



TRI CITY DISPATCH

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach
May 2025

SENIOR INVESTMENT FRAUD

Steve Levin is back by popular demand. Steve is a six year volunteer with the Huntington Beach Police Department responsible for creation and implementation of economic fraud.

We welcome his knowledge as he explains the dangers seniors face and how to avoid fraud investments.

After this presentation we will have our election and installation of Branch officers for 2025-2026.



General Meeting

May 17, 2025

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:

Chicken/avocado
sandwich,
salad, fruit cup, cookie,
beverage

Vegetarian option by
request

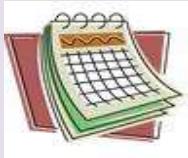
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May 11

AAUW: WM-FV-HB

c/o Kathi Rand

306 Coral Reef #53

Huntington Beach, 92648



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 1 Happy Hikers 10 a.m.
- 3 RSVP Music & Dance
- 5 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 8 Quest 10:30 a.m.
- 17 General Meeting 10 a.m.
- 19 Book Review 7:15 p.m.
- 21 Travel Group 3 p.m.

June

- 2 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 6 Quest Planning 10 a.m.

July

- 18 Music & Dance

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 2025 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.

Finance Officer's Report

March General Fund

Beginning Balance \$ 18,771.70
Ending Balance \$ 18,708.62

March Fund Account

Beginning Balance \$ 14,804.16
Ending Balance \$ 20,161.16

Website: wm-fv-aauw@weebly.com

BRANCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Membership inquiries and new members

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Update member contact information

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Programs

carolkanode@me.com

Website problems, comments, corrections

jenjimmyrick@gmail.com

Click on the above links to email



Presidents' Message

Dear Members,

Happy May! Hopefully the rainy and cooler days are behind us. Daylight is stretching longer to give you plenty of time to enjoy spring days. Gentle reminder if you haven't yet paid your 2025-26 dues, please send your \$112 check to Jeanne Smith, or you can personally bring your check to our last dynamic May 17 general meeting before the summer break. Your attendance is appreciated to vote for the 2025-26 slate of officers. We are delighted to see new faces to serve as leaders. It is important to check your AAUW California emails as there will be a vote to increase dues by \$10. Please let your vote be heard!! Thank you all for supporting AAUW, an organization that fights for gender equity in education.

Happy Mother's Day!

Warmest wishes to you all,

Ann and Donna Co-Presidents

Heads Up! July/August Newsletter

Please begin planning now for your summer meetings. The newsletter for July and August will be combined.

DUES ARE DUE

(before June 5)

It is now time to pay your dues for 2025-2026.

Regular Membership: \$112

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: There may be a state dues increase. Look for your ballot. Balloting will be from April 26 to May 14



INTEREST GROUPS

May Quest

Thursday, May 8 10:30 a.m.

Sherman Library and Gardens
2647 E. Coast Hwy, Corona del Mar

It is springtime at Sherman Library and Gardens. We will be walking through the lovely blooming gardens on our own this time at 10:30 a.m. followed by a docent tour of just the library at 11:30 a.m. The library is part of the original adobe and contains historic photos, art, archival collections, research materials as well as city directories.

The beautiful Dahlia Café is located at the gardens and we have 12:30 p.m. lunch reservations. Anyone remember the delicious buttermilk gruyere biscuits? On my!

This location is always a delight. There is a \$5 admission fee at the garden entrance.

Plan to meet at Sherman Library and Gardens at 10:30 a.m.

Contact Janet Riness if you plan to attend:
jriness@roadrunner.com

Please state if you will be joining us for lunch at Dahlia Café.

Travel Group

Wednesday, May 21 3 p.m.

What Souvenirs Did You Bring Home?

At the home of Bea Hanser

16782 Sea Witch Lane, Huntington Beach

714-840-0809

RSVP to ritarisk@aol.com

Everyone is welcome. Come view the many interesting items (both large and small) that Bea and husband David have collected over many years of extensive travel.

Questions, call Rita Collins at 714-840-3642

BOOK REVIEW

May 19, 2025 (3rd Monday)

The book for May is
An American Beauty

by Shanna Abe

Hostess: Barbara Smith

Leader: Sybilla London

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

7352 Emerson

Westminster

RSVP to Barbara by Saturday, May 17
Tell her what you are bringing

714-897-9013 or basmith10@verizon.net

Looking ahead - The Giver of Stars by
Jojo Moyes

Music & Dance

Friday July 18 Annual Hollywood Bowl

Tchaikovsky Fireworks Concert

RSVP to Barbara Smith- basmith10@verizon.net

by May 3 for \$20 tickets and carpooling

Artists: Los Angeles Philharmonic, Carlos Miguel Prieto, conductor, San Francisco Ballet, USC Trojan Marching Band

HAPPY HIKERS

May 1 **10 a.m.**
Bolsa Chica

It's time to visit the heron chicks again in Bolsa Chica! We will meet at the Interpretive Center at the corner of Warner and PCH at 10 a.m. After our hike, we will have lunch at the Calico Fish Camp on PCH. New members are very welcome for this easy, enjoyable walk through the wetlands. Please let me know at ralphkaj@aol.com. Happy Spring! Ann

Public Policy - Gender Pay Gap

AAUW National recently issued a 2025 Update to their Gender Pay Gap statistics. The pay gap is the difference in men's and women's median earnings, usually reported as the earnings ratio between men and women. Despite pay discrimination being illegal for over half a century, the gender pay gap remains a glaring inequity, undermining both workers' livelihoods and the strength of our economy.

AAUW is calling for rigorous enforcement and strengthening of the Equal Pay Act, reinstatement of pay data collection by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and advancing state pay equity laws. On March 31, 2025, AAUW joined over 100 organizations committed to strengthening women's economic security and sent a letter to members of Congress in support of the Paycheck Fairness Act which would update and bolster the Equal Pay Act of 1963. Additional policy recommendations to address the gender pay gap include higher education support, paid leave, childcare access, and reproductive health.

To review the 2025 update data and other important policy recommendations, check out aauw.org. You can find "Gender Pal Gap" under "Explore the Issues."

Tech Trek

The Tech Trek committee has selected 5 girls to attend camps this summer. Sofi Dam, Xiara Alvarez, and Jessie Espinoza from Warner Middle School along with Eymar Yargas from Stacey Middle School will all go to the residential camp at Whittier College in June, and Nghi Vu from Stacey will participate in the virtual program in July. It's a great group of young ladies!



MEMBERSHIP

We would like to thank our members who are actively inviting prospective members to attend our general meetings, special interest group activities, as well as, to our upcoming Authors Luncheon. You know who you are! Great job! At our March General Meeting, we had four prospective members attend. Let's keep it up.

We've had members say "I am not good at this! I don't know where to begin." Sound familiar? Well, at this month's state branch development meeting, this tip was suggested: Develop a quick 30-second pitch on the value of AAUW to you, rehearse it, and then use it when you have the opportunity to share with someone you think might be interested. Try it and let's us know how it works for you. Be prepared with your pitch as opportunities to share appear when we least expect it.

Membership Vice Presidents
Sandi Guerrero, Cheryl Kelly

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HONOR ROLL 2025-2026

Is your name on this list? These are the members who have PAID for 2025-2026 as of APRIL 10. If you are not on this list, please send your check to

AAUW
c/o Jeanne Smith
19191 Harvard Ave Apt 330A
Irvine 92612
949-391-8502.

Pat Allgeier, Riva Apodaca, Marjorie Berling, Marie Bisson, Carol Black, Pat Dallas, Terri Elders, Carmen Erber, Sandi Guerrero, Dorothy Guillaume-Rutter, Barbara Islas, Janet Johnson, Cheryl Kelly, Rosalie Lyons, Louise MacDonald, Miriam Matulich, Leanne Metzler, Pat Potter, Julie Ranphal, Zelda Rice, Janet Riness, Phyllis Sakioka, Barbara Smith, Jeanne Smith, Lisa Swanson, Terrie Taylor, Fran Thelander, Lou Ann Wiese, Connie Wittman.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2025-2026

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 Janet Riness, Lisa Swanson

CO-VP PROGRAM Phyllis Sakioka, Carol Kanode

CO-VP MEMBERSHIP Sandra Guerrero, Cheryl Kelly

CO-VP AAUW FUND Donna Kratter, Ann Kajdasz

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 & Ann Kajdasz

Membership Co-VPs: Cheryl Kelly & Sandi Guerrero

Programs Co-VPs: Phyllis Sakioka & Carol Kanode

Treasurer: Kathi Rand

Membership Treasurer: Jeanne Smith

Newsletter Editor: Jeanne Smith

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Address Correction Requested

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