



TRICITY DISPATCH

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach
July/August 2024

AAUW
Westminster - Fountain Valley - Huntington Beach

"Membership Matters!"

*Summer Brunch
for new and prospective members*

*Tuesday, July 16, 2024
11:00 a.m.*

*at the home of
Barbara Smith
7352 Emerson
Westminster, CA 92683*

*New members are invited to meet others
and hear about the many opportunities
that make our Branch special!*

*All members are invited to bring anyone
you know who might be interested in learning
more about AAUW.*

*RSVP to Sandra Guerrero or Cheryl Kelly
by **July 9th**.*

Sandra Guerrero, sandraquerrero@me.com, (626) 234-8501
Cheryl Kelly, cherylkelly48@gmail.com, (424) 558-0154



**CALENDAR
OF
EVENTS**

July

11 Happy Hikers 10 a.m.
13 Budget Meeting 2 p.m.
16 New Member Brunch 11 a.m.
29 Book Review 7:15 p.m.

August

1 Happy Hikers 10 a.m.
5 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
26 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 June 2024 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.

Finance Officer's Report

April General Fund

Beginning Balance \$ 11,911.03

Ending Balance \$ 24,115.95

February Fund Account

Beginning Balance \$ 22,085.38

Ending Balance \$ 22,247.37

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

**BRANCH EMAIL
ADDRESSES**

Membership inquiries and new member

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Update member contact information

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Click on the above links to email

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
FOR SEPTEMBER**

Articles must be in no later than

August 10, noon

Send to Jeanne Smith

dandjsmith@earthlink.net



Presidents' Message

Happy summer to everyone! We have had an exciting past year with 8 new members, fascinating Quests, and enjoyable programs and interest groups. We really appreciate everyone who has participated in our activities and supported our donations to Tech Trek and Golden West scholarships. We couldn't do it without you!

We will be taking a summer break from general meetings, but don't forget that our interest groups will still be having get-togethers. Check the calendar in the newsletter so you don't miss anything!

It has been tough going getting back to normal after COVID, but I feel we are finally forging ahead and will be even better this coming year. We have two new members on our Board: Cheryl Kelly on Membership and Eleanor Demler on the Golden West scholarships. Thank you both for stepping up!

So have a safe, enjoyable summer and we'll see you in September!

Best,

Donna Kratter and Ann Kajdasz

WE NEED HELP!!!

BUDGET MEETING

Saturday July 13 2 p.m.

Home of Kathi Rand

306 Coral Reef Dr. #53

Huntington Beach

RSVP: text to 310-710-0092

All members are welcome.

Maxine and I have been writing notes for Authors Lunch donations. We have hit a wall. We do not know if these donations came from businesses, members, or friends. Nor do we know if we are thanking for specific items or gift cards. Some of these businesses are part of chains and we do not know exactly which one to thank or the addresses to which to send a thank you. The following are those for which we need this information: BARNES AND NOBLE, LANDRY'S RESTAURANT, STARBUCKS, TRADER JOES, SPA ENVY, AMAZON, CINEMARK, and CLOUD SPA. If you can assist with the information please call or email Maxine Boyett 714-546-5839, butsynjim@aol.com, or Connie Nelson 714-540-4902, contnel@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!



INTEREST GROUPS

HAPPY HIKERS

July 11, 2024 El Dorado Nature Center 10 a.m.
7550 E. Spring St. Long Beach

We will be hiking the El Dorado Nature Center in Long Beach. The park is an oasis of natural habitat with shaded level paths surrounding lakes and streams, and an abundance of animals and plant life. If you want to carpool, we will meet at the Central Library parking lot off Golden West at 9:15 a.m. Otherwise, meet us at the Visitors Center at 10:00am. There is a parking fee of \$6 per car. Lunch is at the Shenandoah at the Arbor Restaurant at 10631 Los Alamitos Blvd. following the hike.

August 1, 2024 Huntington State Beach walk 10 a.m.

In August, we will meet in the parking lot behind Jack in the Box at Warner and Pacific Coast Highway in Seal Beach. We will walk along the beach, hopefully enjoying cool ocean breezes and dolphin sightings! Since parking, though free, is limited, we will carpool from our usual spot (see above) at the Central Library at 9:40am. Lunch to follow at the Harbor House Cafe.

Please let me know at ralphkaj@aol.com if you are coming to these events and if you will be carpooling. NEW MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US!

Many thanks— Ann Kajdasz

BOOK REVIEW

July 22, 2024

The book for July is
Lady Tan's Circle of Friends

by Lisa See

Hostess: Barbara Smith

Let Barbara know what you are bringing

Leader: Jeri Goldsbrough

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

7352 Emerson

Westminster

RSVP to Barbara by Saturday, July 20
[714-897-9013](tel:714-897-9013) or basmith10@verizon.net

August 26, 2024

The book for August is
The Mirage Factory by Gary Krist

Hostess: Barbara Smith

Let Barbara know what you are bringing

Leader: Terri Elders

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

7352 Emerson

Westminster

RSVP to Barbara by Saturday, August 24
[714-897-9013](tel:714-897-9013) or basmith10@verizon.net

HONOR ROLL 2024-2025

Is your name on this list? These are the members who have PAID for 2024-2025 as of JUNE 15. If you are not on this list, please send your check to Jeanne Smith 19191 Harvard Ave Apt 330A Irvine 92612 949-391-8502

Pam Alfieri, Pat Allgeier, Riva Apodaca, Marjorie Berling, Carol Bertino, Marie Bisson, Carol Black, Maxine Boyett, Beth Callaghan, Bonnie Castrey, Linda Clasen, Rita Collins, Barbara Creighton, Pat Dallas, Eleanor Demler, Gayle Douglas, Lynne Ehret, Terri Elders, Carmen Erber, Donna Ewing, Bette Flick, Sonia Frabl, Barbara Gershman, Jeri Goldsbrough, Betsy Grajeda, Toni Gregory, Sandi Guerrero, Dorothy Guillaume-Rutter, Roslyn Haley, Susan Harris, Donna Holder, Lynne Hoover, Barbara Islas, Kathleen Iverson, Karen Jackle, Pat Jenkes, Janet Johnson, Jean Jordan, Ann Kajdasz, Carol Kanode, Cheryl Kelly, Dicksie Kerns, Carolyn Knupke, Donna Kratter, Jeanne Kulpinski, Andrea LaVela, Sybilla London, Rosalie Lyons, LuRae MacArthur, Louise MacDonald, Linda MacDonell, Judy Martin, Miriam Matulich, Sue McDannel, Judy McLeod, Georgia Merchant, Leanne Metzler, Judy Meyer, Pat Muecke, Gail Nass, Connie Nelson, Sandra Nelson, Pat Potter, Julie Ramphal, Kathi Rand, Vicki Rand, Zelda Rice, Janet Riness, Gloria Rodriguez, Phyllis Sakioka, Barbara Smith, Jeanne Smith, Jen Solano, Meredyth Stern, Chris Sumpter, Lisa Swanson, Fran Thelander, Carol Valcarcel, Kathy VanWay, Fredricka Veenstra, Joan Warner, Carol Wemmer, Janis White, Judy Whitledge, Lou Ann Wiese, Connie Wittman.

**Goldenwest Scholarship Recipients 2024**



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are pleased to introduce two new members to our Branch. Beth Callaghan and Dicksie Kerns. Enjoy reading their short bios:

Betsy Callaghan: I love going to art museums, messing around on the internet, reading books, watching a good movie, playing games and exercising. I am married to my husband who is a recently retired pharmacist. I worked in aerospace for 10 years after graduating from New Mexico State and after having 2 children decided to go back to become a nurse. I retired from nursing 2 years ago after working in various acute care areas for 28 years. Motherhood has been the most challenging and rewarding aspect of my life. Looking forward to grandchildren some day! Also, hoping to play more bridge.

Dicksie Kerns: I am a Christian, born and raised in Long Beach, CA. I still live in Long Beach. I went to Cerritos College and got my nursing degree. I was a registered nurse for 44 years and just retired in February of 2024. I have been blessed with 1 daughter. I have rescued a lot of animals: cats, rabbits, turtles, tortoises, and birds, but mainly Golden Retrievers. I am a crafter. I will try anything except floral arrangements and quilting- I know my limits! I was in the John Tracy Clinic for deaf children fund-raising group for 10 years. I am looking forward to new adventures with AAUW.

Sandi and Cheryl



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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: Sandi Guerrero & Cheryl Kelly

Programs Co-VPs: Phyllis Sakioka & Carol Kanode

Treasurer: Kathi Reed

Membership Treasurer: Jeanne Smith

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