



TRI CITY DISPATCH

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach
April 2024

**JOIN US FOR THE 31ST 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 7th 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

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

Update member contact information

ralphkaj@aol.com

Programs

carolkanode@me.com

Website problems, comments, corrections

jenjimmyrick@gmail.com

Click on the above links to email

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Send to Jeanne Smith

dandjsmith@earthlink.net



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.**



INTEREST GROUPS

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 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

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

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

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.

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



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.



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"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

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



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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: Donna Kratter & Ann Kajdasz
Membership Co-VPs: Sue McDannel & Sandi Guerrero
Programs Co-VPs: Phyllis Sakioka & Carol Kanode
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