

OUR REPORT

American Association of University Women

Ontario-Upland-Rancho Branch

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Please join OUR Branch Meeting and Program

Guest Speakers: Carolann Ford &
Cynthia Freymueller

Date: Saturday, February 11th, 2023

Place: St. Mark's Church, 300 E. 16th St.,
Upland, Ca.

Time: 10:00 am

We are pleased to have OUR branch members, Carolann Ford and Cynthia Freymueller speak to us about the history of Ontario, Upland and Rancho Cucamonga.

Come learn about the beginnings of these cities and the important people and events that helped shape our communities. You may even learn about some new and interesting venues to visit or entertain your friends.

Come out and support OUR branch speakers for this interesting and informative program and as always, please invite a spouse, significant other or friend(s) to attend.

Refreshments will be served, and a short branch meeting will follow the presentation.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

February is Black History Month. President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Today, Black History Month is a time to honor the contributions and legacy of African Americans across U.S. history and society—from activists and civil rights pioneers such as Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Marcus Garvey, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Rosa Parks to leaders in industry, politics, science, culture and more. Since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month.

Valentine's Day is also in February. To celebrate this day, please invite a friend to join OUR AAUW. We need to increase our membership and this is the perfect way to do it. Valentine's Day is the perfect day to invite one or more of your friends to join this very special organization that has done so much over decades to improve the quality of life for women. As rights are being taken from women, in both our own country and other countries, now more than ever AAUW is relevant. Invite your friends to join you in supporting equality for all.

We had a very interesting program in January at our new location, St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 300 East 16th Street. The speaker from the USO was excellent. If you bring a friend who would like to join OUR AUW to any of our meetings or events, we can offer a reduced fee for membership if she or he joins AAUW at that time. It is the only discount on membership dues available.

The new GOV Trek program starts in February and concludes in March. Laurie Milhiser is the coordinator for OUR AAUW for this new program and is excited to be able to assist high school girls in learning that they can change the world and learning how to do it.

If you believe in advancing gender equality through research, education and advocacy, then please support our programs with your attendance. I do hope to see you at the next branch meeting.

Please remember to visit our Facebook page. You do not need to join Facebook to view our page. Simply go to Facebook and type in [aauw.ourca](https://www.facebook.com/aauw.ourca). It will take you to the page and you can see all our upcoming activities and pictures from past activities.

Joyce Paul, President



The Tech Trek Nomination Process Underway !

Seventh grade teachers of math and science are now being asked to nominate girls to attend Tech Trek 2023. They are asked to identify students who are excited about learning about science, math and technology and who work well with others. On February 1 we will learn where OUR 6 campers will be assigned. We will then email parents of nominated students for permission for their children to apply. All applications will be done on-line with a new software system called Camp Docs. Once applications are complete, we will schedule interviews at the schools in late March to select campers and alternates.

We want to thank all our donors, especially the Barnes, Cloyd, and Hayes family for their generous contribution to Tech Trek.

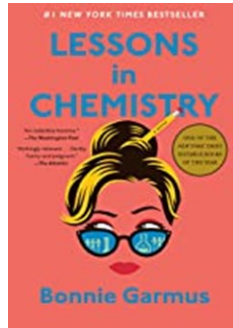
Kathy Kinley , dr.kathy.kinley@verizon.net, Tech Trek Branch Coordinator

BOOK GROUP

Our next book club meeting will be on **March 9, 3:00** at Cathy Reaves' home. Please call to let me know if you're coming, 909 987-6197.

The book we have chosen is **Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Garmus. It concerns a woman who has a cooking program because she can't break into chemistry, a man's world. People at our last meeting say it's not what you expect. I'm looking forward to reading it.

Our meeting on January 12 was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the book, **Horse**. Lots of things to discuss and Joyce's questions were great as usual. Our host, Gloria, was wonderful. Thanks Gloria.
Cathy Reaves, Book Group co-chair



OUT & ABOUT/TRAVEL BUDDIES

The Out & About/Travel Buddies is proud to announce an opportunity for all members to join us for a trip to the **Monterey Bay area on Sept. 25-29, 2023**. We will stay at the Asilomar Conference Grounds resort complex in Pacific Grove on the beach. The cost will be determined by the number of people attending. Nearby attractions include:

17 mile drive
Monarch Grove Butterfly Sanctuary
Pt. Pinos Lighthouse
Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History
American Tin Cannery/ Cannery Row
Monterey Bay Aquarium
Steinbeck's Spirit of Monterey Wax Museum
Refer to Asilomar Conference Grounds - Pacific Grove, CA for more information.

Please respond to Sandy Rudder or Cynthia Freymueller by Feb. 10, 2023 to indicate an interest in attending. A meeting will be held to go over trip details. **Cynthia**, 909 360-1301, **Sandy**, 909 985-2837

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

Wednesday, February 1, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of **Kay Alexander**. Please call Kay if you plan to play. We are always looking for ladies who play. 989-5321



BRIDGE II

Wednesday, February 15 at 1 p.m. will meet at **Kay Alexander's** home. Please call Kay, if you plan to play.

Walker's Group

Attention all who are interested in walking:
We will be meeting on **Saturday, February 25th, 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 mrs lazalde@hotmail.com so I know that you are coming. Hope to see you on Saturday the 25th!!

At the Movies Group

Our February movie group will be attending the movie **80 for Brady** at the **Laemmle** theatre in Claremont on **Monday, February 20th**. The time has yet to be announced. It will be included in the reminder to be sent out the week before the showing.

Afterwards, we will go to lunch at **Bua Thai** restaurant. We had a very good turnout for January and I hope we can do the same for February. Please contact me at marycpeat@gmail.com if you can attend.

Mary Peat, At the Movies Chair



BIRTHDAY BASH

We haven't been to Claremont in awhile so one of our February birthday girls suggested we dine at **Walter's** in the village.

The date is **February 23** at 6:00 p.m. Please call or text Carolann at 909-241-6900 by Wednesday so she can make reservations. We look forward to seeing you there!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ana Barcelo-Quach -- 1

Julie Zurek -- 6

Judy Westbrook — 8

Leticia Fernandez -- 17

Kathy Kinley — 19

Maria Marvosh — 20

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

GREAT DECISIONS



Electoral results in Latin America over the past four years have led many observers of the regional/political scene to discern a left-wing surge in the hemisphere, reminiscent of the so-called "Pink Tide" that swept the area some 20 years ago. But how much do these politicians actually have in common? What implication does their ascendancy have for the region?

We will be meeting on **Monday, February 6 at 5:30 p.m. at Luna** in Victoria Gardens to discuss Ch. 5, "Political trends in Latin America". Kathy Kinley will be our discussion leader. Please call or text Kathy at 909 223-0366 by Friday, February 3 to let her know you can attend and she can reserve the room for us.

I still have a couple of 2023 booklets to be picked up and paid for.

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

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

OUR Writers' Circle interest group continues to meet **VIRTUALLY THIRD Wednesday monthly from 5-6 p.m.** February is the shortest month of the year, but packed with significant events: Black History Month, Valentine's Day, President's Week-end, Groundhog's Day, etc. So join us on **Wednesday, February 15** and bring to the circle your thoughts of what February means to you as the "bridge month of seasons" as we are tired of winter and looking forward to spring!

Writers' Circle requires no-experience, just a friendly way to explore the talents we all have—learning to put our thoughts, dreams, experiences into the written word—poems, memories, letters, posts, blogs and more. 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. Expand your writing talents and enjoy a glass of wine or another favorite beverage [it is the happy hour!] with group leader, Cynthia Clark. If you would like the link or for more information call or email at (650) 678-4132 or clark.cyl@gmail.com

Community Service Update

OUR Branch members are really making a difference in the lives of teenage students at Chaffey High School.

During the past month, we have collected enough items to prepare 55 packets for our March delivery. The exception is ONLY DEODORANT—still need 8. Volunteers are welcome to help assemble and deliver the packets on March 8, 10:30 a.m. Cynthia Clark's home. (email or call for directions—see end of article)

How to Participate: We are, of course, still collecting all items, but as you visit your "Bargain Stores of Choice-- Dollar Tree, 99 Cent Store, Target or Wal-mart" if you see handy low-cost items available in the *Travel Items* section for appx. \$1.25, add a few to your cart for OUR AAUW! Items include shampoo/conditioner; body wash/lotion; deodorant and toothpaste. See previous newsletters for pictures of these products—with your support and generous donations we will have **enough for a third delivery** expected for the end of the school year—May 2023.

Then: When you attend any Branch sponsored activity or interest group, bring the items along, and drop them in the collection bags that your host will provide—Board Meetings, Book Group, Bridge I & II, Great Decisions, Out & About, and monthly Branch Program events. If you prefer, monetary donations are welcome also—just note "Community Service Project" on your check or note included with the donation.

For more information about donation call/text/ email Community Service Committee Chair Cynthia Clark at 650-678-4132

AAUW California Celebrates Black Women in History for Black History Month, February 2023

By Nancy Major, AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Many Black women have made significant contributions to history, thought, society, innovation, science, government, civil rights, women's rights, and much more. For Black History month we celebrate the achievements of but a few:

Sojourner Truth, a former slave, became an outspoken advocate for abolition, temperance, and civil and women's rights (1797-1883). Rosa Parks and Claudette Colvin (age 15) helped initiate the Civil Rights movement by refusing to give up their seats to white men on Montgomery, AL buses. Their actions inspired results in the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that bus segregation was unconstitutional. Dorothy Jean Dandridge was an actress, singer and dancer, the first African American film star to be nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in *Carmen Jones* (1954).

Katherine Johnson, a brilliant mathematician, was one of three Black students to integrate West Virginia's graduate schools. Her greatest contribution was to space exploration through her calculations synching Apollo's Lunar Module with the lunar-orbiting Module. She also worked on the Space Shuttle. (1958-1986). Madam C.J. Walker was considered the wealthiest African-American businesswoman in America (1911-1919), by developing and marketing a line of cosmetics and hair care products for Black women. She hired 40,000 "ambassadors" to sell her products. Shirley Chisholm was the first Black woman elected to Congress in 1968. She served as a representative from New York for 14 years, was the first Black candidate to run for president in the 1972 race, and founded the Congressional Black Caucus in 1971 and the Congressional Women's Caucus in 1977. Mae Jemison became the first Black woman to fly to space on the space shuttle Endeavour. She was also the first Black woman admitted to the astronaut training program, in 1987.

Toni Morrison released her novel *Beloved* in 1987, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, based on the true story of an African American enslaved woman. In 1993, Morrison became the first Black woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. Oprah Winfrey, born into poverty in rural Mississippi to a single teenage mother, molested as a child and pregnant at 14, became the most influential woman in the world by

many accounts. An American talk show host, television producer, actress, author, and philanthropist, she was the richest African-American of the 20th century and was once the world's only black billionaire.

House of Ruth

Dear Friends of House of Ruth,

On behalf of House of Ruth and the families we serve, thank you for your gift of coloring books, crayons, candles, tissues, nail polish and gift cards given on December 20, 2022.

Your gift will bring joy and healing to our families impacted by domestic violence. Your contributions support our vision of ending domestic violence and promoting healthy relations through our emergency and transitional shelter, 24-hour hotline, outreach services and prevention education.

Again, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Rhonda Beltran
Director of Development

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12th ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 15, 2023

4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m



**Chaffey Community Museum of Art
217 South Lamon 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 Hughbanks-Beverly Brennan Memorial Scholarship Awardees.

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

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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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