

OUR REPORT

American Association of University Women

Ontario-Upland-Rancho Branch

MAY EVENTS

Saturday
May 2
Branch Meeting
Scholarship Tea
CANCELLED

Monday
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GREAT
DECISIONS
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Tuesday
May 5
Board Meeting

Sunday
May 8
HAPPY
MOTHERS DAY

Thursday
May 14
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Save the Date

September 12
Membership/
Installation
Red Hill CC

October 12
Outback Fund
Fundraiser



Jottings from Joyce

It has only been a little more than a month, but it feels like a year, doesn't it? Are you missing your Bridge Club, Great Decisions, Birthday Bash, At the Movies, Book Group, the Walkers and our Branch meetings? I am too. We are social beings and maybe a bit more than others since we chose to join AAUW, not only to support its goals, but also to participate in all of these activities.

We are being forced to learn new ways of doing things and to make substitutions and accommodations whether we want to do so or not. We are definitely expanding our horizons in ways we never even considered.

The Board had its very first meeting via teleconference in April. At that meeting, the Board voted to cancel all AAUW gatherings through the end of June. Besides the sections, that would include the Scholarship Tea in May and the Installation ceremony in June. We are hoping to install the officers at the Membership meeting in September and perhaps meet all or some of the scholarship recipients at that time. Although, it is disappointing to cancel these two major events, it is imperative that we keep our members safe and healthy.

During this difficult time, the Board members have been calling every member of the OUR AAUW branch to see how they are coping with the enforced isolation and restrictions. We thought it was important to stay connected when we are all unable to attend meetings and interest groups.

Additionally, there has been some discussion about doing the May Book Club meeting via teleconferencing. Some members are working on that.

Saturday, April 17th, the State Convention for AAUW, which was to be held in San Francisco and had been cancelled, was held by teleconference. I hope many of you were able to participate. It was a good opportunity to hear how the state organization is coping and what other branches are doing.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Tech Trek camp has been cancelled, but we will be able to award scholarships to the Chaffey College students who are being selected by the Scholarship committee. Interviews will be held by teleconferencing. The students will receive their scholarship money to utilize in achieving their dreams.

You will be receiving, by email, the slate of officers for OUR AAUW for the 2020-2021 year for your approval. It is important that you vote either "yes" or "no" on the slate. The membership would have been asked to approve the slate of officers at the Scholarship Tea in May. Since that has been cancelled, this is an accommodation that we must make. For the officers to be installed, we need your votes. Please respond. Please vote.

Although, much has changed within the last month, OUR AAUW is still functioning and doing all that it can. We are making substitutions and accommodations. We are learning new methods to complete our tasks. We are staying connected. We are still AAUW.

Please stay safe and well. AAUW needs you. Remember to vote.

Joyce Paul, President OUR AAUW

2020 Tech Trek Has Been Cancelled — Support for STEM Will Continue

It is with consideration for the safety of the girls and our branch members and volunteers that AAUW California announced the cancellation of the 2020 Summer Tech Trek season. While the coronavirus situation is ever evolving, it is clear at this time that the risk of contracting the coronavirus will be with us for a while — particularly in close quarters areas such as college/university facilities.

Our Tech Trek campers' health and wellbeing is always our top priority. AAUW California is so grateful for the continued commitment of our members and schools to Tech Trek. Your participation in helping rising middle school girls realize

their dreams and aspirations is invaluable to the program.

We thank you for your time and commitment — you have truly made a difference in the lives of countless girls. We know you'll continue to provide wonderful STEM experiences for girls after the nation and the globe recovers from this health pandemic.

Kathy Kinley, Tech Trek Coordinator

MAY Board Meeting

The next OUR Branch Board Meeting will be
Tuesday, May 5
Via teleconference on WebEx

6:30 meeting --- 7:30 social

May 30 Southeast Interbranch Council Meeting Canceled

The Southeast Interbranch Council meeting scheduled for May 30 at the Smiley Public Library, 125 W. Vine St., Redlands has been canceled. Many branches have canceled their meetings through May or June. Once there is more information available, a meeting may be scheduled in the future. Contact Kathy Kinley at dr.kathy.kinley@verizon.net for more information.

Kathy Kinley, Chair SEIBC

**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, April & May. We wish all May birthday celebrants a truly wonderful day!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Erin Mulcahy — 1

Linda Strotz — 9

Linda Wilson -- 9

Diane Webster -16

Agnes Otte — 20

Sarah Long --20

Let us know if we have missed your birthday.

Please let us know of any restaurants you would like to explore or return to... we need new ideas!

Carolann Ford, Birthday Bash Chair

GREAT DECISIONS



U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE

Combatting illegal immigration has become a priority of the Trump administration. The Northern Triangle of Central America, made up of Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, is a special target of the administration, which holds the nations responsible for the large flow of migrants from Latin America to the U.S. With funds from the U.S. cut, how can the Northern Triangle countries curtail migration?

We will be trying something new: We will **meet Monday, May 4, 6 p.m. via telecommunication to discuss Ch. 5. Please RSVP Carolann, 241-6900 or carolan4re@aol.com** for instruction on connecting to WEBEX or Zoom and in order to receive an invitation with the necessary codes so as to participate.

All members and guests are welcome to attend

Carolann Ford, Great Decisions Chair

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER



New member Cynthia Clark comes to AAUW with a background in education. Following her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Journalism from South Dakota State University, she taught high school English for several years then continued her education receiving her Masters degree from University of California—Riverside in Education Administration and Policy. This lead Cynthia from teaching into administration as a high school principal, and finally into district level leadership. After retiring five years ago, she became a certified leadership coach for new administrators entering the profession.

Retiring was a difficult decision for Cynthia to make because she enjoyed her district-level work, but decided that she would rather be available for and spend time with her family of three adult children and eleven grandchildren.

When asked what brought her to AAUW, our new member Cynthia Clark responded, "I appreciate AAUW's focus and support for young women entering the math, science, and technology fields."

Her other interests include Campus Women's Club in Claremont, Shakespeare Club (where she met OUR member Kay Alexander), and volunteering at St. Andrew's Abbey in Valyermo. She is also interested in the following AAUW activities: Book Group, Birthday Bash, and Great Decisions, as well as volunteering in the local community.

Welcome Cynthia!!

Pat Kersbergen. Membership VP

Cynthia Clark: 650-678-4132
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BOOK GROUP

Our next AAUW Book Group meeting is scheduled for May 14. Since we will not be meeting in person, we are looking into meeting by teleconference on WebEx or Zoom.

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.

Please let us know if you would like to attend this discussion as you will need an invitation with codes to be sent to you. Please call Carolann 909-241-6900 or email carolan4re@aol.com

Cathy Reaves, Book Group Chair

Dues are Due

Please check your email from memberinfo to renew your AAUW membership on-line. The email was sent to each branch member in April and is such an easy way to pay your dues on-line by credit card.

You become a member at the local, state and national levels when these dues are paid: Dues paid now cover membership thru June 30, 2021.

Association dues..... \$59.00 *
State dues.....\$20.00
OUR Branch.....\$16.00

TOTAL Dues.....\$95.00
*\$56 of Association dues is tax deductible

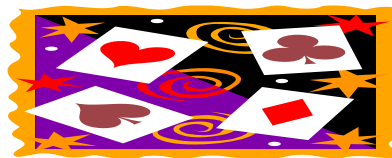
Life Members pay \$36
50 year members pay \$0
Dual Members pay \$16 if OUR is their 2nd branch

If you don't wish to pay on-line, a check for the total dues payable to the AAUW OUR Branch may be mailed to:

**AAUW OUR Branch
P.O. Box 1173
Upland, CA 91785**

BRIDGE I

Bridge I on May 20 is Cancelled



BRIDGE II

Bridge II on May 21 is Cancelled

If you once played bridge but feel very rusty, please call Carolann, 241-6900. We would love to help you brush up on your skills. We play party bridge cuz "we girls just want'ta have fun"!

AAUW & COCA COLA???

What are we doing with the Coca-Cola funds for Work Smart/Start Smart since we're not holding workshops?

Last year, the grant enabled the expansion of AAUW's training programs, including the development of an online version of the Work Smart salary negotiation course. This year, the focus will be on delivering the programs to college and university students, as well as faculty, staff, and alumni networks, with a particular focus on historically black colleges and universities. Kim Churches is in contact with the Coca-Cola Foundation weekly and they are completely comfortable/supportive of how we are working virtually at AAUW National on the Coca-Cola Foundation grant.

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Public Policy

Vouchers Again?

U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos is using the coronavirus crisis to revive her failed push to privatize education. This time, she's calling for "microgrants" instead of vouchers. But the impact would be the same: robbing the public schools that educate 9 out of 10 students of funding, robbing the public of accountability, and diverting taxpayer dollars from public to private systems.

DeVos admits her latest scheme is just vouchers by another name. "I've always believed education funding should be tied to students, not systems," she said at a March 27 press conference at the White House. The idea of having the money follow the child is a foundational principle of the school voucher argument.

The department has not offered many details for this proposal, but the basic outline—we'll use them to rescue students in the most dire situations—is standard for launching voucher programs, according to a [Forbes](#) magazine article.

For supporters of vouchers and other market-based school choice programs, the current pandemic shutdown is a great opening—their major competition, the public school system, has been "swept from the market."

"It is shameful that Education Secretary Betsy DeVos would use a pandemic like the coronavirus to, once again, push her failed privatization agenda to defund public schools," responded NEA President Lily Eskelsen García.

Congress has rejected DeVos' voucher schemes for three years. It should be noted that in 2016, researchers from the University of Arkansas published a meta-analysis evaluating 11 programs around the world. Danish Shakeel, one of the study's coauthors, said the team saw slight gains in students' reading abilities but primarily in programs outside the U.S. "If you are focusing only within the US, the effects for reading were null," Shakeel reported in [Business Insider](#). (A small percentage of schools in America currently use vouchers.)

De Vos does not consider the larger implications of the pandemic fallout in education. The problem that she won't really address—do schools leave some students behind, or hold in place until all students can be brought along—is just one way in which the pandemic has underlined the economic gaps between students and districts in this country.

Families are struggling to pay their bills as unemployment claims skyrocket, all while public

school teachers and other educators are doing their best to meet our students' needs.

Congress rejected DeVos' previous voucher schemes, and should reject this one too. I suspect that our California lawmakers are already poised to reject this proposal, but it wouldn't hurt to let your legislators know your views.

Kathy Henkins, Public Policy Chair

Some Ideas of Things to Investigate during Your Quarantine/Incarceration

The Broad info@thebroad.org Discussions of Andy Warhol, Jasper Johns exhibits

California Botanic Garden (aka Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden) gnnclaremont@rsabg.org podcast on "Native Plants Next Door", native plant sales too

KCET Online kcet.org Explore Michelangelo Exhibit at the Getty, 252 food shows

Scripps Presents@Home events@scrippscollege.edu

Cirque du Soleil contact@email.cirquedusoleil.com free 60 minute performances of various productions plus other content.

Natural Habitat Adventures Webinars daily webinars on Yellowstone bears, mountain gorillas, snow leopards, etc. naturalhabitat@nathab.com

Upland Public Library uplandlibrary@uplandlibrary.org New program entitled BOOK BUZZ!, an online bi-weekly book club for adults . Every 2 weeks they give you a genre or a fun theme & you pick the book you want to read.

Congrats New 2020-21 Fellows!

AAUW is excited to announce more than 200 awards and \$3.5 million in funding for fellows and grantees in the 2020–21 award year. These exceptional recipients, who were notified by email on April 15, will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls.



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Mission Statement:

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

California AAUW Image Statement:

AAUW is California's most active and diverse organization for women offering action for equity, personal and professional growth, community leadership and friendship.

Diversity Statement:

In principle and in 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.

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