it reduces productivity in the workforce; leads to lost wages and reduced retirement benefits for parents; it adds to the downward pressure on childcare workers, which in turn, impacts the quality and stability of childcare; and restricts future educational opportunities for family members.
- There is hope on the horizon! The Build Back Better Act, now awaiting action by the Senate would provide universal preschool with high-quality childcare for 3- and 4-year-olds; increase wages for early childhood educators; upgrade existing childcare facilities, especially in high-need areas; and provide a sliding scale whereby parents would pay a reasonable percentage of their overall income to childcare costs.
- Whether the legislation is included in the Reconciliation bill or taken up as a stand-alone bill, it deserves passage and your support. Childcare relief remains the top priority of AAUW California this year. Please be sure to contact your Senator and let them know of your AAUW membership and your commitment to ensuring our Nation’s future.
- AAUW is calling on the 117th Congress to ensure that a permanent paid leave program, childcare funding and the Child Tax Credit are included in the budget reconciliation process.



Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach, CA

29th ANNUAL WM-FV-HB AUTHOR'S LUNCHEON

"BE, BRAVE, BE BOLD, BE BRILLIANT"

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Mile Square Golf Course, 10401 Warner Ave., Fountain Valley, CA

Menu: Grilled Marinated Chicken Breast, Chive Mashed Potatoes, Garden Vegetables, and Decadent Chocolate Brownie Dessert

10:30 Check-in Silent Auction Book Signing

11:30 Welcome 11:45 Luncheon 12:30 Author Presentation

RESERVATION FORM

Please cut and mail this form with your check for \$65.00 payable to AAUW Fund by April 1, 2022.
April 2 to April 12 - \$75.00 \$32.00 is tax deductible.

Tables of 8 may be reserved. In order to sit together send check/checks in one envelope along with list of names. Mail your reservation early to assure good seating. Please note any dietary needs (gluten free, vegan, vegetarian, etc.)

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____
(as you wish it to appear on name tag)

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Telephone/Cell _____

Email _____

Dietary Needs _____

Please feel free to duplicate this form for additional reservations.

Total Enclosed \$ _____ for _____ reservations

I am unable to attend but wish to make a 100% deductible donation to AAUW FUND

Economic Security Fund (Legal Advocacy Fund, Work Smart) \$ _____

OR

Educational and Training Fund (Fellowships and Grants, Public Policy) \$ _____

OR

Tech Trek (CA science, math camps designed for young girls) \$ _____

NOTE: For donation to Tech Trek make check to AAUW CA Special Projects Fund with WM-FV-HB on the memo line.

NO WALK-INS, THIS IS A NON-REFUNDABLE EVENT

Your check is your reservation

Mail reservation form and check(s) to: Judy Meyer, 8545 Ostrich Circle, Fountain Valley, CA 92708



Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach, CA

Thank you for your donation to the Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach, CA branch of AAUW. The silent auction will be held in conjunction with our 29th Authors Luncheon on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

All monies raised will benefit programs such as the Education and Training Fund, Economic Security Fund and Tech Trek. All of these programs reside within the AAUW Funds structure which is a 501(c)(3).

Please mail or make arrangements for pick-up before **Wednesday, April 6, 2022**. Mail to Maxine Boyett, 963 Magellan St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626. For questions, please contact: Maxine Boyett at 714-546-5839, Email: butsynjim@aol.com

Name of Donor: _____

Address: _____

Item(s): _____

Value: \$ _____

Or **Check No.** _____ **\$** _____ **donation made**

payable to AAUW Fund.

PLEASE **MAKE A COPY** OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORD OF A

TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO THE

AAUW FUND/FEDERAL TAX ID # 23-7163865

and

Please return this original with your donation to Maxine Boyett by

Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

We appreciate your generosity and support as we work together to provide educational opportunities for women and girls.

Maxine Boyett and Connie Nelson, Co-Chairs Educational Opportunities Fund



Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach, CA

Dear Business Leaders,

The Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach, CA branch of AAUW is requesting donations for a silent auction that will be held in conjunction with our 29th Authors Luncheon.

All monies raised from this event will benefit programs such as the Education and Training Fund (Fellowships and Grants, Public Policy, and Research), Economic Security Fund (Legal Advocacy Fund, Start Smart and Work Smart) and Tech Trek (CA camps designed for young girls with a focus on math, science and technology). All of these programs reside within the AAUW Funds structure and are 501(c)(3) charitable entities.

The Authors Luncheon will be held **Saturday, April 23, 2022**, at Miles Square Golf Course. Acclaimed authors T. Jefferson Parker and Kate Quinn and a prior participant from the Tech Trek program are scheduled to present. This event is open to the public and we encourage you to attend. Please see our local branch website for ticket information. <http://aauw-wm-fv-hb.com>

Your donation of one or more items of merchandise, tickets, services, gift certificates or cash will be greatly appreciated and recognized in our program. A donor receipt for your record of a tax deductible donation is attached. The **FEDERAL TAX ID for the AAUW FUNDS is # 23-7163865**.

Please mail or make arrangements for pick-up before **Wednesday, April 6, 2022**. Contact information: Maxine Boyett, 963 Magellan St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 or the AAUW member that contacted you. If you have any questions, please contact Maxine at 714-546-5839 or Email:butsynjim@aol.com.

Thank you for your generosity and support as we work together to provide educational opportunities for women and girls.

Sincerely,

Maxine Boyett
Donations Coordinator, AAUW



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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