



# TRI CITY DISPATCH

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach  
April 2023

## Indomitable Women

Our 30th annual Authors Luncheon fundraiser, this year carries the theme, "Indomitable Women." This event helps us send 7th grade girls to Tech Trek STEM summer camp and provides for scholarships for women continuing their education at Golden West College.

Our speakers this year, Susan Straight and Lian Dolan, both well illustrate this theme in both their own lives and in their works. Reservations must be made no later than April 1. A reservation form is attached to this newsletter.

Books by both authors can be purchased at or preordered from Book Carnival. This indie bookstore is located at 348 S. Tustin Street, Orange. The store is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone: (714) 538-3210 or (800) 963-3266. Preorder books here:

<http://www.annesbookcarnival.com/events/ - april15>

## Authors Luncheon

April 15, 2023

Mile Square Golf Course

10401 Warner  
Fountain Valley

Registration 10:00

Luncheon 11:45

Authors' Talks 12:30  
Menu

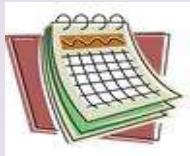
Grilled Chicken Breast  
Chive Mashed Potatoes  
Garden Vegetables

Chocolate Brownie Desert  
Request vegetarian option on  
registration form

Registration form is attached and on our website. List who is to be seated with you. Send forms and \$75 checks no later than April 1 to: AAUW: WM-FV-HB

c/o Georgette Wolff, 10472 Summer Breeze Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Important: Bring checks for silent auction. Only bookseller accepts credit cards.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March

23 Polly's Pies 1-5 p.m.

### April

3 Board Meeting 7 p.m.

6 Quest 9 a.m.

6 Happy Hikers 10 a.m.

10 Basket Party 10 a.m.

15 Authors Luncheon 10 a.m.

19 Travel Group 3 p.m.

24 Book Review 7:15 p.m.

25 Movie Review 3 p.m.

### May

1 Board Meeting 7 p.m

20 General Meeting

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Send to Jeanne Smith

[dandjsmith@earthlink.net](mailto: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 March 2023 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.*

Finance Officer's Report

#### February General Fund

Beginning Balance \$ 18,067.87

Ending Balance \$ 18,067.87

#### February Fund Account

Beginning Balance \$ 13,210.11

Ending Balance \$ 13,210.11

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

### BRANCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Membership inquiries and new members

[Rae6149@hotmail.com](mailto:Rae6149@hotmail.com)

Update member contact information

[ralphkaj@aol.com](mailto:ralphkaj@aol.com)

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Website problems, comments, corrections

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

Click on the above links to email



### Presidents' Message

“April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.” (William Shakespeare)

“April is the kindest month, April gets you out of your head and into the garden.”  
(William Shakespeare)

Dear Members:

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

The Authors Luncheon is our Branch's most significant fundraiser. This year we hope to support both Tech Trek (STEM camp) and Golden West scholarships for women returning to college to better their lives.

Our theme this year is “Indomitable Women”. We have two special authors, Lian Dolan and Susan Straight, a silent auction, a general raffle and a Polly's Pie raffle. The Authors Luncheon is April 15; reservations must be received by April 1. Please come and bring your friends!

See you there!

Sincerely,

Donna Kratter and Getta Wolff, co-presidents

### DUES ARE DUE (before June 5)

It is now time to pay your dues for  
2023-2024.

Dues are late after June 5

Regular Membership: \$110

Dual Membership: \$18

Life Membership: \$38

Send your check to Jeanne Smith  
19191 Harvard Ave, Apt 330A,  
Irvine, CA 92612 949-391-8502  
Make check payable to: AAUW

Note: If you received a bill from  
National for your dues, ignore it.

### Heads Up! May Meeting

The speaker for our May Meeting is Edward Hume, a Pulitzer prize winning journalist and non-fiction writer. He will discuss his latest book, The Forever Witness: How DNA and Genealogy Solved a Cold Case. I could not stop reading this riveting true crime story or Mr. Hume's explanation of how the combination of DNA and genealogy has revolutionized solving violent crimes (current and cold) and identification of Jane and John Does.

Getta



## INTEREST GROUPS

### Travel Group

Wednesday, April 19, 3 p.m.

At the home of Rita Collins

16872 Phelps Ln, Huntington Beach

It's travel time and the going is good!

Learn from others who have had trips...what it's like in the travel world.

RSVP to [ritarisk@aol.com](mailto:ritarisk@aol.com)

### QUEST

Thursday, April 6 9 a.m.

Flower Fields at Carlsbad Ranch

Our April Quest will finally get us outside to enjoy, hopefully, sunshine and warmth. We plan to visit the Flower Fields. The spectacular bloom has been a treat for the past sixty years. If you are interested in attending, please let us know by March 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for seniors are \$23.81—strange price, but there is a service fee involved. All of the specifics will be sent to those who are interested.

We will be leaving Hof's Hut at 9 a.m., going through the flower fields at 10:30 a.m., having lunch afterwards, and heading home.

We are looking forward to having a great group joining us. Everything has been terrific so far. Thanks, ladies, for supporting our endeavors.

Betsy Grajeda—[tgrajeda@aol.com](mailto:tgrajeda@aol.com) 714-287-7206

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

### BOOK REVIEW

April 24, 2023

The book for April is

Excuse Me While I Disappear by Laurie Notaro

Hostess: Jeri Goldsbrough

Leader: TBD

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

5711 David Webster Cr.

Garden Grove

RSVP to Jeri by Saturday, April 22

714-897-8549 or [jerig@mac.com](mailto:jerig@mac.com)

Looking Ahead: At Home: A Short Story of Private Life by Bill Bryson

### Movie Group

Tuesday, April 25, 3 p.m.

At the home of Jeanne Kulpinski

912 California St, Huntington Beach

We will discuss the movie A Good Person

RSVP to Jeanne by April 23

714-969-9149 or [costalwaves44@gmail.com](mailto:costalwaves44@gmail.com)



## HAPPY HIKERS

April 6

10 a.m.

El Dorado Park, Long Beach

For April we will be going to the beautiful El Dorado Regional Park in Long Beach. The site has 370 acres of woods, lakes, meadows and easy level walking trails. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Gate 2 parking lot off East Spring Street in Long Beach. There is a parking fee of \$6 so you might want to car pool. After the hike we will have lunch at Shenandoah at the Arbor on Los Alamitos Blvd. Please let me know if you can come at [ralphkai@aol.com](mailto:ralphkai@aol.com). Thanks and see you then! Ann

## HONOR ROLL 2023-2024

Is your name on this list? These are the members who have PAID for 2023-2024 as of MARCH 10. If you are not on this list, please send your check to

AAUW  
c/o Jeanne Smith  
19191 Harvard Ave Apt 330A  
Irvine 92612  
949-391-8502.

Pat Allgeier\*, Marjorie Berling\*, Marie Bisson\*, Wendy Coates, Terri Elders, Carmen Erber\*, Donna Ewing, Dorothy Guillaume-Rutter\*, Janet Johnson\*, Jean Jordan, Ann Kajdazz, Rosalie Lyons,\* Judy Martin, Miriam Matulich, Georgia Merchant, Zelda Rice, Jeanne Smith\*, Lisa Swanson, Fran Thelander\*, Lou Ann Wiese\*

\*These are our 50 year members.

## Basket Party

April 10 @ 10am Sue Mc Dannel's Home  
4356 Candleberry Ave., Seal Beach

All are invited to help assemble, wrap, and prepare bid sheets for our silent auction. We hope to see you there!

Donna and Getta

## 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 \$74.00 instead of \$110.00. 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 all our meetings and to the Authors Luncheon, so please bring your friends and TALK IT UP!

## HELP WANTED

### Co-V.P. Funds

There is already a group willing to help with the Authors Luncheon.

**SUSAN STRAIGHT**

A native Californian, born in Riverside, where she still lives with her family, Susan Straight currently serves as Distinguished Professor of Writing at the University of California, Riverside.

Mecca, her most recent novel, was a finalist for the Kirkus Prize, named a best book of the year by NPR and Codeswitch, longlisted for the Carnegie Medal for Excellence, and made both the Los Angeles Times and Washington Post's Best Ten Books for 2022. Her memoir, In the Country of Women, describes how strong women pass down their strength down to their daughters. It was a 2019 national bestseller, and again a best book of the year by NPR and Codeswitch. She has published eight previous novels, including Highwire Moon and A Million Nightingales, both again bestsellers. Her numerous awards include both an Edgar for Best Mystery Story and a Guggenheim Fellowship. Her work has been translated into nearly a dozen languages.

**LIAN DOLAN**

Though she grew up in Fairfield, CT, with her four older sisters, Lian Dolan, whose first name is pronounced like "Liam" with an "n," has long found a home in Pasadena. A graduate of Pomona College, she shares her home with her husband, two sons and a big German shepherd.

She has written four bestselling novels, including Lost and Found in Paris, and her next, The Marriage Sabbatical, will appear in January 2024. Her Satellite Sisters UnCommon Senses and You're the Best: A Celebration of Friendship honors female relationships by demonstrating how sisters support one another. She is a host and producer of Satellite Sisters, a talk show she created with her sisters in 2001. An independent podcaster since 2009, Satellite Sisters produces a weekly show and garners over 3.5 million downloads a year. Additionally, she has written regular humor columns for O, The Oprah Magazine, Working Mother Magazine, and Pasadena Magazine.



Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach, CA

**30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WM-FV-HB AUTHORS LUNCHEON**  
**"INDOMITABLE WOMEN"**

**Saturday, April 15, 2023**

Miles Square Golf Course, 10401 Warner Ave., Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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

10:00 Check-in Silent Auction Book Signing

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

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**RESERVATION FORM**

***Please cut and mail this form with your check for \$75.00 payable to AAUW:WM-FV-HB by April 1, 2023.***

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% donation to AAUW: WM-FV-HB

Scholarships for women \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Or

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

***Mail reservation form and check(s) to:***

***G. Wolff, 19472 Summer Breeze Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92648***

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

**Your check is your reservation**



**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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