



# Women with Vision

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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.

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Mah Jong Group.....Kathy Bierbrauer  
 Mah Jong Tournament. Araxy Moosa Kathy Bierbrauer  
 Movie Critique Potluck.....Margot Dokken

Good morning ladies,

Please join me in welcoming our newly-formed Book Club! Many thanks to Cynthia Young for heading this exciting program for our members. You are invited to join in on the fun and lively discussion and lunch afterwards. Our tentative schedule is 11am on the 3rd Monday of each month. Contact Cynthia for location.

The first book to be discussed is "The Overstory" by Richard Powers.

Please RSVP: to Cynthia Young at [cynyoung2@aol.com](mailto:cynyoung2@aol.com).

I hope to see many of you then!

Best regards,

Young Milton

# AAUW-Fallbrook Saturday, Feb 1 General Meeting - see page 4

## Movie Night

**Date:** Friday, February 21, 2020

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Movie:** TBD

**Reviewers:** TBD

**Hosts:** TBD

Future dates to mark this year:

March 20

April 17

May 22 Elizabeth Leader and David Hill have offered to host

June 19 Carole Hodges and Paul Schumann have offered to host

AAUW Movie Review is open to all members plus a guest. Prospective members are also welcome and may bring a guest. Watch the movie beforehand (if able) and bring a hearty appetizer or dessert to share, plus your choice of beverage. The host provides coffee. We have a social and eating time first, followed by the review. Please forward this information to other branch members as needed. For questions, please contact Margot Dokken at [nevehmind@gmail.com](mailto:nevehmind@gmail.com) or call/text: 949-280-2628.

## AAUW Mentorship Program

### Former mentees at AAUW's speech contest

#### MENTORING PROGRAM NEWS

CAREER DAY 2020

One of the AAUW mentoring program's core objectives is to encourage our Fallbrook High School girls to continue their education past high school...toward a satisfying and successful career. In fact, each "mentee" must commit to attending a four-year college in order to participate in the program.

On February 28 the mentors will be presenting "Career Day 2020", where our girls will have the opportunity to meet and hear from six professional women in fields such as Journalism, Medicine, Public Relations, Attorney, etc.

The event will be held at the Fallbrook Regional Health District building, from 10AM to 2PM. Of course, there will be food and prizes, and a lot of fun! If you are a mentor, it is time to contact your mentee and get this date scheduled on your calendars. And if you're not a mentor, but would like to help, please contact Carlene Friesen at (626) 201-3455.



Seven mentees served as hostesses for the event. From left: Vanessa Hernandez, Yadira Zuniga, Giselle Figueroa, Paulina Gonzalez, Cristina Mejia, Mayrim Cruz, Itsarely Palma



Jimena Ramirez' sister, Claudia

Two of our contestants were prize winners. Their sisters were in the audience, recalling their own experiences as prize winning contestants in previous years. They shared with the group how the experience helped prepare them for college and beyond.



Aislinn Morales was the only sophomore to compete. She plans to become a special education teacher and chose to talk about her inspiration, Greta Thunberg, who regards her Asperger's as her secret weapon rather than seeing it as a handicap.



Erica Rodas talked about Greta Thunberg's inspirational challenge to the world regarding climate change.



Alma Aguilar's sister, Monserrat



Alma Aguilar talked about the value of Folklorico dancing and how she was inspired to pursue it.

2020 General Meeting PROGRAMS  
February 2020

Please Join Fallbrook AAUW in celebrating our Branch 74th Anniversary  
And 100 Years of Women's Right to Vote

Saturday February 1, 2020. Fallbrook Branch Meeting  
10:00 am at

NEW LOCATION:

Fallbrook Regional Health District Administrative Office and Community Room  
138 South Brandon St., Fallbrook

(this is near the old Fallbrook Hospital site NOT the new church site)

PROGRAM: Fallbrook Regional Health District and Wellness Center

Speaker: Kate Schwartz-Frates, Fallbrook Regional Healthcare District Board  
Member, Fallbrook AAUW member and Candidate for State Assembly District 75

For this month we are going to meet in the newly remodeled community room of  
the FRHD administrative office. This public meeting room has brand new  
technology with 2 large screens and an automatic connection via WIFI.

We are looking forward to enjoying this new public use venue.

Hostesses: Kathy Bierbrauer, Marj Freda

**Monday February 17, 2020, Book Club, 11:00 am, contact Cynthia Young for location**

BOOK: The Understory by Richard Powers

March: An American Marriage, by T. Jones

April: Bel Canto, by Ann Patchett

*See next 2 pages for March meeting.*

Just a friendly note to let you know that Araxy broke her femur. She is now  
recuperating at Fallbrook skilled nursing facility

325 Potter St., Fallbrook

760 728 2330

She'd love to hear from you!



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## Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Right to Vote

### Joint Branch Luncheon Meeting Fallbrook, Temecula and Carlsbad/Oceanside/Vista

**Date:** Saturday March 14, 2020

**Time:** 11:00 check-in 11:30 Lunch 12:15 Program

**Location:** Community Room at Fallbrook Public Utility District

990 East Mission Rd., Fallbrook (at the corner of East Mission and Santa Margarita Drive. Parking lot on Santa Margarita Dr.)

**Lunch** is catered from Trupiano's Italian Restaurant featuring assorted pastas and sauces, chicken, green salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverages. Cost is \$25/pp. Please RSVP by March 5, 2020.

**Program:** "Young Women with Dreams become Women with Vision!" on remedying a 17-year California Voting Rights Act Violation.

**Speakers:** Stephanie Ortiz and Leticia Maldonado-Stamos. Miss Ortiz is a former mentee of the Fallbrook AAUW High School Mentoring Program.



#### **Stephanie Ortiz**

Stephanie has worked with bicultural and bilingual communities for over 6 years. She is a Mixtec woman who was born and raised in Fallbrook and first-generation daughter of immigrant parents. Access to education and health and social service resources have been at the forefront of her work. Stephanie holds the role of a Community Health Advocate with Vista Community Clinic within the Migrant Health and Outreach team housed in the Health Promotion Center. She obtained her B.A. in Sociology from the University of California, Irvine. Ms. Ortiz has dedicated the last six years to community mobilization, social services and advocacy in areas including: immigration, education, workforce development and currently public health. Ms. Ortiz is an active member of the Fallbrook Human Rights Committee as well as an outreach liaison and volunteer with a humanitarian search and rescue organization, Aguilas del Desierto, Inc an organization who focuses on the rescue and recovery of missing migrants along the US/Mexico border. Her passions involve community building, food justice and revitalizing traditional ecological knowledge. Stephanie and Leticia are team authors of the redistricting map adopted by the San Diego County Board of Education in May 2019. This is to ensure trustee area elections for the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District.



#### **Leticia Maldonado/Stamos**

In the early 70s, Leticia worked for the United Farm Workers of America under the leadership of the late labor and civil rights leader, Cesar Chavez. She continues her commitment to farm workers and underserved populations by serving on the board of the Cesar Chavez Foundation, formerly the National Farm Workers' Service Center. Leticia's professional experience includes a stint with the University of California in the Bay Area implementing the Puente Project as the High School State Coordinator, and also the Urban Corps of San Diego as the Community Development Director. Leticia spent her first 20 years of professional experience with the Boy Scouts of America in the San Francisco Bay Area after earning a Bachelor's degree from San Jose State University. Leticia eventually became the first woman in the United States to hold a management field position with the Boy Scouts.



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## **Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Right to Vote**

### **RSVP**

#### **Joint Branch Luncheon Meeting Fallbrook, Temecula and Carlsbad/Oceanside/Vista**

**Meeting Date: Saturday March 14, 2020**  
(Please RSVP by March 5, 2020)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make \$25 check payable to AAUW Fallbrook and  
mail along with this RSVP form to:

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AAUW Fallbrook welcomes you and your guests!  
Please call or text Young Milton at (760)522-7481 or email [ymilton@gmail.com](mailto:ymilton@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Saturday April 4, 2020** Fallbrook Branch Meeting, 10:00 am, Palomares House

PROGRAM: Fallbrook author P. Austin Heaton will speak about her new book “*Murder at the Expo: Miss Sadie Brown and the Death of Dr. Wolf*”

Phyllis describes her new novel as “a fun-filled but deadly romp through 1915 San Diego, Balboa Park, Fallbrook and other Southern California communities. The novel is the first in a series and introduces Miss Sadie Brown, an aviatrix, newspaper columnist and undercover snoop”.

Phyllis will sell and sign her book for \$12 at the meeting and has generously volunteered to donate \$1 to Fallbrook AAUW for every book sold to support our programs.



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***Deadline: Feb. 28, 2020***

Unless otherwise noted, the deadline for input to the newsletter is always ***end of each month.***

Committee members welcome, contact Joy.

P. Austin Heaton

# Murder At the Expo



Miss Sadie Brown &  
The Death of Dr. Wolf



**Saturday May 2, 2020, Fallbrook Branch Meeting, 10:00 am, Palomares House**

PROGRAM: Zita Dixon, AAUW American Fellow

Zita was awarded an American Fellowship from AAUW for 2019-2020 to earn her PhD in Social Policy from Brandeis University in Massachusetts. Zita has a passion for mentoring students.



**Project Name:** A Historical Case Study of the City University of New York's Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge Policy-Making Process and Advocacy Efforts to Maintain It . Zita Dixon's research focuses on critically examining racial equity in policy-making participation and advocacy. Her dissertation examines a New York State policy that holistically addresses higher-education access and attainment for underrepresented students and how various stakeholders maintain its hold as a policy for more than 50 years. She hopes to become a tenure-track professor and to continue researching how those directly impacted by a social issue (and workers who directly address it) participate in the policy-making process.

Zita graduated from UC San Diego in 2003 with a BA in Third World Studies. She graduated high school in south east San Diego and her family moved to Fallbrook about 10 years ago. In 2005 Zita earned a Masters degree in Social Work from Columbia University. Since high school Zita has been involved in mentoring programs and as a high school student attended UC San Diego Summer Bridge which gave her a strong foundation to succeed. Currently Zita mentors Brandeis University undergraduate students with the Posse Foundation to support future leaders. Zita enthusiastically encourages questions from our members regarding mentoring students.

Program: Presentation of Fallbrook AAUW College Scholarships, Tech Trek Scholarships and Installation of Board Members 2020-2021

*Dear Fallbrook AAUW Members,*

*We need members to volunteer as hostesses for April 4, May 2 and June 6. We also need more hostesses for March 14 to help with set-up/serving/clean-up. A big thank you to our hostess coordinators Bobbi Miller and Maria Viernes and to all of our hostesses that have already volunteered.*

## **AAUW CA Convention**

**April 17-19, 2020**

### **Remembering the Past, Rockin' the Future.**

Hello to all,

Exciting – the AAUW California 2020 Convention is only three months away and the information and registration link is now LIVE on the AAUW California website. Click [HERE](#) to register!!

Your AAUW California Board and committee chairs have been busy preparing a 2020 Convention worth your time and resources. We are proud to share the program and details. We hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities available during this convention to learn, network, problem solve and be inspired!

### **What can YOU do at the convention?**

- You will be able to do a hands-on project and help the women and girls in Rwanda by attending the convention.
- You will be taking 1000 steps to bring equality to women and girls by attending the convention.
- You will CELEBRATE the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote when you come to the convention!

### **What ELSE can you do at the convention? Volunteer!"**

We need volunteers for the convention for meal check-in, workshops, plenaries, etc. Please consider volunteering 5 hours of your time. Besides the good feeling, the reward is a refund of \$75 off your package registration (see Convention registration for specifics). Click [HERE](#) to register to volunteer.

### **Reminder**

- HOTEL registration deadline is March 20th
- CONVENTION registration deadline is April 10th

We look forward to seeing you in Millbrae, April 17-19!!

Convention Team

**Save the Date!!**