

# OUR REPORT

American Association of University Women

Ontario-Upland-Rancho Branch

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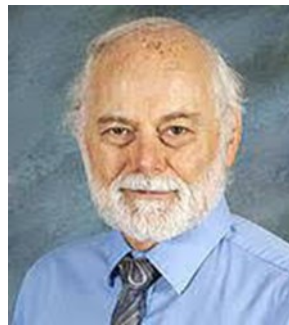
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## JANUARY BRANCH MEETING



**Guest Speaker, Ben Bensinger, a writer of  
screenplays and author of many books**

**Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

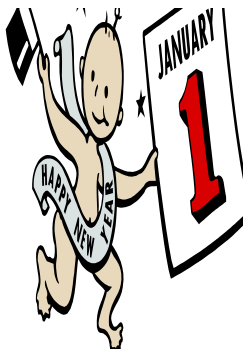
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**VIA ZOOM**

We are pleased to welcome Ben Bensinger as he speaks to us about his unique experiences in screenwriting, producing, directing and writing fiction and non-fiction, as well as history, humor, politics and vegetarianism. Several of his screenplays have won 4 awards, and his current feature was filmed this summer and will air on Netflix before Christmas. His most recent book is titled *She'll Be Home for Christmas* and is available on kindle. Ben lives in the Los Angeles area where he has taught High School English as well as writing a book for English teachers, *Tips on Teaching High School English*, which has earned great reviews.

So, please plan on joining us and please invite a friend.

Watch for Zoom link to be sent to everyone a few days before the 15th.



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is a new year! It is 2022! A new year brings a fresh start, new beginnings, second chances and so much more. However, this year it brings a return to Zoom. We sincerely hope that it won't be long, but as COVID numbers are rising to new heights, we need to do all that we can to keep everyone safe. This was a very difficult decision to make and it saddens the Board to do it, but it was one we felt was necessary and branches throughout the country are doing the same. So please check the newsletter carefully to see how your next group or meeting is being held and watch for the Zoom links. We will be using Zoom for January, February, and March. In March, we will reassess the situation and see if it is safe to resume in-person gatherings in April.

We ended 2021 with OUR AAUW Holiday Party held at Johnny Carino's. I believe everyone who attended truly enjoyed spending time with their AAUW family and several members went home with prizes.

As you are hanging up your calendars and filling in your 2022 planners, please save this important date--April 30<sup>th</sup>. That is the date of the Annual Event and it will be held this year again via Zoom. You will hear inspiring speakers including AAUW's new CEO Gloria Blackwell, Policy Director Lisa Maatz, and the scientist, Jasmine Sadler. Branch projects will be acknowledged and there will be an opportunity to have conversations on a wide variety of topics with other members from other branches in the Zoom breakout rooms. You will not want to miss this event.

Imagine the work you could do if you were part of the State Board for AAUW. These are the positions available:

Secretary (two-year term 2022–2024)

Three Directors (one-year term 2022–2023)

Four Directors (two-year term 2022–2024)

To learn more about the election process and to submit a nomination, click [here](#). It is an exciting time to be on the California state board! It is a new year and a new opportunity.

Did you know?

- In 1880, 1.9% of all young women in the U.S. were college women. By 1980, the percentage was 37.9.

- In 1880 the percentage of college students who were female: 33.4; by 1980: 51.8. In 2021 the number is 59.5%.
- In 1922 AAUW had 16,433 members; by 1975 the number was 190,327.

Last, but most importantly, we really need you. We need committee members for the Membership and Equity committee and the Community Project committee. Please read about each one in this newsletter and make the call to volunteer. It is a new year and a new opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. Please call.

**Joyce Paul, co-President**



## Tech Trek 2022 Is Still Evolving

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. Elizabeth Blackwell was the first American woman to receive a M.D. in 1848. Her younger sister Emily also became a doctor. Horizons for girls in the STEM field have been expanding in recent years, but females are still underrepresented, especially in engineering. Last year's Tech Trek focused on engineering, particularly robotics. Plans are evolving to provide an in-person camp in 2022. UC Santa Barbara includes experiences in oceanology and ecology. We have not yet received our branch packet, so we do not know the specific structure, selection process and regulations for the 2022 camp. We do know that costs will increase. We thank all of the donors who have contributed to OUR Tech Trek account. You will help provide a wonderful learning experience for middle school girls. Branch members may also participate in the selection process by reading applications and interviewing applicants. To learn more about the camp's namesakes, read [The Doctors Blackwell](#) by Janice P. Nimura.

**Kathy Kinley, Tech Trek Coordinator,**  
[dr.kathy.kinley@verizon.net](mailto:dr.kathy.kinley@verizon.net)

## Birthday Bash

This month we will celebrate November, December & January Birthdays via **Zoom** on **Thursday, January 25** at 6:15 p.m. An email with the zoom link will be sent to everyone by Wednesday, Jan. 24 for this Birthday Bash virtual Happy Hour.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**Carolann Ford — 4**  
**Sally Rivera — 13**  
**Jane Bedford -- 23**  
**Lisa Nashua --26**  
**Kay Alexander — 31**

Let us know if we have missed your birthday.

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

**Carolann Ford, Birthday Bash Chair**

## GREAT DECISIONS

Our ordered books should be shipped from D.C. in the next week and should arrive at my house by 2 weeks later so our first meeting of 2022 will be **February 7** via **Zoom**. Further info including cost and topic to discuss will be emailed after I receive the books.

**Carolann Ford, Great Decisions Chair**

## Walker's Group

Attention all who are interested in walking:  
 We will be meeting on Saturday, January 8, 2021, 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 8<sup>th</sup>!!

## Writers' Workshop

We will be resuming our writing on Tuesday morning January 25, 9:30 am. on Zoom. All are welcome to join in as we begin a new year of writing. Theme is "Renewed Celebrations with Family and Friends---Our Changed World." **Cynthia Clark at (650)678-4132 or [clark.cyl@gmail.com](mailto:clark.cyl@gmail.com)**

## AAUW Travel Group

OUR AAUW branch is starting a domestic and international travel group for next year. You are invited to join this group if you are interested in travelling with your spouse or significant other, or just traveling with a wonderful group of AAUW women. Sandy Rudder will be chairing the committee and is looking forward to hearing from you if you are interested in joining this group and sharing your ideas about where you would like to travel in the U.S. this coming year. If you are interested and/or have travel ideas, please contact Sandy Rudder at: [lsrudder@aol.com](mailto:lsrudder@aol.com)



## BRIDGE II

Cancelled until March due to Covid

## February Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 1  
Via Zoom

6:30 meeting, 7:30 social  
 Please RSVP to 909 244-8246 or  
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## BOOK GROUP

Our next Book Group meeting will be via Zoom at **3 p m, Thursday, January 13**. A Zoom link will be emailed to all in the Book Group.

The book we will discuss is **Cloudstreet** by Tim Winton. I have a copy and would be happy to loan it to you. Just call me.

If you have not read this book, please come anyway. I would like to discuss some ways to improve the list of books we have to choose from. Also Joyce Lazalde would like to make sure the books we choose are readily available so no one has to pay for them. She volunteers at the Rancho Cucamonga library and knows what a great library we have.

Hope to see you in the New Year.

**Cathy Reaves, Book Group co-Chair**

## Upland Bookenders

**Saturday, January 8, 10 a.m. meets in the Brodie Room at Upland Library & on Zoom.**

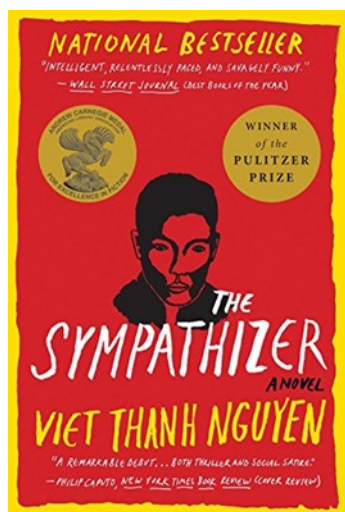
The guest speaker is Chaffey College professor Ava Nguyen who graduated from Cal State, Long Beach with a degree in Communications. Her teaching focus is ethnic studies and intercultural studies.

To join the zoom meeting, paste the address below in your browser.

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## HOUSE OF RUTH

For many years now we have celebrated the holidays by making donations to House of Ruth's Holiday Market where clients and their children can choose gifts for themselves or their family from an assortment of items donated by members of the community. It started with toiletry items and toys but this year House of Ruth asked for kitchen items also so we were able to bring lots of appliances & dishes in addition to the personal items they always need.

Thanks to all of you for your generous response and especially to Mary Peat & her husband, Ron. We needed 2 cars!



## AAUW SUPPORTS THE *BUILD BACK BETTER* BILL

The *Build Back Better* bill (H.R. 5376) has passed the House and is now in the Senate. This bill has

three provisions that are critical to our mission:

universal paid family and medical leave up to 12 weeks

an extension of the child tax credit through 2022

affordable childcare

The United States has been experiencing a marked decline in female labor force (as presented in past OUR Public Policy articles) relative to its peers. "While countries like France, Canada and the UK (countries with paid leave policies) all had female labor force participation rates similar to the United States 30 years ago, their rates have continued to climb while the U.S.'s has declined." The United States is the only country in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that does not have mandate paid medical maternity leave." (Joint Economic Committee Democrats website)

Paid family and medical leave "makes the employees more likely to remain with the company following a critical life experience like having a child or caring for an ill family member, and it helps the company cultivate better employee talent, engagement, morale and productivity." ("Why Paid Family LEAVE IS good business" The Boston Consulting Service, 2017) California has had paid family leave for many years; 91% of employers say it has had a positive or no effect on business profits.

Here are two ways you can help this legislation through the Senate:

**Respond to the Two-Minute Activist** ("Take Action") request from National, and urge your members to do the same. Even though our senators are in support, they need to hear it from us that these three provisions must not be amended out.

**If you have friends or family in Arizona or West Virginia**, urge them to put pressure on their senators to vote "yes."

Also, the Advisory Board to the National Public Policy Committee is producing a series of webinars on "tough policy issues." Watch for more info from

National to all members.

**Kathleen Harper**, *Director*, and **Sue Miller**, *State Public Policy Committee Co-Chairs* and Kathy Henkins

## Needed: Volunteers

It is our goal this year to increase **membership** as well as **diversity**. As you know volunteers boost our power, lighten our load and exponentially increase our impact. Best of all we do it because we believe in the cause. Would you please consider volunteering for this committee where we will discuss ways we can recruit new members, implement changes for a more diverse organization with different perspectives and backgrounds?

Please contact me at [marycpeat@gmail.com](mailto:marycpeat@gmail.com)  
**Mary C Peat, Co-President**

## Branch's 2022 Service Project Volunteer Service Committee members needed!

## Our NEW SERVICE PROJECT for 2022:

### Provision of Hygiene Kits for Local High School Students.

With one of our local AAUW Branch membership goals being "To touch the life of a young woman or girl in a very positive way," your O.U.R. Board has supported a number of service projects over the years ---scholarships for young community college women, Tech Trek for middle school age girls, and the Dictionary Project for elementary schools which had to be discontinued due to quarantine restrictions on campus visits. Investigating how we could help in other ways, we found that high schools need small kits with basic items, especially feminine hygiene products, shampoo, toothpaste, etc., for teens who come to the nurse's office during the school day with these needs.

Please join in this worthy effort to collect items, assemble the kits, and distribute the finished products to local schools. The committee will be forming to discuss logistics after the first of the new year—so please call **Cynthia Clark at (650) 678-4132 or email at [clark.cyl@gmail.com](mailto:clark.cyl@gmail.com)** No limit to committee members—many hands make fast work!



# Holiday Luncheon Party at Johnny Carino's December 17 With Prizes

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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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