

OUR REPORT

American Association of University Women

Ontario-Upland-Rancho Branch

APRIL EVENTS

Saturday
April 4
BRANCH
MEETING
CANCELLED

Monday
April 6
GREAT
DECISIONS
CANCELLED

Tuesday
April 7
BOARD
MEETING
CANCELLED

Wednesday
April 15
BRIDGE I
CANCELLED

Thursday
April 16
BRIDGE II
CANCELLED

Friday-Sunday
April 17-19
AAUW CA
CONVENTION
CANCELLED

Thursday
April 23
BIRTHDAY BASH
CANCELLED

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday
May 2
Scholarship Tea



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BRANCH PRESIDENT

We have cancelled all OUR AAUW events through mid-April and those cancellations will most likely be extended through to the end of April and possibly into May. However, we have been busy. The Stem Day held in March at Chaffey College was a huge success. The meeting held at 10:00 in the Conference Room was standing room only. OUR AAUW members met the President of the Tech Trek Alumnae Association, Leticia Fernandez, and several other past attendees of the Tech Trek Camps. Many, many thanks are due to Dr. Kathy Kinley for making this day so spectacular. Chaffey College had a variety of interesting presentations for all to see and in which to participate. It was a great day for all who attended.

Additionally, the Board had approved Carolann Ford to represent OUR AAUW branch at the State Convention in San Francisco April 17th-19th. The convention has been cancelled also. It may be rescheduled in the fall.

Paul Gomez, our Scholarship Chair has been busy. He and the Scholarship Committee members, Linda Strotz, Sue Smith, and Joyce Paul, are scheduled to interview applicants in April. If we are unable to meet with applicants in person, we will interview via Facetime or other form of electronic communication. Many applications have been received and are currently being reviewed by the committee. We hope to meet many of the recipients at the Scholarship Tea in May, if this crisis is over by then. If not, perhaps at a meeting in the fall or at the November Wine Tasting event. There are options.

The reinstated Movie Group with co-chairs, Sarah Long and Dolly Church Israelitt, has now attended two movies and the group is growing each month. Good wishes go out to Dolly who is still recovering from a fall in January. We are grateful to Sarah, who is currently chairing this group on her own. Sarah instituted a plan of communication among the At The Movies group with the viewing of movies on Netflix and Prime or streaming and have discussions by email. A few of the group have participated. Let Sarah know if you would like to participate.

Joyce Lazalde has organized a Walker's Group. Their first walk was enjoyed by all who went walking and talking and even made a stop for breakfast. Thank you to Joyce for taking on this added responsibility. She and Barbara Bocan are also Program Vice-Presidents.

The Book Group, chaired by Cathy Reaves, recently concluded a somber discussion on the book, *Nickel Boys*, by Colson Whitehead. The chairs for Bridge I and Bridge II, Annie Atiyeh and Sue Smith, are hosting the games and having a great time doing it. However, all groups are on hold for the time being.

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Kathy Kinley is continuing the preparations for Tech Trek with the hope that the girls will be able to attend Tech Trek camp in Santa Barbara this summer. We will be prepared, if it becomes possible.

We have added three new members to OUR AAUW. We are growing. Our Membership Vice-President, Pat Kersbergen, is doing a great job. However, membership is a job for all of us. We need to invite our friends, neighbors, relatives, and co-workers to be part of this wonderful organization that does so much in changing the lives of girls and women in profound ways. We need to share the experience and the opportunity to be a part of it.

Although so many activities and gatherings have been cancelled, you can see that the OUR AAUW members are being creative and resourceful in finding ways to stay in touch and accomplish our goals. We are also being very responsible by cancelling our group activities and not endangering the lives of others or ourselves. We are following the guidelines and recommendations of medical experts. We are doing our part in trying to stop the spread of this virus that has drastically changed the way we conduct our daily lives.

We are confined to our homes, and our lives have been put on "hold". Every day it seems that something else has been cancelled. This is a new experience for all of us. It will not last forever. We will recover and life will go on, perhaps differently, but it will go on. Until we can resume our usual activities and see each other again, please take good care of yourself and your family. We will get through this. We are strong, resilient, and resourceful. We are AAUW.

Joyce Paul, OUR AAUW President

MEMBER NEWS

Dolly Church Israelitt is awaiting surgery relating to a fall in January.

Barbara Bocan's husband, Chuck, is having physical therapy after recent knee surgery.

Kay Alexanders's husband Bob is recovering from recent knee replacement surgery.

Carol Gedeon is back in her apartment after recent hip surgery from a fall.

Barbara Hughbanks would appreciate cards & prayers.

MEMBERSHIP



Joyce Rau became a member of AAUW this year. Joyce attended National University, receiving a BA in Business. Her business degree lead her to a position as a Procurement Specialist for the Capitol Group. After retiring, Joyce finally had the time to pursue several interests: sewing, reading, biking, hiking and her favorite interest traveling. When asked what her favorite travel destinations were, without hesitation she said Antarctica, the Galapagos Islands, and a more recent trip to Norway and Iceland. Joyce is especially proud of her 6 grandkids and one great-grand child.

Although Joyce lives in Chino Hills and is miles away from many of our activities, she is interested in Great Decisions and our movie group. When asked what brought about her interest in AAUW, Joyce's response was to help women and children. Ironically, Joyce is currently volunteering with another group whose goal is helping women & children. We welcome Joyce to AAUW.

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Pat Kersbergen, Membership VP

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**If you know of someone who is ill,
has had a death in the family, or just
needs a friendly "hello,"
please call our Correspondence Secretary
Diane Webster**

at

818-515-3946



Birthday Bash

At this point we are not scheduling a Birthday Bash until restaurants reopen. At that time we will celebrate birthdays for March and April, however we wish all April birthday celebrants a truly wonderful day!

APRIL BIRTHDAY
Cherry Dobbs -- 4
Julia Arias — 9
Marian Stark --19
Barbara Rugeley --27

Let us know if we have missed your birthday.
Carolann Ford, Birthday Bash Chair

STEM Open House Offered New Experiences Tech Trek Will Offer More

AAUW members, Tech Trek alumnae, and family members had opportunities to explore the stars on a cosmic safari at the planetarium, balance acids and bases with chemistry club members, experiment with engineering technology, build wooden bridges and much more at the **March 7 STEM Open House at Chaffey College**. There were displays of STEM activities and research occurring at local institutions and STEM counseling and faculty advising. We thank Linda Lamp, Professor Rea, Dr. Hughes, Dr. Carson and the Chaffey staff and students for an informative day.

Branch members heard an update from our Tech Trek alumnae leader **Leticia Fernandez** and were able to reunite with previous Tech Trek campers and learn about their progress. Although school closures and health concerns have caused us to make some adjustments in our Tech Trek selection process, we have some great teacher recommendations and student applications. OUR AAUW branch is looking forward sending girls to Camp Blackwell at UC Santa Barbara this summer. We thank the members who have donated to support the campers and the alumnae group.

Kathy Kinley, Tech Trek Coordinator

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee (**Gloria Romero, Kay Alexander & Diane Webster**) met. The slate of officers for open positions for 2020--2021 consists of **Kay Alexander, Finance, Pat Kersbergen, Membership and Joyce Paul, President. Voting will take place at the May 2 Scholarship Fund-raiser General Meeting.** Thank you to all of the candidates for stepping up to the plate.
Gloria Romero, Nominating Committee Chair

BOOK GROUP

Our next AAUW Book Group meeting will be on May 14 at the home of Pat Kersbergen, 909 982-5488 Please let her know if you will be coming

Our March 13 meeting was a great success. Because Dolly wasn't able to host, Joyce Paul hosted the meeting. We had two new members attend. Some of our members brought books they thought we might enjoy. Some others shared books they enjoyed but needed to give away. We discussed **Nickel Boys** and the **Underground Railroad** by **Colson Whitehead**. Since three members went to hear him speak recently it turned out to be an interesting discussion

The May pick is **The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek** by Kim Michelle Richardson. It is the story of a woman who was part of the first mobile library in Kentucky and one of the fierce, brave packhorse librarians who wove their way from shack to shack dispensing literacy, hope, and a compassionate human connection. She believed courage, strength, and belief can take us where we want to go.

I hope to see you at our next meeting
Cathy Reaves, Book Group Chair

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Please have all material to the editor by the 15th of each month.

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Movie Group

The Movie Group met on Tuesday, February 24 at the Laemmle Theatre in Claremont. Most of the movies started about 1:00pm, so we had a nice choice of films including **The Call of the Wild, 1917**, and **Parasite**. We all enjoyed our film of choices and after, we adjourned to Le Pain Quotidien and discussed. The discussion around **Parasite** was particularly spirited and many layered. I saw **The Call of the Wild** and was fascinated to learn that the dog (the virtual star of the film) was not a real dog but rather some sort of electronic creation. Also this was the first film released under the new 20th Century Studio's new name and logo. Remember it used to be 20th Century Fox! For your information, Harrison Ford starred in **The Call of the Wild**. He is 78 years old—lookin' good and pretty agile, too!

While we are skipping a March movie, save Monday, April 27th and come to the movies with us! Give me a call or shoot me an email: Sarah Long, at 847 922-1247 or sarahann.long@gmail.com so we will expect to see you.

In the meantime, if you're like me, you're already *beginning to go a bit stir crazy with all the fall-out from the Coronavirus. So here's an activity that will engage your mind, and give each of us a good excuse to see some terrific movies and talk about them!*

1) *Have a good look at this list (below) of Rotten Tomatoes' 100 best movies. Pick out several you would like to see--it's OK if you have seen your pick or picks before.*

<https://www.rottentomatoes.com/top/bestofrt/>

2) *Watch one of these movies or another one of your choice. As you watch, consider these questions:*

*How did you relate to the characters?
What were the best part or parts of the movie?
How were you moved by the movie?
What questions did the movie leave you with?
What did you learn from this movie?*

3) *Please respond to me with your comments and I will forward them to the Movie Group Members. Be sure to give us the name of the movie you watched. Using the questions above (or not) comment on your movie. Please do give us some comments so we can decide if we want to see the movie you watched.*

4) *Happy Movie Watching!*
Sarah Long, Movie Group Co-Chair

SAVE THE DATE:

2020 Outback Annual Fundraiser.

*Please mark your calendars. Our annual Outback fundraising event is scheduled for **Monday, October 12, 2020**. Additional information will be provided about the menu selections in upcoming newsletters.*

Thank you all for your continued support of AAUW!
Gloria Hailes, Fund VP

BRIDGE I

Bridge 1 on April 15, at 1:00 pm. Is cancelled .

BRIDGE II

Bridge II on Thursday, April 16, 1 p.m. is cancelled

Southeast Interbranch Council

SEIBC ladies met at Smiley Library in Redlands on Saturday, February 29 to celebrate Women's Suffrage and to honor the women who won our right to vote. We toasted the Suffragists with strawberries in sparkling cider before getting down to the business of discussing AAUW public policy issues and the AAUW California convention.



Sexual Harassment of Tipped Employees

The national AAUW leadership recently announced its gender policy agenda, which outlines our 2020 election season priority issues. The organization's overriding priorities, as you probably know, are in Education, like strengthening Title IX and ensuring women and girls' access to STEM occupations; Foundational Rights, for instance protecting the right to vote; and promoting access to high-quality health care; and Economic Security. One 2020 subsection of Economic Security is entitled Raise the Minimum Wage and Eliminate the Tipped Minimum Wage.

Living in California, you might, as I did, assume that the lower minimum wage given to tipped employees was a thing of the past. But I've learned that it isn't, and that in 43 states it can be a situation fraught with a high incidence of sexual harassment, especially in restaurants, where a majority of tipped employees work. Although just 7 percent of the workforce is employed at a restaurant, the food and hospitality industry makes up 14 percent of harassment complaints to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Taria Vines worked in New York City's restaurant industry for a decade. "I know what it is to live on \$2.13 an hour," she said . . . choking back tears. She experienced harassment from customers, managers, kitchen staff, and fellow servers. Once, before she could take their order, a couple asked her to show them her tongue ring and lift her skirt to expose a thigh tattoo. "They said they'd leave me an even bigger tip if I did all of this."

This interview with Vines was part of an article published in Feb. 2018 by Rewire News. It also reported that "Since 1996, federal law has allowed the six million people in the United States who work for tips to be paid \$2.13. But seven states—Alaska, California, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington—have established minimum wage laws that treat all workers the same, mandating that everyone make at least the same amount, tipped or not."

According to the Jan. 2020 U.S. Dept. of Labor report, it is still only those seven states requiring across-the-board minimum wage rates. This injustice is part of the reason for AAUW's advocacy for bills like the H.R. 2148: Bringing an End to Harassment by Enhancing Accountability and Rejecting Discrimination in the Workplace Act (BE HEARD), currently referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. Equitable and equal minimum wage is fundamentally about empowerment. Saru Jayaraman,

president of Restaurant Opportunities Centers (ROC) United, says, "When you reduce the power imbalance by giving women . . . the full minimum wage . . . a woman has greater power, greater agency, and doesn't have to put up with everything."

Kathy Henkins, Public Policy Chair



Violence Against Women Webinar Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9 A.M. Domestic Violence: A Future without Violence

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HrB3mrk_Qe6Ds8ADgpg45A

Every woman has the right to live a safe life, free of violence. A life without violence is essential to women and their family. Ending violence against women requires increased gender equality in all parts of society. Please join Dr. Ana Nogales in a webinar about domestic violence, and help develop strategies to protect women and promote a culture that does not allow or accept violence against women.

Ana Nogales, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist, founder of Nogales Psychological Counseling, Inc., and Casa de la Familia, which she established in the year 1996 for victims of trauma. She oversees a clinical staff of 40 bicultural-bilingual mental health professionals and an outreach program for domestic violence and sexual assault victim services in Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside Counties.

Dr. Nogales was recently appointed as the Women Graduates-USA Violence Against Women Working Group Chair. WG-USA is the USA affiliate of Graduate Women International (GWI), the leading girls' and women's global organization run by and for women, advocating for women's rights, equality, and empowerment through access to quality education and training .

Dr. Nogales' professional career is anchored by her commitment to combat violence, especially violence against women and children. She uses many avenues of communication, including the media and is an award-winning author, playwright, and songwriter about mental health issues.



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