



TRI CITY DISPATCH

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach  
July/August 2023

*AAUW WM-FV-HB BRANCH  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO*

*A SUMMER GARDEN PARTY HONORING  
NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS*

*Come meet and greet other members and learn more about our  
branch!*

*Tuesday, July 18, 2023  
1:30 p.m.*

*Home of LuRae MacArthur*

*11701 Cherry Street, Los Alamitos, CA 90720*

*562-331-7282*

*RSVP by mail, text or phone*

*Sue McDannel, [suemcdannel@yahoo.com](mailto:suemcdannel@yahoo.com) 714-325-0375*





**CALENDAR  
OF  
EVENTS**

**June**

22 Quest Meeting 10 a.m.

**July**

6 Happy Hikers 10 a.m.

18 Garden Party 1:30 p.m.

22 Budget Meeting 10 a.m.

24 Book Review 7:15 p.m.

**August**

3 Happy Hikers 9:30 a.m.

7 Board Meeting 7 p.m.

18 Music & Dance 8 p.m.

28 Book Review 7:15 p.m.

**September**

30 General Meeting 9:30 a.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 2023 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.

Finance Officer's Report

**May General Fund**

Beginning Balance \$ 18,925.87

Ending Balance \$ 22,790.77

**May Fund Account**

Beginning Balance \$ 23,905.99

Ending Balance \$ 9,392.88

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

**BRANCH EMAIL  
ADDRESSES**

**Membership inquiries and new members**

[suemcdannel@yahoo.com](mailto:suemcdannel@yahoo.com)

**Update member contact information**

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**Programs**

[psakioka@gmail.com](mailto:psakioka@gmail.com)

**Website problems, comments, corrections**

[jenjimmyrick@gmail.com](mailto:jenjimmyrick@gmail.com)

**Click on the above links to email**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

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

Send to Jeanne Smith

[dandjsmith@earthlink.net](mailto:dandjsmith@earthlink.net)



**Presidents' Message**

**Thank you everyone for your active commitment sustaining our branch. We are always open to new ideas, suggestions, and your feedback as we continue to move forward. We belong to an organization that for over 100 years has been working towards achieving equity for women and girls. We hope to continue to support and become more involved with AAUW's work.**

**A hearty thanks to Getta for being my dynamic, determined, and diligent co-president. I am confident Ann will bring her experience and enthusiastic energy as my new co-president. If you have renewed your membership, thank you very much! Otherwise please send your dues now to Jeanne Smith. Your friendship and engagement with our branch mean so much to us!**

**Happy Summer!**

**Warmly,**

**Ann Kajdasz and Donna Kratter co-presidents**

**Quest Planning Meeting**

**All are Welcome, please bring your ideas, observations and comments!**

**Date: June 22, 2023 (Thursday)**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Place: Getta's House**

**19472 Summer Breeze Lane**

**Huntington Beach**

**Please RSVP by emailing, calling or texting Getta at (714) 342-6675 or**

**[wolff.pack@me.com](mailto:wolff.pack@me.com)**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**General Meeting  
September 30 9:30 a.m.**

**Janice Munemitsu, Author  
"The Kindness of Color"**

**Story of two families and landmark case  
Mendez vs Westminster which ended  
school discrimination in America**

**Location: The Center for Spiritual Living  
7641 Talbert Ave Fountain Valley**



## INTEREST GROUPS

### JULY BOOK REVIEW

July 24, 2023

The book for July is

The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner

Hostess: Barbara Smith

Co-Hostess: Contact Barbara with what you are bringing

Leader: Terri Elders

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

7352 Emerson

Westminster

RSVP to Barbara by Saturday, July 22

714-897-9013 or [basmith10@verizon.net](mailto:basmith10@verizon.net)

### AUGUST BOOK REVIEW

August 28, 2023

The book for August is

The Forever Witness by Ed Humes

Hostess: Barbara Smith

Co-Hostess: Contact Barbara with what you are bringing

Leader: Kathi Rand

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

7352 Emerson

Westminster

RSVP to Barbara by Saturday, August 26

714-897-9013 or [basmith10@verizon.net](mailto:basmith10@verizon.net)

### HAPPY HIKERS

July 6, 2023

Central Park Huntington Beach

10:00 a.m.

We will have an easy walk around the park behind the Central Library. We will meet in front of the library at 10:00 a.m. and stroll around the lake to see the birds and view the new sculpture at the secret garden. Then we will cross Goldenwest and visit the Urban Forest. Lunch will be at Kathy May's.

Please let me know if you can make it at [ralphkaj@aol.com](mailto:ralphkaj@aol.com) Many thanks! Ann



**HAPPY HIKERS**

**August 3, 2023**

**Crystal Cove State Beach**

**9:30am**

**We will be going to Crystal Cove to see the quaint cottages and tide pools. We will meet at Ralphs at Brookhurst and Ellis to carpool at 9:30am. Afterwards, I hope to be able to eat at the Beachcomber if not too busy.**

**Please let me know if you are coming and if you plan on meeting us to carpool.**

**Have a great summer!**

**Ann**

**[ralphkaj@aol.com](mailto:ralphkaj@aol.com)**

**GOLF**

**If you are interested in playing golf**

**Wednesday mornings,**

**Contact: Leanne Metzler**

**[LMetzler@ca.rr.com](mailto:LMetzler@ca.rr.com)**

**PUBLIC POLICY**

**Public Policy does not go on vacation. During the summer newsletter staycation, do you want the branch to work on GovTrek or SpeechTrek or an issue in our community? Please let me know what part of AAUW in addition to interest groups you can participate in. Go to [AAUWCa.org](http://AAUWCa.org) for ideas.**

**Karen Jackle, Public Policy**

**[kariac@gmail.com](mailto:kariac@gmail.com)**

**BUDGET MEETING**

**JULY 22 10:00 a.m.**

**Home of Peggy Grzywacz**

**7121 Bestel Ave.**

**Westminster**



## **Membership**

**We are happily welcoming some wonderful new members to our branch! Please reach out to them if you see them at any of our events/activities. Remember they will be sporting red flowers on their name tags at General Meetings!**

### **Introducing:**

**Gayle Douglas:** Gayle lives in Fountain Valley. She is a retired elementary teacher who still misses the kids even after teaching in the Walnut Valley School District for 30 years. She has 3 children 18 - 10. Gayle enjoys reading, pilates and bridge. She also volunteers at Friends of the Library.

**Marie (Mig) Anglin:** Mig lives in Garden Grove. She is a dual member as she also belongs the Long Beach branch. Luckily for us, Mig likes to volunteer! She also enjoys walking, cooking, and reading.

**Barbara Creighton:** Barbara lives in Huntington Beach. She enjoys travel, cooking/dining and reading. Barbara is friends with both Toni Gregory and Barbara Smith.

**We are hoping to get a “buddy” system started for our new members. So if any of you “old” members would like to participate in taking one of our newbies under your wing and getting them properly acquainted, please contact:**

**Sue McDannel** text or call: 714-325-0375 email: [suemcdannel@yahoo.com](mailto:suemcdannel@yahoo.com)

**Sandra Guerrero** 626-234-8501 email: [sandraguerrero@me.com](mailto:sandraguerrero@me.com)



## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

**The annual Golden West College (GWC) Scholarship and Awards Event was held Tuesday, May 16th at 5:30 PM at GWC. This year, our AAUW Branch recognized six (6) students: three (3) endowed scholarships (funded by family/friends) and three (3) branch scholarships.**

**Below are the names of the students and award amounts.**

- **AAUW \$250.00 Yoo Na Cho**
- **AAUW \$250.00 Kaitlyn Dinh**
- **AAUW \$500.00 Sarah Kwok**
- **Berlinger Family \$250.00 Tram Pham (2022 AAUW Award Recipient)**
- **Cummings Family \$250.00 Angelina Pugach**
- **Pyle Family \$250.00 Mychaella Sieve**

**Gloria Rodriguez**



**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.

Co-Presidents: Donna Kratter & Ann Kajdasz  
Membership Co-VPs: Sue McDannel & Sandi Guerrero  
Programs Co-VPs: Phyllis Sakioka & Carolyn Kanode  
Treasurer: Kathi Rand  
Membership Treasurer: Jeanne Smith  
Newsletter Editor: Jeanne Smith  
Communications: Manager Jennifer Solano  
Web Master: Jennifer Solano  
Facebook Site Manager: Jennifer Solano

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