

OUR REPORT

American Association of University Women

Ontario-Upland-Rancho Branch

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12th ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 15, 2023

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m

Chaffey Community Museum of Art
217 South Lemon Avenue, Ontario, CA

(1-block East of Euclid Avenue & 1-block South of Holt Boulevard)

Donation: \$25.00/Person

Checks or Cash Only at door.

(Make checks payable to AAUW-OUR)

Your Donation supports the local branch of American Association of University Women's (AAUW) *Scholarship Program for Chaffey College Students* transferring to accredited 4-year institutions of higher education in Fall 2023.

Come prepared to order your favorite wines and be part of a program that supports higher education opportunities for female members of our local community.

Meet the 2023 Barbara Highbanks-Beverly Brennan Memorial Scholarship Awardees.

Further Information: Gloria Romero, 909-732-6707, or gdromero1@roadrunner.com.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring is in the air and much is happening this month.

April 15th is our Wine Tasting event which provides the funds for scholarships for the graduates of Chaffey College who submitted applications, are enrolled in four year universities/programs and who were selected by the Scholarship Committee. Read about it in this newsletter. All the details are there. Purchase your tickets and support this program that aids in making dreams come true and securing financial independence for the recipients.

April 22 is another big event which you will be able to attend via Zoom. Watch for the link. It is being called the ACADEMY AAUWARDS. There will be two amazing speakers. One is Gloria Blackwell, our AAUW CEO and our main representative to the United Nations. Gloria spent fifteen years managing our Fellowships and Grants program in which she awarded over seventy million dollars in funding to women scholars and programs in the US and overseas. She has worked to increase girls' participation in STEM and to increase AAUW's outreach to girls and women of color.

The other speaker is Secretary Eileen M. Velez Vega. Secretary Velez Vega is serving as the first woman Secretary of the Puerto Rico Department of Transportation and Public Works. Ms. Velez Vega is an engineer and a fierce advocate for girls in STEM. She has an inspiring story to share. She is also a colleague of our Tech Trek Program Director, Mary Issac.

Additionally, we will meet the very first GOV Trek winners and the winners for this year's Speech Trek. We will be voting on the Public Policy Priorities this spring. The state election voting period will be April 22-May 13. You will have an opportunity to vote for new Public Policy Priorities for 2023-2025. Each member with an email address on file will receive an email with a link to their ballot. Members without an email address will receive a paper ballot. The proposed Public Priorities will be posted on the website. Please check for them. Vote for what is important to you.

AAUW National has asked each branch to increase membership by 6% this year. To do that, we need to add four more members to our branch roster. Help us reach that goal. Please invite a friend, neighbor, or relative to join the branch. Anyone who joins our branch now will have membership for a full year. It will not expire in June. Join now.

Joyce Paul, President

April Board Meeting

The next OUR Branch Board Meeting will be Tuesday, April 11

6:30 Board Meeting

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

STEM Adventures Await Girls at Tech Trek 2023

We have reserved slots at Tech Trek UC Santa Barbara where the girls will live in a college dormitory, observe marine life, and complete a variety of hand-on STEM projects. Girls will hear from inspiring women in the STEM fields. Teachers at Upland Jr. High and De Anza Middle School in Ontario have nominated 7th grade girls to apply and attend Tech Trek STEM camps based on their interest in science and math. The girls have submitted on-line applications. Branch members will conduct interviews at both schools on April 5 to select this year's campers. We look forward to meeting the girls, and you will get a chance to meet them at the September OUR branch meeting.

The cost for each girl is \$1100. We are not holding a Tech Trek branch fundraiser this year, but we welcome donations. Checks can be written directly to the branch or, if you want a tax deduction, to AAUW CA-SPF and mailed to OUR Branch P.O. Box 1173, Upland, CA 91785-1173. You can also donate through PayPal on the AAUW California website. Be sure to indicate Tech Trek, our branch name, and UC Santa Barbara.

Kathy Kinley, Tech Trek Branch Coordinator

**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

Because of bad weather last month, we are reschedule-ing Birthday Bash for Sycamore Inn and will celebrate both March & April birthdays on Thursday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m. Please call Carolann 241-6900 or carolan4re@aol.com by Wednesday to RSVP.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

Let us know if we have missed your birthday.

Carolann Ford, Birthday Bash Chair

GREAT DECISIONS



What causes famine? How can it be prevented in the future?

Fears of global food shortages have followed Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has disrupted grain shipments from the major grain producer. But what about countries and regions that were suffering before this impending shortage? How is famine defined, and how is it different from simple food shortages? What if any remedies are there?

We will be meeting Monday, April 3, 5:30p.m. at Panda Inn to discuss Ch. 6. Joyce Lasalde will be our hostess so please email her mrsalasde@hotmail.com or call 938-3929 by Sunday to let her know you are coming or for directions. **All members & friends are welcome to join us.**

I still have 2 2023 Great Decisions booklets that need to be picked up!

Carolann Ford, Great Decisions Chair

Nominating Committee

The AAUW-OUR Branch Nominating Committee comprised of Kay Alexander, Gloria Romero, and Connie Uhalley is proud to present the following slate of new officers for the 2023-2025 term: Diane Webster,

Secretary; Gloria Hailes, Fund VP; Tammy Muir, Program VP. The Branch members will be asked to vote on this slate at the May Scholarship Tea.

Kay Alexander, Nominating Committee Chair

AAUW FUND

AAUW 2022 Annual Appeal Donations: Thanks to the generosity of OUR Branch for our donations for the national Annual Appeal contributions for 2022. OUR Branch's determination and generosity helped AAUW donations reach even higher levels of giving. **Our 2022 branch donations were \$10,660 – WOW!!**

As of 12/31/2022 **AAUW California** total donations to AAUW were:

\$595,562 by individuals

\$124,300 by branches

\$719,862 total

Kudos to all branches!

Gloria Hailes, AAUW Fund VP

Writers' Circle: Relax, Reminisce & (W)Rite

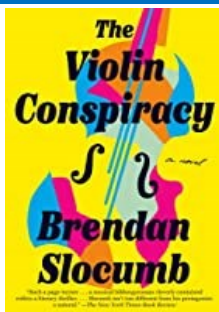
OUR Writers' Circle interest group continues to meet **VIRTUALLY THIRD Wednesday monthly from 5-6 p.m. with our next meeting on April 19, 2023.**

Writers' Circle requires no-experience, just curiosity and willingness to try a new skill. With Zoom, you can simply find a cozy spot in your own home, open your notebook or laptop/tablet and **Zoom** in for one hour of relaxing conversation and writing.

Topics from our March session included food-related prompts ***"What food or drink sends you immediately back to childhood, no matter where you are?"*** and ***"Describe what your perfect last meal would be on this earth—as many courses as you would like, right down to beverages and of course, desserts!"*** We also used two paintings as prompts and wrote on how and why we were drawn into the art. If you would like the Zoom link check out our Facebook page—the permanent link is there, or for more information call or email Cynthia Clark at (650) 678-4132 or clark.cyl@gmail.com

BOOK GROUP

Our next Book Group will be on **Thursday May 11 at 3 pm** at the home of **Connie Uhalley**. Please let her know if you will be coming, 909 618-6452.



The book for May is **Violin Conspiracy** by Brendan Slocumb.

Brendan Slocumb is a professional violinist. His family got him a violin and he took to it. While he was out of work during the Covid epidemic, he had no work so he decided to write a book. He wrote about a violinist and even stuck a little mystery in it. This is his first book. It's easy reading and discusses the life of a black man making a living in a primarily white profession.

I hope you will enjoy it.

Cathy Reaves, Book Group co-Chair

Walker's Group

Attention all who are interested in walking: We will be meeting on Saturday, April 22nd, 2023, at 9:00 am. We will be walking up Euclid Ave. in Upland, so please park on the west side of 17th St. and Euclid, and we will be walking north on Euclid Ave. We will plan on having breakfast at Sammy's Café after our walk. You can walk as far or as little as you would like as there are benches along the trail. 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 mrslazalde@hotmail.com so I know that you are coming. Hope to see you on Saturday the 22nd!!

GOV Trek

The GOV Tech Finals were on Saturday, March 25th and the winning team was announced. All eight teams got to present their candidate, their campaign speech, the plan for obtaining funding and the strategy for appealing to voters and canvassing the regions in which their voters reside. It was amazing to see the confidence, the planning and the work that went into devising these strategies in just a few short months and meetings. The girls were outstanding in all that they did and their work looked so professional and was delivered in a polished and professional manner. You really needed to see it to appreciate all that they did. You will be able to see the winning team at the convention on April 22th. Try not to miss it. You will be impressed.

Joyce Paul

BRIDGE I

We will meet for a special treat of lunch & bridge at noon on **April 5 at Annie Attiah's home**. RSVP 909 982-0577.



BRIDGE II

Bridge II will meet on **Wednesday, April 19 at 1 p.m.** at **Carolann Ford's** home. Please call Carolann at 909-241-6900 to play.

MOVIE GROUP

For our February movie we saw **80 for Brady**. It was an enjoyable lighthearted comedy. Afterwards we had lunch at Bui Thai.

At this time there are no movies playing that would be of interest to our group. Hopefully in April there should be some interesting choices. We have had great attendance, so please join us in April.



The intrepid Movie goes at Laemmle Claremont
SEIBC

The Southeast Interbranch Council will be meeting on April 29th at 10:00 am on zoom. SEIBC includes all of the branches in the Inland Empire.

All AAUW members are welcome to attend. Our speaker will be Shuana Ruyle, the Chair of the newly created Gov Trek. She will be sharing the needs of this newly formed leadership team and how the branches can include this in their membership. After a question and answer period, there will be a short business meeting that will include reports from the branch presidents on their activities and concerns for the year.

The zoom link for the April 29th meeting <https://bit.ly/SICAPRIL2023> Please call me at (909) 435-5906 or my email at Patty.rdtm45@gmail.com
Patty Ahearn Chair SEIBC

AAUW California State Public Policy Committee Sets 2023-24 Legislative Agenda

The State Public Policy Committee, in conjunction with our Public Policy Advocate Kathy Von Osten, has completed their selection of the 30 California 2023-2024 legislative bills that the committee and Van Osten will be working on this year. They fall into categories from the 3 pillars of our Public Policy Priorities. The majority of the bills are Economic Security, Public Education, Social Justice and Reproductive Justice priorities. Others are Healthcare, Freedom from Violence, Gender-Identity Protection, and Voting Rights priorities.

The committee then selected the top 3 bills, including at least 1 bill which AAUW will cosponsor (AB1394). These are also the 3 bills members will advocate for in their Lobby Days visits.

AB1394 (co-sponsor) would prohibit a social media platform from “knowingly, recklessly, or negligently facilitating, aiding, or abetting commercial sexual exploitation.” The bill would require a court to award a civil penalty between \$1 million and \$5 million. “The bill defines ‘facilitate, aid, or abet’ to include, but not be limited to, being directly involved in, or actively participating in, the development, deployment, or enforcement of a system design, feature, or affordance that the social media platform knows, or should know, foreseeably causes child users to be victims of commercial sexual exploitation.” (quotes from the bill’s text 2/17/23)

AB549 would require all state agencies to conduct an evaluation of all their departments, “in consultation with the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, . . . to ensure that the state does not discriminate against women through the allocation of funding and the delivery of services.” (from the bill’s text 2/8/2023)
Kathi Harper, State Public Policy Chair

California is often the role model for legislating for social justice. Let’s hope that these three bills strengthen the safety and advancement of all Californians.

This relates to AB 549. First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom recently said about a Nov. 2022 Executive Order: “As we work together toward a more just and equitable society, good policy – like today’s executive order [*Executive Order N-16-22*] -- will go a long way to shifting workplace cultures, as well as the hearts and minds of the workforce. For this reason, we are intentionally embedding equity into the mission and practices of state agencies and departments – a critical model for private sector employers as well. Today’s order will advance our shared goal of providing women, people of color, the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, and other marginalized communities what they need at work to grow and thrive in and out of the workplace.” **Kathy Henkins OUR Public Policy Chair**

Community Service Update:

Delivered! O.U.R. Community Service Project Committee assembled and delivered our fourth group of hygiene packs to Chaffey College. St. Patrick’s Day’s luck brought us a little sunshine as we readied the packets to be part of the “Cinderella Dance” preparation for these girls at the school---prom dresses, shoes, etc., are collected by Leslie Jensen from community donations and O.U.R.’s hygiene packets were an added perk!

Thanks to all our members’ generosity, as of March 2023, we have collected enough items to prepare 200 packs for the project. The market value of these donations is over \$1100.00!

The final delivery will be in May. Your donations are still welcome with these six items:

Toothpaste: (the larger size from 99cent Store and Dollar Tree are best)

Deodorant: (these too are in the larger sizes at both stores)

Shampoo/Conditioner: (the 2-in-1 packs are most economical and still can be found at Dollar Tree)

Body Wash/Lotion: (Again, the 2-in-1 packs from Dollar Tree if you can find them)

For examples of these items, check O.U.R. fall Newsletters.

Items will continue to be collected at interest groups, special events, or Board meetings through May 9, 2023. Monetary donations accepted as well. Contact Cynthia Clark clark.cyl@gmail.com or (650) 678-4132 if questions.



Pictures from March 18 Branch Meeting Romina Garcia, Fellows Recipient



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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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