



TRI CITY DISPATCH

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach
December 2023

Designated Charity Therapeutic Riding Center

The Therapeutic Riding Center allows those individuals with disabilities to enrich their lives physically, emotionally, and socially by learning to ride a horse. The environment created is an exhilarating experience for a person with a physical or learning challenge. It is an opportunity to look beyond the disability and see new life possibilities. Riders are led by trained volunteers around the equestrian arena. The reward is an affirmation for what seemed out of reach becoming reachable and life changing. Students express joy and a newfound confidence. Therapeutic riding can be traced back to the Greeks who used the horse to treat various neurological disorders. In 1952 an individual who had handicaps won an Olympic silver medal. We are so fortunate to have Therapeutic Riding Center in Huntington Beach. This nonprofit was founded in 1990 by a group of dedicated community volunteers who wanted to provide services to those with disabilities. The center is always in need of donations.

General Meeting

December 16, 2023

Center for Spiritual Living

7641 Talbert Avenue

Huntington Beach

Social

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Surf City Singers

10:30 – 11 a.m.

Business Meeting

11-12

Menu

Continental Breakfast

Muffins, bagels, fruit, juice,
quiche

Vegetarian option by request

Members are invited to share
holiday cookies

Surf City Singers

From the Academy for the Performing Arts in Huntington Beach, The Surf City Singers has become one of Southern California's most sought after Musical Theater Performing Groups! This talented ensemble boasts some of the finest young performers around.

\$20.00 check due by
December 12

AAUW: WM-FV-HB

c/o Carol Kanode

17382 Alta Vista Circle
Huntington Beach, 92647



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

1 Authors Lunch Meeting 10a.m.

4 Board Meeting 7 p.m.

7 Quest 10 a.m.

14 Happy Hikers 4:30 p.m.

16 General Meeting 10 a.m.

January

11 Quest 9:45 a.m.

17 Travel Group 3 p.m.

22 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 November 2023 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.

Finance Officer's Report

October General Fund

Beginning Balance \$ 17,411.60

Ending Balance \$ 18,464.44

October Fund Account

Beginning Balance \$ 13,795.53

Ending Balance \$ 13,882.531

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

BRANCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Membership inquiries and new member

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles must be in no later than

December 15, noon.

Send to Jeanne Smith

dandjsmith@earthlink.net

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE

Presidents' Message

We hope you had a "bootiful" October! The holiday season is officially upon us. We are not having a November General Meeting, but we look forward to reconnecting with everyone at our Christmas December luncheon. Thank you, Sandi and Sue, for joining us at an information table at Golden West College Night, see picture below. Many thanks to our new member, Roslyn Haley for helping us. Many women stopped and inquired about our branch and AAUW. It's a small step towards creating awareness about us. Join us! Get involved with us and the community of women and girls we represent.

We will be having an Authors Luncheon meeting on Dec. 1 at Ann's house. Thank you so much for everyone who signed up to help at our October luncheon. We need a lot of willing, enthusiastic hands to make our April fundraiser another great success! Enjoy your Thanksgiving! We are very grateful for our talented, passionate, and committed members.

Warmly,
Ann and Donna

Golden West College Night





INTEREST GROUPS

QUEST

Thursday, January 11 9:45 a.m.

Tour of the Groundwater Replenishment System

Orange County Water District

18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley

Upon arrival to the OCWD campus check-in with the guard shack attendant. Then proceed to the visitor parking area. Look for the flagpole and enter the administration building (red tile roof building). Let the receptionist know you are here for a scheduled tour. Your tour guide will greet you and escort you to a conference room for a brief presentation and then a walking tour of the facility. Closed-toed shoes are required. Personal Protection Equipment (hard hat and safety vest) will be provided to you to wear on the tour route. Tours typically last 2 hours.

Lunch will be at Mimi's Café, 18461 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley

Please RSVP by January 1, 2024 to Kathi Rand (310)710-0092 or kathirand@yahoo.com

BOOK REVIEW

Book Review will not meet in December.

Our next meeting will be January 22, 2024

Looking Ahead:

January - Demon Copperhead by
Barbara Kingsolver

February - Swimming to Antarctica by
Lynne Cox

December Quest - Bembridge House in Long Beach - Thursday, December 7 at 10:00 am

Let's enjoy the holiday season with a privately led docent tour of the Bembridge House, the classic 1906 Queen Anne Victorian home in Long Beach, located at 953 Park Circle. Every year various groups and individuals decorate the entire home for the holidays with a brand new theme. This year's theme is "Dreaming of a Holiday Getaway." See how a family lived during the development of the city of Long Beach and enjoy the beautiful festive decorations. We will be treated to holiday cookies and a beverage at the end of our tour. The cost is \$15, which helps support Long Beach Heritage. A maximum of 25 people will be able to tour the home. More details will be sent to those who will be attending. Looking forward to seeing you in December. Please let me know if you have any questions. Please RSVP by November 15.

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TRAVEL GROUP

Let's gather again in January!

Save Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at
3 p.m. at Rita Collins house. Everyone is
welcome.

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HAPPY HIKERS

December 14, 2023

Naples in Long Beach

4:30PM

It is the holiday time of year again, and we will be having our annual Christmas lights walk on December 14. This year we will be going to Naples for a little change of scenery. We will meet at the Naples Rib Company at 5800 East 2nd. St. in Long Beach for happy hour at 5:00PM. Parking is limited, so you may want to carpool at the Dollar Tree Store at 13960 Seal Beach Blvd. (at the intersection with Westminster) at 4:30PM. Please let me know if you are coming and want to carpool at ralphkaj@aol.com. Thanks and Happy Thanksgiving! Ann

AUTHORS LUNCHEON MEETING DECEMBER 1

Many thanks to everyone who signed up on a committee for the Authors Luncheon in April. We will have our first organizing meeting on Friday December 1 at 10 am at Ann's house. Please plan to attend if you can because we have many decisions and plans to make. Send me an email (ralphkaj@aol.com) if you are coming since I live in a gated community and need to give you directions. Again, many thanks for all your enthusiastic expertise. We couldn't do it without you! Ann.



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.

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