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Message from President

Hello AAUW Fallbrook!

It was great to see so many at our joint branch meeting last month with Temecula. Amie Campos was an engaging young speaker and we, as AAUW members, should be proud of our support for fellowships and grants to young women in pursuit of higher education.

Please be on the lookout for an email from AAUW National for your Voting Ballot. Voting on the amendment to eliminate the college degree requirement for membership will begin April 7th. I urge each of you to vote and let your opinion be known. Results will be available in May.

Also, don't miss out on California's annual meeting via Zoom on April 17th. Register here 2021 AAUW California State Annual Meeting - AAUW California (aauw-ca.org). You will learn what has been happening in California this past year and meet the three Speech Trek Finalists.

Take care and I hope to see everyone again soon.

Warmest regards,

Young Milton

2021 General Meeting Programs

Dear Fallbrook AAUW Members,

Thank you for joining our monthly Zoom Meetings, for inviting your guests and for supporting Fallbrook AAUW. Last month, Temecula Branch AAUW President Bobbi Jessup and Program VP Betty Mathias invited us for our annual joint meeting. We were honored to meet American AAUW Fellow Aime Campos, Ph. D Candidate, Department of History, UCSD. In an email Amie wrote to us:

"I had a wonderful time hearing about the important work the Fallbrook and Temecula branches are doing. It is because of local branches like Fallbrook that I have been able to continue my education and pursue my extracurricular activities, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to have met the women who made this possible."

Looking ahead for future meetings we will be meeting at 10:30 AM (Note time change from 10:00 AM) and as schedules allow, we will be meeting on the first Saturday of the month.

PROGRAMS APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2021 Celebrating 75 Years of Fallbrook AAUW Branch Formed September 30, 1946

Saturday, April 10, 2021, 10:30 AM ZOOM Branch Meeting

There are many webinars at aauw.org on topics of: **Social Justice, Advocacy, Professional Development, STEM and Membership.** For the April Program I asked 3 member volunteers to watch a webinar and then present a review and answer questions. **(You do not need to have viewed the Webinar prior.)** If you would like to watch prior, please click on links provided and watch them on demand on YouTube.

Please attend meeting and support Fallbrook AAUW members **Carole Hodges**, **Nancy Heins-Glaser and Margie Mosavi** as they review and educate us on the following webinars and answer our questions regarding these timely topics.

Carole Hodges, Financial Professional, will review the Social Justice webinar: "**Archeology of the Self: Sustaining Racial Literacy in the Movement for Change.** Join us for a conversation with Dr. Yolanda Sealy-Ruiz, AAUW Fellowship alumna, professor, author and poet. Sustaining racial literacy across the life span is possible by engaging in an "Archeology of the Self"—an action-oriented process requiring love, humility, reflection, an understanding of

history and a commitment to working against racial injustice." Click here to view webinar https://youtu.be/JoDZQGBTc1g

Biography of Carole: Carole Hodges has a life of varied interests. She studied literature and philosophy in college. She ran a wind-park, worked as a videoconferencing specialist for MCI WorldCom, decades before Zoom. An avid thespian, she acted, sang and danced in 25 musicals in the San Francisco area. Carole co-developed a DISC personality course and became a master of Neurolinguistics Programming (NLP) and a Certified Master Results Coach. She is a financial professional with MassMutual Greater Pacific. Her upcoming book, **The Menopause Millionaire** "The keys to prosperity and meaning in the second half of your life" will be released later this year.

Nancy Heins-Glaser, Rehab/Vocational Counseling/Nurse will review the Advocacy webinar: "*Justice Ginsburg's Legacy and the Future of the Court.* Ruth Bader-Ginsburg (RBG) was a champion for the rights of women and girls, but what does the future hold for her seat at the bench and how will it impact AAUW's work? Join AAUW's public policy team for a discussion of the past, the future and your role in shaping history." Click here to view webinar https://youtu.be/RFDFPWz4q30

Biography of Nancy: Nancy was born and raised in Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin, BSN '72 working in pediatrics as an oncology, ICU, neurology and abused children's nurse. Needing a break from the trauma, Nancy met her future husband Noel when she took a summer job as a camp nurse in the Catskills. In 1986, Nancy earned her Master's in Rehab Counseling and assisted people to reclaim lives damaged by trauma via vocational and avocational rehabilitation. From 1984-2006 Nancy acted in theatre, but now enjoys photography and filming interviews. Nancy and Noel moved to Fallbrook in 2013 attracted by the local art scene. Nancy chose the RBG webinar because she has been inspired by older women in her life to seek justice and understanding. Nancy says of RBG "I wish I had really known her."

Margie Mosavi, Retired Teacher and Fallbrook Branch President-Elect will review the Social Justice webinar: "Mrs. America: Women's Rights, Family Values and Politics. Join us for a conversation with AAUW American Fellowship Alumna, Marjorie Spruill, Professor Emerita, University of South Carolina and author, "Divided We Stand: The Battle Over Women's Rights and Family Values that Polarized American Politics" Click here to view webinar https://youtu.be/e3IWkVKPcYI

Biography of Margie: Margie is an Ohio native and graduate of Miami University of Ohio with a BA in French. She learned to speak French while

living in France as an Air Force brat and is used to moving from place to place. After her marriage, she went to live in Iran, where her two daughters were born and where she worked for Pan American World Airways, partnered with a friend to run a wholesale travel agency and cooperated in the formation of a bilingual elementary school. After the 1979 revolution, she and her family returned to the US where they settled first in New York and then in Georgia. There, Margie taught GED classes in Lee Arrendale State Women's Prison for seven years before moving to Fallbrook in 2014. Margie chose her topic because she has always been interested in the position of women in society. Her experiences of living in an Islamic country and teaching imprisoned women bring added dimension to the subject.

Saturday, May 1, 2021, 10:30 AM ZOOM Meeting.

Introduction of Slate of Branch Officers for 2021-2022. Please brainstorm and bring your ideas for "What You Would Like to See Us Doing Next Year" A big personal thank you to Carolyn Thom for volunteering to Co-Chair Programs in our new 2021-2022 board year. I am really looking forward to next year and learning and working with Carolyn.

Saturday June 5, 2021, 10:30 AM Meeting (format to be

determined by guidelines) Fallbrook AAUW Scholarship Awards and Board Installation. Please plan to attend as we honor graduating Fallbrook High Senior girls with \$14,000 in Scholarship Awards. Thank you to all of our generous donors to the Fallbrook AAUW Scholarship Fund and to Carlene Freisen, Karen Langer-Baker and Margie Mosavi for serving on the selection committee.

See you soon at either a meeting or on a hike with our new AAUW hiking group,

Susan Duling VP Programs

A Note from Your Corresponding Secretary

If you know of a member who is ill, bereaved, celebrating a birthday or milestone event, please let me know.

I will send a card or thank you not to that member or family from our general membership.

Please call or email:

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Fallbrook AAUW Seeks Women as Mentors for High School Girls

Fallbrook AAUW (American Association of University Women), is actively seeking qualified mentors for sophomore and junior female students in Fallbrook High School's AVID program. The only requirement is that the mentor must be a member of Fallbrook AAUW and be committed to developing a one-on-one relationship with a high school girl for the remaining two or three years before she graduates.

AAUW is best known as an organization that promotes equality and education for women. Its Fallbrook branch has expanded this concept to include a mentoring program, which has partnered with the AVID program at Fallbrook High School. AVID students learn a variety of skills that prepare them for success in college. AAUW mentors arrange a wide array of cultural experiences that inspire their mentees to become well-rounded, educated, successful women.

Many of these friendships go on for years after high school graduation! The focus of compassion and encouragement provides more than academics for these girls. Many have returned and shared stories of how their success in college and career could be traced back to what they gained from their mentors.

Two students who are currently in the Fallbrook program, Yadira Duran Zuniga and Laura Guzman, have enjoyed their experiences with their mentors, Karen Estes and Barbara Luther, for the past several years. Since the mentoring program also encourages their mentees to be involved in outside philanthropic causes, during the COVID -19 crisis Yadira and a group of friends started Toy Village which basically collects unwanted toys, cleans and sanitizes them (very carefully with masks and gloves) and then donates them to children whose parents have been financially affected due to the pandemic. They do all of this by networking their charity on Instagram.

In the near future, both girls will be receiving responses, hopefully acceptances, from various colleges and universities. Laura is looking forward to majoring in child development or psychology and Yadira will be pursuing nursing or human biology. They will proudly be the first generation in their families to attend college due, in large part, to the support and tools that were given by AVID and their AAUW mentors.

If interested in learning more about Fallbrook AAUW and its mentorship program, please contact Karen Langer Baker at 760-500-0393, or see https://fallbrook-ca.aauw.net.

Book Nook

125 Years of The New York Times Book Review

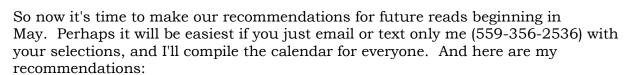
Over the years, both the Book Review and the U.S. have evolved, and very often, history was made in our pages. Here's a timeline of some of the most historic moments in the Book Review's 125 years.

www.nytimes.com

Hello Readers,

As many of you know, we have gotten to the bottom of our list of selected

books. We decided, off the cuff, to read a Grisham, "The Rooster Bar", both to be decisive - and to give us an opportunity to rest our brains. Grisham is always entertaining.



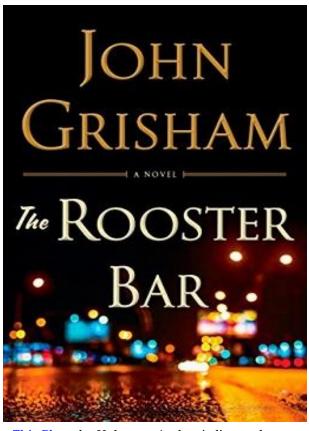
"Better Luck Next Time", by Julia Johnson. It is set in 1938 Reno at a "divorce ranch", where wealthy women came to spend the 6 weeks necessary to get a "quickie" divorce. It is described as "a quick read, a great story, breezily written and heartfelt, all at the same time." And I have a special request to go with this recommendation; if we choose this, can we discuss it in May? And can we meet on the first Monday of the month instead of the second? I make this request because I

will be in Tucson during our regular meeting date , and while there, I will be attending a friend's book club which will be discussing this very book. Please let me know. No hard feelings if "no" is your answer. Seriously.

"Del Rio", by Jane Rosenthal, anytime anywhere.

Now it's your turn! All books are home runs, and nobody can strike out.

Warmly, Cy



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Formation of an AAUW Writers' Group Offered

- Do you love to write?
- Are you interested in forming a small writing group of like-minded women who support and encourage each other to be creative and to improve their writing skills?
- The only criteria are loving to write, attending a meeting once a month (after the holidays, via Zoom until social distancing is no longer mandated), sharing your work, and receiving and giving critiques.
- If so, please contact Lana Smith, lamariesmith@gmail.com.

HIKING GROUP











The hiking group has had two wonderful hikes, Sandia Creek and Wilderness Gardens. Our next hike will be from the other side of Santa Margarita River off Willow Glen. We will start a little later at 9:30am on April 2. Contact Carolyn Thom for information if you are interested in joining us! carolynthom 1@gmail.com



Our AAUW Neighbor's Invite



SAVE THE DATE!

23RD ANNUAL POWAY PENASQUITOS

COVER TO COVER

FUNDRAISER FOR RE-ENTRY WOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS



MAY 15, 2021 10:00 A.M.



Presented on **ZOOM** by the Poway Penasquitos Branch of the American association of university women

LOUISE PENNY IS THE AUTHOR OF THE SIXTEEN MYSTERY NOVELS FEATURING
CHIEF INSPECTOR ARMAND GAMACHE

FUNDRAISER COST: \$25

THIS EVENT IS NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE

RESERVATIONS OPEN APRIL 1, 2021

FOR REGISTRATION INFO CONTACT: <u>AAUWBOARD@GMAIL.COM</u>



Public Policy

Dianne Owens, President, AAUW California, statepresident@aauw-ca.org

"THINK CHANGE: Adapt and Thrive or Fall Behind"

The AAUW Board of Directors met for a special meeting on February 19th and voted to support the proposed bylaw change to delete the degree requirement for membership in AAUW. We also appointed a working group to design a campaign to make sure every California member knows why we are endorsing this change before voting begins on April 7, 2021. During this next month you will:

- Be invited to attend a webinar on Tuesday, March 16th at 7 pm to hear a panel of current and past AAUW leaders. Register HERE.
- See short videos and statements from the current Leadership Team and AAUW influencers on social media.
- Receive articles in Board to Board and by email to use in your branch newsletters.
- See postings on the AAUW California website with statements of support, newsletter articles, and talking points.

We know that change can be challenging. We also know that change is not something to fear or resist. We have all learned to change this past year as we adapted to new ways of meeting and fundraising and helping each other. Change can be a blessing and the essence of life itself. The world around us is changing and so must we. We all want AAUW to remain relevant and continue to move forward as we work toward Equity for All.

Important Covid Reminder

AAUW does not sanction in-person meetings at this time nor for the foreseeable future. Our insurance coverage may allow meetings if waivers are signed, but exercising that option would likely be tested in court. AAUW's guidance is in adherence with California mandates and in the best interests of all our members. Let's remain safe today and enjoy gatherings in the future!

AAUW California Annual Meeting, April 17, 2021

Our AAUW California Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom for the second year. No travel, no hotel reservations, and no lunch, once again. But, that means you can attend at no cost from your office, living room, or kitchen.

You will learn what has been happening in California this past year and it is a lot! You will see the three Speech Trek Finalists, learn who our 2020 State Named Gift Honoree is, and see the first Equity Award given to former State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson. AAUW Board Chair, Julia Brown will join us and we have a special event brought to us by past Co-President Cathy Foxhoven.

Don't delay. Plan to join us on April 17th at 9:30 am by registering HERE now!

Be bold, brave, and brilliant,

Diane

A Note from AAUW National

AAUW Condemns Anti-Asian Violence

March 19, 2021

The following is a statement from AAUW CEO Kim Churches:

AAUW is saddened and angered by the senseless killings in Atlanta and stands with the AAPI community to demand an end to the anti-Asian racism and violence that has intensified in our nation over the past year.

The shootings that took the lives of eight individuals, including six women of Asian descent, are the latest tragic example of the increased anti-Asian discrimination we've seen since the beginning of the pandemic. This crime is also a reminder of the misogyny and sexism that remain pervasive in our culture and are so often intertwined with white supremacy.

Racism, hate and violence against women have no place in our society. On behalf of our 170,000 members and supporters, we call on our nation's leaders to forcefully address the toxic systemic racism and sexism that threaten the safety and well-being of our Asian-American community, especially women who are disproportionately vulnerable.

We vow to continue our work to advance deep cultural and policy change to ensure that all Americans are free of discrimination and oppression.

The Public Policy Committee wants you to know---wait for it, wait for it --- that the new Bill Tracking tool will soon be on our website. No joke. After reviewing 60 mission-related bills, the Public Policy Committee will select 30 or so for all of us to keep an eagle eye on. You can follow their progress as they march through the legislative process with our Bill Tracking tool. Click <u>HERE</u> to see it.