



# TRI CITY DISPATCH

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach  
June 2023



## Extra! Extra! Read All About It! Our Authors Luncheon Was a Huge Success!



We raised around \$9,000 for our Tech Trek campers and GWC scholarships.

Thank you to our Authors Luncheon Committee: our authors Lian Dolan and Susan Straight, Emily Phan our Tech Trek Speaker, Don Rayl our musician, Leanne Metzler, Patty Potter, Maxine Boyett, and Connie Nelson our Polly's Pie Women, Carol Valcarcel and Luann Wiese our Raffle Women, and Donna Holder and Freddie Veenstra for their jewelry.

A huge shout-out to all our Authors Luncheon Committee for charming centerpieces, innovative bookmarks, beautifully wrapped silent auction baskets with accompanying descriptions, creating and printing the programs, publicity, table arrangements, soliciting vendor donations, collecting bid sheets, creating invoices, and setting up our elegant room.

We are indeed Indomitable Women!

Gratefully,

Donna and Getta





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June

5 Board Meeting 6 p.m.

8 Happy Hikers 9 a.m.

21 Travel Group 3 p.m.

26 Book Review 7:15 p.m.

### August

7 Board Meeting 7 p.m.

18 Music & Dance 8 p.m.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles must be in no later than  
June 15, noon.

Send to Jeanne Smith  
[dandjsmith@earthlink.net](mailto:dandjsmith@earthlink.net)

### NOTE DATE CHANGE

### 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 May 2023 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.*

#### Finance Officer's Report

##### April General Fund

Beginning Balance \$ 19,525.87

Ending Balance \$ 18,925.87

##### April Fund Account

Beginning Balance \$ 22,813.52

Ending Balance \$ 23,905.99

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

### BRANCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Membership inquiries and new members

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### Presidents' Message

**“June is the gateway to summer.” (Jean Hersey)**

**“Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink of the wild air.” (Ralph Waldo Emerson)**

**Dear Members:**

**The Authors Luncheon was a wonderful event and a stunning financial success. We owe it all to the Indomitable Women of the Authors Luncheon Committee and our members. Thank you all.**

**It is not too late to sign up for our May Meeting and enjoy our speaker, Edward Humes, and participate in the election and installation of our new officers.**

**If you have not done so already, please pay your dues.**

**Over the summer we will be holding important branch Budget and planning meetings. Please plan to attend and give us your ideas, comments, and suggestions.**

**Sincerely,**

**Donna Kratter and Getta Wolff, co-presidents**

### Heads Up! July/August Newsletter

**Please begin planning now for your summer meetings. The next newsletter is combined July/August**

**THE DUES YOU PAY TO THE BRANCH INCLUDE YOUR DUES TO NATIONAL. IGNORE ANY EMAIL FROM THEM ABOUT DUES.**

### **DUES ARE DUE**

**(before June 5)**

**It is now time to pay your dues for 2023-2024.**

**Dues are late after June 5**

**Regular Membership: \$110**

**Dual Membership: \$18**

**Life Membership: \$38**

**Send your check to Jeanne Smith**

**19191 Harvard Ave, Apt 330A,**

**Irvine, CA 92612 949-391-8502**

**Make check payable to: AAUW**

**IS YOUR NAME ON THE HONOR ROLL? CHECK ON PAGE 5.**



## INTEREST GROUPS

### MUSIC AND DANCE

Friday, August 18, 8 p.m.

Hollywood Bowl

Tchaikovsky Spectacular with Fireworks

LA Philharmonic ending with UC Trojan Brass

Tickets \$15, we will carpool

RSVP by Thursday, June 1 to Barbara

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

Other summer events will be posted only to members on my Music & Dance list. Contact me if you want your name added.

### BOOK REVIEW

June 26, 2023

The book for June is  
Any book by Lisa Dolan

Hostess: Barbara Smith

Co-Hostess: Contact Barbara with what you are bringing

Leader: We will discuss as a group

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

7352 Emerson

Westminster

RSVP to Barbara by Saturday, June 24

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

### Travel Group

Wednesday, June 21, 3 p.m.

At the home of Janet Johnson

16275 Tisbury Circle, HB

Share the joys of safe travel ahead. We will discuss travel plans for the summer and beyond. This will be a social session outside if the weather is good. This is the last meeting until September.

### HAPPY HIKERS

June 8, 2023

San Clemente Beach Trail

9:00AM

Hi all- Our June hike will be to the San Clemente Beach Trail in San Clemente. It runs from the North Beach to Calafia Park right along the beautiful Pacific coast. The path is level and gravel covered with a total distance of 4.6 miles out and back. We will meet to carpool at the Ralph's at the corner of Brookhurst and Ellis in Huntington Beach at 9:00AM. Lunch afterwards will be at the San Clemente Pier.

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



### HONOR ROLL 2023-2024

**Is your name on this list? These are the members who have PAID for 2023-2024 as of APRIL 10. If you are not on this list, please send your check to**

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Pam Alfieri, Pat Allgeier\*, Marjorie Berling\*, Carol Bertino, Marie Bisson\*, Carol Black, Maxine Boyett, Linda Clasen, Wendy Coates, Rita Collins, Gayle Douglas, Terri Elders, Carmen Erber\*, Donna Ewing, Debra Farnum, Bev Finnell, Bette Flick, Jeri Goldsbrough, Betsy Grajeda, Toni Gregory, Peggy Grzywacz, Sandi Guerrero, Dorothy Guillaume-Rutter\*, Susan Harris, Donna Holder, Barbara Islas, Kathleen Iverson, Karen Jackle, Janet Johnson\*, Jean Jordan, Ann Kajdasz, Cheryl Kelly, Carolyn Knupke, Donna Kratter, Jeanne Kulpinski, Andrea La Vita, Sybilla London, Rosalie Lyons,\* LuRae MacArthur, Louise Mac Donald, Linda Mac Donell, Judy Martin, Miriam Matulich, Judy McLeod, Georgia Merchant, Lranne Metzler, Judy Meyer, Patricia Muecke, Connie Nelson, Pat Potter, Julie Ramphal, Kathi Rand, Zelda Rice, Janet Riness, Sandra Nelson, Gloria Rodriguez, Barbara Smith, Jeanne Smith\*, Jen Solano, Christina Sumpter, Lisa Swanson, Fran Thelander\*, Carol Valcarcel, Fredricka Veenstra, Joan Warner, Carol Wemmer, Judy Whittle, Lou Ann Wiese\*, Getta Wolff

\*These are our 50 year members

### Membership News

National has a new membership campaign called, "Shape the future." With this campaign we can offer 50% off of national dues when prospective members join AAUW at an event or meeting. We can also earn one free national membership for every two new members we recruit! Remember, national dues are the largest part of our dues package, so these new members joining at an event will pay \$74.00 instead of \$110.00. The catch is: they must join AT the meeting or event (no, "Let me think about it") and they must be either entirely new to AAUW or someone who rejoins after two or more years of lapsed membership. We will start bringing membership applications to all our meetings, so please bring your friends and TALK IT UP!



## Membership

Membership is delighted to introduce five new members to our branch. So if you see an unfamiliar face at one of our events/activities, please introduce yourself and get acquainted!

Introducing:

- Susan Harris who taught in the Los Alamitos school district for 40 years. She has 3 children and 6 grandchildren and enjoys reading, walking, painting, flower arranging and traveling. But most of all she likes spending time with her family.
- Joan Warner lives in Westminster. She enjoys gardening and journaling. But she also likes books. She is very active in the Westminster Friends of the Library and bookstore, in fact, she is the VP - Manager of the bookstore.
- Kathleen Iverson lives in Westminster. Her primary hobby is her grandchildren. Baking cookies is her special interest. What lucky grandchildren to have an involved grandma who is really into baking cookies!
- Andrea La Vela lives in Long Beach. She enjoys walking, reading, and Jazercise. Her special interests are the theatre, fine dining and travel. I know many of us share these interests.
- Linda Clasen lives in Seal Beach. She retired in 2019 just before COVID. Linda enjoys traveling, going to the movies, reading and just recently started watercolor painting. She's looking forward to AAUW activities.

We are so excited to welcome such talented, interesting women. I'm sure interest groups and committees will be delighted to benefit from their participation.



## Year At A Glance

### September (2022)

- Monthly Meeting: Chris Epting, "Hidden History of OC"
- Book Review: The Personal Librarian
- Quest: Nixon Library
- Happy Hikers: Seal Beach

### October (2022)

- Monthly Meeting: Mary Isaac, "Future Women of Stem"
- Book Review: The Lincoln Highway
- Quest: Train to Capistrano (cancelled)
- Happy Hikers: Dana Point Headlands

### November (2022)

- Monthly Meeting: Dining Out (cancelled)
- Book Review: Kara and the Sun
- Quest: Bowers Museum
- Happy Hikers: Long Beach Shoreline Way

### December (2022)

- Monthly Meeting: Surf City Singers
- Quest: Rancho Los Alamitos
- Happy Hikers: Balboa Island Christmas Lights

### January (2023)

- Monthly Meeting: Val Hoffman, Aquarium of the Pacific
- Book Review: The Last Thing He Told Me
- Quest: Assistance league of Long Beach
- Happy Hikers: Fairview Park, Costa Mesa

### February (2023)

- Book Review: Still Sideways
- Quest: Norton Simon Museum

### March (2023)

- Monthly Meeting: Kim Kolpin, Bolsa Chica Update
- Book Review: Rebecca
- Quest: Yakuit Factory Tour
- Happy Hikers: Naples Long Beach

### April (2023)

- Monthly Meeting: Authors Luncheon, Indomitable Women
- Book Review: Excuse Me while I Disappear
- Quest: Flower Fields of Carlsbad Ranch
- Happy Hikers: El Dorado Par

### May (2023)

- Monthly Meeting: Edward Humes, The Forever Witness
- Book Review: At home: A Short Story of a Private Life
- Quest: Capistrano Train
- Happy Hikers: Bolsa Chica



## **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 & Getta Wolff

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