

# OUR REPORT

American Association of University Women

Ontario-Upland-Rancho Branch

## APRIL EVENTS

Saturday  
APRIL 2  
BRANCH  
MEETING

Monday  
April 4  
GREAT  
DECISIONS

Tuesday  
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BOARD  
MEETING

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BASH

Saturday  
April 30  
AAUW CA  
Annual Meeting



## AAUW American Fellowship Award 2021-22 Grantee Sandra Portocarrero PhD



### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Organizations

When: April 2, 2022  
Social 9:00 am Brunch 9:30 a.m. Program 10:15 a.m.

Where: University of Redlands, CASA LOMA ROOM, 1173 E. Brockton Avenue, Redlands, CA

Menu : Southern Sunrise Breakfast Buffet: Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs (vegetarian), Country Ham, Potatoes (vegan), orange juice, coffee/tea

Cost: Members and guests: \$20; Payment at the door by Cash, Check, Credit or Debit Card

Registration for Brunch: Please email [rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org) or call 909-362-4955 by Saturday, March 26, 2022, to make a brunch reservation. After March 26<sup>th</sup>, brunch reservations will be made on a space-available basis

To Register for zoom: Please email [rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org) or call 909-362-4955 by Thursday, March 31, 2022. The zoom link will be sent on Friday, April 1, 2022

*Members and guests are invited to attend the speaker portion of the meeting free of charge. Chairs will be available.*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

At the March meeting, the Board voted to resume in-person gatherings for OUR AAUW beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. We do expect that everyone participating in an in-person event, such as Book Club, Birthday Bash, Great Decisions or other gathering will be fully vaccinated or have tested negative no more than 72 hours prior to the event. All the interest groups will resume in-person with the exception of "At The Movies" which will resume in May. That group has a new chair. Mary Peat has graciously accepted the position. Heartfelt thanks to Sarah Long who chaired that group prior to COVID.

Our new **Community Project** has become a reality thanks to chair, Cynthia Clark. Be sure to read what has been happening with that in this newsletter. This is also an opportunity for you to touch the life of a student at a nearby high school. This project helps kids to stay in school and provides needed assistance. You can be a part of that with your donations. It speaks to the core of AAUW.

Lots of things are happening in April. **Lobby Day Week is April 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**. Several of us participated last year and I hope there will be more of us involved this year. It is a time to really see what belonging to AAUW can do to make change happen that benefits society.

Our annual event, this year called **Adventures in AAUWland**, will be via Zoom on **April 30<sup>th</sup>!** There will be exciting speakers. You will hear about our public policy advocacy efforts, get inspired by Speech Trek finalists, and hear about successful branch projects. New this year, is a journey into the unknown with conversations hosted by your fellow members on AAUW-focused and related topics. You will have the chance to choose one topic to join or check out a few! You will use breakout rooms and learn how to navigate without even needing a compass! You will not want to miss this event and the opportunity to learn while meeting members from around the state.

Additionally, look for the slate of officers for 2022-2023. It is in this newsletter and you will be asked to vote on it at the May meeting, the Scholarship Tea. April is the perfect time to ask a friend, co-worker, neighbor, husband, son, or daughter to join you in the work and mission of AAUW. If she/he joins now, their membership begins immediately and runs through June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2023 for the same price of a year. Please give someone else an opportunity to make a difference through AAUW.

**Joyce Paul, President**

## Tech Trek 2022 Changes Announced

Tech Trek is the AAUW California developed science/math summer camp for girls entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Traditionally, OUR branch sends girls to Camp Blackwell at the University of California, Santa Barbara. This year OUR girls will be assigned to slots in three camps: Camp Blackwell July 10-16, Camp Hypatia (also at UC Santa Barbara) July 17-23, or Camp Whittier June 19-25. This is due to fewer in-person Tech Trek sites available this summer and a reduced capacity at some camps. Also, parents have always been required to submit health records. This year this will include proof of COVID vaccinations for in-person camps. All Parent Certification forms and Student Applications must be submitted on-line at the state level. Branches can only interview students to be selected for Tech Trek after the branch receives the forms and applications from AAUW CA. The branch must notify AAUW CA Tech Trek whom they have selected no later than April 15. OUR branch is waiting to receive application packets and will hold interviews at Vernon Middle School in Montclair and Cucamonga Middle School in the Central School District in early April. We thank all those who have helped sponsor girls and look forward to meeting this year's candidates who have completed their applications and essays. Camp Whittier is also looking for AAUW members who would like to serve as dorm mothers and a camp nurse. Please contact me if you are interested.

**Kathy Kinley, OUR Branch Tech Trek Coordinator,**  
dr.kathy.kinley@verizon.net

## DUES ARE DUE

It's that time again when dues renewal is approaching. National has raised dues to \$67 so the total will be:

National	\$67
State	20
Branch	16
Total	\$103

I will be sending out invoices starting in April.

**Kay Alexander, Finance VP**

### APRIL Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 5  
at Joyce Paul's home

6:30 meeting, 7:30 social  
Please RSVP to 909 463-3804 or  
Joycem.paul@yahoo.com

## Birthday Bash

This month we will celebrate April Birthdays at **Lazy Dog** 5295 N. Montclair Plaza Ln., Montclair on **Thursday, April 28** at 6 p.m. Please call Carolann, 241-6900 by Wednesday to let her know you can attend.

### APRIL BIRTHDAY

**Cherry Dobbs – 4**  
**Cynthia Clark -- 4**  
**Julia Arias — 9**  
**Marian Stark --19**  
**Barbara Rugeley --27**

Let us know if we have missed your birthday.

Do you know of any restaurants you would like to explore or return to...always we need new ideas!  
**Carolann Ford, Birthday Bash Chair**

## GREAT DECISIONS



The launch of Sputnik 1 in October 1957 marked the beginning of the space era and of the space race between the United States and the Soviet Union. in the 21st century, there are many more participants in space, including countries such as India and China, and commercial companies such as SpaceX. How will the United States fare in a crowded outer space?

We will **meet Monday, April 4, 6 p.m. in person at Panda Inn**, 3223 E. Centerlake Dr., Ontario to discuss **Ch. 1**. Please RSVP Dawn Christensen 909 987-2335 or D\_C71\_2001@yahoo.com

For current Russia/Ukraine timeline & other resources, please see fpa.org for several interesting YouTube videos.

**All members & guests are welcome to attend**  
**Carolann Ford, Great Decisions Chair**

## Walking Group

Attention all who are interested in walking:  
 We will be meeting on **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, at **9:00 am** at the George M. Gibson Senior Center, 250 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Upland, Ca. We will be walking east on the trail and returning to downtown Upland for breakfast. You can walk as far or as little as you would like. There are benches along the path to rest if needed. The weather should be beautiful to enjoy the scenery and each other's company. If you have any questions or if you are planning on walking, **please call Joyce Lazalde** at: 909-938-3929 or email [mrs lazalde@hotmail.com](mailto:mrs lazalde@hotmail.com) so I know that you are coming. Hope to see you on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>!!

## Writers' Workshop

Virtual sessions continue with writer's Zooming in, pens at the ready. Always open to new participants, please call, text, or email Cynthia—the workshop host for your Zoom link and more information:  
[Clark.cyl@gmail.com](mailto:Clark.cyl@gmail.com) Cell: 650-678-4132.

Each session follows a "10-20 minute writing session with voluntary Read, Listen, & positive response/comment" format. We learn much about each other and find that each personal writing inspires the others by opening doorways into memories and experiences that are shared—causing smiles and laughter and impressing each other with the unique styles that emerge. Although in-person events are beginning to occur, the participants find that the Zoom sessions (virtual meetings) allow us to work from our homes and familiar surroundings with pens, paper, or word processors right there—no travel time required. So whether you are at your mountain or beach retreat, home at your kitchen counter, office area desk, or on your patio enjoying your morning cup of tea or coffee—Zoom in and join our 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday morning Writers' Workshop. We start at 9:30 a.m. and the 1 ½ hour writing session flies by. Mark these dates  
**April 26, 9:30 a.m.**  
**May 24, 9:30 a.m.**

or check the event calendar on  
<https://our-ca.aauw.net>  
 New writers always welcome

**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**

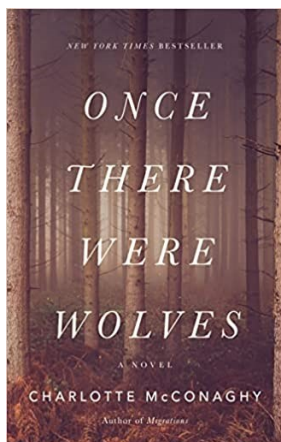
**at**

**818-515-3946**





## BOOK GROUP



Our next book club meeting will be in person on May 12 at 3 p.m. at the home of Kay Alexander.

Our book is **Once There Were Wolves** by Charlotte McConaghy. It is about reintroducing wolves in Scotland. There is lots of information about wolves but much of the book is about twins who are working on the resettlement. The twin Inti has

a sense of feeling what she sees going on around her such as when watching her dad kill a rabbit. She and her sister talk mostly in their own sign language. Her sister Aggie is recovering from a bad marriage. Inti and Aggie lived in Australia with their mother and in Canada with their father. The story is a little weird with plenty of characters.

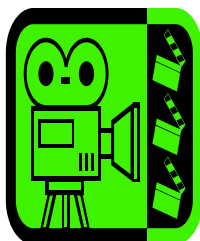
I went to the library to reserve the book because it is new. It was on the shelf. So check with your library Hope to see you in May

**Cathy Reaves, Book Group Chair**

## Movie Group

We are planning to start the In-theater Movie Group again In April so watch your emails for information.

**Mary Peat, Movie Group Chair**



## BRANCH NOMINATIONS

At OUR May branch meeting we will be voting on the candidates for 3 Branch Board positions. The nominees are:

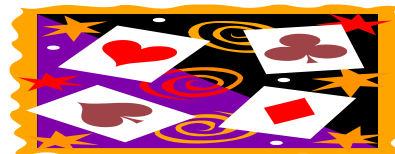
President-Elect  
Membership VP  
Treasurer

OPEN  
Cynthia Garcia  
Kay Alexander

**Nominating Committee:**  
**Kathy Kinley, chair**  
**Paul Gomez**  
**Diane Webster**

## BRIDGE I

The Bridge I group will meet at **Annie Atiyeh's** home on **Wednesday April 27 at 1:00 p.m.** Please contact Annie, at 909-982-0577 to let her know you can play.



## BRIDGE II

We will be playing **Thursday, April 21, 1 p.m. at Sue Smith's**. Please call her at **981-9311** to let her know you can play.

## FAMOUS BUT NOT SO WELL-KNOWN WOMAN NOBEL PRIZE WINNER

**Frances Arnold**  
Conducted the first directed evolution of enzymes



"Summers were heaven, but the school years in Pittsburgh were another story. No one knew what to do with a smart little girl in the 1960s. ... By age 13 I was pretty much fed up with classroom learning." In her biography, Frances Arnold describes how a diversity of experiences shaped her during her early years and tells her story: from being a taxi driver, to a professor of chemical engineering, to becoming a Nobel Prize laureate. With an ingenious idea and years of subsequent work, she turned bioengineering upside down, and pioneered the use of directed evolution to design enzymes, with applications as broad as they are essential, from drugs to renewable fuels. Arnold was awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

## MEMBERSHIP



### Carolann Ford

Although I have been a Realtor for over 40 years, I originally wanted to be in the Foreign Service because of a love of travel and interest in other cultures. Early in my college career I discovered my lack of interest in history and poor memory so Foreign Service was out of the question. With a Sociology degree from Occidental College, I joined May Co. in Downtown LA in its Executive Training Program and helped open its new stores in Montclair and Arcadia. This morphed into changing to the Personnel Dept. and becoming Personnel Director at May Co Riverside. Though compensation was never discussed, I'm sure I was paid less than most male retail executives.

After marriage, we opened a Real Estate office in La Habra and I obtained my RE license. One of our salespeople was a member and former president of AAUW Whittier branch so I joined that branch in 1976. Once we moved to San Antonio Heights and I joined a local real estate firm in Upland, I met Louise McCullough through a colleague and she introduced me to OUR branch. I immediately was put on the Membership Committee and have served in many positions on OUR board such as Educational Foundation VP (now called Fund), Treasurer (never could get checkbook to balance), Membership VP, Program VP (3 times), President, chair of Great Decisions and now Newsletter Editor for life (or until I make too many mistakes and someone more computer savvy volunteers).

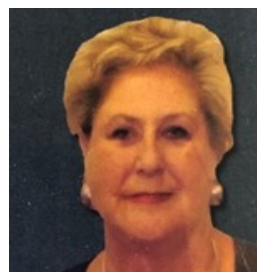
At the CA State level I have been Southeast Regional Director, Southeast Interbranch Council President, SEIBC Liaison, CA Educational Foundation VP and member of the CA Nominating Committee. During those years serving in leadership positions, I've had the privilege of working with many outstanding AAUW women leaders.

Before Covid one of the fun things to do was to attend AAUW National Conventions with other branch members and even room with members from other states. What a way to see the country and meet impressive women! In DC I heard wonderful speakers such as Maya Angelou, Olympia Snowe, Wilma Mankiller and Lily Ledbetter to name a few. I've also attended Association conventions in Orlando, Portland, Phoenix, New Orleans and

Minneapolis along with many in California.

I am so pleased that OUR Branch has started a Travel Group. Other than traveling with family, many of my overseas trips have been with OUR branch members: Australia, New Zealand & Fiji with Anne Henke, China Silk Road, Europe & Jordan with Sue Irons, Russia with Jacque Peters and Turkey & Caribbean/Panama Canal with Leslie May.

The focus of AAUW has changed over the years from studying the tomato industry in CA in the 70's to now Diversity, Inclusion & Equality along with the focus on equal pay and reproductive freedom, which have been tenets of AAUW almost since its inception. Now the issues are more challenging, engaging and diverse. Unbelievable as it may seem, belonging to AAUW and rising up through the ranks of leadership has transformed me from an introvert into a confident and effective leader and I am so grateful for the opportunity to grow.



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## Planning for OUR SERVICE PROJECT for 2022 continues, but more hands are always welcome.

Success! In our **first run** of the Branch's new community service project, OUR AAUW Local Branch's

goal to provide at minimum 25 toiletry packets to help homeless female students at Chaffey High School has been met!

**Tuesday, March 15** your fellow members on the Service Project Committee met to assemble and deliver 50 toiletry packs to the school. Ms. Leslie Jensen, CHS Counselor, and Ms. Luz Magana, Administrative assistant to the Achievement Office, expressed many thanks to OUR AAUW for providing these basic items for their students.



**How can all members help?** While this first run was funded through donations entirely from the committee, here's what all members can do to participate. Simply add any number of these listed items to your car as you shop—Dollar Tree and 99 Cent Store. Then when you attend the host of Branch sponsored activities, bring them along and drop them in the collection bags that we will have at the events—Board Meetings, Book Group, Bridge I & II, Great Decisions, Out & About, and monthly Branch Program events. You do not have to purchase all the items just a few from any one of the categories.



### *Requested Items:*

**Toothbrush (with cap for the brush or plastic case) and toothpaste (sold as one item) 99 CENT STORE & Dollar Store**

**Shampoo & Conditioner sold in one package at Dollar Store: Can be found online**

**Body Wash & Lotion sold at Dollar Store in one package. Also online!**

**Deodorant Any of the brands for females 99 CENT STORE**

**Vaseline Lip Balm (99 cent store has these as well)**



**Wet Wipes: sold in a pkg of 18 for 99 cents at 99 CENT STORE**

For more information about donation call/text/email Community Service Committee Chair Cynthia Clark at 650-678-4132 [clark.cyl@gmail.com](mailto:clark.cyl@gmail.com) or President Joyce Paul, as well: 909.277.8800 [joycem.paul@yahoo.com](mailto:joycem.paul@yahoo.com)



Each newsletter will provide an update of items collected and number still needed. If you prefer, monetary donations will be accepted also—just note "Community Service Project" on your check or note included with the donation.





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**APRIL 2022**

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### **American Association of University Women**

#### **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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