

# OUR REPORT

American Association of University Women

Ontario-Upland-Rancho Branch

## OCTOBER EVENTS

Monday  
October 3  
GREAT DECISIONS

Wednesday  
October 5  
BRIDGE 1

Monday & Tuesday  
October 10 & 11  
OUTBACK  
FUNDRAISER

Tuesday  
October 11  
BOARD MEETING  
(new date)

Wednesday  
October 12  
WRITERS  
WORKSHOP

Monday  
October 17  
AT THE MOVIES

Wednesday  
October 19  
BRIDGE 2

Saturday/Sunday  
October 15  
October 22  
October 23  
November 12  
AAUW FUND EVENT  
See [aauwca.org](http://aauwca.org)

Thursday  
October 27  
BIRTHDAY BASH

Saturday  
October 29  
WALKING GROUP

Saturday  
October 29  
SEIBC

## SAVE THE DATE

Thursday  
November 10  
BOOK GROUP



The Next Big Thing

## *It's our Annual AAUW Branch Fundraiser*

Come one, come ALL!! This fundraising effort supports the operation of our AAUW Fund. It will be held over two days this year:

**Monday, Tuesday October 10 & 11, 2022 11:30 am – 10:00 pm**

**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 \$30**

**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](mailto:ianqueassistant@yahoo.com) to purchase tickets, make personal donations or if you have any questions regarding our annual signature event.**



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It appears that the worst of the pandemic is behind us at this time. We are back to in-person gatherings with the protocol being that anyone experiencing COVID like symptoms either test negative or not attend functions when experiencing symptoms. This is merely demonstrating respect for the health of others. It truly feels wonderful to be able to meet in-person once again and to be in the company of our friends and family.

Our Membership Meeting in September was successful and we have added new members to our roster. The girls who attended the Stem Camps over the summer were the highlight of the program and gave such inspiring accounts of their experiences. Dr. Kathy Kinley deserves so much appreciation for her extensive work and diligence in completing all the required assignments in making the camp possible this year. It was more difficult to meet all the necessary requirements than any previous year.

Please consider inviting people you know to join us and support our passions---scholarships, Tech Trek, and the Community Project. Together, we can make a major difference in our community as we did in the lives of the girls who went to Stem Camp this past summer. AAUW makes a difference locally, statewide, and nationally.

Gloria Hailes, Vice-President for Funds has arranged for the fundraiser to span two days this year. Please read about the fundraiser in this newsletter and get your tickets. Let's make this one the best one ever. Take your family or friends to lunch or dinner at the Outback to support AAUW.

Joyce Lazalde, Vice-President for Program has located a new venue for us to use for our major events. She has planned some very interesting programs for 2022-2023. Watch for the announcements in the newsletter and also on our new Facebook page which is located on Facebook at [aauw.ourca](https://www.facebook.com/aauw.ourca). When you go there, be sure to click to like the posts. We are trying to build a following.

All the Interest Groups are starting up again. If you have not gotten involved in anything previously, please do so now. We have 10 groups and any one of them would be very pleased to have new members. We love having your financial support, but would also love to know you and to know what interests you. Please do consider attending one of the interest groups this year.

Happy Halloween!  
**Joyce Paul, President**

### OCTOBER Board Meeting

The next OUR Branch Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 11 at Joyce Paul's home  
6:30 Board Meeting  
Please RSVP to 909 463-3804 or [joycem.paul@yahoo.com](mailto:joycem.paul@yahoo.com)  
**NOTE: New Date**

### Thank You for Meeting OUR Tech Trek Campers

On September 10, OUR members heard from Isabella Valenzuela and Rashelle Duran from Cucamonga Middle School and Alyssa Tronoso of Vernon Middle School. They shared what they learned at three separate Tech Trek camps at UC Santa Barbara and Whittier College. All in attendance were amazed at their poise in front of an adult audience. They had explored STEM fields from forensic tests, to cadaver labs, to space museums, and marine exploration. They enjoyed the college campus experience and meeting new roommates and classmates. All expressed an increased interest in STEM fields and in pursuing higher education. The girls also were very grateful to OUR branch members who sponsored them to attend Tech Trek.

**Kathy Kinley, Tech Trek Branch Coordinator**



*Isabella Valenzuela*

## 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**  
**Kathryn Henkins — 8**  
**Nancy Kettle — 25**

Let us know if we have missed your birthday.

**Carolann Ford, Birthday Bash Chair**

## GREAT DECISIONS

The ideological divide in the United States on the subject of climate change has impeded progress in curbing greenhouse emissions. But extreme weather events at both ends of the thermometer have focused attention on the consequences of inaction. What role will the United States play in future negotiations on climate?

On **Monday, October 3, at 5:30 p.m.**, we will meet at **Luna at 7881 Monet Ave., Rancho Cucamonga in Victoria Gardens** to discuss **Ch. 2, Climate Change** in the Great Decisions booklet. Please **TEXT Quincey Grace at 909 856-8433 or email at quinceycreates@gmail.com**

**Also we have the list of new study topics for 2023.**

**. All are welcome to join us in the discussion**  
**Carolann Ford, Great Decisions Chair**

### MEMBER NEWS

Sorry to report that a long-time Upland resident and one of our bridge playing members, **Patty Dunkin**, passed away a few days before her September birthday from a chronic illness.

**Cynthia Freymueller** has also been ill with a nasty infection that even sent her to the hospital for a short stay. She is resting at home and taking it easy.

## Chaffey Scholarship

### Ana Barcelo-Quach, 2022 Recipient of O.U.R. Beverly Brennan-Barbara Hughbanks Memorial Scholarship

Ana Barcelo-Quach is enrolled for Fall 2022 with junior standing as a student at the University of California, Riverside. Currently studying Political Science with an emphasis in Law and Society, Ana is a first-generation college student and first among her siblings to go to college. After completing her undergraduate degree, Ana plans to continue her education in Law School with dreams of becoming a family lawyer.

Aside from being a full-time student, she is also a full-time worker employed at Southern California Edison. When Ana is not studying and working towards her goals, she is spending time with her husband and four babies. She enjoys reading books, cooking, and listening to music and is looking forward to her future.

Finally, Ana expressed how thankful she is for the opportunity that AAUW is providing her with this generous scholarship.



## MEMBERSHIP

Our annual Membership meeting on September 10th at the Red Hill Country Club was very successful. We recognized two new 50-year members, Nancy Kettle and Evelyn Cloyd. Their dedication and support of AAUW for 50 years is a true commitment and we hope that many more members will be able to claim this same status.

Additionally, we had three girls who attended the Tech Trek summer camps speak to the membership at this meeting. They shared their classes and inspired us all with stories of how their lives were touched and changed by the opportunity that we provided them. One told us she learned that no one can stop you, but yourself. Another told us she has chosen her career path based on her camp experience.

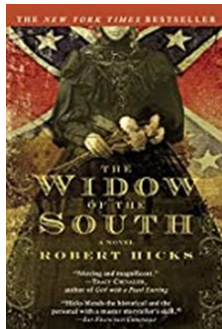
It was a truly inspiring meeting. I believe that all who attended were glad that they did not miss this opportunity.

**Cynthia Garcia, Membership Vice-President**



## BOOK GROUP

Our next book club meeting will be on November 19 at 3 pm at the home of Linda Strotz. Our book is **The Widow of the South** by Robert Hicks. It is a story based on real people and real events toward the end of the civil war and a woman who showed respect for the dead soldiers. It shows not all heroes are soldiers.



Linda suggested this book and we agreed to choose it after **The Color of Water**. When I asked her if she would also hostess the meeting, she said "sure". Thank you twice Linda.

After our discussion of **Widow**, we will discuss **The Color of Water**. I think all enjoyed it and we would not want to skip it.

See you in November.

Warning: **The Widow of the South** is a long book. Don't leave it to read at the last minute  
**Cathy Reaves, Book Group Chair**

## SEIBC

The SEIBC meets 3 times a year from **10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom**. We begin with a speaker and end with each branch president giving a branch report on the activities and events that have taken place. The speaker at the **October 29th** meeting is Marsha Swails, AAUW CA Membership Director. Marcia will talk about the AAUW California Membership Growth Plan and Resource Packet. For Zoom link, contact : ~Patty Ahearn 909-435-5906 patty.rtdtm45@gmail.com

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## BRIDGE I

We will be playing **Wednesday, October 5 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 **Wednesday, October 19 at 1 p.m. at Carolann Ford's home**. Call 909 241-6900 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!

## AT THE MOVIES

We will meet on **October 17th**. If you are interested please contact Mary Peat @ [marycpeat@gmail.com](mailto:marycpeat@gmail.com). We are planning on see the movie **Amsterdam**.

## WALKING GROUP

Attention all who are interested in walking:  
We will be meeting on **Saturday, October 29, 2022, 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 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. Please rsvp Joyce Lazalde at: 909-938-3929. Hope to see you on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>!!

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

This revamped interest group welcomes fellow O.U.R. members to a comfortable setting where you can brush up your writing skills and have fun doing so. 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.

Simply bring your notebook, pen, pencil or laptop/tablet on **Wednesday, October 12 at 7 p.m.** for one hour of relaxing conversation, and writing. Note the new early evening time---which allows those of us with work schedules to participate. Expand your writing talents and enjoy a glass of wine or other favorite beverage with group leader, Cynthia Clark at her home: 8412 Calle Carabe St., Rancho Cucamonga. We will offer a "dual" mode session—both in person and a virtual option through Zoom. If you would like that link or for more information call or email at (650) 678-4132 or [clark.cyl@gmail.com](mailto:clark.cyl@gmail.com)

## **Reproductive Rights and Music & Arts in Schools Propositions When Women Vote, They Change the Conversation!**

AAUW California supports the passage of Propositions 1 and 28 on the November ballot.

Proposition 1: The decision by the Supreme Court of the United States to overturn Roe v. Wade dealt a serious blow to the rights of women to make their own decision about their bodies. This spurred many state legislatures to act to ban abortion, some with no exceptions for rape, incest, or endangering the life of the mother. Abortion bans in other states have already taken effect. Yet polls in many states show a majority in support of protecting the rights of women to choose to have abortions. Currently women are coming from other states to obtain abortions in California. An Abortion Access website is being formed in our state to enable and assist out-of-state women with travel arrangements, housing, medical appointments and other matters.

California Legislators, recognizing the remote possibility that at some future time state legislation could ban abortions, took timely action in June to pass SCR 10. This put Proposition 1, the Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom, on the November ballot. Passage of Prop 1 will amend the California Constitution, stating "Section 1.1 is added to Article I thereof, to read: SEC. 1.1. The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual's reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives. This section is intended to further the constitutional right to privacy guaranteed by Section 1, and the constitutional right to not be denied equal protection guaranteed by Section 7. Nothing herein narrows or limits the right to privacy or equal protection."

Proposition 28: In the context of AAUW CA's Public Policy Priorities in support of Education, AAUW CA supports Proposition 28, The Arts and Music in Schools – Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act. Studies on educational achievement prove that arts and music education improve student learning. Music education has been shown to improve cognitive development and spatial reasoning while the dramatic arts improve reading comprehension. Arts and music education has also been shown to improve school attendance and individual self-confidence and motivation to learn, particularly among poor and other at-risk students. Yet these programs are usually the first cut when school budgets are reduced. Prop 28 would provide a minimum source of annual funding coming from the state General Fund to K-12 public schools to supplement arts education programs. School districts would be held accountable to use the funds for hiring certificated employees and purchasing supplies and materials. Read the full propositions on [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures)

PLEASE NOTE: An error in the AAUW California September Newsletter article provided a link to National's *Get Out the Vote Toolkit*; however the link was to their old site. The updated correct link is: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/advocacy-toolkit/>

### **RECORD NUMBER OF CALIFORNIA FELLOWS AND GRANTEES**

AAUW awarded \$6 million in Fellowships and Grants this year to 320 recipients. 49 of these are in California. There will be four Zoom meetings featuring many of these recipients as speakers. You will hear fascinating stories of their research and have an opportunity to schedule some of them as speakers for your branch. [aauwfund@aauw-ca.org](mailto:aauwfund@aauw-ca.org) What I need to know: AAUW Fund will hold four events to showcase the recipients of AAUW-sponsored grants and their interesting work. What I need to do: Register for the events. Registration will start in September for meetings on the following dates: Oct 15 Oct 22 Oct 23 Nov 12 This is your chance to see where your AAUW Fund dollars go!

Karen Vanderwerken, Director, AAUW Fund Committee Chair,

## *Involvement Opportunity: Community Service*

OUR AAUW Local Branch's 2022 Community Service project met its goal to provide 100 toiletry packets to help homeless female students at Chaffey High School. The final 50 packets were delivered by committee chair, Cynthia Clark and member Dr. Kathy Kinley to Counselor Leslie Jensen in mid-May 2022. Our branch goal is to provide another 100 packets this school year. We will succeed with your participation and generous support through donations again, so let the collection party begin!

**How can all members help?** Year one of this Community Service saw most donations from just the committee members—over 100 kits assembled and delivered! To participate simply add any number of these listed items to your cart as you shop—Dollar Tree and 99 Cent Store. When you attend a Branch sponsored activity or interest group, bring the items and drop them in the collection bags we will have at the events—Board Meetings, Book Group, Bridge, Great Decisions, Out & About, Writers Circle, and monthly Branch Program events. You do not have to purchase all the items just a few from any one of the categories. If you prefer, monetary donations will be accepted also—just note “Community Service Project” on your check. Each newsletter will provide updates of items collected and number still needed.

### *Requested Items:*

**Toothpaste:** Aim; Colgate; Crest can be found at both Dollar Tree and 99 CENT STORE

**Shampoo & Conditioner:** sold in one pkg at Dollar Store **OR** a 2-in-1 Shampoo & Conditioner

**Body Wash & Lotion** sold at Dollar Store in one pkg. This cute 2 item pack is back this fall as a seasonal item. Economical-- it's 2 for the price of 1.



**Deodorant:** Any of the brands for females— 99 CENT STORE & Dollar Tree

For more information about donation call/text/email Community Service Committee Chair Cynthia Clark at (650) 678- 4132 [clark.cyl@gmail.com](mailto:clark.cyl@gmail.com) or President Joyce Paul, as well: 909.277.8800 [joycem.paul@yahoo.com](mailto:joycem.paul@yahoo.com)

## **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Update**

First, I want to thank the members of the DEI committee, Cynthia Clark, Cynthia Garcia, Carolann Ford, Paul Gomez, Joyce Paul, Mary Peat, and Marsha Whittingham for sharing ideas and enriching this work. In our first year, we have been able to hold three meetings!

Our goal is to support the work on DEI by focusing on increasing diversity in the O.U.R. Branch through diverse younger age membership. This aligns with the national AAUW goals. Did you know the average age of AAUW members is 72! So what is DEI? The National AAUW provides guidance for understanding DEI by discussing each term.

- **Diversity** is about “Variety. That’s what diversity means in essence. But it also means that recognizing what makes us different and unique is important and, without taking diversity into consideration, we run the risk of excluding some individuals.”
- **Equity** “is about everyone having equal access to what they need to be successful.”
- **Inclusion** is “where all parties feel welcomed, appreciated and respected — and have full access to all resources and can contribute to AAUW’s success.”

More food for thought on DEI to come in future newsletters.

**Trish Carlson, DEI Chair**

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





## CHAFFEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

### **Ngozi Mbanugo, 2022 Recipient of O.U.R. Beverly Brennan- Barbara Hughbanks Memorial Scholarship**

Scholarship Recipient Ngozi Mbanugo, currently enrolled at Chaffey College, is in the Nursing Program (ADN). Mrs. Mbanugo is concurrently enrolled in the RN to BSN program at Grand Canyon University to obtain her BSN Degree.

As a mother of three children, she explains that she is “. . . passionate about caring for people. I am highly involved in volunteering and community service and believe that we are all called to make a positive difference in others' lives to make the world a better place.”

Ngozi enjoys music, watching movies, and traveling with her family in her free time. She stated, “I am very grateful to AAUW-OUR for choosing me to be one of the scholarship recipients. The scholarship fund will help me tremendously to finance my education. After obtaining my BSN degree, I plan on going to graduate school to get my Doctorate. Thank you to AAUW-OUR for supporting my education. This scholarship will help me achieve and reach my goals in terms of education, so in the future, I can also give back to others in society.”



### **Ana E. Mendoza, 2022 Recipient of O.U.R. Beverly Brennan-Barbara Hughbanks Memorial Scholarship**

Ana Mendoza is an international student recently graduated from Chaffey College. She was born in a small town in Michoacan, Mexico, and raised in Morelia, the capital city from that same state. Growing up she was always interested in the arts, playing the piano, and performing in the school's theater company as well as singing in the

Morelia's Children Choir for seven years. From age eleven, though, she knew her calling was in film and she started recording her friends and making mini movies

After being graduated from Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education High School (Morelia) in 2018, Ms. Mendoza continued her studies at Chaffey College where she was soon invited to be part of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society thanks to her good academic standing.

Finishing her journey at Chaffey College this past spring, she was one of eighteen valedictorians of the class of 2022.

This fall, she has transferred to California State University Long Beach, where she continues to pursue her dreams of becoming a filmmaker. Ana is confident that having more powerful female role models in Hollywood will empower women all over the world to make their voices heard and be treated equally. Through film and television, she aspires to spread messages of empowerment, love, and self-confidence. She believes it is time to break free of the restraints society has placed on females for centuries and redefine what it means to be a woman. Overall, Ana wishes to leave a more ethical society than the one that raised her.



## **American Association of University Women**

### **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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