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Celebrating Our 75th year!

Young women with dreams become women with vision

Our Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Our vision: Equity for all.

Our values: Nonpartisan, fact-based, integrity, inclusion, and intersectionality.

Women We Should Know About: Cecilia Payne

Since her death in 1979, the woman who discovered what the universe is made of has not so much as received a memorial plaque. Her newspaper obituaries do not mention her greatest discovery. Every high school student knows that Isaac Newton discovered gravity, that Charles Darwin discovered evolution, and that Albert Einstein discovered the relativity of time. But when it comes to the composition of our universe, the textbooks simply say that the most abundant atom in the universe is hydrogen. And no one ever wonders how we know. Meet Cecilia Payne...

Cecilia Payne's mother refused to spend money on her college education, so she won a scholarship to Cambridge (UK). She completed her studies, but Cambridge wouldn't give her a degree because she was a woman, so she moved to the U.S. to work at Harvard. Cecilia Payne was the first person ever to earn a PhD in astronomy from Radcliffe College, with what Otto Strauve called "the most brilliant PhD thesis ever written in astronomy."

Not only did Cecilia Payne discover what the universe is made of, she also discovered what the sun is made of (Henry Norris Russell, a fellow astronomer, is usually given credit for discovering that the sun's composition is different from the Earth's, but he came to his conclusions 4 years later than Payne—after telling her not to publish).

Cecilia Payne is the reason we know basically anything about variable stars (stars whose brightness as seen from earth fluctuates). Literally every other study on variable stars is based on her work.

Cecilia Payne was the first woman to be promoted to full professor from within Harvard and is often credited with breaking the glass ceiling for women in the Harvard science department and in astronomy, as well as inspiring entire generations of women to take up science. Cecilia Payne was awesome, and everyone should know her. Check out more information online.

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January and February Birthdays



Jan 13 – Jeanie Curtright
Feb 2 – Alice Orr
Feb 10 – Sharon Robinson
Feb 28 – Liz Jamieson-Dunne

Attribution: Winter Birds IV Cardinal by Cynthia Coulter

Did You Know?

Maie Merriman Ellis, one of Fallbrook AAUW's early members, taught at Fallbrook Elementary and became superintendent of schools during World War II when the district experienced rapid growth due to the Fallbrook Naval Ammunition Depot and Camp Pendleton. In 1957, Fallbrook named an elementary school in her honor. Her legacy is also an example of AAUW's mission. Maie Ellis Elementary School is home to FUESD's dual-language program, which focuses on language immersion, enrichment, and creating biliterate leaders.

Programs

Susan Duling and Carolyn Thom

Dear AAUW Members,

Welcome to 2022! We are thankful for our thriving branch and look forward to meeting and getting to know all of our new members and reconnecting with long time members.

Thirty years ago, Fallbrook AAUW helped to sponsor the formation of the Temecula AAUW Branch, which was chartered in 1992. Because of this special relationship, our branches alternate years hosting each other for a monthly program.

Many of you already know Carole, as she co-chairs Movie Review, has judged our AVID Speech contest, and presented a program on an AAUW Webinar. Now please welcome Carole as an author; she is a woman of many talents who shares her gifts.

2022 Fallbrook AAUW Monthly Programs

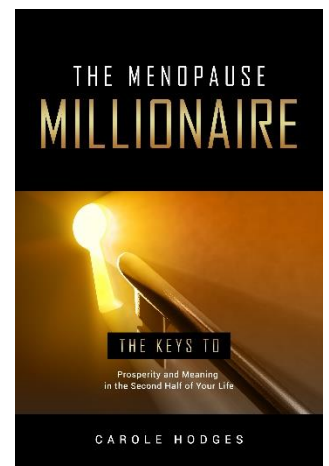
PLEASE NOTE: This meeting will be held via ZOOM. You'll be sent an invitation this week.

Saturday January 8, 2022 Joint Meeting with Temecula Branch AAUW

10:00 AM -Location: Health and Wellness Center, FRHD, 1636 East Mission Rd, Fallbrook. At this special program, Temecula AAUW members are our guests for our annual joint meeting. Books will be available for purchase/pre-order.

Hostesses: Karan Trapane, Barbara Luther, Karen Estes

PROGRAM: Author and Fallbrook AAUW member, **Carole Hodges** will talk about her new book: ***“The Menopause Millionaire: The Keys to Prosperity and Meaning in the Second Half of Your Life”***



Biography of Carole Hodges

Carole Hodges has a life of varied interests. She studied literature and philosophy in college. She ran a wind-park, worked as a video conferencing 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 (NPL) and a Certified Master Results Coach. She is a financial professional with MassMutual Greater Pacific.

Saturday, February 5, 2022, 10:00 AM

Note Location NEW VENUE:

Palomares House, 1815 South Stagecoach Lane, Fallbrook

PROGRAM: Members and Public Policy Chairs **Joy Frew** and **Chris Assad** and her mentee Lanique Boling will present a program on *AAUW National Public Policy*.

They will be speaking on and discussing systemic racism affecting education and employment of women as well as implicit bias and global connections which are encouraging the equality of women and girl.

Hostesses needed.

Saturday, March 5, 2022, 10:00 AM, Location: Palomares House.

PROGRAM: "Explore Culture and Diversity in Fallbrook AAUW"

Members, please sign up to share for 5-10 minutes about a culture of your choice.

Ideas: Food, Customs, Art, Costume, Music, Dance, Literature, etc.

If bringing Food to Share: please bring fully prepared and pre-cut into bite-size sample size (#40) with a printed recipe to take a photo of.

To sign-up, please email Carolyn Thom: carolynthom1@gmail.com or text: 760-458-0919

So far, we have Carolyn sharing about Norway with Lefse and Susan sharing about Sicily with Belli e Brutti.

Saturday, April 2, 2022, 10:00 AM, Location: Palomares House

Program: Member and Diversity Chair **Diane Summers** is coordinating a diversity panel representing four different cultural/racial groups in our community.

AAUW Policies

Women's Reproductive Rights: Where Are We Now?

by Claire Noonan, AAUW CA Public Policy

By January 22, 2022, the 49th anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) will have heard arguments on Texas SB 8 legislation banning pregnancy termination after six (6) weeks and Mississippi's legislation (Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization) to ban abortion after fifteen (15) weeks.

What are the issues? For Texas, it isn't about the constitutionality of the legislation, i.e., the fundamental right decided by Roe v Wade. Instead, a decision will be made on the tactics used by the Texas legislature—delegating their enforcement duties to citizens—to preclude lawsuits against the State.

The decision on the Mississippi legislation will be straightforward. One, SCOTUS could overturn Roe v Wade. Two, the court could limit legal standing to challenges on state law, e.g., doctors wouldn't be able to challenge on behalf of patients. Three, new legal standards for the evaluation of abortion regulations may be created so states aren't required to show that the benefits of an abortion ban outweigh the undue burden to patients – reversing Planned Parenthood v Casey. (Women's Health Policy, 11/21/2021)

One hundred-six (106) state laws have been passed to restrict abortion in 2021. Activists, like AAUW, are bringing lawsuits before the Supreme Court. AAUW has submitted an amicus brief for Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization as to the constitutionality of the Mississippi law.

In addition, the ACLU and others have brought lawsuits against other Mississippi abortion-related legislation like regulations for informed consent, a waiting period before the procedure, and ban on telemedicine visits.

Surveys show that 60%–70% of Americans approve of abortion in all or most circumstances. Only 20% think abortion should be illegal in all circumstances (*New York Times, Upshot* (5/19/2021)). AAUW and AAUW California stand with the majority, and the time to act is now. We must pressure the Senate to pass the [Women's Health Protection Act](#). The legislation must become law in this session. Unfair changes in representation have occurred with redistricting. Votes in the 2022 mid-term elections that would elect representatives who would vote for this bill could be suppressed.

Detailed information on the current position for women's reproductive health is available from the [Guttmacher Institute](#).

Membership

Carlene Friesen

Meet two of our new members.....

Helena Hanna

I am a native of California, born in San Francisco but I have lived in the San Diego area for 35 years with the last 21 years in Fallbrook. I have been retired for 6 years having worked in the arts for most of my career.



I earned Bachelor of Arts' degrees in Spanish and in Dance from the University of California at Santa Barbara. I have always had a love of languages and of dance! I began my teaching career at Crystal Springs and Upland Schools teaching dance grades 6–12. At the same time, I continued to study dance with Berle Davis and was asked to join his professional group “The Jazz Set.” We performed throughout the San Francisco Bay Area for many years. I also performed in musicals at San Jose Civic Theatre and San Mateo Civic Theatre.

I worked for Princess Cruises, where I was able to perform and travel the world, another love of mine! I then moved to San Diego and worked as a travel agent while I earned my elementary teaching credential. I taught for Vista Unified School District, 4th grade at Bobier Elementary School and then Dance at Vista Academy of Visual and Performing Arts. What a great job that was!

My final gig was with The California Arts Project as Regional Director for the Southern Counties. “TCAP” as it is called provides professional development in the arts for K–12 teachers across the state. I was based at San Diego State University and had the opportunity to meet and work with some of the most dedicated and talented teachers in the area.

I am now settled in lovely Fallbrook with my husband Peter. We travel as much as possible across the world and to the Bay Area to visit our family, son and grandchildren.



Norine Honea

Hello! I am a new member of AAUW and a new mentor to a Fallbrook high school junior. I was born and raised in Pittsburg California. I graduated from Long Beach State with a BA and held management positions in the air freight industry in LA and San Diego for over 20 years and the Gemological Institute of America in Carlsbad for 13 years when I retired in 2012. I have been married to my husband for 56 years. We are blessed with 2 sons and 4 grandchildren. I love to read, work puzzles, listen to music, and work out. In addition, I volunteer at the Angel Shop and the Bottom Shelf.

Flapper fun for the holidays!

Susan and John Duling hosted the fun, while a group enjoyed the patio, and Tina Langham-Smith came dressed for the occasion





Gin and Tonics singing group provided entertainment from the “Puttin’ on the Ritz” era



Karen Langer Baker, John Duling, and Kathy and Chet Bierbrauer enjoy the warm evening around the fire (above) while Larry Baker greets Margie Mosavi at the beginning of the festivities





Karen Langer Baker and Kathy Bierbrauer catching up in the kitchen, left, and Helena and Peter Hanna enjoying the patio



Reports from Appointed Chairs
Mentorship Program
Karen Langer-Baker

Preparing for our Mentor-Mentee Holiday Party...it's always time to bake!



Susan, Chris, Lanique, and Shenya baked cookies for the Mentors' Christmas Party

Giselle Figueroa and Ashley Guerra enjoyed making five different goodies with their mentor, Karen Langer Baker, for the mentorship group's holiday party: chocolate chip cookies, chocolate chip peanut butter cookies, gingerbread cookies, fudge with marshmallows and white chocolate chips, and fudge with pecans. Naturally, they had to taste test everything! What fun!



Diane Summers with her mentee, Aislinn Morales

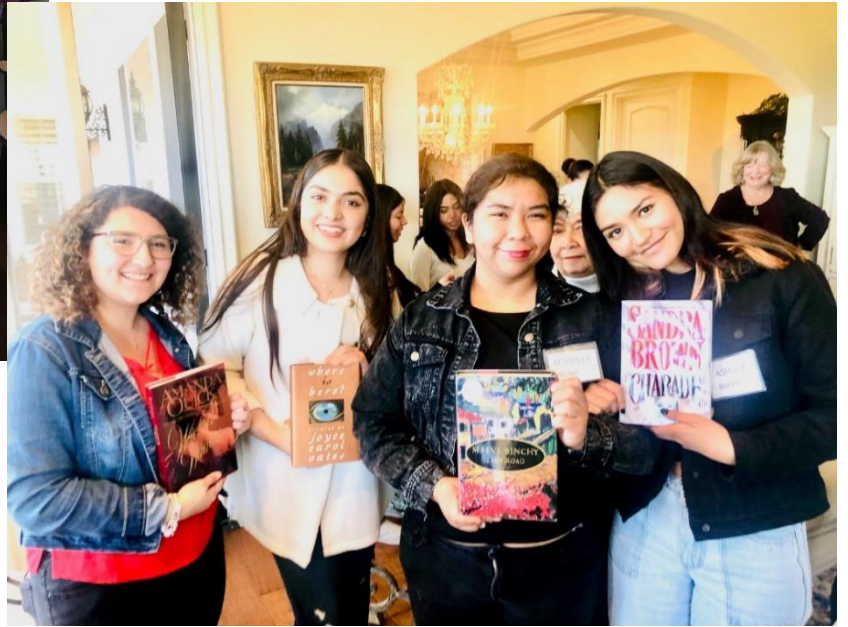
Let's get this party started! Larry Baker and Karen Langer Baker ready to have some fun!

Alma Aguila talking to the group about her experiences in college





Elaine Jimenez, Aracely Palma, and Rose (Sharon Robinson's mom)



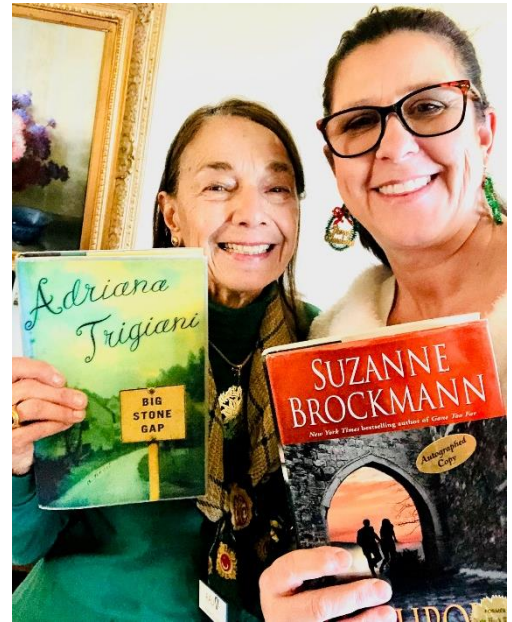
Aislinn Morales, Alma Aguilar, Itsarely, and Ashley Guerra show off their new books





Santa's Helper

Norine Honea and Karen Trapane are pleased with their books, all of which were purchased for \$0.10 each at the Bottom Shelf!



After the book game we had anonymous gift exchange where each gift could be stolen. Each girl read a quote on expressing gratitude that was on a piece of paper behind her name in her name tag.



Sheny Tzuquen, Lanique Boling, and Carolyn Thom

Giselle Figueroa and Ashley Guerra



Movie Review Group

Carole Hodges

The Movie Review Group will resume on Friday, January 14th at 6 p.m. in the home of Susan and John Duling. After our shared pot-luck, Liz Jamieson-Dunne and Mike Reardon will review “The Power of the Dog.” This movie is being considered for many awards and should provide an interesting discussion. All who have seen the film have opinions! If you are not on the Movie Review list and would like to receive an email notification with details of future movie reviews, please email Carole@CaroleHodges.com to be added to the list.



Book Club

Cynthia Young

We've been doing mixed – in-person and ZOOM – meetings. Join us in January when we'll be discussing *The Matrix* by Lauren Groff or in February when the topic is *The Trouble with White Women* by Kyla Schuller. We'll be sending out an announcement about the location and whether in-person or ZOOM for the January and February meetings.



Enjoying a get-together in December are Lesley's Mom, Marie Payton; Lesley Ibaven; Margie Mosavi; Cynthia Young; and Karen Langer Baker

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Charlotte Seidman

Please mark your calendars with these dates if you're intending to submit any material for publication in *Women with Vision*. Thanks! Send your material to cseidman7@gmail.com or call 760-451-6232 with questions.

| Material to Charlotte | Newsletter Distributed (Monday before the meeting) | Meeting Date (Saturdays) |
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| January 26 | January 31 | February 5 |
| February 23 | February 28 | March 5 |
| March 23 | March 28 | April 2 |
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