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## Young women with dreams become women with vision

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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.

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## *Women We Should Know About:*

### **Eight Women Astronomers**

[A guided tour of selected luminaries of astronomy from Ancient Greece to today](#)

**A**ndrea Ghez, a professor of physics and astronomy at UCLA, shared the 2020 Nobel Prize in physics for finding a supermassive black hole stuffed with 4 million suns at the center of our galaxy. Among the four female Nobel Laureates in physics to date, Ghez is the only astronomer. Her award is a pinnacle for women in astronomy and astrophysics. Yet women astronomers remain a minority and often encounter a lack of recognition, unwelcoming career paths, and harassment. But today women participate and publish in astronomy and astrophysics at higher rates than in physics overall, producing world-class research.



Caroline Herschel began her life in astronomy supporting the work of her brother William. She was working with him when they discovered Uranus. She became the world's first professional woman astronomer, her salary provided by King George III of Great Britain. Working as a team, William and Caroline Herschel increased the number of known nebulae from about 100 to 2500.

...and speaking of powerful women...

## Maya Angelou becomes first black woman to appear on U.S. quarter as Treasury begins distribution

The Maya Angelou quarter is the first in the American Women Quarters Program, which will include coins featuring prominent women in American history. Other quarters in the series will begin rolling out later this year and through 2025.

“Each time we redesign our currency, we have the chance to say something about our country—what we value, and how we've progressed as a society,” Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said in a separate statement. “I'm very proud that these coins celebrate the contributions of some of America's most remarkable women, including Maya Angelou.”



Lawmakers cheered the release of the new coin and credited Rep. Barbara Lee, a California Democrat, with the achievement. Lee introduced the Circulating Collectible Coin Redesign Act of 2020, which passed in January 2021 and ultimately paved the way for the creation of these new coins.

The agency will issue four other quarters this year, with the others honoring Sally Ride, an astronaut who was the first American woman in space; Asian-American actress Anna May Wong; Cherokee Nation leader Wilma Mankiller; and suffragist and politician Nina Otero-Warren.



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## *April and May Birthdays*

April 1 – Ashley Scudder  
 April 3 – Nancy Heins-Glaser  
 April 21 – Karen Langer Baker

May 1 – Karen Trapano  
 May 7 – Araxy Moosa  
 May 15 – Barbara Luther  
 May 17 – David Hill

# Programs

Susan Duling and Carolyn Thom  
Program Co-chairs

Dear Fallbrook AAUW Members,

**T**hank you for supporting our own members Elizabeth Leader and Charlotte Seidman at our March meeting. We appreciate their presentation on celebrating the 75th Anniversary of our Fallbrook Branch.

Join us IN PERSON on April 2, 2022 at 10:00 am for our monthly program as we return to the large outdoor covered patio at the historic Palomares House. Thank you to our Hospitality Co-Chairs Maria Viernes and Alice Orr for all of our hostess volunteers and thank you to our hostesses for bringing delicious treats. We start set-up at 9 AM and all are welcome to help.

*Carolyn and Susan*

## April through June 2022 AAUW Monthly Programs

*In April we return to In-Person Programs at  
Palomares House, Outdoor Covered Patio  
1815 South Stagecoach Lane, Fallbrook (near Calavo Rd)*

### **Saturday, April 2, 2022, 10:00 AM, Palomares House Outdoor Patio**

Program: Fallbrook AAUW Diversity Chair Diane Summers is coordinating a panel on diversity representing cultural and racial groups in our community. The new Ethnic Studies Course that will include Native American and Hispanic culture has been approved by the state and is in the process of being introduced to all California high schools. It is already a requirement at Palomar College and at the California State Universities to graduate.

**Theresa Villa:** *Theresa was a student at Fallbrook High School and now works at the Pala Reservation. She will share her experiences of her culture and tell us about local events in the area we can attend.*

**Maritza Gonzalas:** *Maritza migrated here as a young person from Guatemala. She will speak about her struggles to learn English and to fit into American culture. Maritza was a single mom who persevered, was able to attend college and succeed in American society.*

HOSTESSES: Karin Moore, Karen Trapani, Joy Frew

**Saturday, May 7, 2022, 10:00 AM, Palomares House Outdoor Patio**

Program: Member Liz Jamieson-Dunn will talk about her new book “*Finding Hidden Courage*”; Nomination of Board Officers.

HOSTESSES: Karen Estes, Barbara Luther

**Saturday June 4, 2022, 10:00 AM, Palomares House Outdoor Patio**

Program: AVID Scholarship Awards, Installation of Board

HOSTESSES: Diane Reeder, Maria Viernes, Alice Orr

**Saturday June 25, 2022 (Rescheduled due to COVID from Jan 29)** “Annual All-Branch Luncheon.” IBC Interbranch Council Meeting of 8 San Diego County Branches, Shadowridge Golf Club, Vista, \$40

*Dates to remember - print this and clip it to your fridge!*

Saturday, April 2, 2022, 10:00 AM, Palomares House Outdoor Patio

Saturday, May 7, 2022, 10:00 AM, Palomares House Outdoor Patio

Saturday, June 4, 2022, 10:00 AM, Palomares House Outdoor Patio

Saturday, June 25, 2022, Annual All-Branch Luncheon, rescheduled due to COVID from  
Jan 29

# *AAUW Policy*

*Joy Frew and Chris Assad*

## **Russian editor hero...**

**M**arina Ovsyannikova, an editor at Russia's state-run Channel One television station, burst onto the set of the live nightly news broadcast tonight shouting "Stop the war. No to war." She held a sign reading: "Don't believe the propaganda. They're lying to you here." It was signed in English: "Russians against the war." Through a Russian human rights group, OVD-Info, she also released a pre-recorded video statement in which she stated: "What is happening in Ukraine is a crime. And Russia is the aggressor here. And responsibility for this aggression rests on the conscience of a single man: Vladimir Putin. My father is Ukrainian. My mother is Russian. And they've never been enemies. And this necklace I'm wearing is a symbol of that fact that Russia must immediately end this fratricidal war. She was arrested shortly after and could be sentenced to 15 years in prison. She has since been accused of being a British spy.

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## **UN on 'positive trajectory' toward full gender parity**

Gender equality and women's rights are essential to a renewed social contract anchored in human rights—the new [Agenda for Peace](#)—the UN chief told a meeting on Tuesday aimed at advancing women's leadership worldwide.

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## **International Women's Day: 'Time is now' for gender equality**

'Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow' was the theme for the UN's commemoration of [International Women's Day](#) on Tuesday, March 8, celebrating the work of women and girls in fighting climate change and ending the COVID-19 pandemic.

# *Diversity*

*Diane Hawkins Summers*

## **MY SISTER'S KEEPER SUCCESS INSTITUTE, INC**

As a trustee of the Fallbrook High School District, I was invited to join a trustee group from Riverside County. One of our speakers, Kristin Newsome, really got my attention. She is the founder and executive director of [MY SISTER'S KEEPER INSTITUTE](#) dedicated to assist and introduce girls of color to STEAM/STEM careers. This nonprofit organization was started by Ms. Newsom in 2018 because her daughter was getting so much resistance toward her science degree goal. So, with her degree in Psychology and decades of coaching experience she started this organization in nearby Temecula.

This group inspires girls in underrepresented groups, ages 10–17 to be confident, bold world changers through personal empowerment mentoring toward STEAM careers. Their web site is fabulous, showing various weekend workshops, field trips and summer camps, some free and others with a nominal fee. I was fortunate to speak to Ms. Newsome on the phone and found our discussion about their activities and internships to be so interesting.

I like what Ms. Newsome said about economic sustainability and how STEAM leads the way for the higher-paying careers. She said that we need to encourage black and brown girls to consider going into these fields. She mentioned a study of Girls Pursuing Science from 2012. It showed that white women earned 6777 PhDs in STEAM fields while men earned 8478 PhD degrees. For African American women, that number dwindles to 684, ten times fewer scientific doctorates than their white counterparts. And, with only 3.5% of STEAM bachelor's degrees, Latinas face an even larger obstacle. Therefore, changing this requires support, commitment from parents, board members and advocates to see that change happen.

Her group of volunteers is clearly working on making a difference for the girls in Temecula who have been guided to this program. As the Diversity Chair of AAUW, Fallbrook, I urge any of you who are interested to Google MY SISTER'S KEEPER INSTITUTE and tell me what you think about this program. Contact me if it gives you any ideas for the girls that we mentor.

## AAUW Board Summary – March 2, 2022

The meeting was held by Zoom.

**Present:** Margie Mosavi, Susan Duling, Karen Langer Baker, Nancy Heins Glaser, Kathy Bierbrauer, Elizabeth Leader, Sharon Robinson, Carolyn Thom, and Pamela Nevills

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Correction to the February 9th minutes. Checking \$10,576. Savings \$29,090. Total \$39,666. Minutes approved with noted correction for the February meeting.

**Correspondence:** Lini Bennet and Marg Freda received communication from Kathy Bierbrauer, Corresponding Secretary.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking \$10,576. Savings \$29,090. Total \$39,666. This is the same amount as was corrected for February's report.

**Membership:** There are no changes in membership for this month. Carlene Friesen reported via email that the new member survey was sent to 10 new members

**Scholarship Committee:** The deadline for applications was February 28th. The 10 qualified applications will be reviewed prior to student interviews on March 24th. There is just over \$17,000.00 in Scholarship funds. Elizabeth moved that we award \$16,000. for scholarships this year, seconded by Pamela. The motion carried. The Legacy Foundation handles distribution of scholarship checks.

**Programs:** The program report was given by Susan Duling and Carolyn Thom. Note: hostesses will need to be prepared as we move back to the Palomares House. Please see the program report in this Newsletter for upcoming AAUW events.

**Ways and Means:** Sharon Robinson: A social gathering format (meet-up) for fundraising (and to encourage future members) is planned at Bakin' it Up, a food venue. The owners will donate a portion of sales to AAUW. It is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th between 9 and 2.

### **Other Business/Reports –**

1. **Nominating Committee:** Elizabeth reported names of the people who will complete our slate of officers. There is still a vacancy for President-elect. The slate of officers needs to be provided to the membership 10 days prior to voting, which is March 22nd. Our Mission Statement was reviewed, as it was shortened by National.
2. **2022–2023 Newsletter Editor:** The Newsletter chairperson position is open for next year. Chris Assad has volunteered for this position.

3. **Local dues:** It was moved by Susan and seconded by Kathy to raise our dues from \$16.00 to \$20.00 annually. National AAUW has increased dues twice since our last increase.
4. **Fallbrook AAUW Webpage:** It has been updated regularly by Young Milton. Susan met with Young and added pictures and learned the update procedure. We pay National for the website software, Word Press.

**Reminders/To Do -**

- ✓ March Newsletter deadline is February 23th.
- ✓ The next Board Meeting is Wednesday, April 6 @ 10:30 am. It will be a Zoom meeting.
- ✓ AAUW Fallbrook has a Zoom account and up to five people may have access to set up a meeting. More information is needed. The meeting set-up and invite could be shared by other board members.
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*Submitted by Pamela Nevills  
Recording Secretary*

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*Membership  
Carlene Friesen*

Raise Your Hand if You've Invited Someone to Join You at the  
AAUW Monthly Meetings!

Yes, it's true – We welcome New Members Year-round! No need to wait for the Spring Brunch or Membership Meeting. Most of our New Members come from personal invitations. So, invite your friends (or strangers) to join you at the next Monthly Meeting. We'll be waiting to welcome them with friendly enthusiasm!

Reports from Appointed Chairs  
Hiking Club  
Carolyn Thom

Our next hike will be April 1 at 9:00 am at the Sandia Creek trail head in De Luz. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy on the picnic tables.

There is a fun opportunity on Sat. April 23 at 8:00 am to explore a new Nature Conservancy trail off Gird road for the grand opening of the Gird Valley Preserve. We will meet at the Monserate Winery after. Come hiking with us!

carolynthom1@gmail.com

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*Movie Review Group*  
*Carole Hodges and Liz Jamieson-Dunne*

In March we had a small but lively Zoom discussion of “A Hero” led by Margie and Reza Mosavi. It was interesting to learn the background and traditions of Iran that we observed in the movie.



In April, the Movie Review Group will return to in-person, potluck events! We are all looking forward to getting together again. Here are the details to save the date:

Friday, April 8 at 6 pm [‘CODA’ takes top prize at SAG Awards](#)

At the home of Karin Moore  
2026 Gird Road, Fallbrook  
(We will send detailed directions the week of the event; you will need them handy)

The movie is CODA - You can check theatres OR watch it on Apple TV  
Karen and Larry Baker will be our reviewers.

Check your calendar - we will need RSVPs to our hosts!  
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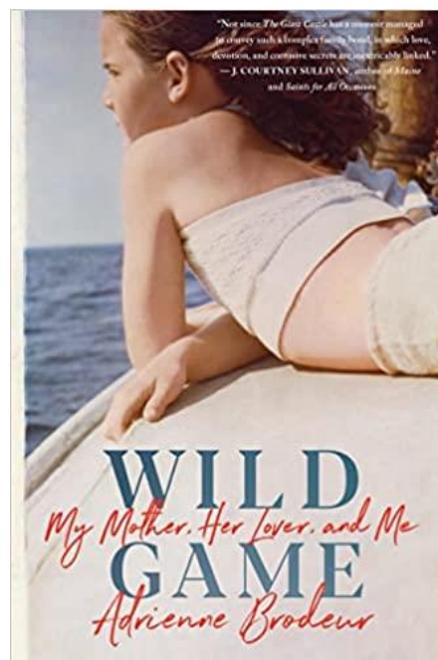
## **Book Club**

### *Cynthia Young*

Hello, Bibliobabes!

Our next meeting is Monday, April 11  
on Elizabeth's patio.

*Wild Game* is a national bestseller, a memoir, a daughter's tale of living in the thrall of her magnetic, complicated mother, and the chilling consequences of her complicity.



“A woman who reads leads a thousand lives; one who doesn't, lives one.”

## *Mentorship Program*

### *Karen Langer Baker*

Bark in the Park

Sheny Tzuquen with her mentor Susan Duling



The Fallbrook AAUW Mentoring Group's Speech Contest, held in the Community Room of the Fallbrook Library, was a great success! Many current and former mentors and members of the contestants' families attended.

Each contestant received a beautiful bouquet of flowers donated by Nancy Heins-Glaser, a certificate of participation, and a check from AAUW.

Members of Fallbrook Toastmasters Club served as judges, awarding first, second, third, and fourth places based on the official Toastmasters judging criteria. Each girl received feedback from the judges. The first place went to Sara Solano; second place to Aislinn Morales; third to Cytally Garcia; and Itsarely Palma Castillo won fourth place.



Contestants Itsarely Palma Castillo and Aislinn Morales, Mentoring Program Director and Speech Coach Karen Langer Baker, contestants Sara Solano and Cytally Garcia

Helpers Ashley Guerra, Marylin Estrada, Aracely Palma Castillo and Lanique Boling





Judges - Toastmasters members Lucy Boyd-Wilson, Paul Schumann, Carole Hodges, and Pam Eskue

*Newsletter Editor*  
*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](mailto:cseidman7@gmail.com) or call 760-451-6232 with questions.

Material to Charlotte	Newsletter Distributed (Monday before the meeting)	Meeting Date (Saturdays)
April 27	May 2	May 7
May 25	May 30	June 4

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## AAUW FALLBROOK CA BRANCH

### Officers and Committee Chairs for 2021-2022

#### **Elected Officers:**

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