



**TRI CITY DISPATCH**

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach  
September 2022



**Hidden Pop  
Culture of  
Orange County**

**Our meeting will feature our guest speaker, Chris Epting. Chris is the author of 40 books including the current New York Times bestseller memoir, Just Tyrus. His many titles include books about travel, popular culture, history, baseball, music, and more. As a memoirist, he has co-written books with the Doobie Brothers, John Oates, and many more. He appears often on television discussing the hidden history of many places around the country and for this meeting he will be focusing on the hidden popular culture of Orange County.**

**Books will be available for purchase/signing.**

**General Meeting**

**September 17, 2022**

**The Navy Golf Course  
5660 Orangewood Avenue  
Cypress**

**Social 9:00-9:15 a.m.**

**Meeting 9:15-9:30 a.m.**

**Breakfast 9:30-10:15 a.m.**

**Speaker 10:15-11:00 a.m.**

**Menu**

**Fluffy scrambled eggs**

**Crispy bacon and sausage**

**Home fried potatoes**

**Seasonal fruit**

**Assorted pastries**

**Orange juice, coffee, tea**

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

**\$27 check due by  
September 7 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

### September

- 1 Happy Hikers 10 a.m.
- 6 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 17 General Meeting 9 a.m.
- 21 Travel Group 3 p.m.
- 25 Evening Book Review 7:15 p.m.
- 26 Quest 10 a.m.

### October

- 3 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 15 General Meeting

## 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. The budget was approved for the year 2022-2023.

Finance Officer's Report

### June General Fund

Beginning Balance \$ 22,331.73

Ending Balance \$ 17,891.15

### February Fund Account

Beginning Balance \$ 22,211.03

Ending Balance \$ 22,546.03

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

## BRANCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Membership inquiries and new members

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Website problems, comments, corrections

[jenjimmyrick@gmail.com](mailto:jenjimmyrick@gmail.com)

Click on the above links to email

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Send to Jeanne Smith

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



### **Presidents' Message**

“When summer gathers up her robes of glory, and like a dream of beauty glides away.” (Sarah Helen Whitman)

Dear Members:

We hope you are having a wonderful summer!

Here is a sneak preview of this year. We are starting off with Chris Epting telling us about the “Hidden History of OC” at our September Meeting. In October we will meet our Tech Trek campers and learn about the virtual Tech Trek Programs from their creator, Mary Isaac. In November we will launch our first Dining Out experience at Vittorio’s Italian Restaurant. In December the Surf City Singers from the Huntington Beach Performing High School will bring us holiday cheer.

Our Interest Groups are humming, so, read and discuss a book, take a hike, go on a Quest, see a movie, swing a golf club, plan some travel, play a little bridge or Bunco, volunteer for the Authors Luncheon committee or start a new group.

We are looking forward to the 2022/2023 year and seeing all of you. We are continuing to rejuvenate our Branch; please continue to support our efforts. We appreciate your thoughts, feedback and suggestions; do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

**Donna Kratter and Getta Wolff**

### **Venue Search Update**

We are continuing to research potential venues for monthly meetings in Westminster, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach and Seal Beach. We have evaluated Country Clubs, Golf Courses, Community Centers, Club Houses and restaurants. Country Clubs and Golf Courses are expensive and in general are not interested in smaller groups (under 50 attendees); some have established a significant spending requirement. The restaurants we have looked at do not have private backrooms and are quite noisy. Clubhouses and Community Centers would require us to set up the tables and chairs as well as put them away. Except for the Country Clubs and Golf Courses, the other facilities do not provide equipment our speakers need (microphone, screen and projector).

At Country Clubs, Golf Courses, Community Centers and Club houses in addition to the meal charges (food, tax and gratuity), we are charged for the room and for the equipment we use. Room charges can be up to \$300 and equipment charges up to an additional \$200. That is why breakfast ends up costing the Branch over \$30 per person. Inflation pressures are continuing.

We are continuing our efforts. All suggestions are welcome.

**Donna and Getta**



## **EVENING BOOK REVIEW**

**September 26, 2022**

**The book for September is  
The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict**

**Hostess: Barbara Smith**

**Leader: Judy McLeod**

**7:15 Social**

**7:30 Meeting (Barbara's patio)**

**7352 Emerson**

**Westminster**

**RSVP to Barbara by**

**Saturday, September 24**

**714-897-9013 or [basmith10@verizon.net](mailto:basmith10@verizon.net)**

**Looking Ahead: The Lincoln Highway  
by Amor Towels**

## **INTEREST GROUPS**

### **QUEST**

Ten ladies attended our July Quest to Sherman Gardens. Thank you, Carol, Janet, Maxine, Connie, Judy, Dorothy, Kathi, and Leanne for joining Zelda and me. We had a wonderful time visiting the gardens, the library, and the gift shop. Our meal was delicious! A good, relaxing time was had by all.

Our September Quest will be at the Nixon Library on Tuesday, September 27th. The cost will be \$23 (for Seniors over 62), which will include an hour and a half tour by a docent. In order to reserve our spot, we need your money sent in by August 29th. Our tour will be at 11 a.m., so we will be leaving at 10 a.m. from our spots in Fountain Valley or Los Alamitos. We have to purchase the tickets ahead of time, and Zelda will be buying them using her credit card. Please RSVP and mail a check made out to Zelda Rice. We would appreciate you letting us know as soon as possible. We will have lunch at a local restaurant near the library. The parking is free.

If you are responding before August 15, please send your check to:

**Zelda Rice, 4565 Birchwood Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740**

After August 15, please send your check (made out to Zelda Rice) to:

**Betsy Grajeda, 9346 Gregory St., Cypress, CA 90603**

Betsy Grajeda--[tgrajeda@aol.com](mailto:tgrajeda@aol.com)

Zelda Rice--[uclarice1@msn.com](mailto:uclarice1@msn.com)

### **Travel Group Restart**

**Join a hearty group of eager travelers  
for discussion and dreaming.**

**Wednesday, September 21, 3 pm**

**At the home of Judy McLeod**

**17391 Almelo Lane, Huntington Beach,  
92649**

**Everyone is welcome, whether you've  
traveled recently or not.**

**Learn about air experiences, health  
issues, and good times in new places.**

**Janet Johnson**

**HAPPY HIKERS****SEPTEMBER 1, 2022****SEAL BEACH****10:00AM**

Our next hike will be an urban walk in Seal Beach since it will still be pretty warm. We will meet at the Crab Pot restaurant parking lot in Long Beach at 215 N. Marina Dr. that is right on Alamitos Bay. We will walk along the marina (drooling at the yachts), up to the Seal Beach pier and then along the boardwalk to the end of Seal Beach. It will be a level and easy walk of around 3 miles. Afterward we will have lunch at the Crab Pot. Please let me know if you can come at [ralphkaj@aol.com](mailto:ralphkaj@aol.com). Thanks and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Ann



The ladies enjoyed a lovely Quest outing and a delicious lunch at Sherman Gardens and Library in Corona Del Mar.



### **July Departures**

**Charlene Bauer (50 year member) lost her spouse, Ralph Bauer. He was an important former mayor and active community member. We should encourage her to return to AAUW.**

**Two long-term AAUW members also departed in July: Marilen Steiger, who chaired the 2020 play reading group and Diana LoSchiavo, who donated paintings to our Author Luncheons. Let [karjac@gmail.com](mailto:karjac@gmail.com) know if you would like to see the Drama Reading Group revived**

**The service for Carol Womer will be September 10, 2022 at Shepard Grove Church in Irvine. The service will at 10:00 am with a reception to follow. The address is 4445 Alton Parkway, Irvine Ca. The phone number is 714-723-3750.**

### **Member News**

**On Saturday, July 30th membership held its second annual Garden Party. We welcomed some new members, some “seasoned” members, and some prospective members to the beautiful gardens of LuRae MacArthur. These ladies were wined and dined on assorted goodies some of which were actually from LuRae’s vegetable garden. After getting acquainted, officers and interest group leaders explained what AAUW is all about and what our branch has to offer.**

**Some surprise guests who showed up were two girls from Huntington Beach High. Their guidance counselor recommended us to them as they were looking for a group that addressed women’s issues. Unfortunately AAUW doesn’t have a membership category for high school students. But maybe we could enlist them to do a special project for us like say...technology consultants!**

**We were encouraged by the nice turn out and grateful for the enthusiasm shown by all.**

### **Dining Out**

**We listened to your suggestions. in early November we will inaugurate our first Dining Out occasion. This will be an opportunity to get together, catch up and hear about future Branch events. On November 10<sup>th</sup> we will meet for dinner at Vittorio’s (Southwest corner of Warner and Springdale) at 6 p.m.. You will be able to order off the menu, and there will be separate checks. Please save the date on your calendar. We will ask for confirmation of attendance in the November Dispatch.**





**When Women Vote, We Change the Conversation!**

Since 1881, AAUW has been a leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls. AAUW encourages women voters to get involved in the political process and gain a better understanding of the impact legislative action can have on our lives.

The recent US Supreme Court Dobbs decision on abortion has stimulated action in many states across the nation, including California. Our legislature passed and Governor Newsom signed AB1666, which will enable a woman coming into California to receive an abortion to be protected from lawsuits originating in her home state. This bill was co-sponsored by AAUW CA! A further step protecting a woman's right to make personal medical decisions is a Constitutional Amendment, Proposition 1, which will be on the November 8 ballot. It would amend the California Constitution to prohibit the state from denying or interfering with an individual's reproductive freedom in her most intimate decisions, which includes the fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and the fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives. AAUW CA supports this Constitutional Amendment.

**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.

We will start bringing membership applications to our meetings in the Spring.

**Dear American Association of University Women,**

I want to thank you for giving me the chance to receive this scholarship. I'm very grateful. This scholarship will go to the next step in my career at Cal State Long Beach. I would've never thought I would make it this far. The feeling is surreal because I am the first to pursue a college career in my family. Although I'm just graduating from community college, it's one of the many milestones I am proud of. As a future educator, I hope to bring the same inspiration I had throughout my years in school. In addition, I want to give students the motivation to pursue a degree regardless of what their background is and the circumstances they have faced. I'm excited to see what the future has to offer, and I'm ready to take any opportunity to better myself and my career. So again, thank you for this opportunity. It really means a lot to me.

**Sincerely, Maria Martel**



## **Tech Trek Thank You Letters**

**Dear Westminster-FV-HB AAUW,**

**I am very grateful you sponsored me to be here. The CSI class I took made me want to be a CSI. Additionally, the food was delicious, and the cadaver lab was amazing! I never thought I would be able to hold a human brain! Thank you again for this opportunity.**

**Sincerely,**

**Kelsey Perry**

**Dear Branch,**

**My name is Yazmin Orozco. I wanted to personally thank you for allowing me to have such a life changing experience. Tech Trek has taught me so much about myself.**

**My core class was Architecture, and I am so glad I got that class. I learned so much about what I want to do and the logistics of architecture. The Columbian field trip reminded me about how much I love space and engineering. I loved my experience at Tech Trek and am so very thankful for this opportunity.**

**Sincerely,**

**Yazmin Orozco**

**Dear Westminster AAUW Branch,**

**I am grateful I had a chance to go to Tech Trek. I learned many things like coding. I also had a lot of fun in the workshops. I had fun working with all the different ph levels. I also got to make many new friends like Aanya, Erica, Karen, Lacy, Emily, and Dasha. We plan on exchanging contact info so we can talk long after Tech Trek has ended for us. By the time the week is over I will have taken a lot away from Tech Trek like new knowledge and friends.**

**Sincerely,**

**Dear Westminster Branch,**

**Thank you so much for sponsoring my trip to Tech Trek. This was a fun week and my all time favorite week. I instantly clicked with everyone in my group. The core class biology was my favorite part of camp. I'm incredibly grateful for the sponsorship.**

**Sincerely,**

**Zitlaly Lopez**



# AAUW-WM-FV-HB BUDGET

## GENERAL BRANCH ACCOUNT

10-GW Scholarship	\$1,000.00
20-Membership Dues - Branch - \$18	\$1,548.00
21-Membership Dues - CA - \$20	\$1,720.00
22-Membership Dues - Nat'l - \$67	\$5,762.00
25-New Member Lunch	\$800.00
30-Program Meals	\$8,000.00
40-Newsletter Mailed - \$20/person	\$40.00
70-Dollar Power (all for GWC)	\$300.00
80-Book Resale	\$75.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$19,245.00</b>
600-Board Expense	\$100.00
610-Convention-State	\$270.00
620-Convention Nat'l	\$250.00
630-Leader Training	\$40.00
640-Directory Costs	\$100.00
650-Newsletter	\$100.00
660-GW Scholarship	\$1,000.00
670-HB Coord. Council	\$20.00
680-Insurance	\$500.00
700-Member Recruit. Lunch	\$600.00
705 Memb. Orient/Supplies	\$200.00
710-Member Dues-CA	\$1,720.00
720-Member Dues-Nat'l	\$5,762.00
730-President's Pin	\$100.00
740-Prog.Honor/Supplies	\$500.00
750-Program Meals	\$7,000.00
755-Program Meals Deposit	\$500.00
760-Sunshine/Historian	\$50.00
780-Website Domain	\$120.00
800-Miscellaneous	\$313.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$19,245.00</b>

## FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT

1000-Author's Luncheon	\$8,500.00
1020-Member Donation EOF	\$-
1030-Silent Auction	\$2,500.00
1060-Bridge Opport. Drawing	\$500.00
3010-Kroger/TT	\$50.00
3030-Donations TT	\$130.00
3040-Polly's Pie Dine In	\$100.00
3060-TT Families	\$300.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$12,080.00</b>
2000-Annual Contrib.-Greatest Need	\$2,500.00
2010-Author's Lunch Food	\$5,000.00
2015-Author's Lunch Deposit	\$500.00
2030-Author's Lunch Exp.	\$650.00
2035-Bridge Opp. Drawing	
2040-Author's Lunch -LAF	
2045-CA Atty General Fee (Raffle Registration)	\$45.00
2060-EOF Luncheon	
2065-EOF Speaker Exp	\$120.00
2050-CA Fund Assessment	\$65.00
2070-TT Expense	\$200.00
2090-TT Scholarship	\$3,000.00
4040-Polly's Pie Exp.	
9100-Funds Account	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$12,080.00</b>



**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.

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