



TRI CITY DISPATCH

Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach
September 2024

IDENTITY THEFT

Back by popular request, Steve Levin, five-year Huntington Beach police department volunteer responsible for the creation and implementation of community fraud education, will speak on how to recognize and prevent the loss of personal assets by criminal means. Women and seniors are targeted due to vulnerability and lack of knowledge. Every day, thousands of individuals end up losing millions of dollars. Learn how to prevent scams targeted towards seniors including what to look for and how to respond so that you do not become a victim. Steve will teach empowerment skills to prevent identity theft.

General Meeting

September 21, 2024

**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:

Chicken Caesar Salad

Dessert and water

Vegetarian option by request

**\$25.00 check due by
September 15**

AAUW: WM-FV-HB

c/o Kathi Rand

**306 Coral Reef Dr. #53
Huntington Beach, 92648**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 3 Board Meeting 7 p.m
- 5 Happy Hikers 10 a.m.
- 13 Quest 10:15 a.m.
- 18 Travel Group 3 p.m.
- 21 General Meeting 10 a.m.
- 23 Book Review 7:15 p.m.

October

- 7 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 9 Quest
- 19 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 2024 Board of Directors meeting was held on ZOOM.

Finance Officer's Report

July General Fund

Beginning Balance \$ 18,919.88

Ending Balance \$ 18,757.94

July Fund Account

Beginning Balance \$ 22,497.37

Ending Balance \$ 22,497.37

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

BRANCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Membership inquiries and new members
sandraguerrero@me.com

Update member contact information
ralphkaj@aol.com

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carolkanode@me.com

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jenjimmyrick@gmail.com

Click on the above links to email



Presidents' Message

"To bring about change you must not be afraid to take the first step." - Rosa Parks

Dear Members,

Summer has been heating up, so do our AAUW events and programs. We look forward to reconnecting with you at our September 21st kick off meeting. Our speaker will be Steve Levin addressing identity theft. Thanks again to Carol and Phyllis for booking our speakers and reserving once again the Huntington Beach Center for Spiritual Living for our 2024-25 general meetings. Please be advised that your lunch reservations will now be mailed directly to our treasurer Kathi Rand 306 Coral Reef Dr. #53 Huntington Beach 92648.

Thank you for your membership and continued dedication empowering girls and women to achieve their dreams. We want to stress that our commitment to building our membership strengthens our collective impact and ensures the continued success of our organization.

Stay cool, and enjoy the last few weeks of summer.

Sincerely,

Donna Kratter and Ann Kajdasz, co-presidents

Please Note the Change

Effective immediately lunch reservations are to be mailed to Kathi Rand.

NEW DIRECTORIES

The new AAUW membership directories for 2024-2025 will be coming out in September. They will be available online, but I will also have a limited numbers of copies to hand out at the September luncheon. Please check over your entries from last year's directory to see if I need to make any corrections or additions. You can e-mail me at ralphkaj@aol.com for any changes. Many thanks, Ann Kajdasz



INTEREST GROUPS

QUEST

Friday, September 13 10:15 a.m.

Institute and Museum of California Art

IMCA is currently housed in the same space as the former Irvine Museum at 18881 Von Karman, Suite 100, Irvine. It is on the ground floor of a very modern high-rise office building at the corner of Von Karman and Martin. Don't expect a sign, but your gps will give you good directions. Admission and parking are free, although parking does require validation at the museum. Collect a ticket at the yellow entry gate and proceed to the parking structure. For general parking, park anywhere in the parking structure as long as it does not have "reserved" signage. Accessible parking spaces for visitors with a disabled placard are located outside the parking garage adjacent to the main entry to the tower.

IMCA purchased much of the Irvine Museum collection and has added it to a much larger collection owned by Jack and Shanaz Langson. The current exhibit is a delightful display of paintings centered on the overall theme of summer in California. It is a relatively small museum. Our visit should not take more than 45 minutes or so.

There is ample parking, although we would like to offer carpooling. Please let one of the Barbaras know if you are willing to drive others. We will notify attendees of carpooling options later.

We plan to have lunch after our museum visit at Memphis Cafe, 2920 Bristol St., Costa Mesa. It is a 5-10 minute drive from the museum and offers an array of interesting options.

Please RSVP with your name and email address to Barbara Islas, flyingfish531@gmail.com or Barbara Creighton, babscreighton@gmail.com by August 25th. Let us know if you plan to join the group for lunch.

BOOK REVIEW

September 23, 2024

The book for September is

Wandering Stars

by Tommy Orange

Hostess: Barbara Smith

Co-Hostess: Contact Barbara with what you are bringing

Leader: Kathi Rand

7:15 Social

7:30 Meeting

7352 Emerson

Westminster

RSVP to Barbara by Saturday,
September 21

714-897-9013 or basmith10@verizon.net

SAVE THE DATE

Quest

Wednesday, October 9

Modjeska House



HAPPY HIKERS

September 5

10:00 a.m.

Long Beach

The September hike will be in Long Beach. We will meet at the corner of East Marina Drive and 2nd Street across from Whole Foods Market at 10:00am. From there, we will cross the bridge into Venice and walk along the Alamitos Bay by Mother's Beach. We will continue along the Bay to the Colorado Lagoon, circle around it and then walk back along Appian Way. It will be an easy walk with many interesting things to see. Afterwards, we will have lunch at the Crab Pot. If you want to carpool, meet us at the Central Library parking lot off Goldenwest at 9:30am. Please let me know if you are coming and if you want to carpool. Many thanks, Ann ralphkaj@aol.com

Travel Group Meeting

Wednesday, September 18 3:00 p.m.

Janet Johnson

16275 Tisbury Circle

Huntington Beach, CA, 92649

310-567-1117

**We will share our summer adventures
and travel plans for fall.**

**Hope to see familiar faces and new
travelers to the group.**

Call or text Janet Johnson to RSVP.

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

TECH TREK

Our branch sent six 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 one more girl experienced the virtual Tech Trek program. You will get to hear their stories at our October meeting. Don't miss it!

Toni



Dear Westminster-FV-HB Branch Members,

My name is Kristen Marcos, and I was at Tech Trek from June 10th to June 22nd. Thank you so much for allowing me to have this college-like experience and meet so many new types of people.

I was in the neurology class, and I got to do a lot of fun things like eyeball dissections and high school level notes. I'm really grateful. I was exposed to all of these new science topics, so I feel very prepared for high school. My favorite thing that happened this week was the Bite of Reality event, where I learned how to manage my money and needs. I realized that children are very expensive, and I have a new appreciation for my parents.

I cannot express my gratitude enough for being invited to join Tech Trek and experience all of these fun classes. Thank you so much for allowing me to join this summer camp!

Kristen Marcos

Hello!

Thank you for allowing me to experience Tech Trek. I'm truly grateful for this experience. I got to learn so much during this week, especially about chemistry (I loved it). I'm sure this experience will (the skills I learned) come in use in the future. I learned a lot, but I also got to make so many new friends and experience a college-like life.

Thank you!

Katherine Ng

Dear Westminster-FV-HB Branch,

Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to learn more about STEM and different factors of my future! My name is Ruth, and I'm glad that you have chosen me for Tech Trek because it is extremely fun! I experienced many hands-on activities and got to know a lot of new friends in such a short span of time.

Here at Tech Trek there were so many activities, but my two major favorites were the Bite of Reality and lung inflation in my core class. The Bite of Reality demonstrated the struggle of earning, losing, and being convinced to choose the more expensive option while being in the position of a consumer/buyer. I realized not many people are very fortunate and get a low-paying job which actually creates more debt, because of the expensive pricing (and it doesn't help with the seller convincing us to choose the more expensive option.) Another activity I liked was where we attached a straw through the trachea that connects to the lungs. This demonstrated the lung structure and the respiratory system. Overall, these activities helped me to develop as a woman in the STEM/future adult.

Sincerely,

Ruth Le



Dear Westminster-FV-HB Branch,

Thank you for giving me this amazing opportunity to attend Tech Trek. It truly means a lot to me to be able to have hands-on experience in STEM and CSI such as having multiple labs to try experiments, which in my school they would only show examples. Being able to interact with JC's and kids my age allowed me to have a different perspective on things. An activity I really enjoyed was being able to see the reality of finances and how life is not going to be as easy as it is now living with my parents. I will forever be grateful for this chance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jolie Su

Dear Westminster-FV-HB Branch,

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to go to Tech Trek. I really enjoyed all of the STEM activities, and I also loved my core class. Neurology is such an interesting topic, and I'm very glad I was exposed to it. My favorite activities were the Bit of Reality and scavenger hunt. I made a lot of friends and had unforgettable experiences. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Katelyn Nguyen

Dear Westminster-FV-HB AAUW Branch,

Thank you so much for raising money to send me to Tech Trek. It has been such a fun experience, and I really hope I'll be able to come back as a JC. I had the best time, and I am forever grateful that I was able to attend this camp.

My core class this week was Anatomy. It taught me so much. I was able to learn about the body, and we also got to dissect a fetal pig which was an amazing opportunity. I'm very thankful I could be involved and a vital part of this class. Another thing I really enjoyed was the Bite of Reality night because of the fact that it showed what life would be like in the future.

So thank you again for giving me the opportunity to come to Tech Trek. It meant so much, and I will always keep this experience in my mind. Tech Trek has showed me some really good life skills that I hope I can one day implement in my future job. So thank you for everything, and I really hope you think of me in the future as a JC.

Adelynn Ferreira

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

On July 16 the membership team held a new member and prospective member brunch at the lovely home of Barbara Smith. Six new members attended: Beth Callaghan, Pat Dallas, Eleanor Demler, Dicksie Kerns, Janis White, and Connie Wittman. In addition, 10 existing members attended and shared information about our organization as well as the many interest group activities that are enjoyed in our branch. Barbara's garden was a lovely setting for an intimate and relaxed time by all.

We invite all members to continue to share with your community of friends and family about the opportunity to join our branch. We look forward to meeting new potential members.

Co-directors of Membership

Sandi Guerrero, Cheryl Kelly, Sue McDannel (advisor)



Members enjoying the membership brunch





The following budget for 2024-2025 was approved at the August board meeting.

AAUW-WM-FV-HB
BUDGET
2024-2025

**General Branch Account
Income**

10-GW Scholarship	
20-Membership Dues - Branch - \$18	\$ 1,422.00
21-Membership Dues - CA - \$20	\$ 1,580.00
22-Membership Dues - Nat'l - \$72	\$ 5,688.00
25-New Member Lunch	
30-Program Meals	\$ 6,000.00
40-Newsletter Mailed - \$20/person	\$ 80.00
50-Misc. Income	\$ -
70-Dollar Power (all for GWC)	
95-Fundraiser/General	
80-Book Resale	\$ -
9000-General Account Reserve	
Total Income	\$ 14,770.00

**Fundraising Account
Income**

1000-Author's Luncheon	\$ 10,000.00
1020-Member Donation EOF	\$ -
1030-Silent Auction	\$ 2,900.00
1060-Bridge Opport. Drawing	\$ 800.00
1065-Centerpiece Drawing	\$ 200.00
1066-Jewelry	
1090-Dollar Power TT	\$ 200.00
3030-Donations TT	\$ 500.00
3040-Polly's Pies	\$ 650.00
3060-TT Families	\$ 250.00
9100- Funds Account Reserve	
Total Income	\$ 15,500.00

600-Board Expense	\$ 100.00
610-Convention-State	
620-Convention Nat'l	
630-Leader Training	
640-Directory Costs	
650-Newsletter	\$ 80.00
660-GW Scholarship	
670-HB Coord. Council	\$ 20.00
680-Insurance	\$ 500.00
690-Interbranch	
700-Member Recruit. Lunch	\$ 200.00
705 Memb. Orient/Supplies	\$ 200.00
710-Member Dues-CA	\$ 1,580.00
720-Member Dues-Nat'l	\$ 5,688.00
730-President's Pin	\$ 100.00
740-Prog. Honor/Supplies	\$ 250.00
750-Program Meals	\$ 6,000.00
755-Program Meals Deposit	\$ -
760-Sunshine/Historian	\$ -
780-Website Domain	\$ -
800-Miscellaneous	\$ 52.00
820-Taxes	\$ -
840-Public Policy	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 14,770.00

2000-Annual Contrib.-Greatest Need	\$ -
2010-Author's Lunch Food	\$ 5,000.00
2015-Author's Lunch Deposit	\$ 500.00
2030-Author's Lunch Exp.	\$ 2,500.00
2040-Author's Lunch -LAF	\$ -
2045-CA Atty General Fee (Raffle Reg)	\$ 55.00
2060-EOF Luncheon	
2065-EOF Speaker Exp	
2050-CA Fund Assessment	\$ 65.00
2070-Misc Expense	\$ 180.00
2090-TT Scholarship	\$ 5,000.00
2091-GWC Scholarship	\$ 2,200.00
4040-Polly's Pie Exp.	\$ -
9100-Funds Account	\$ -
Total Expense	\$ 15,500.00



**QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE
2024-2025**

Leaders:

September	Irvine Museum	Barbara Creighton & Barbara Islas
October	Modjeska House	Eleanor Demier & Georgetta Wolff
November	Bowers Museum	Gloria Rodriguez & Zelda Rice
December	Banning House	Eleanor Demier & Janet Riness
January	Lyon Air Museum	Ann Kajdasz
February	open	
March	Dr. Howe-Waffle House	Barbara Islas & Janet Riness
April	Newland House	Lisa Swanson & Pat Dallas
May	Union Station/Olvera St	Beth Callaghan & Dicksie Kern
June	Pacific Marine Mammal Center Laguna	Janet Riness

Quest Support Team: Getta Wolff, Janet Riness, Barbara Islas

The Quest for Knowledge interest group has yet another wonderful year planned. We thank the planners and leaders for each Quest, especially our newest members.

There are historic houses to tour that represent prominent people and the development of our local areas. Included is the house/medical office of the first woman doctor in Orange County. We have beautiful museums to enjoy and the newly expanded Pacific Marine Mammal Center.

By request, we have planned Quests on days other than the usual third Thursday of the month, so take close notice as each approaches.



Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach, CA

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: Sandi Guerrero & Cheryl Kelly
Programs Co-VPs: Phyllis Sakioka & Carol Kanode
Treasurer: Kathi Rand
Membership Treasurer: Jeanne Smith
Newsletter Editor: Jeanne Smith
Communications: Manager Jennifer Solano
Web Master: Jennifer Solano
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