

# November 2025

## General Meeting

**Saturday, November 15, 2025**

Center for Spiritual Living  
7641 Talbert Avenue, HB

**10:00 a.m.**

We will be eating first this month.  
Please arrive at 10:00 to check in and  
then enjoy our breakfast buffet.

### Brunch

Breakfast Wrap  
(Avocado, scrambled eggs, spinach in a  
tortilla)  
Assortments of bagels and pastries  
Fresh fruit tray

**Business Meeting**  
**Music Program by Maestro Grant**  
**and Dr. Barcellona**

\$25.00 payment due by November 5  
Mail check to:  
AAUW: WM-FV-HB  
c/o Kathi Rand  
306 Coral Reef #53  
Huntington Beach, 92648

**\*\* OR \*\***

**Pay by Zelle:**  
**aauw.wmfvhb@yahoo.com**

## November Meeting Program

**HUNTINGTON BEACH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA\***

*"Life without music would be a serious mistake."*

We are honored to have Maestro Grant Sevdayan and Flautist John Barcellona from the Huntington Beach Orchestra as our program presenters. Maestro Grant and Dr. Barcellona will play the piano and flute in a dual musical performance.



Maestro Sevdayan grew up in Armenia, where he pursued his musical training in conducting, theory, and composition. After immigrating to the United States, he completed his studies, graduating with honors from USC. Maestro Sevdayan has performed at many venues throughout the world, including St. Peter's Basilica. Maestro is also the organist and choir director at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. He is the musical director and founder of the Huntington Beach Symphony Orchestra.



John Barcellona is Professor Emeritus of Flute and is flautist with the internationally acclaimed Westwood Wind Quintet. He is the former Principal Flautist with the Pacific Symphony and Long Beach Symphony. Dr. Barcellona graduated with a degree in Musical Arts from USC. He is an active freelance musician in Southern California, along with many international ballet companies. Dr. Barcellona has released a solo CD entitled "Silver Heels."



\*A non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2009

**HOUSE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER!!!!** Win a week of your choice at a vacation house!

**Tickets \$30.00** each – details and entry form at [wfh-ca.aauw.net/special-fundraiser](http://wfh-ca.aauw.net/special-fundraiser) – submit by **November 1**

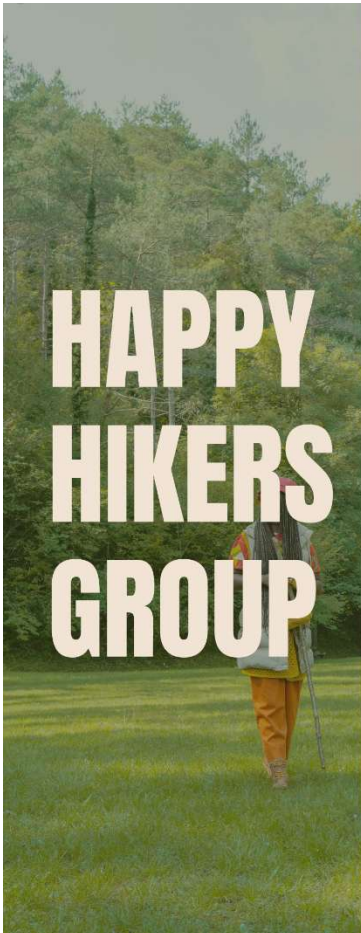
**ENDS  
SOON!**

More tickets = More chances! Use it yourself or give it as a gift!

Winner announced at General Meeting on **November 15**




## INTEREST GROUPS



**NOVEMBER 6, 2025  
10:00 AM  
CENTRAL PARK HB**

Hi all! Our hike this November will be to Central Park at the Huntington Beach Central Library. We will start with a walk around the Lake, and then cross the street to visit the lovely Urban Forest. Lunch will be at Kathy May's in the park. IT WILL BE A NICE EASY DAY AND A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW MEMBERS OR NEW HIKERS TO JOIN US! We will meet in front of the library at 10:00am. Thanks and hope to see you there! Ann Kajdasz

**Please let me know if you are coming at [ralphkaj@aol.com](mailto:ralphkaj@aol.com).**



**November Book Review**

**November 24, 2025**

The book for November is ***Hamnet*** by Maggie O'Farrell

Hostess: Jeri Goldsbrough  
Co-Hostess: All  
Leader: Terri Elders

6:45 Social  
7:00 Meeting

5711 David Webster Cr.  
Garden Grove

RSVP to Jeri by Saturday, November 22, 2025  
714-897-8549  
or [jerig6@mac.com](mailto:jerig6@mac.com)

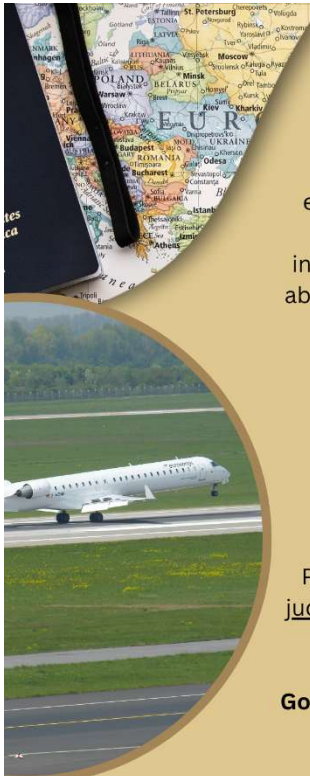
**MUSIC, DANCE & THEATER GROUP**  
Barbara Smith, leader

Chapman University - MUSCO Theater -  
THURSDAY, November 20, 7:30 PM -\$22

Chapman University Department of Dance presents:  
**Fall Faculty Dance Concert**  
Directed by Liz Curtis and Amanda Kay White

A dance concert showcasing choreography by Jenny Backhaus, Doug Baum, Julianne O'Brien, Jessie Torres and Ido Tadmor, and featuring renowned repertory from the Broadway hit, *Sophisticated Ladies*.

RSVP BY SUNDAY NOV 2 (YES ONLY)..TO BARBARA –  
[BASMITH10@VERIZON.NET](mailto:BASMITH10@VERIZON.NET).



**TRAVEL GROUP**

Do you like to travel? Come and explore new and exciting places to visit here and abroad. We share information we have learned or read about. If you are new to AAUW give us a visit.

Date: **Wednesday, November 19**  
Place: **Judy McLeod's home**  
Address: 17391 Almelo Lane  
Huntington Beach  
Time: 3:00 p.m.

Please e-mail if you plan to attend.  
[judy12don@aol.com](mailto:judy12don@aol.com) or call (714) 846-5155 and leave a message

**Good food, drink, and friendly people.**

## MORE INTEREST GROUPS

### QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE



Heritage Museum of Orange County  
**Historic Kellogg House**

**Thursday, November 13, 2025**  
**10:30 am**

We have a private tour of the Heritage Museum of Orange County Historic Kellogg House. Hiram Clay Kellogg was the first city engineer of Santa Ana and Orange County. He designed and built this house in 1898.

**We will meet for breakfast at Susy's Cafe at 10:30 am.**

**Suzy's Cafe**

2610 S. Harbor Blvd.  
Santa Ana, CA 92704

Our tour of the Kellogg House begins at 1:00 pm. We must be in front of the door before 1:00 pm. The cost per person is \$15.00. Parking is available at the school next door.

Heritage Museum of Orange County Historic Kellogg House  
3101 West Harvard Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92704

Please RSVP to Kathi Rand, [kathirand@yahoo.com](mailto:kathirand@yahoo.com), if you plan to attend and if you will be joining us for breakfast.

### SAVE THE DATE:

#### **December 5 – 10:00 a.m. - Museum of the Republic of Vietnam**

On Friday, December 5, 10 a.m., our Quest group will visit the Museum of the Republic of Vietnam, 10561 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove, 10 a.m. We'll meet in front at 9:45.

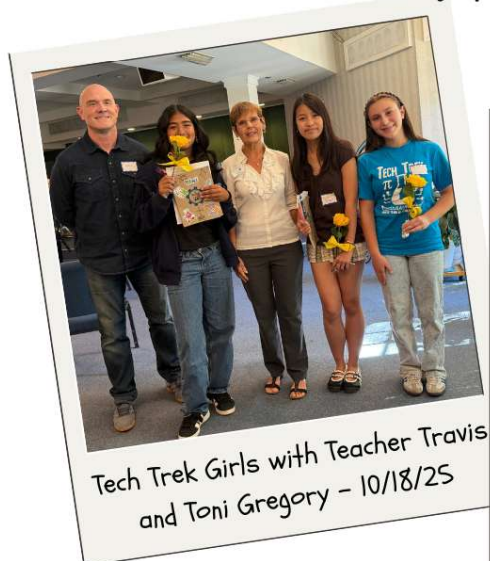
The curator will lead a tour, including material and artifacts that relate to women in the history of the Republic of Vietnam during the Saigon Diaspora. Lunch following at a Vietnamese restaurant TBD nearby.

Vietnam's heritage in Orange County, in the Little Saigon area spanning Westminster, Garden Grove, and Fountain Valley, represents the largest Vietnamese community outside of Vietnam. Established by refugees after the Fall of Saigon in 1975, this is a cultural hub with Vietnamese businesses, cuisine, and annual events like the Tet Parade and Night Market.

Let Terri Elders know if you'll attend and if you join the group for lunch afterwards. Contact Terri at [telders@hotmail.com](mailto:telders@hotmail.com) or by phone, (714) 892-7546. (Landline, not cell, so don't text.)



## RECENT INTEREST GROUP PHOTOS





## Newsletter Deadline: November 16

Please submit information as a complete article in email or attached as a Word document (.doc or .docx) format or as .pdf. Include **“AAUW newsletter”** in your subject line and send to [cherylkelly48@gmail.com](mailto:cherylkelly48@gmail.com).

Pictures encouraged!

## BRANCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Membership and new member: [sandraguerrero@me.com](mailto:sandraguerrero@me.com)

Update member contact information: [ralphkaj@aol.com](mailto:ralphkaj@aol.com)

Programs: [carolkanode@me.com](mailto:carolkanode@me.com)

Newsletter submissions: [cherylkelly48@gmail.com](mailto:cherylkelly48@gmail.com)

**Be sure to enter our House Raffle  
(see page 1)**

## Finance Officer's Report

### September General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$20,111.52
Ending Balance	\$19,687.22

### September Fund Account

Beginning Balance	\$15,165.80
Ending Balance	\$15,331.80

## AUTHORS LUNCHEON PLANNING MEETING

All are welcome!

December 4, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.  
Home of Donna Kratter  
3899 Humbolt Dr, Huntington Beach 92649





## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

*"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."*

— Jane Goodall

In November we stop to give thanks for the abundance around us, as well as for our family, friends and good people. And now we think of Jane Goodall and her accomplishments of wildlife preservation and awareness and to the many strong women who have helped the world.

We welcome new and prospective members to our meeting and to our varied interest group activities. We are a friendly group and we hope you will join us.

Our Branch continues to promote STEM careers to select 7 th grade girls through scholarships to Tech Trek summer camp and encourages women to continue their education at Golden West College with scholarship funds. To do all of this we need your support of our fundraisers.

Our exciting current fundraiser is the raffle opportunity to stay in one of the beautiful properties being offered by our member Eleanor Demler. Please join the fun and buy as many raffle tickets as you would like since all funds go to Tech Trek and the scholarships.

With thanks to all of you,  
Janet Riness and Lisa Swanson

## Public Policy<sup>1</sup>

By Lisa Swanson

AAUW provides a wealth of resources for members who want to take action. Our Branch recently received nice color cards with CA AAUW's 2025-2027 Public Policy Priorities:

Economic Security for All  
Women  
Equal Access to Quality  
Public Education for All Students  
Social and Racial Justice for  
All Members of Society  
Increased Representation of  
Women in Leadership Roles

Please ask me for some cards and share them with prospective members!

Other ways that you can take action include:

- AAUW Two-Minute Activist Alerts - Join AAUW advocates on the National level in the fight for equity in education, equal pay, paid leave, protections against sexual harassment and more. Sign up at <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>
- CA AAUW Action - Visit <https://www.aauw-ca.org/public-policy/> to get simple monthly action links including this month's focus on nonpartisan voter-education information to help Californians understand Proposition 50 and how you can help Get Out the Vote.

<sup>1</sup> These contents are consistent with AAUW policy.

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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.

Co-Presidents: [Lisa Swanson](#) & [Janet Riness](#)

Membership Co-VPs: [Sandra Guerrero](#) & [Cheryl Kelly](#)

Programs Co-VPs: [Carol Kanode](#) & [Phyllis Sakioka](#)

Fund Co-VPs: [Ann Kajdasz](#) & [Donna Kratter](#)

Treasurer: [Kathi Rand](#)

Secretary: [Jennifer Solano](#)

Newsletter & Website: [Cheryl Kelly](#)

Facebook: [Lisa Swanson](#)

Address Correction Requested

American Association of University Women  
Tri-City Dispatch  
1431 Pelham Road #65K  
Seal Beach, CA 90740