

OUR REPORT

American Association of University Women

Ontario-Upland-Rancho Branch

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It's our Annual AAUW Branch Fundraiser

Come one, come ALL!! This fundraising effort supports the operation of our AAUW Branch Ontario, Upland and Rancho Cucamonga. It will be held on:

Monday, October 11, 2021 11:30 am – 10:00pm

Outback Steakhouse 530 North Mountain Avenue Upland, CA 91786

You can dine inside OR order via take-out a deliciously prepared meal of your choice to include either steak, chicken on the Barbie or a Chicken Sandwich along with one side and a non-alcoholic beverage. You will be served by the dedicated and professional servers from the Outback Steakhouse!

Tickets are \$25

Gratuities are not included, and no tickets will be sold at the door.

Your participation in our AAUW annual branch fundraiser will make a difference in advancing equality for women and girls by helping them develop and achieve their leadership dreams. YOU can certainly make a difference in the lives of countless women and girls!!

We need everyone's participation, so please commit to purchasing your tickets as soon as possible!

Please contact Gloria Hailes AAUW Fund/VP at (818) 207-3449 or email ianqueassistant@yahoo.com to purchase tickets, make personal donations or if you have any questions regarding our annual signature event.

Let's make this a successful 2021 fundraiser!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The **AAUW Funds Luncheons** have been renamed the **AAUW Fund Events** since they are now conducted via Zoom. This year we have thirty-seven (37) recipients in California. That is amazing. It is also the reason that there will be three separate days scheduled so that you can hear from each of them. Please mark your calendars for October 23rd and October 30th from 10:00 -12:00 and November 7th from 1:00-3:00. These events are free, but you must register for them and that information will be arriving in your email very soon. These amazing young women will inform and inspire you.

At the last branch meeting, we also met a very young Tech Trek camper who shared her exciting experiences of the robotics camp. She told us how she was inspired by the speakers who had achieved so much in their short lifetimes. We also heard from Leticia, the Tech Trek alumnae president, who was so inspired by her Tech Trek experience that she, with the aid of Dr. Kinley, formed an alumnae group. She is so young and has accomplished much. She will be graduating college soon. Both of these young women will accomplish much more in their lifetimes. OUR AAUW has been a part of that.

Younger women do not have the same challenges that we older AAUW women have faced, but they do have challenges. There is the challenge of paying for college and the student debt that follows. There is still an ongoing battle for equal pay. There is a great need for affordable child care and for family leave when crisis strikes. Young women are seeing rights, they perhaps have taken for granted, being taken from them in some states. Women are the ones most impacted by the COVID pandemic.

AAUW will continue to support equality for all women. That is what OUR AAUW has done since 1955. We have supported leadership roles for women, access to equal education and financial security. We give scholarships to Chaffey graduates and send girls to Tech Trek Camp. While doing all of that, we play bridge, read lots of good books, celebrate a lot of birthdays and have insightful discussions regarding world affairs and human rights. We will hopefully be able to do more of these things in person rather than via Zoom. We are a growing and diverse group. Let's continue to thrive in 2021-2022.

Joyce Paul, OUR President co-president



OCTOBER Board Meeting

The next OUR Branch Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 5 at
Joyce Paul's home
6:30 Board Meeting
7:30 Social
Please RSVP to 909 463-3804 or
joycem.paul@yahoo.com

Tech Trek Continues to Motivate Girls

At OUR September branch meeting Danna Arias Filiano reported on her experiences at this year's virtual Tech Trek. She says she was inspired by the speakers who included young Latinas who she viewed as role models. The speakers' topics ranged from food science to astronomy, yet their message of reaching for the stars was meant for girls in all STEM fields. Danna rose to the challenge of participating from another country and another time zone without her robotics kit.

Leticia Fernandez, OUR first student AAUW branch member is continuing to connect with OUR Tech Trek alumnae. She was a coach at this year's virtual Tech Trek and will be working with Danna to complete her robotics project. Leticia is starting her senior year at UC Irvine and is planning to use her degree in applied mathematics as a sports data analyst.

I want to thank all OUR branch members who have donated funds and time to support OUR Tech Trek students. We do not know what Tech Trek will be like in the future: residential, virtual, or hybrid, but we do want to continue to encourage young women to explore STEM.

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

Join us to celebrate October birthdays on **Thursday, October 28, 6 p.m. at Brio in Victoria Gardens.** Do join us even if it isn't your birthday month!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Trish Carlson –1

Dinah Ramirez-Avitia --6

Kathryn Henkins – 8

Karen Cloud-Melrose -- 14

Sandy Gabel — 16

Let us know if we have missed your birthday.

Carolann Ford, Birthday Bash Chair

GREAT DECISIONS



THE TWO KOREAS

The Korean Peninsula is facing a defining era. Attempts by South Korean President Moon Jae-in and U.S. President Donald Trump to repair the rift between North and South have lost any momentum as Pyongyang continues to test long-range missiles for its nuclear weapons program. As the rift between the U.S. and China grows further, South Korea may end up in the middle of the two superpowers. What does the future hold for the U.S. relationship with the ROK?

On **Monday, October 4, at 6 p.m.**, we will be meeting at **Joyce Paul's** home to discuss Ch. 6 in the Great Decisions booklet. Please call Joyce 909 463-3804 to let her know you will be attending and for particulars.

. **All are welcome to join us in the discussion**

Carolann Ford, Great Decisions Chair

Chaffey Scholarship Recipient

My name is Keziah Thomas, and I am a junior in University of California, Riverside. I was sixteen years old when I moved to the United States from India, excited at the prospect of walking into the "promised land."

I started my journey as a high school junior and then transferred to Chaffey Community College. As a sophomore, I was elected Vice-President of the Chaffey College Student Government. As an immigrant, I learned the essence of determination, dedication, self-discipline, effort, and the grace of God. Irrespective of the huge burden of cultural adaptation, cultural differences, and other struggles of life, I have successfully completed two years of my pre-med journey. Throughout my life, I struggled with extreme bullying, self-consciousness, low-self-esteem, etc. but the one thing that kept me going is the verse "Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Lastly, my aim is to become a doctor (OB/GYN-obstetrics/ gynecologist). I was motivated to become a doctor because of the painful truth that 10,000's of women die due to preventable pregnancy-related causes in India. This is because many pregnant women living in the villages don't have access to medical assistance because they are very poor and live in rural areas. Such women lack accessible and affordable health care, and this has a negative impact on their health and hygiene. Therefore, I want to help such women by providing them with accessible and affordable medical support once I become a doctor.



Cynthia Clark, Chaffey Scholarship Committee

BOOK GROUP

Our next AAUW Book Group meeting will be Thursday, November 11th at 3:00 pm at the home of Cathy Reaves.

Our book choice for November is ***The Paris Secret*** by Natasha Lester.

From the *New York Times* best-selling author of ***The Paris Orphan*** comes an unforgettable historical novel about a collection of Dior gowns that ties back to the first female pilots of WWII and a heartbreaking story of love and sacrifice.

Cathy Reaves, Book Group Chair



Scholarship Fundraiser

Save the date

We have a date for the wine tasting event, **Saturday, November 5, 4:30- 7**. We look forward to seeing everyone. Tickets will be available soon.

Gloria Romero, Wine Tasting Fundraiser, Chair

Writer's Workshop

Will meet on-line on Zoom on Tuesday, October 26 at 9 a.m. Contact Cynthia for more information.

Cynthia Clark, Writers Workshop Chair

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BRIDGE I

We will be playing **Wednesday, October 20 at 1 p.m. at Carolann Ford's, 909-241-6900**. Please call her to reserve a spot.

BRIDGE II

We will be playing on **Thursday, October 21 at 1 p.m. at Sue Smith's home**. Call 909 981-9311 to play.

Please call Sue Smith at 909-989-7378 or Annie Atiyeh at 909-982-0577 for further information about joining one of our groups. We welcome all bridge players. We play for fun!

MOVIE GROUP

Still cancelled because of Covid-19

WALKING GROUP

Attention all who are interested in walking:

We will be meeting on **Saturday, October 16, 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 16th!!

Out and About Group

* By indicating an interest in this small group - does not require you to attend all functions - it means you will be notified of future events.....

* Be ready to be a 'point person' on occasion.....

* Regarding local venues - meet at the theater individually.....

* Out of area venues - carpooling is recommended and be prepared to share a monetary donation to the driver for gas/parking.....

* In most cases the individual will be responsible to secure entrance fees/tickets.....

* If you are aware of a special program or event that others might enjoy, please notify the leader with details/contact information.....

* In the case of last minute changes, please be patient as adjustments are made.

Any questions/suggestions should be directed to me.....

Cynthia Freymueller, 760 963-6440

The Pandemic's Effect on Women's Employment

Today, the percentage of working women is the lowest in 32 years. Since the pandemic's beginning, women aren't seeing the same rate of job recovery as men. Job growth increased in 2021 inconsistently for women. Women of color find it even tougher to obtain jobs, and 1.5 million mothers still have not returned to the workforce as of April 2021. Finding and paying for child care are a huge part of the barriers.

Last September four times as many women as men dropped out of the workplace of their own volition. AAUW reports that “over half of mothers who left their jobs during the pandemic reportedly did so because their child's school or daycare closed. This is unacceptable.”

Stefanee Becklunds said in an interview on CBSLA in July, “I contacted every childcare from Fontana, Rialto, Rancho, Chino, Upland, nothing. Everything was between a 10 to 20 person waitlist.” She is a retail manager and has continually tried to arrange childcare since her six-year-old finished summer care. She now pays a babysitter \$500 per week, maxing out her credit cards and even taking out a loan.

Before the pandemic, early in 2020, women held 54% of jobs across the nation, the highest number in a decade, though many of these were low-paying jobs. “Due to already high rates of pre-pandemic economic insecurity and lost earnings due to racial and gender wage gaps, women entered the COVID-19 crisis with little or no financial cushion,” the National Women's Law Center wrote recently.

One-third of working women are employed in the notoriously underpaying essential industries. For instance, women are the majority of healthcare workers globally, with a 28% gender pay gap compared to the overall 16%. Past recessions have tended to hit male-dominated/manufacturing the hardest, but COVID-19 has severely affected the service sector. Hospitality, retail, childcare, education, and nonprofit jobs were all drastically reduced. Women were 60% of the first wave of layoffs, the numbers have only climbed since then.

These economic disparities and tragedies must be addressed federally. A report from Human Rights Watch recommended, not surprisingly, that economic reforms should target women's workforce reentry barriers through measures such as free childcare and better paid leave policies, along with raising the minimum wage and establishing gender parity. To that end, recent well-known proposed legislation, especially the Raise the Wage Act (\$15 by 2025), the FAMILY Act (emphasis on access to paid leave) and the AAUW-supported American Rescue Plan (passed March 2021) will promote women's economic recovery by expanding child tax credits, funding payments to child care providers, education and nutrition programs, and creating tax-free status for forgiven student debt.

President Biden's ambitious “human” infrastructure agenda has strong public support, but the \$3.5 trillion dollar plan will soon be whittled down to be amenable to some Congressional Democrats, who fear pushback in the mid-term elections, and Republicans in the House and Senate. Additionally, Biden has promised that the new programs would be coupled with measures to pay for them. The Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means recently said that the funding plan thus far covers much less than \$3.5 trillion.

Nevertheless, “AAUW is calling on the 117th Congress to ensure that paid leave and other child care supports are included in the budget reconciliation process. The U.S. Senate voted on August 10” to include these critical measures. “Now, we must continue to advocate with our members of Congress to ensure they remain a priority: Paid leave and child care cannot be left out of the final budget.”

The House Ways and Means Committee approved universal paid family and medical leave during the budget reconciliation markup last week. AAUW is urging members to contact their legislators to ensure these advancements remain in the final budget. For us in California, Senators Feinstein and Padilla, along with Representatives Torres, Napolitano, and Chu, are already on board. All are co-sponsors of either the Senate or House version of the Act.

UPDATE

California SB 62 is on Governor Newsom's desk. It will require clothing factories to pay garment workers an hourly wage, abolishing the practice of paying per piece, with the exception of using output as an incentive bonus.

Kathy Henkins, Public Policy Chair



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Mission Statement:

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy

Vision:

Equity for all

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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