



TRI CITY DISPATCH

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach
May 2024

HOW TO BE SAFE FROM SCAMMERS

Steve Levin, Fraud Education Lecturer, is a Huntington Beach Police Department volunteer responsible for creation and implementation of economic fraud and community education. He will present a program which will include: Medicare, law enforcement, grandparent, IRS, Social Security, utility, romance, and investment scams. Come and hear how you can prevent being scammed.

After this presentation we will have our election and installation of Branch officers for 2024-2025.



General Meeting

May 18, 2024

Center for Spiritual Living

7641 Talbert Avenue
Huntington Beach

Social

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.
Speaker

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Business Meeting and
Lunch

11:15 a.m.

Menu: Corner Bakery

Box Lunch includes:
Turkey/avocado sandwich,
salad, fruit cup, cookie,
beverage

Vegetarian option by
request

\$20.00 check due by
May 13

AAUW: WM-FV-HB

c/o Carol Kanode

17382 Alta Vista Circle
Huntington Beach, 92647



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 2 Quest 9:45 a.m.
- 6 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 9 Happy Hikers 10 a.m.
- 15 Travel Group 3 p.m.
- 18 General Meeting 10 a.m.
- 20 Book Review 7:15 p.m.

June

- 3 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 25 Quest

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles must be in no later than
May 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 April 2024 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.

Finance Officer's Report

March General Fund

Beginning Balance \$ 17,380.97
Ending Balance \$ 19,331.03

March Fund Account

Beginning Balance \$ 18,057.37
Ending Balance \$ 20,017.37

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

BRANCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Membership inquiries and new members

Rae6149@hotmail.com

Update member contact information

ralphkaj@aol.com

Programs

genelinhb@aol.com

Website problems, comments, corrections

jenjimmyrick@gmail.com

Click on the above links to email



Presidents' Message

Dear Members,

Spring is upon us! Hopefully, we can pack away our raincoats and sweaters and get ready to enjoy the sunshine. We have a large turnout for our Authors Luncheon. A big shout out to all the dedicated and talented women for their time planning and preparing for our annual fund-raising event.

Please attend our May 18th meeting. This will be our last general meeting before the summer break. Enjoy the speaker and participate in the voting of our 2024-25 board. It is not too late to write your name in for V.P. Fund. Thanks to Carol and Phyllis for keeping us all connected at our successful and diverse meetings!

It is time to also vote in the 2024 AAUW National election. Check for the link in your email. There will be an extremely important vote on an amendment to the bylaws to open membership to any individual who supports AAUW's mission. Voting closes on May 15.

Happy Mother's Day!

Warmest wishes to you all,

Ann and Donna Co-Presidents

Heads Up! June/July Newsletter

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

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 for your dues, ignore it.



INTEREST GROUPS

May Quest

Thursday, May 2, 2024
(Please note the earlier date)

CSULB Campus

Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden
And
Kleefeld Contemporary Art Museum

We will be visiting the Miller Japanese Garden whose mission is: "...to provide a place of refuge, beauty and learning for all who enter its gates." Built in April 1981 through donations of Lorraine Miller Collins in memory of her husband, the garden is a hybrid art form that combines typical elements of Japanese garden design within the context of its So Cal location. It reflects the University's continued interest in international education, and student and community engagement. We will have a docent led tour of the garden and if we're lucky we may even be able to feed the koi!

Our next stop is the Kleefeld Contemporary Art Museum. It is a short walk (about 800 steps) from the garden. Although it is celebrating its 50th anniversary, it has recently undergone extensive renovation and expansion. If you've ever visited it before during your time on the campus you won't recognize it. The architecture is quite impressive. The theme of the new spring exhibitions is "It Moves Forward Always," and they feature various mediums.

There is free admission to both of these venues but, we are asking for \$1.00 for the docent tour.

Our tour begins at 10:30 a.m. Since parking can be tricky, we are planning to meet in the Hof's Hut parking lot on Seal Beach Blvd. at 9:45 a.m., from where it is strongly recommended that we carpool. Later we will return to Hof's Hut for lunch.

Please reply to: suemcdannel@yahoo.com by April 29. Those who reply will be sent a campus map, and parking instructions.

BOOK REVIEW

May 20, 2024 (3rd Monday)

The book for May is
Our Missing Hearts

by Celeste Ng

Hostess: Barbara Smith

Leader: Terri Elders

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

7352 Emerson

Westminster

RSVP to Barbara by Saturday, May 18
Tell her if you are bringing a snack or
beverage

714-897-9013 or basmith10@verizon.net

Looking ahead - Horse by Geraldine

Travel Group

Wednesday, May 15, 3 p.m.

At the home of Karen Jackle

6132 Hamshire, Huntington Beach

714-612-0028

Everyone is welcome. We share
information on travels near and far. It is
fun with friends old and new.



HAPPY HIKERS

May 9 (Second Thursday) **10 a.m.**
Bolsa Chica

We will be making our annual spring trek to see the heron nests and baby chicks. We will meet at the Interpretive Center on Warner at 10 a.m. Then we will eat lunch at the Calico Fish Camp on PCH. Hopefully no rain this time!

Please let me know at ralphkaj@aol.com. Happy Spring! Ann

SAVE THE DATE

Quest

Hilbert Museum in Orange

Tuesday, June 25

More information in the
next newsletter

Tech Trek

We have chosen our Tech Trek 2024 campers! Ruth Le and Katherine Ng from Warner Middle School, Katelyn Nguyen, Kristen Marcos, and Jolie Su from Stacey Middle School, and Adelynn Ferreira from Johnson Middle School who will be attending the Whittier College camp. Karina Velasquez from Johnson Middle School will participate in the virtual camp. You will meet them all at our October meeting. Congratulations to all!

ALERT Chris Epting will be at May Meeting to deliver copies of his new book to members who prepaid. He will also have books for purchase. For questions call, text, or email Getta [\(wolff.pack@me.com](mailto:wolff.pack@me.com) (714-342-6675)

PROTECT THE HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY!

The Huntington Beach City Council is looking into privatizing our award winning Huntington Beach Public Library. This could lead to professional staff layoffs, a reduction of services, and the loss of local control over book selection and programs. The American Library Association is adamantly against public library privatization. The Friends of Huntington Beach Public Library and a majority of our community members are also opposed to this takeover of our beloved and successful library. Let your voice be heard by going onto the Friends website at fotlhb.com and the Protect Huntington Beach site at protecthb.org. Show your support for our community and its wonderful library!



If you have a valid email address with AAUW National, your ballot for the important upcoming AAUW election was sent April 3rd. The sender is AAUW and the subject line is AAUW Election 2024.

We have reports that some emails may have gone to SPAM or the special Gmail folders such as "Promotions," so search your email by the subject "AAUW Election 2024". They will send you another notice if you deleted the first one. If you do not have an email address on file, you will receive a paper ballot.

There is a critical question on the ballot regarding the proposed amendment to the national bylaws to eliminate the degree requirement.

Voting closes at noon Eastern Time on May 15th. Be sure your voice is heard.

HONOR ROLL 2023-2024

Is your name on this list? These are the members who have PAID for 2024-2025 as of APRIL 10. If you are not on this list, please send your check to

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Pat Allgeier, Riva Apodaca, Marjorie Berling, Marie Bisson, Maxine Boyett, Pat Dallas, Eleanor Demler, Gayle Douglas, Terri Elders, Carmen Erber, Bette Flick, Dorothy Guillaume-Rutter, Lynne Hoover, Barbara Islas, Pat Jenkes, Janet Johnson, Ann Kajdasz, Carol Kanode, Cheryl Kelly, Rosalie Lyons, Louise MacDonald, Linda MacDonell, Judy Martin, Miriam Matulich, Sue McDannel, Georgia Merchant, Leanne Metzler, Judy Meyer, Pat Muecke, Pat Potter, Kathi Rand, Vicki Rand, Zelda Rice, Janet Riness, Barbara Smith, Jeanne Smith, Fran Thelander, Carol Valcarcel, Fredricka Veenstra, Joan Warner, Judy Whitledge, Lou Ann Wiese

NOMINATIONS FOR 2023-2024

The Nominating Committee would like to present the following slate to be voted on at the May General Meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee. If there are no nominations from the floor the slate may be elected by "acclamation" or a voice vote will be taken. Election shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting.

ELECTED OFFICERS SLATE

CO-PRESIDENTS Donna Kratter, Ann Kajdasz

CO-VP PROGRAM Phyllis Sakioka, Carol Kanode

CO-VP MEMBERSHIP Sandra Guerrero, Cheryl Kelly

CO-VP AAUW FUND

SECRETARY Jennifer Solano

FINANCE OFFICER Kathi Rand



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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 & Getta Wolff

Membership Co-VPs: LuRae MacArthur & Sue McDannel

Programs Co-VPs: Linda MacDonnell & Sandra Guerrero

Treasurer: Peggy Grzywacz

Membership Treasurer: Jeanne Smith

Newsletter Editor: Jeanne Smith

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