

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach

June 2024





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

6 Happy Hikers 10 a.m.
10 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
12 Quest Planning 10 a.m.
24 Book Review 7:15 p.m.
25 Quest 10 a.m.

July

29 Book Review 7:15 p.m.

DUES ARE DUE

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

FOR JULY/AUGUST

Articles must be in no later than

June 15, 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 May 2024 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.

Finance Officer's Report

April General Fund

Beginning Balance \$ 19,331.03

Ending Balance \$ 21,911.03

February Fund Account

Beginning Balance \$ 20,017.37

Ending Balance \$ 22,085.38

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

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Presidents' Message

“ When you can’t find the sunshine be the sunshine”

It’s summer time! Our general meetings are on a summer break until September. We thank you for your commitment to our branch and for all you do for women and girls. Welcome Cheryl Kelly to our board replacing Sue Mc Dannel. A huge shout out to Sue for her continuous efforts to recruit new members and for her mentorship. We are grateful for all our board members continuing in their positions. Hoping your summer includes lots of family time, laughter, and fabulous memories!

Warmly,

Donna Kratter and Ann Kajdasz, co-presidents

Congratulations!

Our 2024 Authors Luncheon has raised over \$8000 for our deserving girls and women! Thanks to all of our members for their donations and support to help empower the future generation of women! We are an impressive group!

DUES ARE DUE

(before June 5)

It is now time to pay your dues for 2024-2025.

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

NOTE: IF YOU RECEIVED A BILL FROM NATIONAL, IGNORE IT. YOU PAID NATIONAL WITH YOUR \$110 CHECK.



QUEST

Tuesday, June 25 10 a.m.

Hilbert Museum

167 N. Atchison Street, Orange

No cost to enter the museum

Please join us for a wonderful outing to the newly expanded Hilbert Museum in Orange. It represents the only museum in the world dedicated to tracing the rich history of California from the 19th century to present day through the works of a variety of artists. The collection includes oils, watercolors and drawings of urban and industrial scenes, coastal views and landscapes of everyday life in California. The museum also includes one of the largest private collections of Disney art and works by Norman Rockwell.

The tours are self-guided. There are no docent-led tours. However, there are docents throughout the museum to answer questions and provide information. After touring the museum, we will walk across the street to dine at the Streamliner Lounge & Cafe, which is located in the renovated historic Santa Fe Depot. More detailed information, including parking, will be sent to those who plan to attend.

Please RSVP to me no later than June 10th so that I will be able to make the appropriate reservations.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Hilbert on June 25.

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INTEREST GROUPS

BOOK REVIEW

June 24, 2024

The book for June is

Horse by Geraldine Brooks

Hostess: Barbara Smith

Let Barbara know what you are bringing

Leader: Kathi Rand

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

7352 Emerson

Westminster

RSVP to Barbara by Saturday, June 22

714-897-9013 or basmith10@verizon.net

Quest Planning Meeting

Wednesday, June 12 at 10 a.m.

At the home of Getta Wolff
19472 Summer Breeze Lane, HB

We have had an exciting Quest for Knowledge year and will be planning our next one. Have your ideas and suggestions ready and come join us on June 12. All are welcome.

Please respond to Getta: wolff.pack@me.com

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP GET TOGETHER

Help! We are looking for a member to offer their home for our annual summer welcome for new members. Your membership committee will coordinate everything that is required to plan and support this get together, we just need your home! We promise to be fun to work with! Please call Sandi Guerrero 626-234-8501 or email: Sandraguerrero@me.com as soon as possible and we can chat in more detail as to what this would mean to you. How about a shout out to LuRae MacArthur for hosting the past few years! Let's keep this garden party alive!

Thank you. Sandi



HAPPY HIKERS

June 6, 2024 Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve 10 a.m.

2301 University Dr. Newport Beach

We will be hiking the Newport Bay Nature Preserve, which is a 1,000 acre open space on the bluffs above Pacific Coast Highway and the ocean. This beautiful area has one of the finest bird watching spaces in the county: coastal wrens, gnatcatchers and burrowing owls among many others. It is an easy walk with gorgeous vistas. We will meet at the Peter & Mary Muth Interpretive Center at 2301 University Dr. in Newport Beach at 10 a.m. If you want to carpool join us at the Central Library parking lot off Goldenwest at 9:30 a.m. Please let me know if you are coming and/or want to carpool.

ralphkaj@aol.com We would love to have new members join us! Ann

HONOR ROLL 2024-2025

**Is your name on this list? These are the members who have PAID for 2024-2025 as of MAY 10. If you are not on this list, please send your check to Jeanne Smith
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Pat Allgeier, Riva Apodaca, Marjorie Berling, Carol Bertino, Marie Bisson, Carol Black, Maxine Boyett, Bonnie Castrey, Rita Collins, Barbara Creighton, Pat Dallas, Eleanor Demler, Gayle Douglas, Lynne Ehret, Terri Elders, Carmen Erber, Donna Ewing, Bette Flick, Barbara Gershman, Jeri Goldsbrough, Toni Gregory, Sandi Guerrero, Dorothy Guillaume-Rutter, Roslyn Haley, Susan Harris, Donna Holder, Lynne Hoover, Barbara Islas, Pat Jenkes, Janet Johnson, Jran Jordan, Ann Kajdasz, Carol Kanode, Cheryl Kelly, Jeanne Kulpinski, Andrea LaVela, Sybilla London, Rosalie Lyons, Louise MacDonald, Linda MacDonell, Judy Martin, Miriam Matulich, Sue McDannel, Georgia Merchant, Leanne Metzler, Judy Meyer, Pat Muecke, Gail Nass, Connie Nelson, Pat Potter, Kathi Rand, Vicki Rand, Zelda Rice, Janet Riness, Phyllis Sakioka, Barbara Smith, Jeanne Smith, Jen Solano, Meredyth Stern, Chris Sumpter, Lisa Swanson, Fran Thelander, Carol Valcarcel, Fredricka Veenstra, Joan Warner, Janis White, Judy Whitledge, Lou Ann Wiese, Connie Wittman.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

I asked our four new members to tell us a few things about themselves so we could better get to know them. This is what they said.

Meredyth Stern tells us: I've attended AAUW Authors Luncheons with Maxine Boyett and Connie Nelson and enjoyed them immensely. I look forward to attending any other events AAUW offers. I reside in Huntington Beach and Minneapolis MN where my family resides. I spend time working with environmental causes and I am on the board of the Amigos de Bolsa Chica. The board's focus is protecting the Bolsa Chica Wetlands from housing encroachment as well as maintaining and improving the Wetlands. Meredyth also says she enjoys dancing and bridge.

Gail Nass writes that: My husband and I moved to Southern California from Florida last fall to be closer to our son and his family. I'm looking forward to discovering all that SoCal has to offer, but the best thing is enjoying our 2 sweet grandchildren! I grew up in upstate NY near West Point (still a north east girl at heart!) I am a retired licensed mental health counselor.

I was introduced to AAUW by way of a chance encounter with Cheryl Kelly and Joanne Flahive who encouraged me to go on a Quest outing. I'm so thankful for bumping into them at just the right time! I've been thoroughly enjoying meeting all of the wonderful ladies of AAUW who have been so accepting and encouraging to this newbie to SoCal! I love going on the Quest outings and lunching afterwards! I enjoy crocheting and taking classes at my local yarn store. I love reading historical fiction (Tudor history in particular). I'm looking forward to many more adventures with the women of AAUW!

According to Janis White: I suppose what makes me who I am centers around my interest in how the brain works and maximizing its potential. For many years, I not only taught students in the typical classroom but also taught children in special education. My background in communication disorders opened up many opportunities to help children, their families, and help shape legislation as I went from Tustin USD to the Orange County Department of Education to a position as Chief Operating Officer for the Regional Center of Orange County. This interest continues to serve me well as I get older and want to keep exercising my brain so it doesn't become dormant. AAUW to the rescue!

Connie Wittman says: I am a retired Boeing employee and Real Estate agent. I have 2 homes in Orange county- one in Anaheim and one in downtown Huntington Beach. I have 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren. My oldest daughter is a RN in Houston at Methodist hospital. My son-in-law and 3 grandkids also live and work in the Houston area. My other daughter and son-in-law live and work in Fullerton. I enjoy reading, games, travel, museums and gathering with friends and family.

Remember, when you see these newbies at any of our functions reach out to them and make them feel welcome. You just might find a new bestie!

2024 GOLDEN WEST SCHOLARSHIPS

We have selected these four dedicated returning GWC honors students each to receive our 2024 Scholarship Award of \$500:

Thu Nguyen, who plans to become a nurse practitioner, has been working as a pharmacy technician while raising her toddler son. She describes herself as “striving relentlessly” toward her objectives.

Dan Dang is working on a degree to become a labor and delivery nurse “to bring joy and happiness”. She is a mother who moved to the U.S. from rural Vietnam 9 years ago, and fundraises with her church to send aid to yearly flood victims in Middle Vietnam.

Alejandra Brugeman majors in nursing, with a specialty in labor and delivery. She does extensive volunteer work to raise funds for local underprivileged families, she herself being from a low-income immigrant family. Alejandra states, “I can proudly say that I am a first generation college student”.

Thi Nguyen plans to be an elementary school teacher. She is currently pregnant and working full-time. Having arrived from Vietnam 8 years ago, she describes her journey as being “Filled with struggles, resilience, and a deep passion for teaching”.

Additionally, Thi Nguyen will receive \$250 from the Pyle Family Endowment, and Dan Dang will receive \$250 from the Berlinger Family Endowment.

Each of these deserving women will be duly congratulated at the Goldenwest College Reception May 21. We see a bright future ahead for all!

DUES ARE DUE

**(SEE PAGE 3 FOR
INFORMATION)**



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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
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