



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.

Happy New Year

Dear Friends:

Happy New Year! I hope this year brings you all much joy, love, and fulfillment!

The board of directors met this past week to begin planning for the second half of the year. After much deliberation, we made the difficult decision to cancel the garden tour for this year. With our decreasing membership, we simply do not have the critical mass of volunteers to carry out all the many tasks required to put on an event of this size. Additionally, the board felt that the funds raised through this event did not justify the huge expenditure of effort on the part of a small group of members. This past year we raised over \$20,000 for college scholarships through donations, without including the funds we made through the garden tour. We think that we can continue to raise significant funds for scholarships in 2018 without putting on the garden tour. We will be looking at alternate fund-raising events to support our scholarships and branch operations.

Speaking of scholarships, I am very pleased to announce that Terri and Mike Keyes have donated \$3000 to our scholarship fund for this year. Thank you so much, Terri and Mike, for your generosity! Your gift will truly make a difference in the lives of some worthy young women in our community. Part of Terri and Mike's donation is from an employer-sponsored gift-matching program. I encourage all of you to check with your former employers and take advantage of their gift-matching program, if one is available to you.

The board members would like to re-focus our efforts this year on our other two key programs: the Mentorship Program and Tech Trek. We would prefer to do a smaller number of programs and to do them well, rather than over-extending ourselves. We still have many other fun and educational activities in which members can participate, such as movie group, Mah Jong, and our Book Club, which we are re-launching. We also want to reinvigorate our program schedule by bringing in speakers on relevant policy issues. I hope you can all attend our next meeting on Saturday, January 20, at 10:00 to help brainstorm program ideas.

As a perfect way to kick off the year, it is my pleasure to announce that Young Milton has agreed to take on the role of President Elect. Young has worked with AAUW for many years, has served as President of the Food Pantry, and has held numerous other leadership roles in our community. Many thanks to Young for “Leaning-In” to lead our organization!

We also have three other board positions that are open for next year: Recording Secretary, VP Membership, and VP Programs. We welcome any members, including new members, who have an interest in serving on the board to put your name forward. Job descriptions are listed below, so please review them and consider taking on a 2- year term serving on our board. We can continue to thrive only if our membership is active! I have truly enjoyed the past 4 years working on the board with such a talented and fun group of women and know that each one of you would feel the same way if you chose to participate. Elections will take place at our Annual Meeting on April 1.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Leader



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

~ Margaret Mead

Help keep AAUW Fallbrook strong by volunteering

The Recording Secretary shall:

1. Have available for reference at all meetings a copy of the branch bylaws and a list of officers, task forces, committee chairs and members
2. Send notices and agendas to board members regarding forthcoming board meetings
3. Take minutes at monthly board meetings and send them to board for approval; once approved, send minutes to membership

The Membership Vice President shall:

1. Lead new member recruiting efforts; serve as chair of the membership committee
2. Communicate with prospective new members and help them to join online
3. Preside at board meetings in the absence of the president and first vice president of programs
4. Update directory each Fall

The Program Vice President shall:

1. Serve as chair of the committee on program development
2. Preside at meetings in the absence of the president
3. Send out program invitations and coordinate monthly meeting details



Jan 9 – Katherine France
Jan 13 – Jeanie Curtright
Jan 15 – Teresa Fiske

Feb 22 – Alice Orr

The speaker at our November 2017 meeting gave us new insight into the arts in Fallbrook.....



Jerri Patchett, pictured left in the Art Center over the holidays, President of Fallbrook Arts Inc, presented to the group at the November meeting an overview of the parent organization and its divisions, including the Art Center, the School of Arts, Brandon Gallery, and Art in Public Places.

Foci for Fallbrook to become a leading arts destination include featuring an art walk of sculpture and murals, galleries, local performing arts events including theater, dance, and music; attracting art patrons to regional, national, and international exhibitions; building an arts education program with workshops and classes for practicing artists and students featuring renowned art instructors along with regional and local art instructors.

As an arts destination, the historic small town of Fallbrook enhances the atmosphere and revitalizes local businesses by encouraging and nurturing a variety of partnerships and alliances with the community.

In addition, they provide a variety of arts experiences for the youth of Fallbrook, including student tours for the children attending the Maie Ellis School; STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) classes for the youth attending the Boys & Girls Club in the summer; and special programs for the children of migrant farmworkers. They will also be working with the new Palomar College campus students.

Jerri reported that the mortgage on the main building at Main and Alvarado was paid off this past year; she also gave the group a little history of the building—that it had started as a drug store with an ice cream counter.

Their websites include much more information about their physical facilities and programs that are open to the public:

The Fallbrook Art Center at <http://fallbrookartcenter.org/>;

the Brandon Gallery at <http://fallbrookbrandongallery.org/>;

Fallbrook School of the Arts at <http://fallbrookschoolofthearts.org/>

and Art in Public Places at <http://fallbrookartinpublicplaces.org/>

December 2017 is a month we will not soon forget...

In spite of fire, evacuations, and a last-minute change of venue, a crowd of 45 enjoyed a festive holiday meal at the 2017 **RED STOCKING EVENT** followed by a dramatic reading by our resident actor Paul Bourque.

The dinner on December 9th raised over \$2100.00, with donations going to Legacy, CA Special Fund Tech Trek, and AAUW Fallbrook. In addition, a very generous gift was given by Elizabeth Leader, establishing a yearly scholarship in honor of her mother Dr. Dorothy Leader. This will be a college scholarship awarded to girls pursuing a degree in any medical field.

Due to the Lilac fire evacuation order, the party, which was to take place at the home of Kathy and Chet Bierbrauer, was moved at the last minute to Julie and Paul Norberg's home. In a matter of hours, the Norberg's house was turned into a Christmas wonderland.



This unexpected turn of events and change of venue was very hectic, but the party came together beautifully in just a few hours due to the tremendous work and support of the planning committee and their spouses: Julie and Paul Norberg, Kathy and Chet Bierbrauer, Bobbie and Larry Miller, Chris and Fred Young, Maria and Ray Viernes, Charlotte Seidman, Susan and John Duling,

Diane and Ron Reeder, and Elizabeth and David Leader/Hill. Our many thanks to this great team and to all of our members who donated so generously to FUNDS this year.



Paul Bourque performing a dramatic reading of Clement Clarke Moore's classic, *A Visit from St. Nicholas*; and being congratulated by Bobbie Miller, the "force" behind the Red Stocking event. Thanks, Bobbie, from all of us!



Carole Hodges, Chet Bierbrauer, and the Miltons, looking forward to a wonderful dinner with friends at the 2017 AAUW Red Stocking Christmas Party

~ *Bobbie Miller*
Vice President, Funds

...and the kids had a great time, too.



In early December, Suzetty Castellanos and Esme Gutierrez posed with two of the dancers after seeing *The Nutcracker Ballet* at the Bob Burton Center with their mentor, Karen Langer Baker. Some of the other mentors and their mentees attending were Elizabeth Leader with her mentee Jimena Ramirez, and Young Milton with her daughter Y'Lan and mentee Ayu Hartono.

Mentoring Group Christmas Party

Fallbrook AAUW's mentoring group held their annual Christmas party December 16 at Peggy Scudder's home. Every room in her large home was decorated with Christmas trees, lights, and ornaments. She had wrapped gifts for the girls—a different and unique ornament for each one.

The mentors provided a sumptuous feast, and we all ate while watching the special film about Laura Scudder. Before starting her potato chip and peanut butter businesses, she was a registered nurse and later passed the bar to become a lawyer. She never practiced law but used what she learned in her business. The Scudder Family Foundation has been providing generous scholarships for several years to AVID students as a tribute to Laura because of her love for education.



Rear, left to right: Elizabeth Leader, Larry Baker, Karen Langer Baker, Kathy Bierbrauer, Peggy's daughter's guest Julia, Eileen Hider, Terri Keyes, Judy Egan, and Young Milton
Seated, left to right: Lizette Mendoza, Ashley Osuna, Irma Gonzalez, Dulce Serrano, Paula Serrano, and Lee Leal

Returning mentees attended and shared their experiences as college students. Each expressed her gratitude for having participated in our annual speech trek contest. They told how much it helped build their level of self-confidence, which was quite evident as they spoke to the group.



Left to right: Current mentee Jimena Ramirez with former mentees, Claudia Ramirez, Ashley Romo, Amy Arias, and Rubi Duran

The mentoring group's director, Karen Langer Baker, read the poem, *A Visit from St. Nicholas*, with the words "left" and "right" inserted throughout the poem. Gift-wrapped hard-back books written by women authors were passed around the circle. The direction had to be switched every time the directional word was spoken. At the end, each girl received a book.

During the week before the party, mentors got together with their mentees and baked cookies for everyone. There were plenty left for the girls to take home to share with their families. Mentors provided special anonymously wrapped gifts for the girls to open and possibly steal from each other.

When asked what the most special part of the afternoon was, many girls said that it was getting together as a group and visiting with each other.

~Karen Langer Baker
Chair, Mentoring Program

Pictures from the Mentor Christmas Party



Karen Langer Baker and Larry Baker share a hug with host Peggy Scudder, left. Thanks, Peggy, for opening your home to our group again this year.



Left to right: Irma Gonzalez, Paula Serrano, Dulce Serrano, Ashley Osuna, Kathy Bierbrauer, Lee Leal, Alejandrina Lopez



Kathy and Elizabeth with their past mentees, Ashley and Rubi. Left to right: Ashley Romo, Kathy Bierbrauer, Elizabeth Leader, and Rubi Duran; Mentors Terri Keyes and Eileen Heider; Below: Elizabeth Leader, Ashley Scudder, Karen Langer Baker; and Larry Baker with Judy Egan and Brian Matthews



Tell Congress: Stand Up for Dreamers! Pass the Dream Act Without Amendment

For the past five years, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program has provided nearly 800,000 recipients the ability to attend school, go to work, and contribute to our economy without fear of deportation. But with a simple swipe of the pen, President Trump has [moved toward ending the DACA program](#), taking with it the opportunity for thousands of immigrants to achieve the American Dream.

DACA recipients—also known as Dreamers—are an integral part of our communities. Ninety-seven percent are either in school or employed. One quarter are enrolled in institutions of higher education, while another third are in high school and considering their options for postsecondary education and career training.

AAUW understands the impact that education has on the lives of students and on the nation's overall prosperity and strength. The DACA program has opened the doors to higher education for thousands of Dreamers, while developing a skilled workforce prepared to compete in the global economy. Our commitment to increasing opportunities in education for all women and girls stands firm.

The President's decision to end DACA is both morally and fiscally irresponsible and Congress must take action. Tell Congress we must protect Dreamers and pass the Dream Act today!

The Dream Act is a bipartisan, bicameral bill that would offer many, including DACA recipients, protection from deportation while allowing them to continue to access education or work and contribute to our society. Our higher education system and our economy are stronger because of the contributions of DACA recipients.

The Dream Act would pass if it were allowed to come up for a vote. The National AAUW website has a sample letter that takes 2 minutes to personalize and send to your Congressman electronically.

Here is the link:

http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=23190

(The link provides a place where you can insert your street number and ZIP code, to ensure that your message gets to the right recipient.)

~ Joy Frew
Policy Chair

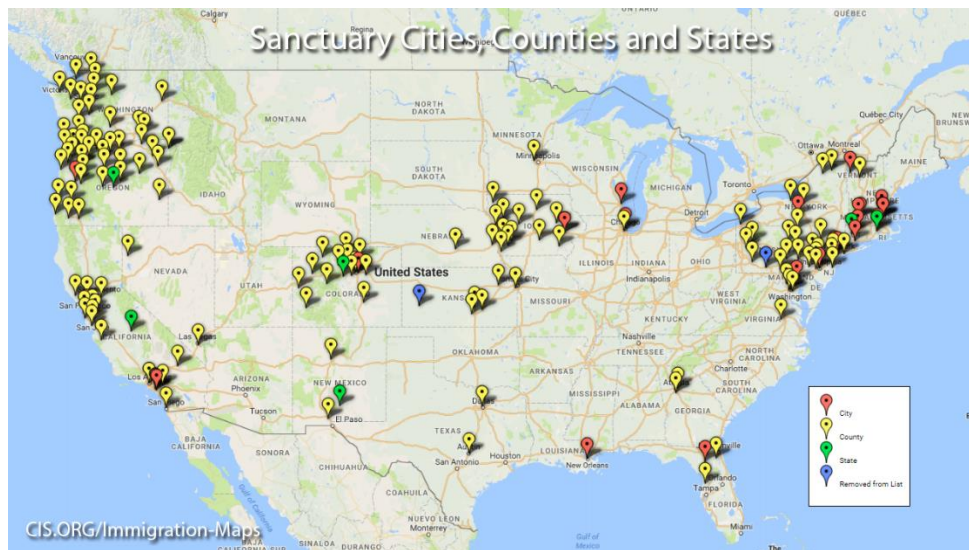
And another topical message from our Policy Chair, to help us understand the news.

What is a Sanctuary City?

In the United States and Canada, a sanctuary city is a city that limits its cooperation with the national government effort to enforce immigration law. It does not honor some or all requests from ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) to detain individuals or give access to jails and prisons to ICE. There are over 200 sanctuary cities in the country and California has enacted SB54, which went into effect January 1, making California a sanctuary state. “The new law [will largely prohibit state and local law enforcement](#) agencies from using either personnel or funds to hold, question or share information about people with federal immigration agents unless those individuals have been convicted of one or more offenses from a list of 800 crimes [outlined in a 2013 state law](#). (LA Times Jan. 6, 2018).”

A 2013 University of Illinois study showed that 44% of Latinos were less likely to report a crime if they thought they would be questioned about their immigration status. Factcheck.org cited numerous studies showing that immigrant communities have lower rates of violent crime and even more so in sanctuary cities.

The Center for Immigration Studies maps and lists sanctuary states and cities as of November 2017: <https://cis.org/Map-Sanctuary-Cities-Counties-and-States>



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars, there's fun afoot

Friday, January 12:

MOVIE NIGHT: Murder on the Orient Express

REVIEWERS: Bobbie and Larry Miller

HOST: Susan and John Duling, 1325 Nicolina Drive, Fallbrook CA (Off Knoll Park Lane)

RSVP to Hosts: email Susan: susancasoduling@yahoo.com, cell: 760-390-6069, House Land Line 760-728-9676

Saturday, January 20:

General meeting for everyone at the Café des Artistes, 10 to noon. This is one of our most important general meetings, as we will be planning the programs for the remainder of the year. Come and bring your ideas!

Friday, January 26:

The Mentoring Group's **Speech Trek contest** is scheduled for Friday evening, January 26, in the community room at the library. The contest will begin promptly at 6 PM. Refreshments will be served while the judges, all members of Fallbrook Toastmasters club, deliberate. Cash prizes will be awarded after that.

Saturday, January 27:

San Diego Interbranch Council; **Annual Interbranch Luncheon** at the Carmel Mountain Ranch Country Club. The speaker will be Kimberly Churches, CEO of the AAUW; the title of her presentation is "AAUW and the Future."

Saturday, February 3:

General program and board meeting. Come meet Pat Kellenbarger at the Café des Artistes, 10 to noon.

Pat, past president of Del Mar/Leucadia AAUW, finds retirement by vacationing with a purpose both domestically and abroad, teaching English, making quilts, working with Third World women's cooperatives and in African bush hospitals. She has experience with Global Volunteers, Plant with a Purpose, Elderhostel, Fathom, and short-term church mission projects. If you still have tread on your tires of life, you can find retirement too!

Friday, February 16:

Movie Night - Looking ahead: We have HOST volunteers for February 16 (Diane and Michael Summers); we need reviewers and a movie!

Saturday, March 3:

Joint Meeting with Temecula AAUW; held at the Woman's Club in Fallbrook (238 W. Mission Road); 10 to noon. **The speaker is Anne Hoiberg,** Board Member of the Women's Museum of California; San Diego County Women's Hall of Fame Activist is one of her many achievements.

Bio-note for Anne Hoiberg: After earning her Masters in Psychology from San Diego State University, she began working as a research psychologist at the Naval Health Research Center. Over the next 25 years, Anne wrote over 130 scientific articles and presented at more than 90 conferences around the world. She has worked on women's health issues, women in the military, domestic violence, alcohol abuse, stress-related disease, and the role of the military in society. Anne has written two books, *Women and the World of Work* and *Women as New "Manpower."* She served as associate editor for *Psychological Reports* and *Armed Forces and Society* and was asked to conduct sexual harassment prevention seminars.

In addition to her international work, Anne headed local chapters of the League of Women Voters, the National Women's Political Caucus, Incredible Women Television, and the United Nations Association. She served on the Board of Directors of Voices for Women, Bilateral Safety Corridor, ACLU, Women's Museum of California, and World Affairs Council. Anne was the director of the United Nations Association Women's Equity Council from 1989-2009 and has been a member of the California Women's Agenda, San Diego Opera Association, Inter-agency Coalition for Human and Civil Rights, La Jolla Pen Women, Older Women's League, National Council of Negro Women, and the American Association of University Women.

Anne's dedication and creativity have earned her several prestigious awards, and she has served as an inspiration to many. She has put her passion and talent to work writing short plays and speeches about the suffrage movement, as well as articles on women's empowerment, world peace, and women in the political arena. Her commitment to promoting awareness and social change is what it means to be an *Activist!*

<http://womensmuseumca.org/hall-of-fame/anne-hoiberg>

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AAUW Supplies

AAUW has 2 bins of supplies that are for use in any AAUW event, stored in the garage of Chet and Kathy Bierbrauer. Before purchasing supplies, please check the bins; ckbierbr@gmail.com - or - 760-728-7297

Bin 1:	Bin 2:
Coffee Maker, filters, sugar, sweetener, stir sticks, etc.	1 Navy AAUW Tablecloth.
4 packs crystal lite	2 large packs of napkins
2 small baskets, plastic creamer	10-9" paper plates
7 plastic trays	approx 40 forks white plastic
latex gloves	
3 Mah Jong prizes: scented soy candle, 3-pack bath products, Olde England classic cottage	Many of each: cold drink cups, hot drink cups and Styrofoam cups

For anyone interested, we store our car seat and booster seat on top of bins to use when the Grandkids come. You are welcome to borrow them, if you need them.

AAUW FALLBROOK CA BRANCH Officers and Committee Chairs for 2017-2018

Elected Officers:

President	Elizabeth Leader	858-831-2577
President Elect	Young Milton	760-522-7481
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	Charlotte Seidman	760-451-6232
Corresponding Secretary	Kathy Bierbrauer	760-468-4200

Committee Chairs:

Book Discussions	Marj Freda	760-723-9686
Directory	Teresa Fiske	760-550-2319
Historian	Nancy Heins-Glaser	973-477-7914
Mah Jong	Kathy Bierbrauer	760-468-4200
Mah Jong Tournament	Araxy Moosa/Kathy	760-723-2262
Mentorship Program	Karen Langer Baker	760-500-0393
Movie Group Potluck/Review	Susan Duling	760-390-6069
Newsletter Editor	Charlotte Seidman	760-451-6232
Photographer	OPEN	
Policy	Joy Frew	425-830-7569
Public Relations	Lana Smith	760-445-1465
Scholarships	Young Milton	760-522-7481
Tech Trek Chair	Larissa Anderson	858-342-8794
Website Manager	Anna Quigley	

January 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9 <i>Happy Birthday, Katherine</i>	10	11	12 <i>Movie Night**</i>	13 <i>Happy Birthday, Jeanie</i>
15 <i>Happy Birthday, Teresa</i>	16	17	18	19	20 <i>General meeting Café des Artistes 10 to noon**</i>
<i>M L King Day</i>					
22	23	24	25	26 <i>Speech Trek Library 6 p.m.**</i>	27 <i>Annual Interbranch Luncheon**</i>
29	30	31			

February 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 <i>General meeting With Speaker Café des Artistes 10 to noon**</i>

*** starred items are expanded on pages 13 & 14*