



# TRICITY DISPATCH

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach  
April 2024

## JOIN US FOR THE 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL AAUW AUTHORS LUNCHEON

### “TRAILBLAZERS: RIVETING AND ROMANTIC”

As you all know, the annual Authors Luncheon is our primary fund-raising event to support sending a group of 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls to Tech Trek each summer. The participants all have an unforgettable experience that encourages future learning and an interest in the STEM fields for the rest of their lives.

Our speaker is local popular author Nicola Harrison, who wrote The Show Girl, Montauk, and Hotel Laguna. Her newest novel will be about Balboa Island and she is a dynamic, fascinating speaker.

So please come to enjoy a tasty meal, good fellowship, a silent auction, book sales and signings and a stimulating lecture. Don't forget to bring your checkbook!

### Authors Luncheon

April 13, 2024

Mile Square Golf Course  
10401 Warner Ave.

Fountain Valley  
Registration 10:00  
Luncheon 11:45  
Author's Talk 12:30  
Menu

Grilled Chicken Breast  
Chive Mashed Potatoes  
Garden Vegetables

Chocolate Brownie Dessert  
Request vegetarian option on  
registration form

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

c/o Zelda Rice, 4565 Birchwood Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740

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



**CALENDAR  
OF  
EVENTS**

**April**

- 1 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 8 Wrapping Party 10 a.m.
- 13 Authors Luncheon 10 a.m.
- 17 Travel Group 3 p.m.
- 22 Book Review 7:15 p.m.
- 26 Quest

**May**

- 2 Quest
- 6 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 18 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 2024 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.*

Finance Officer's Report

**February General Fund**

Beginning Balance \$ 17,338.40  
Ending Balance \$ 17,380.97

**February Fund Account**

Beginning Balance \$ 13,901.25  
Ending Balance \$ 18,057.37

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

**BRANCH EMAIL  
ADDRESSES**

**Membership inquiries and new member**

[suemcdannel@yahoo.com](mailto:suemcdannel@yahoo.com)

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### Presidents' Message

We have all survived the rainy winter and spring is upon us. There are big events ahead with the Authors Luncheon April 13 and the election of new officers coming up at the May General Meeting. We are grateful to have new members this year many of whom have jumped in right away to help out on committees and other activities. The best way to get to know our AAUW branch and our members is to get involved! So please check out our calendar for Interest Groups and consider joining the Board.

We are looking to have a program committee to help Carolyn and Phyllis in setting up our General Meetings. They will continue getting speakers, but they would like help with the food and reservation aspects. We also need Funds Officers for the Authors Luncheon. So please consider getting involved and know that we have lots of willing, experienced members who can help guide you. So happy spring and many thanks to all of you for your wonderful support of our Branch!

Warmly,

**Donna Kratter and Ann Kajdasz, co-presidents**

### AUTHORS LUNCHEON WRAPPING PARTY

We will be wrapping the baskets for the Authors Luncheon silent auction on Monday, April 8 starting at 10 a.m. until we finish. It will be at Lisa Swanson's house 21332 Compass Lane, Huntington Beach. If you have any items or baskets to donate, you can drop them off there the day of or before the party. Lisa's number is (714) 851-7523.

### !! DONATIONS ! GIFT CARDS ! BASKETS ! OH MY !!

Hi all- Our Authors Luncheon is just around the corner, and we need lots of items for our silent auction. If you have anything we can use, please bring it to our next General Meeting, or call Ann Kajdasz at 714-960-7766 to arrange a pick-up. We depend on you all to make this event a big success for our girls. Many thanks.

### DUES ARE DUE (before June 5)

It is now time to pay your dues for 2024-2025.

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.



**QUEST**  
Fridayday, April 26, 2024

**SHERMAN GARDENS**

Our April Quest will be lunch and touring at Sherman Gardens. The garden tour will last one hour from 10:30-11:30 a.m.. Then we will have a yummy lunch at 608 Dahlia that is connected to the gardens. There is plenty of parking—details later. If you would like to attend this Quest event, please send an email to [tgrajeda@aol.com](mailto:tgrajeda@aol.com) or text me at (714) 287-7206 by April 5th. Hope you can all attend! Betsy

**SAVE THE DATE**

**QUEST**  
Thursday, May 2, 2024

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH CAMPUS**  
**EARL BURNS MILLER JAPANESE GARDEN and KLEEFELD CONTEMPORARY ART MUSEUM**

**Parking on Campus -- Carpooling Recommended.**  
Lunch will follow off campus. More information in the May newsletter.

Leanne Metzler LuRae MacArthur Sue McDannel

**HAPPY HIKERS**

Unfortunately, I will have to cancel April's hike since I will be in Texas watching the solar eclipse. However, you can all look forward to the annual Bolsa Chica walk to see the heron chicks in May. Details to follow next month. Ann

**INTEREST GROUPS**

**BOOK REVIEW**

April 22, 2024

The book for April is  
Any book by Nicola Harrison  
Hostess: Jeri Goldsbrough  
Co-Hostess: Terri Elders

Leader: TBD

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

5711 David Webster Cir.  
Garden Grove

RSVP to Jeri by Saturday, April 20  
714-897-8549 or [jerig6@mac.com](mailto:jerig6@mac.com)

**TRAVEL GROUP**

April 17, 2024.

3:00 p.m.

Jeri Goldsbrough  
5711 David Webster,  
Garden Grove

Phone: 714 897 8549 e-mail [jerig6@mac.com](mailto:jerig6@mac.com)

Fun and friends and lots of good information  
about traveling near and far.  
Everyone is welcome. Let Jeri know if you are able to attend.



## **HONOR ROLL 2024-2025**

**Is your name on this list? These are the members who have PAID for 2024-2025 as of MARCH 10. If you are not on this list, please send your check to Jeanne Smith 19191 Harvard Ave Apt 330A Irvine 92612 949-391-8502**

**Pat Allgeier, Marjorie Berling, Marie Bisson, Maxine Boyett, Pat Dallas, Eleanor Demler, Gayle Douglas, Terri Elders, Carmen Erber, Dorothy Guillaume-Rutter, Barbara Islas, Pat Jenkes, Janet Johnson, Cheryl Kelly, Rosalie Lyons, Louise MacDonald, Miriam Matulich, Sue McDannel, Leanne Metzler, Pat Muecke, Pat Potter, Janet Riness, Jeanne Smith, Fran Thelander, Carol Valcarcel, Fredricka Veenstra, Joan Warner, Lou Ann Wiese**

## **BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2024-2025**

**Election to be held at May General Meeting**

**PRESIDENTS: Donna Kratter, Ann Kajdasz**

**MEMBERSHIP VPS: Sandi Guerrero, ?**

**PROGRAM VPS: Carolyn Kanode, Phylis Sakioka**

**TREASURER: Kathi Rand**

**SECRETARY: Jennifer Solano**

**FUNDS VPS: ?**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

With the onset of spring, the growing season, comes the time for us to grow our membership. And what better time for you to recruit your friends than the Authors Luncheon! I will have applications available and they will be eligible for the "Shape the Future" joining discount.

Last month we acquired two new members and we'd like to introduce them to you now. The following is information they gave us so we can better become acquainted with them.

Pat Dallas tells us: "I was happy to be a member of the Huntington Beach branch of AAUW way back in the 70's. That was a wonderful group of women and we had a very active group. I returned to work so with kids active in sports, school, etc. I could no longer be active. Now, here I am years later, back in. My last years of teaching I spent at Westminster High School and retired from the HBUHS district in 2001 after 25 years. Looks like another wonderful group of women!" Pat also enjoys gardening, reading and travel.

Eleanor Demler states that, She lives in NW Huntington Beach. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA in humanities from CSULB and Summa Cum Laude with a MA in English from CSUDH. She was a paralegal for 30 years then made a change and spent the last 15 years as the owner of a tutoring company. She retired from this last year. Eleanor has been married to Michael Forrest for 29 years and they have a 27-year-old son and 21-year-old fraternal twins: a boy and a girl. In her spare time Eleanor enjoys reading playing the harp, sailing, traveling, kayaking, hiking, museums and the gym. She also loves local history.

Please introduce yourself to these incredible new members and welcome them when you see them at our AAUW branch functions.



Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach, CA

**ANNUAL WM-FV-HB AUTHORS LUNCHEON  
"TRAILBLAZERS-RIVETING & ROMANTIC"  
Saturday, April 13, 2024**

Mile 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 \$80.00 payable to AAUW:WM-FV-HB by April 1, 2024.***

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:*

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

**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 & Ann Kajdasz

Membership Co-VPs: Sue McDannel & Sandi Guerrero

Programs Co-VPs: Phyllis Sakioka & Carol Kanode

Treasurer: Kathi Reed

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