



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.

A Message from the President of Our Fallbrook AAUW Branch

Dear Friends:

Thank you all for your help in conducting another successful garden tour this year! In January, it seemed like a daunting task to accomplish, but somehow as we do every year, we pulled together and made it happen. It was a beautiful day and we had a large turnout. In spite of competing events that weekend, we sold over \$6000 worth of tickets!

I also have some other wonderful news to share with you concerning our college scholarships. As you know, we raised money last summer to fund scholarships for this year in memory of two of our members, Beverly Thordarson and Lin Payne. Those scholarships were awarded this week at the Fallbrook High School Award Ceremony. This past month, both Beverly's and Lin's families have approached me to offer funding for annual AAUW scholarships in the memory of these two incredible women who gave so much to our community. Together these two donations will add \$5000 to our annual scholarship fund and the contributions of Beverly and Lin will live on in our community!

Our last meeting of the fiscal year will be held on June 3 at Cafe Des Artistes. We will install our two new board members at that meeting. Please join us to celebrate our successes of this past year!

Best wishes,

Elizabeth



A note from Connie Fillios, Director, AVID, Fallbrook High School

Dear Elizabeth and Karen,

I am overwhelmed with immense gratitude to you and to all of our dynamic AAUW members who have worked so arduously to raise funds for our Fallbrook High School AVID students. I am stunned at the generous amounts of these scholarships. The young ladies who are recipients will be filled with joy and gratitude. Each of the girls has strong financial need; a couple have chosen to attend Palomar College over CSU-San Marcos because of their financial situations. They have indicated that they will pursue a four-year university when they complete their general education at the community college.

I am thrilled to see that you are giving Sommer Phan a scholarship in Lin Payne's name. Sommer is a genuine, bright, open-minded, and tolerant young lady who stands for the principles of AAUW. You made an excellent choice. She has chosen to attend the University of San Francisco next year and, currently, plans to major in history. I was happy to nominate and introduce her as Student of the Month at the community breakfast last month.

I also commend your excellent scholarship committee, led by Young and her team, Teresa, and Monica. They visited my senior AVID classes several months ago, and enthusiastically (as one would expect) and warmly told the students about the AAUW organization, its history and the members, and this scholarship opportunity. They did an excellent job representing the local chapter. They also have spent much time reviewing the applications, interviewing, and selecting. I am grateful to them for their time, effort, and care.

Thank you from the depth of my heart for your tremendous kindness and generosity. I wish I knew how to adequately express to you, superb leader of the organization (Elizabeth) and to you, superb leader of the Mentor program (Karen) to the Scholarship Committee members, and to the AAUW membership, how much I appreciate all of you and the organization.

With sincerity and utmost respect,

Connie Fillios

Director, AVID at Fallbrook High School

...and the winners of this year's scholarships are:

Laura Romeo; Sommer Phan (in memory of Lin Payne); Nelly Garcia (in memory of Beverly Sinclair Thordarson); Maria Ordonez, Yennifer Durantes, Fabiola Algeria, Lizbeth Urquiza Resendiz, Juana Alonzo, Alyssa Rodriguez, and Ashlee Schafer.

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

The 22nd Annual Garden Tour Was a HIT!

All the hard work is behind us, and it's time to look back at the day we created. Thanks to everyone for bringing cookies or strawberries, for working at the front tables, for keeping the food coming to the tables, and for just being there.





Bob and Diane Gill in front of the Historic Palomares House ready for the AAUW Garden Tour



Vendors were ready to greet the visitors to the AAUW Garden Tour by providing a variety of goods, including essential oils, Pampered Chef, jewelry, personal items, scarves from the White Rainbow Project, and hand-crafted outdoor ornaments.

Thanks to Carole Hodges for coordinating the vendors.



AAUW helpers for the day included Lini Bennett, Alice Orr, Chris Young, and Maria Viernes, above, and Jeanie Curtright and Maura Marti, below.





Visitors included new friends, left, and current members, as Brian Mathews and Judy Egan, right, found a quiet spot; and below, the Krell Family ready to start the garden tour at the Palomares House: Andrew, partner Amanda Dover, with parents Louis and Shelly.



And we had artists at several of the gardens, as Craig and Debbie Wall visit the garden where Artist BJ Lane (center) was painting.



Artist Christine Wichers appreciated the opportunity to paint the lily pond on the property



Beautiful gardens on a fantastic day

Thanks to Nancy Heins-Glaser for the photos and for coordinating the artists.
Good job, well done!

Calendar of Events

May through August 2017

Date and time	Event	Host / Location
May 26	Movie Review	Elizabeth Leader and David Hill
June 3; 10-12	Installation of Officers	Café des Artistes
July; TBA	Board and Chairs planning meeting for next year	Charlotte Seidman 2434 Gum Tree Lane
August; TBA	New Member Brunch	TBA

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
2nd Vice President - Membership	Young Milton	760-522-7481
3rd Vice President - AAUW Fund	Bobbie Miller	760-723-9516
Finance Officer	Teresa Fiske	760-550-2319
Recording Secretary	Susan Nelson	760-822-8054
Corresponding Secretary	Kathy Bierbrauer	760-468-4200

Committee Chairs:

Mentorship Program	Karen Langer Baker	760-500-0393
Public Relations	Lana Smith	760-445-1465
Photographer	Nancy Heins-Glaser	973-477-7914
Scholarships	Young Milton	760-522-7481
Website Manager	OPEN	
Newsletter Editor	Charlotte Seidman	760-451-6232
Historian	Nancy Heins-Glaser	973-477-7914
Directory	Teresa Fiske	760-550-2319
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



And a fun note to end the newsletter this month. Betty and I attended a special dinner at the VFW on Saturday, honoring Vietnam veterans. As a WWII veteran and a member of the VFW, Betty knew about the event and invited me to be her guest, as I am a veteran of the Vietnam war. We had a great time and I met a lot of “old men” who had been in the conflict; there were no other female vets there.

Betty encouraged me to join the VFW: “We can’t let the boys run everything.” What a lady!

~Charlotte Seidman

Have a wonderful (and restful) summer. See you again in August!

