

OUR REPORT

American Association of University Women

Ontario-Upland-Rancho Branch

NOVEMBER EVENTS

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GREAT DECISIONS

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on-line

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Saturday
December 17
HOLIDAY PARTY



11th ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER



Saturday, November 6, 2021

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

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

Donation: \$25.00/Person

Luscious Appetizers and Opportunity drawings
Checks or Cash Only at door payable to AAUW-OUR

Covid 19 precautions are being followed

- Your Donation supports the local American Association of University Women (AAUW Branch's *Scholarship Program for Chaffey College Students*) transferring to accredited 4-year institutions of higher education.
- Come prepared to order your favorite wines, and be part of a program that supports higher education opportunities for members of our local community.
- Meet the 2021 Barbara Hugbanks-Beverly Brennan Memorial Scholarship Awardees

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

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is November—the season of gratitude. Mary Peat and I are very grateful for the OUR AAUW board. They are doing wonderful things. Gloria Romero is busy planning for the Wine Tasting on November 6th. Linda Strotz and Joyce Lazalde are planning our Holiday Party. Carolann Ford and Cynthia Clark are a committee of two researching ideas for a new community project for OUR AAUW. They are going to need many volunteers to implement this program that is still being formulated. We are also looking for volunteers to work on a committee to increase our membership. Please consider being one of those volunteers. Your help is needed.

The interest groups are starting to meet in person again. We have actually had three Birthday Bash celebrations, two Book Club meetings, and two Great Decisions dinners that have been held in person. COVID-19 and the Delta variant have not been eradicated or even contained. We need to take every precaution to insure the safety of our members and their loved ones-- elderly parents, spouses who may be battling a serious illness, and too young to vaccinate grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We do not want anyone to get this virus. We have all made it this far and no one wants the virus now. Not now, not ever. National AAUW and the OUR AAUW Board are requesting that members attending in person events or interest groups be vaccinated. We want everyone to be vaccinated. Anyone who is not vaccinated may provide proof of a negative test completed 72 hours prior to the event. With concern for every member, we are asking that these protocols be adhered to at all in person functions. We care about every one of our OUR AAUW members. It is the season to count blessings and every member of AAUW is a blessing. We want you to stay well, safe and happy.

Applications are now available on the national website for AAUW Fellowships and Grants for the 2022-2023 academic year. Last year five million dollars was awarded to those who applied and were chosen. Deadlines run from November to December. Hopefully, you have watched the Zoom Funds events and have met some of the most recent recipients. Mary Peat and I wish everyone a lovely Thanksgiving holiday with family and loved ones. When you list your many blessings this Thanksgiving, we hope AAUW is one of them.

Joyce Paul, co-president of OUR AAUW

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

**The next OUR Branch Board Meeting will be
Tuesday, November 2nd
at Joyce Paul's home
6:30 Board Meeting
RSVP 909 463-3804 or
Joycem.paul@yahoo.com**

Changes Coming for Tech Trek

California Tech Trek has a new program director, Karen Manelis. Tech Trek started during her term as AAUW California president in the 1990's. She established and directed the camp at CSU-Fresno from 1999 to 2007 when she moved to the state of Washington. When Tech Trek went national in 2012, she guided the AAUW WA Tech Trek program into existence. She was a camp director in Washington and now serves as their program director. Karen is still a member of AAUW CA and both the Davis and Online California branches. The new Tech Trek California Financial Liaison is Susan Strecklair. Susan is a former president of the Sunnyvale-Cupertino branch and has been active in the Sierra Club recently as their treasurer. She has a financial background with Quicken and QuickBooks.

I personally want to thank our out-going program director Susan Negrete and financial liaison Alice Hill. They faced the challenges of changing requirements from AAUW national, the cancelations for the residence camps due to COVID, the implementation of virtual camps, and multiple other changes. Alice Hill was OUR branch Tech Trek coordinator before me. We owe her so much for the opportunities she helped provide middle school girls. The future of Tech Trek is still uncertain since we do not know about the status or costs of residential camps and the possibility of hybrid or virtual camps. I will learn more after a ZOOM meeting October 26 with the new program director.

Kathy Kinley, Branch Tech Trek Coordinator

“Check out the event calendar on O.U.R website for updates on all events.”

<http://our-ca.aauw.net/>

Birthday Bash

We will not be meeting in November or December but we wish all these November birthday celebrants a wonderful day and year to come.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Patti Lloyd -- 6
 Evelyn Cloyd — 7
 Diana McVicker -- 7
 Allison Burgess — 24

Let us know if we have missed your birthday.

Carolann Ford, Birthday Bash Chair

GREAT DECISIONS



China and Africa

What are some of the growing economic and political issues between China and Africa?

The Covid-19 crisis has put a massive strain on what was growing a positive economic and political relationship between China and the continent of Africa. As Chinese President Xi Jinping's centerpiece "Belt and Road initiative" continues to expand Chinese power, the response to the spread of Covid-19, as well as the African government's growing debt to China, has seen pushback. What are some of the growing economic and political issues between China and Africa?

On **Monday, November 1**, at 6 p.m. **Mary Peat** will hostess our study of **Ch. 6, China and Africa**. Please call **Mary** at 909 244-8246 for particulars.

The 2022 GREAT DECISIONS TOPICS:
Changing Demographics, Outer Space, Climate Change, Russia, Myanmar and ASEAN, The Quad Alliance, Industrial Policy, Drug Policy in Latin America, Biden's Agenda

*If you would like to join the discussion group and purchase a booklet please call 909 241-6900
 Carolann Ford, Chair Great Decisions*

SOUTHEAST INTERBRANCH COUNCIL

You are invited to a webinar meeting of the Southeast Interbranch Council on **October 30, 2021 at 10 am**.

There will be a special speaker presenting her story of how she went from living on the streets to making 6 figures and running 2 of her own businesses. Jennifer Henry will be sharing her signature 6 step system that we can use as members to help many women and girls shift from a growing epidemic of chronic disconnection and unhealthy habits. Jennifer believes that our inability to connect with who we truly are or what we really want in life has led to the decline of our society's mental and physical health.

Our speaker comes with numerous certifications: she is a personal trainer, health coach, life coach, master transformation coach, functional nutrition coach, fit-ness in recovery coach, and lifestyle recovery coach.

Please take the opportunity to hear this insightful presentation from an award winning speaker. Register for the webinar and receive the zoom link at <https://bit.ly/aausoutheastcouncil>

APPETIZERS REQUESTED

The Wine Tasting Scholarship Fundraiser on Saturday November 6 is fast approaching and we will be needing appetizers to go with the wine. Please bring appetizers for 40, finger food requested.

We are looking forward to a fun filled event with wine, food, and fun. Please email or text your appetizer choice to Gloria Romero @ 909.732.6707 or gdromero1@roadrunner.com. We are still seeking more opportunity prize donations too.

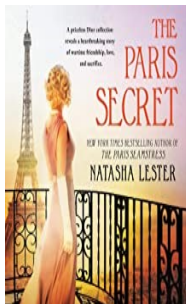
If you know of someone who is ill,
 has had a death in the family, or just
 needs a friendly "hello,"
 please call our Correspondence



Secretary
 Diane Webster
 at
 818-515-3946

BOOK GROUP

Our next meeting will be **November 11** at 3 pm at the home of Cathy Reaves 8637 18th St, Rancho Cucamonga. Our book this meeting is **The Paris Secret** by Natasha Lester. This book is a long 482 pages so don't leave it for the last minute. It's about 4 women and the Second World War. Christian Dior is prominent in the beginning. Style is prominent too. Hope you enjoy it.



After the discussion and choosing a new book, I would like to discuss choosing peoples' homes for meetings. I have some ideas about how to share the options instead of relying on a few people. Think about it and we'll see what we can come up with.

See you then.

Carly Reaves, Book Group Chair

Out and About

Billy Elliot - The Musical is playing during the month of November at the Candlelight Pavilion in Claremont. The story line is about a boy who would like to pursue ballet much to his father's consternation. Music is by Elton John.

We have reservations for the lunch matinee on **Saturday, November 13, 2021**. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Candlelight Pavilion directly at 909-626-1254 ext.1 for the box office. Ask if you can join the Cynthia Freymueller table. Weekend matinee is \$68 for meal and program with your choice of entrée. Dessert & alcohol are extra.
Cynthia Freymueller, Chair 909-360-1301

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Carolann Ford

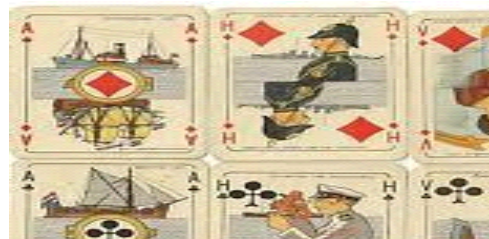
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BRIDGE I

The next Bridge 1 group members will be playing on **Wednesday, November 10, 1 p.m. at Julie Zurek's home 909 374-1558. Note change of date.** Please contact Annie Atiyeh if you are interested in joining this bridge group



BRIDGE II

Thursday, November 18 at 1 p.m. at Carolann Ford's home. Please call Carolann 909-241-6900.

Please call **Sue Smith** at **909 981-9311** for further information about the group. We welcome new players

Walker's Group

Attention all who are interested in walking:
We will be meeting on **Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 9:00 am** at the George M. Gibson Senior Center, 250 N. 3rd Ave., Upland, Ca. We will be walking east on the trail and returning to Molly's Souper 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, please call Joyce Lazalde at: 909 -938-3929. Hope to see you on Saturday the 20th!!
Joyce Lazalde, Chair Walkers Group

BRANCH HOLIDAY/ CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

SAVE THE DATE Join us on **Friday, December 17th at noon at Johnny Carinos in Rancho Cucamonga** for a fun-filled celebration. There will be more info in the December newsletter. Joyce Lazalde and Linda Strotz are in charge of this and will surely have some surprises for us.

Writers Workshop

O.U.R. writers gathered with pens ready at the first meeting. Still meeting virtually, this venue has been a positive carry-over from the quarantine year with members finding they can participate from the comfort of their own private writing space connecting across the miles! Read on and then join us next session—4th Tuesday of month 9:00 a.m. From the prolific pens of our members: ***“Why I write. . .”***

“The Writer’s Workshop (WW) provides an opportunity to relive your childhood memories and explore your feelings regarding love, parents, siblings and relationships. There is a wealth of therapeutic topics on the tip of your pencil or pen to explore and to share or not. The time and the pencils fly across our papers as we write and read. I have thoroughly enjoyed every workshop. While I have probably shared more than was wise. It is definitely one way to learn much more about your fellow AAUW members.

“Why do I write? To see my name in print? No, the real reason goes beyond superficial, egocentric reasons. My mother’s writing genes are in me, and I have a mission to fulfill! I feel [my mother] left me the legacy to continue with what she loved and what she taught me to love—to write. Whether private thoughts in my diary or technical writing for my work. I find O.U.R. WW thoroughly enjoyable, and I look forward to more exciting and rewarding days in the group.”

Writing as a regular habit has been shown to decrease stress and increase creativity and deepen thinking, keeping the brain sharp. Other benefits include increase in memory and retention, improve mood and give a sense of well-being—putting pen to page helps flesh thoughts out in an orderly manner, leading to burdens feeling lighter, practicing gratitude by writing about being grateful, especially before bed, sleep can be improved which we all know is so helpful.

So whatever your reasons for writing include, join us each month for a comfortable and non-threatening writing session. Email Cynthia for the Zoom invitation. October’s prompt begins with “To know who I am, one must know where I come from. . .” clark.cyl@gmail.com or call if questions 1(650) 678-4132.

Cynthia Clark, Writers Workshop Chair

Updates from AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Abortion Justice

Although the constitutionally-guaranteed right to an abortion has been systematically under attack for decades, it is currently in danger of disappearing altogether. As AAUW National recently noted, “Every person should have the ability to make their own informed decisions regarding their reproductive life. It is beyond time for abortion to be secured legally, funded fully, and equitably available for all who need it, when they need it, without shame or stigma.” With the recent refusal of the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene in the onerous Texas case, it is clear that we can no longer count on the courts to protect this critical right. Congress must pass the Women’s Health Protection Act. Watch for Action Alerts from National, use them to keep pressure on your representatives, and sign-up now for the 2-Minute Activist if you haven’t already done so by clicking here <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>.

Legislative Updates

Governor Newsom has signed these AAUW-supported bills:

SB 62 - requires fair pay, instead of “by the piece” payment, for garment workers;
AB 367 - requires free menstrual products be provided in girls/women’s bathrooms in schools.

Governor Newsom vetoed these AAUW-sponsored bills:

AB 123 - increases paid family leave benefits to 65 – 75% of regular pay;
AB 1074 - requires hotel and janitorial workers who have lost their jobs due the pandemic to be prioritized for hiring as businesses reopen.

Economic Equity

October 21st is Latina Equal Pay Day – the day Latina women, who are paid just 57 cents to every white male’s dollar, finally catch up from the previous year. To help raise awareness, our coalition partner Stronger California is hosting a Latina Equal Pay Day & Essential Women Workers Virtual Summit on Oct. 21st. If you are interested in joining to learn more and hear from iconic civil rights leader Dolores Huerta as well as California’s First Partner Jennifer Newsome, click here [register](#) to register.

**by Kathi Harper, Co-Chair and
Kathy Henkins, OUR Public Policy Chair**

AAUW 2021 Fund Events

The AAUW California Fund will be hosting our amazing fellows and grant recipients at one of three AAUW Fund Zoom events on **October 23rd** (10:00 am-noon), **October 30th** (10:00 am-noon), and **November 7th** (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm). These events are free and you can click <https://www.aauw-ca.org/aauw-2021-fund-events/> to register, review the short biographies of these amazing, inspiring women, or make a donation.

2021 Annual Outback Fundraiser:

BRAVO for your support of this worthy fundraiser. We had a record number of attendees this year and that could not have been achieved without all of your support. I will provide specific metrics/data on the outcome of our 2021 event in an upcoming newsletter.

2021 Annual Appeal Campaign: SAVE-THE-DATE

Please mark your calendars. Our annual Appeal Campaign is scheduled to begin on **Monday, November 15, 2021**. Additional information will be provided about this campaign in an upcoming newsletter.

Thank you all for your continued support of AAUW!

Gloria Hailes, Branch Fund VP

MEMBERSHIP



Erin Mulcahy



Erin Mulcahy, one of our long time AAUW members comes from a legacy of women educators. Erin recalls she always wanted to teach. One of her many inspirations came from her great-grandmother who was a teacher in Nebraska. This was followed by other family members who also became teachers.

Erin began her teacher preparation at a junior college in Van Nuys. After moving to Montclair, she attended Cal Poly where she completed her bachelor's degree. Originally interested in teaching first grade and completing her student teaching, she chose to focus on teaching in the upper elementary grades. After teaching at that level for 13 years, she had the opportunity to teach social studies and English to 8th graders. While this level can be most challenging, Erin seemed to have the gift of working with this age group. She then attended Cal State San Bernardino to earn an Administrative Credential. However her heart remained in the classroom.

Erin's long tenure with AAUW began 50 years ago when a fellow teacher, Martha Mason, invited her to an AAUW Pomona Branch meeting. She became hooked on the program and the efforts to encourage women to reach for their educational excellence in their chosen field. Over her 50 years in AAUW, Erin has held the office of president as well as numerous other leadership positions. She was privileged to attend several state conventions as well as a national one in Minneapolis!

At that time, Erin recalls the vast number of AAUW members were either nurses or teachers. However, over the years she recognizes the membership has embodied a wide variety of professions. She now sees the diversity in employment opportunities. Unfortunately, she also recognizes that obstacles continue to limit opportunities.

When asked about her major accomplishments in her life so far, having a career as a teacher was right at the top. However she believes that she also encouraged her siblings to earn a college education.

Erin embraces the emphasis on both women and learning. Her motto is "Never give up even when you think you are too old." Erin, you are the epitome of this motto.

We congratulate Erin as being a member of AAUW for 50 years!





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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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