
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.

Happy Holidays Step 1: Prepare lots of goodies



The mentees prepared the goodies for the Mentoring Party, held on December 17.

Janet Walker (Nancy Glaser's friend), Yenny Aguilar, Terri Keyes, Rosemary West (in whose home we baked cookies for our Mentoring Group's Christmas party), Andrea Martinez, Lee Lael, Antonia Rojas, Karen Langer Baker, and Suzetty Castellanos



Making an ooey-goopy mess with the s'mores for the Mentoring Group's Christmas party: Andrea Martinez, Lee Lael, and Yenny Aguilar



Preparing the batter at Judy Egan's house for baking cookies to share at the Mentoring Group's Christmas party.

Esme Gutierrez, Andrea Acevedo, Paula Serrano, Karen Langer Baker, and Judy Egan

Step 2: Share with friends and enjoy

Celebrating the holidays with our mentee and graduates at the home of Mark and Peggy Scudder



Juana Salvador, Briana Velasco, Gemma Aguilar, Ashley Romo, Rubi Duran

Former AAUW Mentees, all recipients of AAUW scholarships partially funded by Mark and Peggy Scudder, gave advice to the high school students and shared how their scholarships have helped them enjoy their experiences as college students.



Hosts Mark and Peggy Scudder, left; Karen Langer Baker reading “The Night Before Christmas” below.



Mentors and mentees enjoy the traditional opening of presents at the Mentoring Group’s Christmas Party at the Scudders



Happy Holidays, Dear AAUW Friends:

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at our annual Christmas Party! Thank you to Kathy & Chet Bierbraurer for again hosting the party in their beautiful home and to Bobbie Miller for a week of working hard in the kitchen to provide us with a fantastic gourmet meal! Not only was the party a lot of fun, but we also raised \$1300.00 for AAUW Funds.

Those of you in the Mentorship Program also celebrated again this month at our Annual Christmas Party. Mark and Peggy Scudder opened their beautifully decorated home to us, hosting a lovely party for our mentees and a few former mentees who returned to discuss their college experiences. A highlight of the party was viewing a film on the life of Laura Scudder. Laura was a true inspiration to all of us, and especially our young women. She was a pioneer who self-taught herself the law, passing the California Bar to become one of the first woman lawyers in the state. She was also an entrepreneur (before that name was common place), who invented the waterproof potato chip bag and made her fortune in potato chips, peanut butter, and other edibles.

Unfortunately, Margaret Singleton has had to resign as our Financial Officer due to health issues. We would like to thank Margaret for all her efforts this past year and to wish her a speedy recovery! Teresa Fiske, formerly our Membership Chair, has graciously agreed to be appointed to take over the remainder of the term. Young Milton, has agreed to take over from Teresa as Membership Chair. A big thanks to both Teresa and Young for stepping up to keep our board fully staffed!

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends and have a chance to spend some time reflecting on all the good things in our lives. Thank you to all of you who have contributed so much time to forward our mission of equality for all women and by doing so, making an impact on the lives of young women in our community.

I look forward to seeing all of you refreshed and full of excitement for the new year ahead at our next meeting on January 7 from 10 to 12 at the Café Des Artistes. This will be our planning meeting for the garden tour and we need all of you to participate with fresh new ideas!

Best wishes for a Happy New Year!



Elizabeth Leader

President, AAUW Fallbrook Branch

More Christmas Fun and Food with the Fallbrook Branch



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Below: Betty Gilby enjoys the company around the beautiful table, along with Chris Young and Maria Viernes.



At the Branch Christmas Party on December 10, a proclamation from the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego was read by Sherry Ludwig and presented to Elizabeth Leader.



At the Mentoring Group's Christmas Party on December 17, Elizabeth read the proclamation, which included a mention of the formation of the mentorship program in 1995.



**The Board of Supervisors, County of San Diego, Presents a Proclamation to
AAUW Fallbrook on our 70th Anniversary Year**

AAUW Fallbrook has been honored by the Board of Supervisors for all the work that we have done in the community for 70 years. Supervisor Bill Horn has presented us with a framed proclamation. We will find a fitting place to put this on display. Thank you to Sherry Ludwig for advocating on behalf of our branch with the Board of Supervisors! Sherry read the proclamation to those present at our Christmas Party.

Our History:

On November 28, 1881, Marion Talbot and Ellen Richards met in Boston with 15 alumnae representing eight colleges to discuss the needs of college-educated women. In addition to broadening opportunities and assisting other women in higher education, they discussed the formation of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, the AAUW's predecessor organization.

Since its first meeting in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change. Our nonpartisan, nonprofit organization has more than 170,000 members and supporters across the United States, as well as 1000 local branches and over 800 college and university partners. Throughout our history, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day—educational, social, economic, and political.

Shortly after the end of WWII, on June 24, 1946, twelve visionary women met to discuss the formation of an AAUW chapter in Fallbrook. At that meeting, they formally adopted a constitution and bylaws and agreed to apply for national recognition. On September 30, 1946, 70 years ago, nineteen women met for their first AAUW Fallbrook business meeting. The programs they chose for the upcoming year were Education, Social Studies, Travel, and Interior Decorations.

As we celebrate our 70th year, we give recognition to those women who came before us who have made such a difference in the lives of so many women in our community.

Exciting times with our mentees: Speech Trek and “Old-Town Trek”

On November 21, the Fallbrook AAUW group of mentors and mentees trekked to Old Town for a fun outing. Although part of the day was rainy, spirits among the women (young and “not-so-young”) stayed high.



Front row, left to right:

Lee Leal, Bibiana Garcia, Irma Gonzalez, Ashley Osuna, Yennifer Avila, Paula Serrano, Antonia Rojas

Rear, left to right:

Gay Smith, Terri Keyes, Janet Guerrero, Elizabeth Leader, Valerrie Craig, Andrea Acevedo, Judy Egan, Esmeralda Gutierrez, Suzetty Castellanos, Karen Langer Baker, Rosemary West

Our trip to Old Town San Diego was planned months in advance for Monday, November 21st. Little did we know then that it would be the **ONLY** day of rain in the entire month! We couldn't change the date, so we ventured forth, hoping

for the best. Six mentors (plus Karen's husband, Larry) and 12 mentees braved the elements.

On our way to Oceanside, we went through some heavy rain in Fallbrook but were blessed with a beautiful full rainbow! Despite sudden heavy downpours drenching us as we waited for the Coaster to arrive at the Oceanside station, and more of the same as we disembarked at Old Town, we also enjoyed magnificent clouds and sunshine between rains. On the train, everyone breakfasted on energy bars made with real apples, raisins, cinnamon, multi-grain flour and walnuts. We had a wonderful time walking through the many shops, museums, and interactive exhibits. At noon, we had a sumptuous luncheon at the Alamo Cafe... chips, salsa, cheesy dip, and guacamole for everyone, a choice of full entree that included rice and beans, choice of drink plus a hot fudge ice cream sundae on a cookie! The afternoon was gloriously sunny, cool and perfect for walking off the lunch. On the way back to Oceanside, we enjoyed watching the setting sun from the warmth and comfort of the Coaster, keeping our energy up by munching on lots of chocolate candy bars that had been saved from Kathy Bierbrauer's Halloween candy bag.



Larry Baker having fun in Old Town; Valerie and Yenny enjoying the day out

Speech Trek

The mentoring group has been gearing up for our Speech Trek contest, which is scheduled to be held April 7th. Some of the girls have been attending coaching sessions conducted by Rosemary West and Karen Langer Baker. They have been learning how to project their voices and include appropriate gestures while eliminating some of the habitual uses of filler words, such as *like*, *um* and *so*. They will focus their talks on a woman who has been inspirational to their development in speeches entitled, “Me, Myself, and I.” At our latest session, Mentor Rosie Scheller brought in a cake to celebrate her mentee’s 16th birthday with everyone. We had a grand time at the Christmas party on December 17th at the home of Peggy and Mark Scudder, who have been granting scholarships to AVID graduates for the past several years.



Left: Ashley Osuna practices her speech during the latest Speech Trek coaching session with Rosemary West and Karen Langer Baker

Below: Irma Gonzalez, Elizabeth Ortiz, and Bibiana Garcia practice different aspects of perfecting a speech, during Speech Trek coaching session





Celebrating a birthday with the Speech Trek crew:

Front row: Elizabeth Ortiz, Bibiana Garcia, Ashley Osuna, Janet Guerrero, Irma Gonzalez,
Andrea Martinez

Back row, left to right: Rosie Scheller, Rosemary West, Karen Langer Baker, Gay Smith

Women with Vision Calendar of Events

Date and time	Event	Host / Location
2017		
January 7; 10 to noon	Garden Tour Planning/Board meeting	Café des Artiste 103 S. Main
January 9; 3-4	Speech Trek	Karen Langer Baker; Room 23
January 20	Movie review night	Carole Hodges and Paul Schumann
January 24	Book Review Group	Marj Freda
January 24; 3-4	Speech Trek	Karen Langer Baker; Room 23
January 28	San Diego Interbranch Council (SD IBC)	Green Dragon Tavern and Museum, Carlsbad
February 3	Material due for newsletter	
February 6; 3-4	Speech Trek	Karen Langer Baker; Room 23
February 11	Joint Branch Meeting	Temecula Branch, details TBA
February 15; 12:00	Joint AAUW-CSUSM Networking Lunch	CSU San Marcos
February 21; 3-4	Speech Trek	Karen Langer Baker; Room 23
March 6; 3-4	Speech Trek	Karen Langer Baker; Room 23
March 11; 10 - noon	Program TBA	Café des Artiste 103 S. Main

**Note: There will be no January newsletter. See you back again in February.

Messages from our committee chairs, officers, and groups

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

Book Review Group: Hi there, Bookies: Once again I hope to re-establish our Book Review Group. We will meet on Tuesday, January 24th at my home, 737 Carnation Lane. Please think of some books you have read to suggest to the group. I have several suggestions. Call me at 760-723-9686 or e-mail me to see how this date and time works for you. Thanks! Marj Freda.

Movie Review Group: Hi ladies: Here is the info for the January AAUW movie review.

Date: Friday January 20, 2017, 6:30 pm

Movie: "La La Land" (releases December 16)

Reviewer: Carole Hodges and Paul Schumann

Hosts: Diane and Ron Reeder, 2959 Los Alisos, Fallbrook (corner of Via Vista and Los Alisos)

RSVP: Diane Reeder dianer4951@gmail.com

home: 760-731-5937 cell: 714-319-8092

Join Us: Cal State University, San Marcos is an AAUW Affiliate University with an AAUW student group. CSUSM is a regional university, 26 years old, with 23,000 graduates. University President, Karen Haynes, has offered to host a (free) luncheon for our AAUW San Diego branches on Wednesday, February 15 at the university. Since many of our communities in San Diego send students to CSUSM, we would like to learn more about the student group and how we can work with them to benefit our local female students attending and joining the AAUW group.

Please see below the "save the date" for our joint luncheon with CSUSM. The speakers will be Karen Haynes, President of the university; Donna Lilly, AAUW National Co-Chair for the College/University Committee; and Jessica Bautista, president of the CSUSM student chapter. We will be

hearing about current joint programs and opportunities for future programs. Please join other San Diego County AAUW members for this interesting networking opportunity. A formal invitation will be sent out after the holidays.



Newly Formed Hiking Club: Are you interested in getting together for some outdoors exercise and companionship? Join our AAUW Hiking Club. We have been hiking on Wednesday mornings at 8:00, but are open to periodically rotating to Saturdays to accommodate those who work during the week. One idea we have is to have each member of the club “host” a week. When you are the host you get to pick the location and difficulty of the hike. Someone told me about a hike and wine group in Temecula. They hike through the vineyards and then end at the winery for a glass of wine and/or lunch. So, lots of options! Spouses and significant others welcome. Please contact Teresa Fiske if you are interested in joining the group.



Teresa & Elizabeth - first hikers to the top of Monserate Mountain!

Third VP: AAUW Funds: Many thanks to Chet and Kathy Bierbrauer for hosting this years' RED STOCKING dinner and fund raiser, which raised over \$1300.00 in support of national programs. There is still time to make your tax-deductible gift. Checks payable to AAUW FUNDS can be sent to:

Bobbie Miller
1343 Macadamia Drive

Public Relations/Publicity:

Functions of the PR chair include informing the community through the media and press releases of AAUW's mission, inviting the public to fundraising events, informative events and sharing with them the accomplishments of the young women AAUW seeks to advance through scholarships, and a mentor/mentee program, as well as Tech Trek camp and other mission-oriented occasions.

The photographer chairperson, Nancy Heins Glaser, whenever possible, provides photographs to include with press releases.

Members of Fallbrook AAUW are encouraged to send to the PR chairperson, Lana Smith, additional photos they may have taken or inform her of new media contacts or interesting information that might be used to further advance the goal of informing the public. If photos are provided, names and proper spelling of all the individuals in the photos should be included, listing them from the left to right side of the photo for the caption.

Photos without a caption of names generally will not be publishable.

Currently, the local paper permits AAUW Fallbrook, as a nonprofit organization, one published article per month, and therefore, combining various events into one submission to get the most public attention possible each month is often required. Although a number of photographs can be submitted, the editor, exercising editorial liberty, may decide which photographs are permitted based on space availability. So, there is no guarantee that every photo or all the information can be included. The guidelines for article submission include a limit of 300 words or less, or they may be subject to being edited down due to space considerations. Announcements of events for the Event Calendar are to be kept to 100 words or less, and we can accompany them with a photograph if appropriate to the announcement. The event will not be repeatedly published in the Event Calendar and regular meetings of AAUW do not qualify for the Event Calendar.

The *Village News* has asked that we have one contact—the public relations chair for AAUW releases, and that individual will send in the submissions to avoid confusion and unintentional cross purposing.

Two new members

Monica Lang



I'm a California native, but spent many years in Oregon and Washington. I loved the Pacific Northwest, but the winter months remind me how glad I am to be back in California.

I got my BA in German and Scandinavian Language and Literature at U of O (Eugene OR) without any idea what I could do with such a degree, but knowing Swedish from my childhood, and having taken German throughout High School, it seemed like a degree I would enjoy achieving. So, I did. And I did enjoy it! My work years have ranged from retail management, to banking, to 911 call taking and dispatching. Right now, however, I work part time, out of my home. I am raising two lovely daughters (19 and 16 years old) and living alongside my parents, who thankfully, are quite healthy and active. I also volunteer with Girl Scouts as a troop leader and as part of the Service Unit team here in Fallbrook.

Gay Smith

Let's just say that I've had enough years of "maturity" to be able to pursue more than one career path as well as following my passion for owning and showing horses. I began my college education at Cal State Long Beach: I left school to marry and have two children.



After a divorce and a 13-year college break, I returned to Pepperdine to complete my degree in Business Administration and Finance. For over 30 years I ran my own business doing tax preparation and financial planning. At the same time, I was part owner and managing partner of a mobile home park for over 40 years.

Raising my daughter and son as a single mother was both challenging and satisfying. I am proud of both of them and love that they have given me two grandsons apiece!

Twenty years ago, when my kids were in college I met and married my husband Mike. He and I have retired to Fallbrook and are very content here.

Oh, should I mention that Mike has four children, nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren? When we all get together it's quite a mob!

We have fun outside of AAUW functions, too

Our AAUW members enjoy supporting other nonprofits in Fallbrook. On 8 October, Teresa Fiske (Finance Officer) and Todd Jasso attended the Fallbrook Arts Inc benefit “Art to Go at the Speakeasy.” All proceeds of the nonprofit event benefit the Fallbrook Art Center, the Fallbrook School of the Arts, Fallbrook Brandon Gallery, and the Fallbrook Art in Public Places. Besides delicious food and bootleg cocktails amidst a clever and lovely Speakeasy decor theme by Sommer Walker, there was a silent art auction, and every attendee selected an art piece by a local artist to bring home. Teresa and Todd won first place for their Speakeasy costumes.



AAUW Fallbrook CA Branch

Officers and Committees Chairs for 2016–2017

Elected Officers:

President	Elizabeth Leader	858-831-2577
President Elect	OPEN	
1st Vice President – Programs	Jeanie Curtright	760-822-1717
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Mentorship Program	Karen Langer Baker	760-500-0393
Public Relations	Lana Smith	760-445-1465
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Garden Tour	Committee TBA	
Holiday Party Event	Committee TBA	
Math/Science Breakfast Co-Chair	Terri Garner	760-552-1520
Math/Science Breakfast Co-Chair	Larissa Anderson	858-342-8794
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
