



TRI CITY DISPATCH

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach
September 2023

THE KINDNESS OF COLOR



Janice Munemitsu is the author of “The Kindness of Color,” the true story of two immigrant families who came to Southern California for better lives, only to face their own separate battles against racism in the midst of World War II. One family came by land from Mexico and the other by sea from Japan. Little did they expect their paths would meet and lead to justice and desegregation for all the school children in *Mendez, et. al v. Westminster* (1947) - seven years before *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954). She currently is an ongoing speaker at the Museum of Tolerance, Los Angeles, as well as an advocate for kindness. Her website: www.thekindnessofcolor.com

Janice is a third-generation Japanese American Sansei. A native of Orange County, California, she worked on the family farm from age five through high school. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California (BS/MBA) and Biola University (MA, Spiritual Formation). Her corporate career includes Vice President, Main Meals, for ConAgra/Hunt Wesson, as well as a consultant for several corporations and non-profit/ministries. Janice served her church for 10 years leading the capital campaign at Mariners Church, Irvine, her church since 1995. She served with Generous Giving for 10 years from 2011-2021, and is called to the ministries of spiritual direction/soul care and promoting generosity globally. Janice currently serves on the boards of A3 leadership (formerly Asian Access), the Bible Project, National Christian Foundation California, and Malachi 3 Foundation.

General Meeting

September 30, 2023

Center for Spiritual Living
7641 Talbert Avenue
Huntington Beach

Social

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Presentation

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Followed by

Business Meeting and Lunch

Menu: Bento Box

Includes: chicken, rice,
noodles, California roll, and
seasonal vegetables

Vegetarian option by request

\$20.00 check due by
September 27

AAUW: WM-FV-HB

c/o Carol Kanode

17382 Alta Vista Circle
Huntington Beach, 92647



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 5 Board Meeting 7 p.m
- 7 Happy Hikers 9:15 a.m.
- 25 Book Review 7:15 p.m.
- 26 Movie Review 3 p.m.
- 28 Quest 10:30 a.m.
- 30 General Meeting 10 a.m.

October

- 3 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 12 Quest
- 15 Music & Dance 3 p.m.
- 28 General Meeting

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Send to Jeanne Smith
dandjsmith@earthlink.net

PLEASE NOTE 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 August 2023 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.

Finance Officer's Report

May General Fund

Beginning Balance \$ 18,925.87

Ending Balance \$ 22,790.77

May Fund Account

Beginning Balance \$ 23,905.99

Ending Balance \$ 9,392.88

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Presidents' Message

We hope you had a wonderful summer with travel to exotic places, visits with friends and family, or just relaxing in our beautiful Southern California. Now it is time to start an exciting new season with AAUW. We have many events planned and hope current and new members can take part in all of them. Make sure you check our monthly newsletter to see what is coming.

Our branch has a great 2023-2024 Board with returning and new faces. Our wonderful Program VPs Sandi and Linda have termed out to be replaced by Phyllis Sakioka and Carol Kanode. We are so pleased to have these ladies join us from the Newport Beach branch. They have lots of experience and many exciting ideas for the coming year, and we are lucky to have them! Also "retiring" is our long-time Treasurer Peggy Grzywacz. Peggy has ably steered our financial ship for many years and we are very grateful to her. The new Treasurer is also a new member Kathi Rand. We really appreciate her stepping in to fill those big shoes and know she will do a fine job!

Meanwhile our Interest Groups are going full steam ahead with a lot of plans for the coming year. We have to take a moment to thank Janet Johnson for the fantastic job she has done leading the Travel Group. She is also stepping down, but will remain active in the monthly get-togethers.

A huge thanks to all of the ladies who have made our Branch so enjoyable and meaningful over the years! We encourage all the new members to get active in our Mission and our Interest Groups. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends and make a difference in the community we all love.

Here's to a fun new year and all the best from the two of us!

Sincerely,

Donna Kratter and Ann Kajdasz, co-presidents



INTEREST GROUPS

QUEST

Thursday, September 28 10:30 a.m.

Westminster Museum

Please join us for a docent-led visit to the Westminster Museum, a close-by local gem operated entirely by volunteers and located at Blakey Park. It is housed in the former Midway City Woman's Club and moved to this location for preservation. Inside are an impressive 31 exhibits focusing on the history of the area from being Rancho Las Bolsas to a Presbyterian colony to a city that has now become one of the largest Vietnamese communities. Learn about a Westminster school being the location of the landmark anti-segregation court case of Mendez v. Westminster.

Lunch will be at the Seafood Paradise, which offers a full menu in English, including broccoli beef, kung pao chicken and many other favorites. Dim sum is also available. We will park at the restaurant and walk to the museum next door.

8602 Westminster Blvd. at Newland

Please RSVP to Janet Riness

jriness@roadrunner.com

BOOK REVIEW

September 25, 2023

The book for September is

These Precious Days

by Ann Patchett

Hostess: Barbara Smith

Co-Hostess: Contact Barbara with what you are bringing

Leader: TBD

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

7352 Emerson

Westminster

RSVP to Barbara by Saturday,
September 23

714-897-9013 or basmith10@verizon.net

Save The Date!

Quest

October 12

OC Art Museum

Movie Group

Tuesday, September 26, 3 p.m.

At the home of Judy McLeod

17391 Almelo Lane, Huntington Beach

Due to actors strike, release dates may be delayed. "White Bird" with Helen Mirren & "The Hill" with Dennis Quaid are 2 choices. Both now are to come out August 26. Please RSVP Judy at

judy12don@aol.com 714-846-5155



HAPPY HIKERS

September 7

9:15 a.m.

Horseshoe Loop Trail Irvine Regional Park

We will be walking the Horseshoe Loop Trail, which offers an historic meander around the park with stately groves of oak and sycamore and panoramic views. It is about 4 miles total with a 200 foot elevation gain. We will meet at the Central Library parking lot (the one off Goldenwest) at 9:15 to carpool. I will e-mail further directions to those who want to drive there on their own. Lunch to follow, of course! Please let me know if you are carpooling or joining us at the park. See you then!

ralphkaj@aol.com Ann Kajdasz

HAPPY HIKERS

The Happy Hikers meet the first Thursday morning of each month. The hikes average 4 miles and are of easy to moderate difficulty. I describe the current hike in the newsletter so people can determine if they want to come. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested. We always welcome new members!

ralphkaj@aol.com Ann Kajdasz

MUSIC & DANCE

October 15 3 p.m.

Chapman College, Musco Auditorium

United States Army Band playing old standard popular songs and songs from Broadway Musicals

Contact Barbara Smith for tickets and carpool.

Basmith10@verizon.net

Book Review August 28

As you may recall Getta recruited Edward Humes to speak at our successful May 2023 General Meeting. Getta will share with us her research on Edward's careers (author, journalist and teacher) as well as the insights he shared with her on the creation of the Forever Witness; How DNA and Genealogy Solved a Cold Case Double Murder.



Dear Westminster AAUW Branch,

First, I would love to thank you for sending me to Tech Trek this year. I had a lovely time at camp and the activities were amazing. My core class was anatomy, and we had fun dissecting pigs, inflating beef lungs, and touching a beef heart. We learned a lot about human anatomy and pig anatomy. An activity I still remember is our scavenger hunt because we got to run around the campus and take lots of photos. The second activity that I remember is our dorm projects and the problems we had to come up with solutions with the help of known information, what we learned in class, and the internet. We got the prompt “How can we make someone’s life more comfortable and active if they are missing an arm or leg?” We all worked together to try to solve the problem they have. Lastly, I again would like to thank everyone for a lovely life. I hope to talk to you again.

Sincerely,

Abby Wood

TECH TREK

Our branch sent five girls to Tech Trek residential camp at Whittier College at the end of June. During the week they lived in the dorms, ate in the school cafeteria, and participated in hands-on STEM activities all day and evening. At the end of July two more girls experienced the virtual Tech Trek program. You will get to hear their stories at our October meeting. Don't miss it!

Toni

Dear AAUW Westminster,

I would like to thank you for sponsoring my wonderful experience at Tech Trek. My core class ended up being anatomy, which is perfect for me. I was able to gain a lot of knowledge about the human body and the organ systems. My teacher blew ink on a beef lung, which was very new to me. I was also able to dissect a fetal pig for the first time. I took out many of the organs in the pig and was able to learn a lot about dissections through my anatomy class. I was also able to participate in many events/workshops that could benefit me. For example, I participated in the Bite of Reality event, which taught me to budget my money. I also did the strawberry DNA and the DIY lotion workshops, which were both very fun and new to me. I was able to make many new connections and make great memories in this camp. Thank you so much for making this whole experience possible!

Sincerely,

Pauline Lam



Dear Westminster AAUW Branch,

Thank you for letting me attend Tech Trek. The experience was unforgettable for me. I was able to have more hands-on experiences with STEM that I will carry with me. I was placed into the robotics/coding class, which I'm super happy I got placed in. We created a hat using robotic components, which was super fun. I got to go to a space center and go through workshops, which let me get a hands-on experience in STEM. You'll never realize how much this week has meant to me. Again, thank you so much for letting me have this amazing experience!

Sincerely,

Tricia Condlin

Dear AAUW Westminster Branch,

Before I start I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here. I met so many wonderful people here that I would like to grow closer to. Being here gave me a newfound appreciation for robotics. A Bite of Reality was fun, but everyone I trusted was trying to scam me. The time for college prep was extremely informational. I hope you'll allow me to attend the meeting before Tech Trek since I have a lot of tips for future campers. I hope to counsel them in two years/

From,

Anabelle Vo

To the Westminster-Fountain Valley-HB Branch,

I want to say thank you so much for choosing me to join Tech Trek and experience this once in a lifetime opportunity! My highlights in this experience are connecting with my dorm (and having the most memorable time there), learning from the program I used from my core classes (architecture), and being able to see different women who visited from NASA, New York, and more. Again, I want to say thank you so much for letting me represent this branch!

Sincerely,

Ashley Le

PS The food was amazing!!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

First of all we would like to thank LuRae MacArthur for hosting our New Member Garden Party in her beautiful garden. A good time was had by all! And next, we are so happy to welcome four new members to our branch.

Lynne Hoover explains, I used to work as the English Language Coordinator in the largest elementary school in the US. I have had the opportunity to travel to over 110 countries and have also worked as an usher at the Segerstrom and Cerritos Performing Arts Centers. During my retirement, I have been able to stay active through water aerobics and joining our local book club. At present, I am taking classes on watercolor painting.

Sue Hanson tells us, my father was a career Air Force Sergeant so the family moved every three years. When I was a sophomore in high school we moved to Germany where I attended and graduated from Bitburg AFB High School. After graduation, we moved to California, where I graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in Math- teaching option. That is where I met my husband of 51 years. We have no children. I quickly discovered after working in a high school in Anaheim, that I hated being a disciplinarian. So I switched careers and became a travel consultant and have worked in that field for 42+ years. In that time I have taken groups all over the world including Africa, India, Antarctica, and Galapagos to name a few. I love to read, love to do jigsaw puzzles, and of course travel. I am active on my church board and in my high school alumni association.

Sue Gordon lives in Huntington Beach. She enjoys visits by her grandsons, 12 and 9 who live in Eagle Rock with her son, the VP of Communications at LA Metro and daughter-in-law, who is the director of the USC LA County Homeless Court. Sue enjoys active pursuits such as walking, hiking, and birding. Sue also likes to read, with novels and biographies being two of her favorite genres. She lists her special interests as world travel and women's issues.

Vicki Rand also lives in Huntington Beach and is Kathy Rand's sister. She is a retired Electrical Engineer. Vicki used to SCUBA dive, ski and fly. She traveled the world for work and on diving vacations. Vicki likes camping and reading. She has two daughters and one grandson. She confided in me that she also loves to sail and is available to crew anytime!

When you see these women at our events, please introduce yourself and welcome them. Remember, at our meetings they will have a red flower on their nametags.



Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach, CA

The following budget for 2023-2024 was approved at the August board meeting.

General Branch Account Income

10-GW Scholarship	\$ 4,000.00
20-Membership Dues - Branch - \$18	\$ 1,440.00
21-Membership Dues - CA - \$20	\$ 1,600.00
22-Membership Dues - Nat'l - \$72	\$ 5,760.00
25-New Member Lunch	\$ 800.00
30-Program Meals	\$ 5,000.00
40-Newsletter Mailed - \$20/person	\$ 80.00
50-Misc. Income	\$ -
70-Dollar Power (all for GWC)	\$ 300.00
95-Fundraiser/General	\$ 110.00
80-Book Resale	\$ -
9000-General Account Reserve	
Total Income	\$ 19,090.00

Fundraising Account Income

1000-Author's Luncheon	\$ 10,000.00
1020-Member Donation EOF	\$ -
1030-Silent Auction	\$ 4,000.00
1060-Bridge Opport. Drawing	\$ 500.00
1065-Centerpiece Drawing	\$ 500.00
1066-Jewelry	\$ 100.00
1090-Dollar Power TT	\$ 100.00
3030-Donations TT	\$ 450.00
3040-Polly's Pies	\$ 700.00
3060-TT Families	\$ 100.00
9100-Funds Account Reserve	
Total Income	\$ 16,450.00

600-Board Expense	\$ 100.00
610-Convention-State	\$ 270.00
620-Convention Nat'l	\$ 250.00
630-Leader Training	\$ 40.00
640-Directory Costs	\$ 100.00
650-Newsletter	\$ 80.00
660-GW Scholarship	\$ 4,000.00
670-HB Coord. Council	\$ 20.00
680-Insurance	\$ 500.00
690-Interbranch	
700-Member Recruit. Lunch	\$ 600.00
705 Memb. Orient/Supplies	\$ 200.00
710-Member Dues-CA	\$ 1,600.00
720-Member Dues-Nat'l	\$ 5,760.00
730-President's Pin	\$ 100.00
740-Prog.Honor/Supplies	\$ 500.00
750-Program Meals	\$ 4,200.00
755-Program Meals Deposit	\$ 300.00
760-Sunshine/Historian	\$ -
780-Website Domain	\$ 270.00
800-Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00
820-Taxes	\$ -
840-Public Policy	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 19,090.00

2000-Annual Contrib.-Greatest Need	\$ 2,500.00
2010-Author's Lunch Food	\$ 5,000.00
2015-Author's Lunch Deposit	\$ 500.00
2030-Author's Lunch Exp.	\$ 550.00
2040-Author's Lunch -LAF	\$ -
2045-CA Atty General Fee (Raffle Reg)	\$ 45.00
2060-EOF Luncheon	\$ 100.00
2065-EOF Speaker Exp	\$ 120.00
2050-CA Fund Assessment	\$ 65.00
2070-TT Expense	\$ 2,570.00
2090-TT Scholarship	\$ 5,000.00
4040-Polly's Pie Exp.	\$ -
9100-Funds Account	\$ -
Total Expense	\$ 16,450.00



QUEST 2023-2024

Date	Place	Leader
August 24	Bowers Museum Ubuhle Women – Beadware and The Art of independence	Betsy Grajeda
September 28	Westminster Historical Museum Asian Restaurant	Janet Riness Barbara Islas
October 12	OC Art Museum	Georgetta Wolff Carol Valcarcel
November 9	OC Irvine Regional Park Zoo	Georgetta Wolff Linda MacDonell
December	Bembridge House	Zelda Rice
January 11	OC District Treatment Tour	Kathi Rand Linda MacDonell
February	Chapman University Military Heritage Museum	Terri Elders Donna Kratter
March	Huntington Library and Gardens	Carol Valcarcel
April	Sherman Gardens	Betsy Grajeda
May	UCLB Art Museum and Japanese Garden	LuRae MacArthur Sue McDannel
June	Hilbert Museum	Zelda Rice



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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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