

OUR REPORT

American Association of University Women

Ontario-Upland-Rancho Branch

NOVEMBER EVENTS

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thursday
November 26
BIRTHDAY BASH
Cancelled

SAVE THIS DATE

Friday
December 12
HOLIDAY PARTY
Cancelled



AAUW California Fellows/Grant Speaker

Please join us in learning about a successful research project that helps middle school girls to become more interested and involved in the STEM field. OUR Branch is happy to have Frances Rozner and Mary Lamo, recipients of a 2020 AAUW Community/Action Grant, speak to us about their research project, titled Energizing Potential. This project consists of a two-and-one-half hour AAUW Long Beach STEM Career Conference which over 2690 Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) middle-school girls have attended since 2003. Yearly, this conference buses approximately 250 girls from 6 to 7 different middle schools within the district on a Friday afternoon in late February to Long Beach City College where they hear from an inspirational keynote speaker and attend two hands-on STEM career workshops. Frances Rozner and Mary Lamo, Co-Chairs of this project look forward to engaging us on the how, what, who and why details of this unique seventeen-year research project whose outcomes are expected to assist both AAUW Long Beach and other organizations as they seek funding to continue their STEM events and to improve upon their existing programs.

Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. via ZOOM



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have been in the midst of this pandemic, which has so drastically changed our lives, for almost eight very long months. We are tired. We are actually exhausted by it and yet we persist. We remain vigilant in our efforts to keep each other safe and also to stay connected to family and friends. OUR AAUW members have become extremely creative in their efforts to continue with activities and maintain connections. We have become the Masters of Zoom. We are emailing, texting, calling and doing Face Time. We are making quilts, making masks for the hospital, working in food distribution centers, attending gatherings in the park in order to maintain distance and meet outside. There are meetings on porches, patios and small groups meeting in garages or driveways or finding outside dining locations. Some of us are doing Zumba and yoga via Zoom. We are sharing books. We have added a new interest group to OUR AAUW. You will read about it in this newsletter. The list goes on and on and on. We are helping each other to make it through and survive well. We may be exhausted, but we are far from defeated.

I hope that you attended at least one, if not both, of the AAUW Fund luncheons. You did not have to travel to Seal Beach this year. It was a wonderful opportunity to see where our money actually goes when we make donations to AAUW Fund. AAUW is actually the largest source of grants and scholarships for graduate women. These recipients have so much passion and enthusiasm for their chosen fields of study. It is exciting to be a part of what they are doing and knowing that we also are making a difference in the lives of these young women. We are assisting in making their dreams come true and aiding their contributions to our world.

Both AAUW National and AAUW California are planning to meet virtually until 2021. OUR Branch will do the same.

At the national website: www.aauw.org, you will find more information regarding Ruth Bader Ginsburg and all that she accomplished for women in her lifetime. She truly was an amazing woman.

Lastly, please vote. It was a long battle to acquire the right to vote for women. Please do not let that right go unutilized. Let us honor the memory of all who fought that battle by exercising our right to vote.

Joyce Paul, OUR President

NOVEMBER Board Meeting

The next OUR Branch Board Meeting will be Tuesday, November 3 (after you have voted)
On ZOOM

6:30 Board Meeting

7:30 Social

Please RSVP to 909 463-3804 or
joycem.paul@yahoo.com

Writers Workshop for Members

“Calling All Storytellers & Poets”

Coming in November, a new interest group offering for members will begin called: **The O.U.R. Writers' Workshop**. The Board approved the proposal for this group at the October Board meeting after Joyce Paul suggested the idea to Cynthia Clark. So let's get writing!

The past seven months of quarantine have certainly given us all much to write about and those stories and experiences deserve to be told. No writing experience is necessary—just a curiosity and willingness to join others each month, open our creative minds with pen in hand and let the stories flow. Meetings will begin by using **Zoom**, for a safe and virtual writing workshop until we can all eventually gather in person. The only materials required will be paper (a journal or notebook is good) pencil or pen, and stories to tell.

When: Second Tuesdays, November 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. will be the first meeting.

RSVP and Sign Up with Cynthia Clark at clark.cyl@gmail.com or call 650-678-4132 for details and the Zoom link.

Birthday Bash

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, we will be celebrating November, December & January Birthdays via a ZOOM Happy Hour on January 21 unless restaurants open up & we can meet in person then!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Patti Lloyd -- 6

Evelyn Cloyd — 7

Allison Burgess -- 24

Let us know if we have missed your birthday.

Carolann Ford, Birthday Bash Chair

GREAT DECISIONS

CHINA'S ROAD INTO LATIN AMERICA



How does Latin America fit into China's "One Belt, One Road" plan?

As the Trump administration continues to withdraw from the world stage, China is looking to fill the void. How does Latin America fit into China's "One Belt, One Road" plan? How will the relationship with China affect the region? Should the U.S. be concerned about China's growing "sphere of influence"?

We will be meeting **at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 2 Via Zoom to discuss Ch. 6. All members & friends are welcome to join us.**

Here are the Great Decisions topics for 2021.

Global Supply Chains and National Security

Persian Gulf Security Issues

Brexit and the European Union

Struggles Over the Melting Arctic

China's Role in Africa

The Korean Peninsula

Roles of International Organizations in a

Global Pandemic

The end of globalization?

Please let me know if you would like to join our interest group and purchase a booklet.

Carolann Ford, Great Decisions Chair

We Are Continuing to Support STEM and Tech Trek

On September 29 Leticia Fernandez, OUR Tech Trek Alumni Coordinator, did a mini- Tech Trek on Zoom for the girls from Upland Jr. High who were selected to attend Tech Trek 2020 before it was canceled. Stephanie Martinez, an Education Manager and Diversity and Inclusion Ambassador for Microsoft, told the girls that growing up in the small Kern County town of Arvin, she was not aware of all the possibilities that awaited her. She encouraged the girls to explore the many options in the STEM field. Hannah Styer, a second year Mathematics and Data Science Major at UCI Irvine explained the many uses for data science and the power that mathematics can have in shaping our world.

AAUW at the national level has canceled all residential camps for 2021. We are awaiting plans for any virtual opportunities that may be available this summer before we contact schools.

Meanwhile, OUR Tech Trek alumni will continue their encouragement of girls in STEM. They have plans to attend OUR February branch meeting.

Kathy Kinley, OUR Tech Trek Coordinator



BOOK GROUP

Our next virtual meeting of the BOOK GROUP will be **Thursday, November 12** at 3:00. Our book is **The Indigo Girl** by Natasha Boyd. She is well known for her contemporary, Southern, romance and historical fiction. This book has Southern, historical, and romance (heavy on the romance). The history of indigo dye is something I know nothing about. The picture of plantations in South Carolina is quite different from any other books I have read. I really enjoyed it. Hope to see you in November

Cathy Reaves, Book Group Chair

Scholarship

A few words of Update.

Student Membership. Owing to the generosity of Committee Member, Joyce Paul, a Student Membership was sponsored for the 2020 Scholarship awardees. To date tall four awardees have accepted and are added to the Branch Membership roll.

2. **Donations.** Received as of today **\$2250** from sixteen Members. As you know on behalf of the Committee, I made another appeal for donations in the October *Newsletter*.

3. **Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser for Scholarships.** Fingers crossed that event can be pulled off coming April 2021.

4. **2021 Scholarship.** I am in process of discussing with Chaffey College ways to publicize the AAUW-OUR Beverly Brennen-Barbara Hughbanks Memorial Scholarship for 2021, recognizing that the Transfer Fair was virtual this year.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to higher education for our future leaders.

Paul Gomez, Chair, Scholarship Committee

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**



BRIDGE I

Happy Thanksgiving ...Still Cancelled
We are always seeking new players.



BRIDGE II

Still Cancelled. We welcome new players.

Movie Group

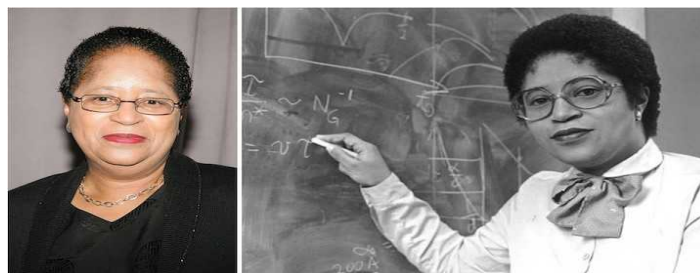
Still Cancelled

Walking Group

Still Cancelled

Did you know? Famous Women

Shirley Ann Jackson is a physicist and president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the oldest technological research university in the U.S. Some of the Telecommunication Technology developed by Dr. Jackson includes the portable fax, touch tone telephone, solar cells, fibre optic cables, and the technology behind caller ID and call waiting.



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MEMBERSHIP

Beginning with this issue of Our Report, we will “spotlight” one of our members. Particularly, with the pandemic and unable to meet, this gives us the opportunity to reacquaint ourselves with the other members in a different, yet in a personal way. From these “spotlights” we will learn much about the member: the member’s career choice, experiences of professional/personal discrimination, changes made in AAUW program throughout the years, changes that have improved or made life worse for women, and their personal involvement in our local branch, etc..

Our first “spotlight is on Elvelyn Cloyd, an AAUW OUR Branch member for 48 years. Evelyn relocated to Oregon, but even from that distance, she has remained an involved member in our local organization. Throughout her tenure with OUR Branch, she held many offices as well as editing the newsletter. Thank you, Evelyn, for your willingness to be our first Spotlight.



Evelyn Cloyd

My career was not a choice, it evolved. Having married young and with three children, I didn't even consider college until I met Kathy and Ed Bernath. Kathy was an enthusiastic member and Ed soon became my mentor. When my youngest child started kindergarten, I enrolled at Chaffey College, majoring in sociology. With the assistance of a scholarship from Sperry & Hutchinson, I transferred to Pomona College (where I met Gloria Romero, also a returning student). Graduation in 1972 was a very proud, and humbling experience. I joined AAUW that same year, having received the gift of membership by Kathy and Ed Bernath in celebration of my degree.

In 1973, I was hired by San Bernardino County as a Probation Officer in the Adult Division. My duties over the years included supervision of probationers, investigations for sentencing, a caseload of juveniles and court officer. I was asked if I experienced discrimination in those years; yes, but I'm not sure if we realized that was what it was. It was the 70's and 80's and questionable remarks and jokes about sex and race were pretty commonplace. It was an egregious incident that might result in action of any sort. There was no indiscrimination in pay; male or female pay was based on level - same level, same

pay. One example of discrimination that I recall involved a female Probation Court Officer in superior court wearing a pantsuit. The judge sent her home to change into “appropriate” court attire.

When I joined AAUW, I had little idea what it was. As I became more involved in the activities, I learned the history and growth of AAUW, local, state and national. I learned that the Book Group (at that time Indepth Book Group was in the evening and the other group was during the day) was a very good beginning to give me confidence as a member of AAUW. I enjoyed general meetings and attended regularly. I held various offices, including editing the newsletter in the days when it was truly “type, cut and paste” and take it to the printer on time. That year our newsletter won a CA AAUW award. Early on, one of my most memorable experiences was attending a state convention in Costa Mesa during the struggle to pass the ERA Amendment. The spirit and enthusiasm were truly inspiring to all who were there. In those days, there were convention type state meetings twice a year, one in Southern California, the other in Northern California. Memorable speakers we were privileged to hear included Gloria Steinem, Journalist Helen Thomas, Linda Ellerbee, and Maya Angelou among others. There were celebratory luncheon and dinners as well as very good workshops.

OUR Branch began as Ontario Upland Branch in 1955. While I was president of the branch in the 80's, the board noticed that the Ontario area had grown in population. The branch decided to reflect that in our name and voted to change to the Ontario Upland Rancho Branch, or OUR Branch.

I've enjoyed my many years in OUR Branch. I've gained experience and confidence. I've found friendship and acceptance. And I've learned so much.

There have been many changes over the years. When I joined, members were mostly teachers and mostly in their 30's and 40's. There were over 200 members.

As other groups and clubs are learning, it is difficult to attract new members these days. And as I have done, we have all grown older, less active and too many of our friends have passed and we miss them.

This article was written by Evelyn Cloyd is response to several questions submitted by Pat Kersbergen
Pat Kersbergen, Membership VP

PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW – TRUE PROFESSIONALS

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg died September 18. From her early 30s until her death she had been a strong, persistent advocate for gender equity.

"You can honestly match whatever the notorious RBG was doing directly to just about everything we're trying to work on here," is part of AAUW's CEO Kimberly Churches' talk in the webinar "Paying Tribute to a Feminist Trailblazer" (<https://www.aauw.org/resources/news/rest-in-power-rbg>).

RBG said, "If you want to be a true professional, you will do something outside yourself, something to repair tears in your community." It's November now, and the Nov. 3 election is in the past. Nevertheless, we in AAUW know that striving for our principles is an ongoing effort. What can we do to maintain our previous level of activism or increase it, especially during the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic?

First, if we haven't already, we can sign up for the Two-Minute Activist (<https://www.aauw.org/act/twominute-activist/>) to receive emails with AAUW-sponsored messages for our legislators, along with their email addresses. We can look on that webpage to read the specific issues AAUW is concerned with to help protect our civil rights, economic security, and access to education and write emails to legislators independent of the two-minute activist prompts.

We can break through barriers created by feelings of helplessness and depression. The L.A. Times quotes Gina Fields, chairperson of the Empowerment Congress West Area (Crenshaw) Neighborhood: "It's heartbreaking. But if you get involved with other people, you can find a way to at least be a small drop in that bucket that makes a positive difference." AAUW offers an Advocacy Toolkit, which includes "How to Write a Letter to the Editor" (<https://www.aauw.org/?s=advocacy+toolkit>).

Getting involved from home can be easy. Once we've connected to a group or cause we care about, the options for activism are there. Most social justice groups and all legislators have a volunteer button or contact information on their websites. From there, we can sign up to volunteer, attend a meeting, donate or sign an online petition of support.

We can pick up the phone and call a family member

to engage in difficult conversations about current events. We can remember that public health crises put an enormous burden on people with disabilities or the elderly, gig workers, domestic workers, health care workers, immigrants from impacted countries, and others. We can find ways to support them by giving to response funds, join the call for worker protections and push back against misogyny and the status quo.

"Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time." RBG

Kathy Henkins, Public Policy Chair

AAUW Fund

It is unfortunate that we will be unable to have our usual AAUW Outback Fundraiser this year. We explored doing it differently with the restaurant, but it was just not feasible to do so. So, we have cancelled that fundraiser this year and hope to reinstate it next year.

Donations for the AAUW Funds will be requested by letter this year. This year there will only be one opportunity to donate. When you receive your letter in the mail, please return it with a generous donation as soon as possible. If you watched the Funds luncheons you had a firsthand opportunity to see how the money is used in aiding graduate students to do research and to earn their degrees. You saw community projects that impact many lives. Your donations make dreams come true and aid in forming the leaders of tomorrow. If you would like to save Gloria some work and time, you can send your donation right now to "OUR Branch", P.O. Box 1173, Upland, CA 91785. Indicate Funds on the memo line of your check and thank you in advance for doing that.

There is one more request. We are asking that you demonstrate your support to the Outback Steakhouse, where we normally hold our fundraiser, by ordering a meal or two or three there between now and the start of 2021. You will not get a discount or a special deal. You will just be showing appreciation for all the past years that they have supported us in our goals. Just call in to order or order online. You can do pick-up or delivery. When you order or pick-up, let them know you are an AAUW member supporting the restaurant. This is the Outback Steakhouse located at 530 N. Mountain Ave. Upland, CA 91786. Thank you for doing this.

Submitted by : Joyce Paul for Gloria Hailes, Vice-President, Funds

Linda Rice Recognized for Empowering African Women and Girls

The Ontario-Upland-Rancho branch of AAUW bestowed its highest award, the Status of Women Award, to Linda Rice. Mrs. Rice was instrumental in establishing Pathways Women Empowerment and Girl Child Support in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. After Linda learned that girls were losing at least a week a month of school, she and her husband Lowell worked with people in Victoria Falls to produce and distribute sanitary kits to women and school girls. Now girls do not have to miss school, and women are earning an income producing the kits.

In 1970 the Rice's began teaching in Kenya, East Africa, and fell in love with Africa and its people. Although Linda returned to Pomona and pursued a career as a teacher and administrator in the Ontario- Montclair School District, she did not forget the children in Africa who did not have opportunities to attend school. The Rice's founded Pathways Africa, a nonprofit, humanitarian Christian organization, which empowers and assists the people of Africa through the mutual development of sustainable resources for community planning, education and health services.

Pathways Africa supports the Rainbow School for Children with Epilepsy in Kakamega, Kenya; Uweza Technical Training School in Arusha, Tanzania; El Hagana Village Project in Heliopolis, Cairo, Egypt; and Isiphiwo Primary School and Ilitha Preschool in Khayelitsha Township, Cape Town, South Africa.





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Mission Statement:

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy

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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