

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach
October 2024

THIS YEAR'S TECH TREK GIRLS

Thanks to the success of our Authors Luncheon, our branch was able to send seven girls to Tech Trek. Six went to the in person camp at Whittier College, and one participated in the virtual program. They are Jolie Sue, Kristen Marcos, and Katelyn Nguyen from Stacey Middle School (pictured), Ruth Le and Katherine Ng from Warner Middle, and Adelynn Ferreira and Karina Velasquez from Johnson. At our October meeting they will describe to you some of the highlights of their experience. One of our members, Lisa Swanson, also participated in Tech Trek as a "dorm mom," and is eager to share her views with you as well. It should be a very interesting program! Don't miss it.



General Meeting

October 26, 2024

Center for Spiritual Living

7641 Talbert Avenue

Huntington Beach

Social

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Tech Trek speakers

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Business Meeting and Lunch

11:15 a.m.

Menu

Box Lunch includes:

Turkey/avocado sandwich,
chips, fruit cup, cookie,
beverage

Vegetarian option by request

\$25.00 check due by
October 19

AAUW: WM-FV-HB

c/o Kathi Rand

306 Coral Reef #53

Huntington Beach, 92648



**CALENDAR
OF
EVENTS**

October

- 3 Happy Hikers 10 a.m.
- 7 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 9 Quest 10 a.m.
- 16 Travel Group 3 p.m.
- 26 General Meeting 10 a.m.
- 28 Book Review 7:15 p.m.

November

- 4 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 5 VOTE
- 21 Quest

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Finance Officer's Report
August General Fund
Beginning Balance \$ 18,757.94
Ending Balance \$ 18,491.94
May Fund Account
Beginning Balance \$ 22,497.37
Ending Balance \$ 22,472.37

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

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Presidents' Message

It's hard to believe, but summer is gone and fall is almost upon us. We have a flurry of holidays over the next few months to enjoy with family and friends. But let's not forget the most important holiday of all: ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 5. Make sure you are an educated voter by reading the voter and ballot guides when they are mailed to you. Also, AAUW has a site <http://www.aauwaction.org/voter-issue-guide> to let you know about the organization's issues to be considered in November. The League of Women Voters also has a site [VOTE411 | League of Women Voters](#) where you can enter your address to get voting, ballot initiatives, and candidate information. It is not yet operational, but will be soon. So please let your voices be heard and VOTE on November 5! We can all make a difference!

Also, please join us at our General Meeting on October 26 (note later than usual) to meet and support our lovely Tech Trek girls. Our branch is strong and fun because of all of you!

Sincerely,

Donna Kratter and Ann Kajdasz, co-presidents

VOTE November 5

Ballots mailed on October 7



INTEREST GROUPS

QUEST

Wednesday, October 9 10 a.m.

Modjeska House/Arden

29042 Modjeska Canyon Road

Silverado

In 1876 Helena Modjeska, a Polish actress, came to Anaheim to join a farming commune. After this venture failed, she struggled to learn English, returned to the stage, and became a famous US Shakespearean actress; she crisscrossed the nation via rail and was the first actor to own her own railroad car.

Helena and her husband, Count Bozenta Chiapowski, settled in Silverado Canyon (1888-1905). They called their 1600-acre estate "Arden" after the forest in As You Like It.

Lunch at 26612 Towne Centre Dr. Foothill Ranch

There are restaurants with center court seating.

Please RSVP to Eleanor Demler granite5@msn.com; (714) 715-9789 before October 1. We will carpool from HB Library and Hof's Hut (Seal Beach). We will provide additional information on Town Centre restaurant options and driving instructions.

Travel Group

October 16 3 p.m.

At the home of Rita Collins

16872 Phelps Lane, Huntington Beach

Everyone is welcome. There is information, fun, friends, and refreshment. See you there!

Any questions, call or text Rita,

714-310-1036 cell

BOOK REVIEW

October 28, 2024

The book for October is

Tom Lake

by Ann Patchet

Hostess: Barbara Smith

Co-Hostess: Contact Barbara with what you are bringing

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

7352 Emerson

Westminster

RSVP to Barbara by Saturday, October 26
[714-897-9013](tel:714-897-9013) or basmith10@verizon.net

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, November 21:

Quest visit to the Bowers with lunch at Tangata and a tour of The Eternal Garden: Titanium Art by Aka Chen



HAPPY HIKERS

October 3, 2024

Long Beach

10 a.m.

Since I unfortunately had to cancel last month's hike, we will be trying Long Beach again. We will meet at the corner of East Marina Drive and 2nd Street across from Whole Foods Market at 10 a.m. From there we will cross the bridge over 2nd into Venice and walk along Alamitos Bay to the Colorado Lagoon. It will be an easy walk and hopefully cooler by October! Afterwards we will have lunch at the Crab Pot. If you want to carpool we will meet at the Central Library parking lot off Goldenwest at 9:30 a.m. Please let me know if you are coming or want to carpool at ralphkaj@aol.com. See you soon! Ann

AAUW California Programs

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), founded in 1881, is the nation's leading organization advocating equity for women and girls. Its national membership of 170,000 members and supporters seeks to advance equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. People of every race, creed, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, and level of physical ability are invited to join.

The organization's presence in California began when the San Francisco branch was established in 1884. By 1921, with thirteen active branches in the state, branch leaders saw a need for a statewide organization. The constitution for AAUW California was approved in October 1921.

AAUW California is an active and diverse organization for women with nearly 9,000 members in more than 100 branches. In addition to their local brand of programs and activities, most branches participate in one or more of the state's signature programs: Tech Trek, Speech Trek, or Gov Trek.



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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.

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