



TRI CITY DISPATCH

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach
April 2025



**COME ONE! COME ALL!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!**

**THE 32ND ANNUAL AAUW-WM-FV-HB AUTHORS LUNCHEON
“PASSAGES--OUR JOURNEYS AND STORIES”**

WHEN: April 26, 2025 from 10:00am- 2:00pm

WHERE: Mile Square Golf Course

10401 Warner Ave. Fountain Valley

WHO: Authors: Hong-My Basrai and John W. Thill

WHY: To fund our Tech Trek 7th grade girl campers and our
Golden West scholarship

! BOOK SALES AND SIGNINGS, AUCTION AND RAFFLES !

Authors Luncheon

April 26, 2025

Mile Square Golf Course

10401 Warner Ave.

Fountain Valley

Registration 10:00

Luncheon 11:45

Authors 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 \$85 checks no later than April 14 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

March

24 Book Review 7:15 p.m.
27 Quest 9:30 a.m.

April

3 Happy Hikers 10 a.m.
7 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
26 Authors Luncheon 10 a.m.
28 Book Review 7:15 p.m.

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 2025 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.

Finance Officer's Report
February General Fund
Beginning Balance \$ 18,348.13
Ending Balance \$ 18,771.70
February Fund Account
Beginning Balance \$ 14,715.16
Ending Balance \$ 14,804.16

Website: wm-fv-hb-aauw@weebly.com

BRANCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Membership inquiries and new member
sandraguerrero@me.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

Hello All!

Spring is coming and our annual Authors Luncheon will soon be here as well! Make sure you get your registration and check in before April 14. If you want to bring guests and have them sit at your table, be sure the registration forms and checks are all sent in together. Our committee has been working night and day (slight exaggeration) to create a splendid event and we would love a good turnout. The Tech Trek girls deserve our support!

We are very involved with our local branch, but don't forget the State and National AAUW activities and mission as well. Keep up-to-date on what is going on by accessing the CA and National websites and newsletters. www.aauw.org and www.aauw-ca.org have a wealth of information on public policy, webinars, branch tools and the status of state and federal bills.

The election for our 2025-2026 officers will be held in May. This is the slate of nominees and we are happy to have some new faces among the regulars!

CO-PRESIDENTS: Janet Riness and Lisa Swanson

CO-ViCE PRESIDENTS MEMBERSHIP: Sandi Guerro and Cheryl Kelly

CO-VICE PRESIDENTS PROGRAMS: Carolyn Kanode and Phyllis Sakioka

CO-VICE PRESIDENTS FUNDS: Ann Kajdasz and Donna Kratter

FINANCIAL OFFICER: Kathi Rand

SECRETARY: Jennifer Solano

Thank you ladies for your service! Thanks to all our members who make our branch so enjoyable and meaningful. See you April 26!

Warmly,

Donna Kratter and Ann Kajdasz, co-presidents

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2025-2026

BRANCH: 18.00

STATE: 20.00

NATIONAL: 74.00

LIFE DUES: 38.00

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: 112.00

SEND CHECKS MADE OUT TO: AAUW

MAIL TO: JEANNE SMITH

19191 HARVARD AVE, APT 330A

IRVINE, CA 92612



INTEREST GROUP

Quest

Thursday, March 27 9:30 a.m.

THE DR. WILLELLA HOWE-WAFFLE HOUSE AND MEDICAL MUSEUM

If you have ever been to a doctor's office, a hospital or given birth, you will be awe-struck seeing the early equipment they have on display!

This grand 2 ½ story Queen Anne style Victorian house was built in 1889 and was the residence and medical office of one of the first female doctors in Santa Ana who delivered more than 1000 "Waffle Babies".

The house has been moved to this location to save it from demolition and has been thoroughly restored by volunteers from the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society. The house is located at 120 Civic Center Dr on the corner of Sycamore with its own adjacent parking lot. The old Orange County Courthouse is across the street. We will meet in the parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

There are about 4 steps, with a handrail, to enter the house to the first floor where most of the museum and interesting furniture are located. The tour does go upstairs if you care to view that area also since it was used for her children and later her patients.

There will be a \$10 change for this Quest tour as it will also include tea and cookies served at the antique dining table and chairs.

Lunch at Crave Café a short drive from the house with free parking at 410 W. 4th Street.

Please contact Barbara Islas if you are able to attend:
[Flyingfish531@gmail.com](mailto: Flyingfish531@gmail.com)

BOOK REVIEW

April 28, 2025

The book for April is
The Last House on the Street

by Diane Chamberlain
Hostess: Jeanne Kulpinski
Leader: Terri Elders

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

912 California Street

Huntington Beach

RSVP to Jeanne by Saturday, April 26
714-969-9149 or coastalwaves.44@gmail.com

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DUES ARE DUE BY JUNE 6



HAPPY HIKERS

April 3 **Buck Gulley Trail, Corona Del Mar 10 a.m.**

Because we were rained out in February, we will try Buck Gulley again. The trail is a peaceful and easy hike through a central watershed in the Newport Beach foothills. It is about 4 miles with a total ascent of 460 feet. Parking is at the end of Poppy Ave. in a residential neighborhood. If you wish to carpool we will meet at Mimi's Café at the corner of Ellis and Brookhurst in Huntington Beach at 9:30 a.m. Please email me if you are coming and/or would like to carpool. Lunch to follow as always! Ann Kajdasz
ralphkaj@aol.com

QUEST PLANNING MEETING

Friday, June 6 10 a.m.

AUTHORS LUNCHEON MEETING

The next meeting of the Authors Luncheon committee will be March 21 at 10 a.m. at the home of Donna Kratter. The jobs have been assigned, and most decisions made but we want to make sure everything is good before our luncheon in April. Please join us if you would like to help out. We can certainly use eager and talented volunteers to make our event a success!

Opportunities to Invite Prospective New Members

As 2025 gets going, you have so many opportunities for inviting your friends, neighbors, or family to find out about AAUW. Quest, Book Club, Travel Club, and Happy Hikers are great places on a monthly basis for new people to get to know our members and exchange ideas. Our monthly branch meetings offer a time for social interaction as well as hearing interesting speakers and learning about our Tech Trek and scholarship projects.

But our annual Authors Luncheon only happens once a year. And it is coming soon – April 26! This is an exciting time to hear from local authors and raise funds for our Tech Trek and scholarship projects. Check it out elsewhere in this newsletter. Plan to attend and bring a friend or two!



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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 \$85.00 payable to AAUW:WM-FV-HB by April 14, 2025.

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: Cheryl Kelly & Sandi Guerrero

Programs Co-VPs: Phyllis Sakioka & Carol Kanode

Treasurer: Kathi Rand

Membership Treasurer: Jeanne Smith

Newsletter Editor: Jeanne Smith

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Address Correction Requested

American Association of University Women

Tri-City Dispatch

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