



Women with Vision

Fallbrook CA Branch

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Young women with dreams become women with vision

Our Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. The American Association of University Women is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls.

Spring has sprung,
the grass has riz,
I wonder where the flowers is.

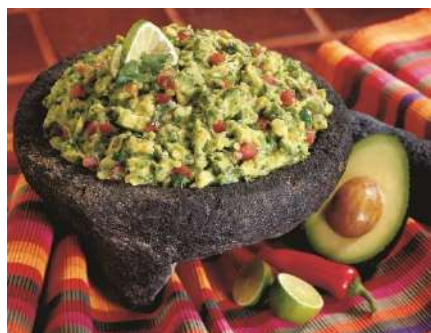
- attributed to several humorists

We in the Fallbrook AAUW certainly know where the flowers “is”—right here in our town, ready to be put on display for our annual garden tour. Our selected gardens this year are exceptional. Each of you will be receiving four tickets in the mail this week; please buy or sell the tickets and return the money (\$80) to AAUW at the address above. Since the tour is the day before Mother’s Day, this is the perfect time to buy a ticket for your favorite mom, sis, aunt, daughter—or even your husband, brother, or father! Bring the whole family and make it a wonderful day out.

22nd Annual Country Garden Tour

The Garden Tour is our major fundraiser for the year. The date is Saturday, May 13 (the day before Mother’s Day), starting at the Palomares House at 1815 S. Stage Coach Lane. The six gardens will be open from 10 to 4; the Palomares House will open at 8:30 for AAUW members to set up. Every member should plan to participate in some way; each member is asked to provide a dozen cookies (to the Palomares House); the Board will be providing fruit.

An important point of contact between the community and AAUW is the Annual Fallbrook Avocado Festival.



The Avocado Festival is scheduled for Sunday, April 23 this year. Our AAUW branch will again have a table that provides literature about the programs, as well as flyers and tickets for the garden tour. Carrie Hughes is in charge of the booth; she may be calling you to help by manning the booth. Again, a “yes” is the right response. THANKS

Speech Trek and the AAUW Mentorship Program



Posing with Karen Langer Baker, Chair of the AAUW Mentorship Program, are contestants Ashley Osuna, Irma Gonzalez, Suzetty Castellanos, Paula Serrano, Antonia Rojas, Elizabeth Ortiz, and Sommer Phan displaying their award certificates at AAUW's annual Speech Trek Contest, which was held in the Fallbrook Library's community room the evening of Friday, April 7th.

First place award was earned by Paula Serrano; second place by Suzetty Castellanos; and third place by Antonia Rojas, with the other four speakers receiving honorable mentions. Each speaker received a cash award. The judges—Marti Avila, Carol Hodges, Lisa Metzler, and Anna Quigley, all members of Fallbrook Toastmasters Club—were extremely impressed by the level of proficiency and poise displayed by each contestant.



Karen Baker Langer with Judy Egan, mentor; with Paula Serrano, the first-place winner of the AAUW's Annual Speech Trek Program; and with Rosemary West, Co-Coach of the program.



AAUW Mentors being recognized for their outstanding support of the young women of Fallbrook High School: Terry Keyes, Judy Egan, Elizabeth Leader, Gay Smith, Eileen Hider, Kathy Bierbrauer, Rosie Scheller, Barbara Luther, and Cathy Monroe

A Message from the President of Our Fallbrook Branch

Welcome to Spring! Thanks to our heavy winter rains, the hillsides and gardens in Fallbrook are resplendent and ready for our 22nd annual garden tour! This is our busiest time of year with the planning for our garden tour and the Avocado Festival in full swing. Thank you to those of you who are pitching in and helping to make these events successful.

We just voted in a new slate of officers for the upcoming year at our Annual Membership Meeting on April 8. The officers are listed below:

President	Elizabeth Leader
1st Vice President, Programs	Jeanie Curtright
2nd Vice President, Membership	Young Milton
3rd Vice President, AAUW Fund	Bobbie Miller
Finance Officer	Teresa Fiske
Recording Secretary	Charlotte Seidman
Corresponding Secretary	Kathy Bierbrauer

Thank you to this dedicated and creative group for committing their time to be a part of our leadership team!

We held another fantastic Speech Trek this past weekend, with six students competing. Their hard work paid off in the poise and creativity they all showed in their presentations. I want to give a huge “thank you” to Karen Langer Baker and Rosemary West for their tireless efforts in coaching our mentees on skills that will surely make them more successful in their college years and future careers.

I hope you will all be able to participate in the garden tour in some way. If you are unable to work that day, I hope you will support our scholarships by buying or selling the four tickets you were sent this week.



Best wishes,

Elizabeth

Tech Trek Is on Track for Another Great Year

The process of selecting the young women who will attend Science Camp at UCSD this summer has been completed. Through applications, essays, and personal interviews, the Tech Trek Committee has made the final decision on the six girls and two alternates. They are: Milana Collier, Alexandra Guadarrama, and Azia Hall from Sullivan; and Chloe Shaver, Baylee Howley, and Virginia Lazaro from Potter. Alternates are Alexandra Rubalcaba and Dana Flinn.

A special message from our Corresponding Secretary:

Please help me do my job by letting me know about any member who needs a card or note.

Thank you!

Kathy Bierbrauer ckbierbr@gmail.com or 760-728-7297

Women Breaking Boundaries

The intended goal of the Women Breaking Boundaries Speaker Series events at California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) is to feature successful women leaders and provide a forum for the women to share their career paths, particularly in nontraditional fields/sectors.

On March 27, five Fallbrook high school AVID mentees and their AAUW mentors attended the “Women Breaking Boundaries: Latina Leaders” at CSU San Marcos. The moderated panel is part of a distinguished speaker series featuring successful women leaders in our community in nontraditional roles. The panel consisted of: Alessandra Lezama (CEO of Abacus Next); Ana De Santiago (Deputy District Attorney of San Diego County DA Office); Catherine Garcia (News Anchor, NBC7News); and Mara Elliott (City Attorney of San Diego). The speakers provided inspiring stories about their different roads throughout their varied careers with Christine Lee (Community Engagement Liaison at CSUSM) as moderator who engaged the panel and the audience with thoughtful questions. Each speaker spoke about their successes, challenges, and strategies for

reaching their dreams and goals. Not only were their stories interesting, they were inspirational on many levels.



From Left to Right: Paula Serrano (Judy Egan mentor), Alejandrina Lopez (Teresa Fiske), Antonia Rojas (Karen Langer Baker), Alessandra Lezma (Speaker), Suzetty Castellanos (Karen Langer Baker) and Janet Guerrero (Gay Smith)

Photo credit: Nancy Heins-Glaser



Standing in front: Janet Guerrero, Suzetty Castellanos, Antonia Rojas, Alejandrina Lopez, Paula Serrano

In back: Mentors Teresa Fiske, Gay Smith, Judy Egan, Karen Langer Baker

President of AAUW Student Group at CSUSM Addresses Our Group



Jessica Bautista was introduced to the AAUW members at the meeting on April 8, by Elizabeth Leader. Jessica provided an informative overview of the activities of the student AAUW group on the Cal State San Marcos (CSUSM) campus, along with some suggestions for points of interaction between our branch and the student branch. Jessica also shared a picture of the “AAUW graduation cord” that will be worn by the students who are graduating this year.



An honor cord is usually a twisted cord with tassels, awarded to members of honor societies or for various academic or non-academic achievements. Cords are typically worn over the graduation gown. The AAUW cord is dark blue with the “AAUW” logo.

News from the Movie Review Group

AAUW Movie Review is open to all members plus a guest. Prospective members plus a guest are also welcome. Watch the movie beforehand (if able) and bring a hearty appetizer or dessert to share and your beverage of choice. Host provides coffee. Please RSVP to Host only and Chair as needed. We have social and eating time first, followed by the review. For any questions, please contact Susan Duling, Chair, at susancasoduling@yahoo.com; cell 760-390-6069.

A reminder that AAUW Movie Review is DARK in April due to Avocado Festival and the Garden Tour. The May date has been changed to Friday, May 26. For that one in May, the Leader/Hills will send out a map and directions to their home so we may carpool.

Then, we need a Reviewer and a MOVIE Selection for May 26th at the Leader/Hill home.

A BIG Thank You to all members who volunteered this year: the Raglands, the Bierbrauers, the O'Leary's, the Bakers, the Youngs, the Reederes, the Hodges, the Dulings, the Millers, the Norbergs, the Summers, and the Leader/Hills.

Also, this chair position is open. Usually members Chair for 2 years, so if anyone would like to chair Movie Review, please let me know. This is a fun way to meet everyone. On that note, members who would like to be removed from the email list, please let me know. It's nice to be able to pass on an updated email list to new chairs.

Susan Duling, Chair

Movie Group Potluck/Review

Calendar of Events

April 2017

Date and time	Event	Host / Location
April 22; 10 a.m. speeches; 11 a.m. march to Waterfront Park	Annual Earth Day March for Science Event*	San Diego Civic Center 1100 Third Street
April 23; 9-5	Avocado Festival	Downtown Fallbrook
April 30; 10-4	Art in the Park	Live Oak Park

May 2017

Date and time	Event	Host / Location
May 13; 8:30 a.m.	Garden Tour Preparation	Palomares House
May 13; 10-4	Garden Tour	
May 26	Movie Review	TBA

June 2017

Date and time	Event	Host / Location
June 3	Installation of Officers	TBA

* March for Science-San Diego is an adamantly nonpartisan group of scientists, engineers, students, teachers, and science enthusiasts, united by our awe of the universe, and grounded by appreciation for science in our everyday lives. We are organizing a family-friendly, educational event to build awareness for the importance of science in society, and to highlight the San Diego region's leadership in the sciences. As we march on April 22, we will be standing for our community, health, economy, and our region's future. The March for Science of San Diego stands for public policy that both supports, and is supported by, openly shared science. For more information: <http://marchforsciencesd.com/>

AAUW Fallbrook CA Branch

Officers and Committees Chairs for 2016–2017

Elected Officers:

President	Elizabeth Leader	858-831-2577
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Newsletter Editor	Charlotte Seidman	760-451-6232
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Garden Tour	Committee TBA	
Holiday Party Event	Committee TBA	
Tech Trek Chair	Larissa Anderson	858-342-8794
Book Discussions	Marj Freda	760-723-9686
Mah Jong	Araxy Moosa	760-723-2262
Mah Jong Tournament	Kathy Bierbrauer/Araxy	760-468-4200
Movie Group Potluck/Review	Susan Duling	760-390-6069

Editor's note: If anyone would like to have a large-print version of the newsletter, please let me know.