

# AAUW TRICITY DISPATCH

# Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach October 2022



# **Future Women** Of Stem

Mary "Dr. Mimi" Isaac is the Tech Trek program director for AAUW California. She is a passionate practitioner and researcher interested in improving female engagement and retention in engineering and technology through formal and informal communities of practice such as AAUW and many other organizations. She retired from GE early to give back, since then earning teaching credentials and a doctorate in education while authoring several publications on the impact of role models on female engagement in STEM.

Also presenting this month are our six Tech Trek girls. Ha Anh Nguyen and Kelsey Perry from Stacey Middle School and Zitlaly Lopez and Yazmin Orozco from Warner Middle School. All the girls attended the residential program at Whittier College. Amanda Nguyen from Stacey Middle School and Jocelyne Le from Warner Middle School participated in the virtual program.

# **General Meeting**

October 15, 2022 **Greenbrook Clubhouse** 18222 Santa Joanna Circle **Fountain Valley** 

Social 10:30-10:45a.m. **Business meeting** 10:45-11:00 a.m. **Tech-Trek Presentation** 11:00-12:00 p.m. **Box Lunch from Corner Bakery** 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Menu Uptown Turkey Avocado Sandwich Chips, fruit, cookie

Menu can be modified for vegetarian, so please note with your reservation.

\$20 check due by October 8 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** 

# **October**

- 6 Happy Hikers 9:30 a.m.
- 10 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 11 Movie Review 2 p.m.
- 13 Quest 10:49 a.m.
- 15 General Meeting 10:30 a.m.
- 19 Travel Group 3 p.m.
- 20 Authors Planning 10:30 a.m.
- 21 Music & Dance 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Evening Book Review 7:15 p.m.

## November

- 7 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 10 Dine Out 6 p.m.
- 18 Music & Dance 7 p.m.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles must be in no later than October 10, noon.
Send to Jeanne Smith dandjsmith@earthlink.net

#### **BOARD MEETING**

The board consists of all officers and committee Chairs. Meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month. All members are encouraged to attend. The August 2022 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.

Finance Officer's Report August General Fund Beginning Balance \$ 17,825.15 Ending Balance \$ 17,825.15 February Fund Account

Beginning Balance \$ 21,546.11 Ending Balance \$ 21,546.11

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# Presidents' Message

"October is a symphony of permanence and change." (Bonaro W. Overstreet)
"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons." (Jim Bishop)

#### **Dear Members:**

We hope you had a fun filled summer! We welcome you back with open arms and opportunities to see old friends and make new friends.

History buffs, Chris Epting will be at our September 17 meeting entertaining us with tales of Orange County's hidden history.

Thanks to the generosity of our members and the hard work of our Authors Luncheon Committee, at our October Meeting you will have an opportunity to meet the six girls who attended Tech Trek Camp and to hear firsthand about their experiences. We will also learn about how the virtual camp was created by Mary Isaac.

It is time to throw off the doldrums of the pandemic; there are lots of interest group activities to wake up your senses. Please share your ideas, suggestions, and observations at our monthly meetings with any Board member or the group at large.

Sincerely,

Donna Kratter and Getta Wolff, co-presidents

## A Big Thank You

Ann Kajdasz, thank you for developing and distributing the BranchMembership Directory (2022-2023)!

**Branch Board** 

# **AUTHORS LUNCHEON PLANNING MEETING**

All are welcome! A light lunch will be served
October 20 10:30 -Noon
Georgetta Wolff's House
19472 Summer Breeze Lane
Huntington Beach
(Near the corner of Yorktown and Goldenwest)
RSVP by October 18 (714) 342-6675



#### **EVENING BOOK REVIEW**

October 24, 2022
The book for October is

The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towels
Hostess: Barbara Smith
Leader: Terri Elders
7:15 Social
7:30 Meeting (Barbara's patio)
7352 Emerson
Westmister
RSVP to Barbara by
Saturday, October 22
714-897-9013 or basmith10@verizon.net
Looking Ahead: Klara and the Sun by

Kazuo Ishiguro

#### TRAVEL GROUP

Wednesday, October 19, 3 p.m. at the home of Ann Kajdasz
7412 Seabluff Drive, #111
Huntington Beach
RSVP Ann at ralphkaj@aol.com
It's time...to share your stories; to be brave about making travel plans; to see the world. Think BIG!
Janet Johnson

# INTEREST GROUPS

# **QUEST**

We are looking forward to our next Quest outing on Thursday, October 13. Our adventure will begin at the ultra-modern train station in Anaheim where we will board a late morning Amtrak train headed to San Juan Capistrano. After our leisurely 35 minute train ride, we will head to lunch at El Adobe de Capistrano, a California State Historical Landmark. After lunch, ladies will have a chance to explore Capistrano before heading back to Anaheim. The train fare is a little less than \$30.

According to the Amtrak schedule, the train leaves Anaheim at 10:49 am, arriving in San Juan Capistrano at 11:24. We will be leaving Capistrano at 3:34 pm, arriving in Anaheim at 4:05.

Please let us know if you are planning to join us. RSVP by October 3rd so that we can make lunch reservations. We will send more specific details to those who plan to join us. Hope to see you in October.

Betsy Grajeda--<u>tgrajeda@aol.com</u> Zelda Rice--uclarice1@msn.com

# **MOVIE REVIEW**

Oct. 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Movie: Triangle of Sadness
At the home of Judy McLeod,
17391 Almelo Lane, Huntington Beach
RSVP to Judy by Sunday, Oct. 9

(714) 846-5155 or

judy12don@aol.com



### HAPPY HIKERS

# OCTOBER 6, 2022 DANA POINT HEADLANDS 9:30 A.M.

Hi hikers! We will be hiking the Dana Point Headlands in October. This scenic trek is about 3 miles in length with spectacular ocean and coastal views and hopefully lots of wildlife. It is considered an easy walk with even a free funicular ride to avoid a series of steps! We will meet at Ralph's at the corner of Ellis and Brookhurst at 9:30a.m. to carpool to Dana Point. If you want to go directly to the park, e-mail me and I will give you directions. Lunch to follow at the Harbor House Café in Dana Point. Please let me know if you can come at <a href="mailto:ralphkaj@aol.com">ralphkaj@aol.com</a>. Many thanks and see you there!

#### **MUSIC & DANCE**

October 21, Friday 7:30 Tickets \$10 - RSVP by Oct 15
At Chapman College-Mini Opera by famous composers
(based on)Beauty & the Beast, Little Mermaid, Cinderella
November 18, Friday 7:00 Tickets \$25 - RSVP by Nov 4
The Drowsy Chaperone (Tony award musical)
At Golden West College

RSVP: basmith10@verizon.net

Pre-events: Meet at Barbara's for Happy Hour & Carpool

When Women Vote, They Change the Conversation!

AAUW California supports the passage of Propositions 1 and 28 on the November ballot.

Become informed and vote on November 8!

# **SAVE THE DATE!**

Thursday, November 10
First Dine Out
Vittorio's Italian Restaurant



#### Member News

The new member we are featuring this month is Sandra Nelson. And though she was brought into the fold by Connie Nelson. They are not related. Sandra received her BA in education from Washington University in St. Louis where she is originally from. After graduation she was recruited by Long Beach Unified School District where she taught math. Sandra enjoys playing bridge, reading and attending her grandchildren's sporting events. Welcome Sandra!

## **Membership News**

National has a new membership campaign called, "Shape the future." With this campaign we can offer 50% off of national dues when prospective members join AAUW at an event or meeting. We can also earn one free national membership for every two new members we recruit!

Remember, national dues are the largest part of our dues package, so these new members joining at an event will pay \$71.50 instead of \$105.00. The catch is: they must join AT the meeting or event (no, "Let me think about it") and they must be either entirely new to AAUW or someone who rejoins after two or more years of lapsed membership. Bring your friends and prospective members to our meetings with their checkbooks in hand.

### PUBLIC POLICY

Should our branch "trek" in a new direction? To elevate a new generation of women to public service and elected office through career exploration, industry speakers, campaign simulations, summer internship opportunities, and more! We had 2 high school girls contact us over the summer about AAUW who may be interested to learn about this program.

A webinar is planned for November 16 at 7pm. Shauna Oenning Ruyle, the Gov Trek Program Director, is encouraging branches to see the curriculum for junior and senior girls across California. The email for the AAUWCA program is <a href="mailto:govtrek@aauw-ca.org">govtrek@aauw-ca.org</a> and Karen Jackle, our Public Policy Chair, needs to know if you are interested. <a href="mailto:karjac@gmail.com">karjac@gmail.com</a>. Let Karen know at our September meeting if you plan to learn more by tuning in to the webinar on November 16th. The pilot program was launched by AAUWCA in 2019.



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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.

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