



TRI CITY DISPATCH

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach
January 2025

Out with the old and in with the New!

Hello January! New year, new goals, new intentions!



*The start of January brings a list of to-dos. Now that the ball has dropped, pick it up and get rolling. Focus on increasing our membership. Be a **Rock Star!***

Bring your daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, aunt, or friend to our first general meeting of 2025 on February 15th. Our guest speaker will be Seismologist Michael Robin Forrest, Ph.D. Your guests will listen to an informative and relevant topic. They will also sense the joy, unity, and belonging to AAUW. Let's together make a difference in the lives of women and girls.

You are a gem! Let's shake it up in 2025!



**CALENDAR
OF
EVENTS**

January

- 6 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 9 Happy Hikers 10 a.m.
- 16 Quest 11:15 a.m.
- 17 Authors Lunch 10 a.m.
- 27 Book Review 7:15 p.m.

February

- 3 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 15 General Meeting 10 a.m.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Send to Jeanne Smith

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 December 2024 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.

Finance Officer's Report

November General Fund

Beginning Balance \$ 18,477.01
Ending Balance \$ 18,577.01

November Fund Account

Beginning Balance \$ 20,358.38
Ending Balance \$ 14,588.33

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Presidents' Message

Dear Members,

TOGETHERNESS IN THE NEW YEAR

Our 2024 is almost done, and we can look forward to a brand New Year with new adventures and many moments of joy and happiness. All of us in AAUW will continue fighting the necessary battles for women's rights in education, health, and the professional world. Women working together have already accomplished a great deal, and we can continue to improve our lives and those of our daughters and granddaughters.

Our branch of AAUW has seen many changes over the years. Some older members have drifted off, but we rejoice to see the happy additions of new members with refreshing ideas and perspectives. We love to see these new members step up to take active roles in our activities and various positions. AAUW-WM-FV-HB is like a shark: we must keep moving forward to survive!

We will not have a general meeting in January, but February will see an exciting program with an expert on Southern California geology and earthquakes. Let's "shake up" our group by inviting our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and other female friends to attend this special Valentine's meeting! Our loved ones can see what AAUW is all about and will enjoy a tasty meal and meet our interesting, friendly members. We look forward to seeing you all in 2025!

SO HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

Warmly,

Ann and Donna





INTEREST GROUPS

QUEST

Thursday, January 16 11:15 a.m.

Lyon Air Museum
19300 Ike Jones Road
Santa Ana

The Lyon Air Museum (on the west side of John Wayne Airport) was founded by Maj. Gen. William Lyon to showcase authentic airplanes, motor vehicles, and other memorabilia from the World War II era. It has some of the rarest operational aircraft and vehicles in the world, including a 1939 Mercedes-Benz used by Adolph Hitler. Our tour will include a docent, and costs \$10 per person.

Meet at Hof's Hut 12489 Seal Beach Blvd. (just north of the 405/22 freeways) in Rossmoor Center at 10:45 a.m. if you wish to carpool. If you drive yourself, please plan to arrive at 11:15am.

Lunch will be at Durty Nelly's 2915 Red Hill Ave. after the tour.

Please let Ann Kajdasz know at ralphkaj@aol.com if you are coming, want to carpool, and will stay for lunch. Thanks!

BOOK REVIEW

January 27, 2025

The book for January is

The Women

by Kristin Hannah

Hostess: Jeri Goldsbrough

Leader: Terri Elders

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

9482 Asbury Cir.

Westminster

RSVP to Jeri by Saturday, January 25

714-897-8549 or jerig6@mac.com

AUTHORS LUNCHEON MEETING

Our next authors luncheon meeting will be on January 17 at the home of Donna Kratter at 10a.m. Please come and bring your ideas and willing hands to help us hold another successful fundraiser on April 26. Also it is time to start collecting donations such as gift cards and other items. This year we are asking everyone who gets a business donation to send the thank you note themselves to make for less confusion. We will have thank you forms available. You just have to send them out. Many thanks!

HAPPY HIKERS

January 9, 2025 Jeffrey Open Space Trail, Irvine 10 a.m.

For the new year we will be hiking this urban trail that runs alongside Jeffrey Rd. in Irvine. Despite its location, it is a beautiful, peaceful walkway with shade trees and scenic views of the city. Flowers and wildlife can be found along the 5.4 mile gently paved loop. We will meet at the Cypress Valley Shopping Center in front of the Kohls store at Jeffrey and Trabuco Rd. at 10 a.m. If you wish to carpool, please meet at Mimi's Cafe at the corner of Brookhurst and Ellis in Huntington Beach at 9:15. Let me know if you can come and if you wish to carpool at ralphkaj@aol.com. New members are very welcome to join us! Ann



December Quest to the Banning House

**November Quest to Bowers Museum****THANK-YOU NOTES FROM SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS****Dear AAUW Student Scholarships:****October 23, 2024**

My name is Thu Nguyen. My major is nursing. I am writing to thank you for the scholarship you gave me in May 2024. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as a recipient of your scholarship. This scholarship allows me to focus more on the most important aspects of school and learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. After finishing nursing school and becoming a nurse, I will be able to help others, just as AAUW helped students like me. Again, I want to say thank you so much for your support !

Warmest Hugs, Thu

Dear AAUW Scholarship Committee:**October 16, 2024**

My name is Dan Dang. Thank you so much for the luncheon invitation, but I have clinical rotation that Saturday. The generous support from AAUW not only alleviates some of the financial burden of my education, but also motivates me to strive for excellence in my academic and personal pursuits. Thank you once again for your generosity and belief in my potential.

Sincerely, Dan Dang.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Come and See!

Every month we encourage you to bring your friends to our AAUW events and meetings. We have so much to offer: special interest groups in golf, books, movies, music, travel, hiking, and Quests. Then there are our informative monthly meetings and our annual Authors Luncheon, where we raise money to send middle school girls to Tech Trek camp to learn about opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math. On top of that, we offer scholarships to women who are returning to college at Golden West College. What more could you want – social interactions as well as supporting education for women!

And it's so easy! Here are three examples from some of our most recent members:

- **Dicksie and Beth met Janet and Barbara on a Good Times Travel outing. Janet and Barbara invited Dicksie and Beth to "come and see." They did and they joined!**
- **Eleanor met Getta at a line dance class at the Huntington Beach Senior Center. Getta invited Eleanor to "come and see." She did and she joined!**
- **Gail met Cheryl and Joanne while working at the Crate and Barrel Outlet. They had a lively conversation and Cheryl and Joanne invited Gail to "come and see." She did and she joined!**

What do you love about AAUW? Talk about it – be ready to invite others to "come and see"!

Cheryl Kelly and Sandi Guerrero Co-VP Membership



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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.

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