



Fallbrook CA Branch

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Women with Vision

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Celebrating Our 77th 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.

President's Message

Our membership brunch that was held in August was beautifully arranged. The food that everyone brought was delicious and each officer or committee chair provided key information about our various areas of interest. My only disappointment was that the presentations were meant mostly for prospective members, yet there were only a few in attendance.

Now that annual membership renewals for new members are no longer restricted to a particular month of the year, people can join any month for a full year.

I'm hoping that each of you will be inspired to think of women you know, as well as women you meet, as potential members. Next, find out what their interests are and talk about some of our many groups and activities that they might enjoy.

Then, provide them with some key information on what this branch of AAUW is and does. Invite them to one of our meetings. Ask them if they would like to receive a copy of our newsletter so they can get a feel for the group.

Let's make spreading information about AAUW our focus this year. As is said in the network marketing field, the fortune is in the follow up! If there's anything I can do to assist, please let me know.



Karen Langer Baker
President Elect

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September/October Birthdays

September 1 Rachel Rose

September 4 Elizabeth Leader

September 17 Grace Vander Werf

September 23 Margie Mosavi

October 2 Lini Bennett

October 8 Marli Shoop

October 18 Lana Smith

October 29 Margot Dokken



Contact Susan Duling,

Corresponding Secretary if you know of a member who needs a card or note:
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Branch Webpage

Check out our Fallbrook Branch Webpage at www.Fallbrook-CA.AAUW.net

Newsletters, current event photos and updated information from Chairs are added ASAP.

To submit please EMAIL susancasoduling@yahoo.com: photos at LESS than 3 Mb and complete text as a WORD/PDF document

Programs - Newsletter

Patty Gibson Carlson and Diane Summers Co-Chairs

August 5, 2023 – NEW MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH Fallbrook Health District – We had a very well attended annual membership brunch. Always fun for us to break bread together and as always, the food was plentiful and delicious. Thank you all, and special thanks to the hospitality team that never disappoints in not only the food, but also décor and set-up and breakdown. Although this is the meeting that we really encourage bringing in new prospective members, please consider each meeting an opportunity to share what we do with others that would like to join this group of interesting women, doing important work for our community in Fallbrook.

September 9, 2023 – General Meeting. Fallbrook Health District – Classroom #1. Topic: Tech Trek. This is the meeting where we get to see all that the AAUW Tech Trek program has accomplished. Meet this year's Tech Trek attendees and learn what that experience was all about and what they learned. Sharon Robinson and Susan Caso Duling have been key in making this program a success. This is one of the reasons for our fundraising activities to get these your women interested in pursuing STEM in their futures. Feel free to invite guests interested in join our group. Doors open at 10:00 meeting starts at 10:30 promptly.

Upcoming meetings:

Wednesday September 13, 2023 ice cream social at the high school on September 13 at 2:45 PM where mentors and mentees will have a chance to meet as a group for the first time.

Saturday October 7, 2023 General Meeting – Fallbrook Health District Topic: Fallbrook High School Superintendent Ilsa Garza-Gonzales. Learn all about the latest accomplishments and challenges at Fallbrook High.

Saturday November 4, 2023 – General Meeting – Fallbrook Health District: Topic: Diversity Equity and Inclusion –DEI, Diane Summers and her group will let us know more about DEI which is a key focus for AAUW.

AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY – Saturday December 9 – Hilltop Center – **Theme – Holidays South of the Border.** Those December calendars fill up fast, so please mark the date. You don't want to miss this fun annual party and Red Stocking Fundraiser. Also, please start thinking of any donors that might want to join this fundraising activity. Start thinking of your favorite recipes for our always amazing potluck dinner, Mexican

and other central American dishes. I have a Salvadorian relleno type dish that I will perfect.

Mentors hold, planning meeting

On Monday, August 26, a total of 15 mentors and members of AAUW met to plan the Mentorship Program activities for 2023–24. It was a highly productive meeting with active participation from all those present. The meeting resulted in the formulation of eight group activities that promise to be of high interest for mentees and mentors alike. The first one of these activities will be the ice cream social at the high school on September 13 at 2:45 PM where mentors and mentees will have a chance to meet as a group for the first time. The next activity is an outdoor movie planned for October 13. Be on the lookout for more fun things



AAUW Board Meeting Minutes

AAUW Board Meeting Summary

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, September 6, at 10 AM

Public Policy

AAUW California Public Policy Committee to Host Webinar on How to Prevent Book Banning and Curricula Censorship in California

AUGUST 12, 2023

By Kathi Harper, Chair “School Board Project” Sub-Committee

In a 2023 survey, our membership made it clear that they were alarmed by the nationwide movement to ban books and censor curricula in K-12 schools, particularly as this censorship denies students’ access to historically accurate information pertaining to marginalized groups.

This is perhaps unsurprising as AAUW members’ concern with access to high-quality education has been long standing. When AAUW was founded in 1881, **its stated purpose was** “for practical education work, for collection and publication of statistical and other information concerning education, and in general, for the maintenance of high standards of education.” Today, AAUW California continues to support this purpose in **the second pillar of our Public Policy Priorities**, “Equal Access to Quality Public Education for all Students.”

Earlier this year, at the urging of the state Public Policy Committee, the state board adopted and membership approved the addition of an important bullet point under this second pillar, “Access to diverse staff and curriculum that represents historically accurate information.” In furtherance of that goal, the Public Policy Committee has established “The School Board Project” (SBP) designed to ensure school boards up and down the state include members who are committed to “the maintenance of high standards of education” for all students – including access to diverse and historically accurate information.

Whether you are aware of problematic censorship happening in your district, you fear it may be coming, or you just want to learn more about what AAUW California is doing, we hope you will **join us virtually on September 21st at 7pm** for the presentation of

“Book Banning and Curricula Censorship in California? AAUW California to the Rescue!” Kathi Harper, SBP Committee Chair, will explain the project, what we are doing, and how all AAUW California members can help. A representative from our collaborative partner, **Equality California**, will be in attendance to help you understand why this project is so important, and members from the **League of Women Voters** will be on hand to provide guidance on how to speak out effectively and civilly at school board meetings. We hope to see you there.

Registration is now open, and the links can be found on the AAUW website

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/aauw-california-public-policy-committee-to-host-webinar-on-how-to-prevent-book-banning-and-curricula-censorship-in-california/>

Additional information about our guests and collaborators can be found below.

Equality California (<https://www.eqca.org/>)

League of Women Voters (<https://lwvc.org/>)

Submitted by

*Ann McCarthy
Public Policy Chair*

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Group

Summer field trip August

For cultural enrichment, the DEI Group went to the Pala Reservation to see their museum, the historic Catholic Chapel and the Little Red Schoolhouse in Fallbrook. These three places were chosen because the indigenous people who lived in this area are part of our community heritage. The museum features artifacts and art from the ancient Luiseno people and the Cupeno tribe who came there from Warner Springs.



Many Cupeno people still live at the Pala Reservation. The museum is called the Cupa Cultural Center.

A short walk or drive around the corner is the Mission San Antonio De Pala. This is an inspirational treat. There is an old brick floor, white walls featuring a high wood beamed ceiling. It includes many colorful statues and art. It also has a bell tower and an antiquated cemetery.



We then went to the Old Reche Schoolhouse in Fallbrook. This is where the children of both the farmers and the reservation went to school together. There we were greeted by



Mary Belton, our docent, whose uncle built the school in the late 1800s. The school has been preserved to replicate how it looked many years ago. We had lovely tables set up inside



with air conditioning so we could all enjoy our packed lunches. Twelve ladies from the AAUW Fallbrook Chapter attended.



The DEI GROUP meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Diane Summer's house, 2345 Trails End, Fallbrook between 10am to 12 for coffee and conversation. All AAUW members are welcome. Our next meeting will be September

The DEI group highly recommends taking friends and family to visit these local cultural gems:

The Cupa Cultural Center is at 35001 Pala Temecula Rd, Pala. Opened most days 8am to 4pm. Check their web site to make sure they are open.

The Mission San Antonia De Pala at 11798 Pala Mission Rd, Pala. Open every day.

The Old Reche Schoolhouse is at 1319 Live Oak Park Rd S, Fallbrook, Call for an appointment.

Submitted by Daine Summers

Diversity Chair

Membership News

We are pleased to introduce you to Connie French a new member, Connie French!

I was born and raised in San Diego and graduated from SDSU with a major in Spanish. I did my graduate work at Denver University and returned to California to teach in Sacramento. I met my husband, David, on staff at Las Palmas Jr. High. Shortly after, he decided to go to seminary at Claremont School of Theology in southern California. We had 2 children when we went to India with our Board of Global Ministries for 3 ½ years. After returning, I taught in several districts, the last one being the Corona-Norco School District. We moved to Temecula in 1987 when there was nothing here except a stop sign! 😊 I am retired and involved with Habitat for Humanity Inland Valley, currently serving as the president of the Board of Directors. I am also a member of PEO and a life member of AAUW.

Thank you for your warm welcome to the Fallbrook branch. I look forward to meeting all of you.

Membership Dues Reminder

If you haven't paid your membership dues, please pay them as soon as possible to return your membership to good standing. The total renewal amount for one year is \$112.00 (\$72.00 National dues, of which \$69.00 US tax deductible); \$20.00 State dues and \$20.00 Fallbrook branch dues. All three can be paid online.

To renew online, simply go to AAUW.org, log into your Personal Snapshot Page, and click "Renew" at the bottom of the screen.

If you haven't set up your individual account on the AAUW - National website:

- Click on "Forgot Your Password" located below the blue login button.
- Enter your email address, then click "Reset Your Password" to receive a login email from info@aauw.org. (If you don't receive it within 5-10 minutes, email connect@aauw.org)
- Enter your email address, and "Create and Confirm your Password" to access your Personal Snapshot page.
- Click RENEW at the bottom of the Snapshot screen to renew your national, branch and state memberships.

NOTE: If you prefer to pay by check, please bring it to the monthly meeting or send it to P. O. Box 1061, Fallbrook, Attention - Karen Trapano

Submitted by
Karen Weisberger
2nd VP Membership

Scarecrows

Fun with Scarecrows, mentors & friends! August 2, 2023



Two AAUW mentees, Eulalia Tomas and Elena Mendoza, get a head start in scarecrow making with Fallbrook Scarecrow Days member Vickie George Beane (L) with Eulalia's mentor Grace Vanderwerf joining the mentees in the fun. Mentor for Elena Mendoza, Carolyn Thom is not present.

Mentees Eulalia Tomas and Elena Mendoza add stuffing to the limbs of what is to become Ursula of "The Little Mermaid coming to a prominent downtown village store roof" near you.





A prior AAUW Scarecrow Megan Rapino's Soccer Ball becomes recycled and morphs into another character's face.



This papier mâché head is the "beginning of a character" which will take shape and be matched with a costume and a story during our scarecrow workshops.

Coming up for community members and groups wanting to make their own:
Thurs, Fri, Sat from 9-12.

Sept 7, 8, 9

Sept 14, 15, 16

Sept 21, 22, 23

* Special workshops may be scheduled

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*Submitted by
Nancy Heins-Glaser
Scarecrows*

THESE TWO PHOTOS ARE FUN AS A SNEAK PEEK - but not AAUW related ...



Scarecrow member Darrien West welcomes her next-door neighbor/ friend and creative kid Noah Dawson who begins creating his favorite film character in TOP GUN (Tom Cruise).

Scarecrow's Professional Artist /Designer Cheryl Snyder created a fantastic " GROOT."



Hospitality Group

A big thank to all of our members that provided the yummys for our membership tea. And, more thanks go out to our member volunteers who have offered to provide the treats for the September 8 meeting. Grace Vanderwerf, Norine Honea, and Elizabeth Stuver we appreciate your help. Susan Duling, Chris Assad, Norine Honea and Elizabeth Stuver have volunteered to arrive early for each meeting to insure a friendly, warm and inviting atmosphere for our members.

See you at the September 8 meeting.

*Maria and Alice
Hospitality*

Book Club (Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 10:30)

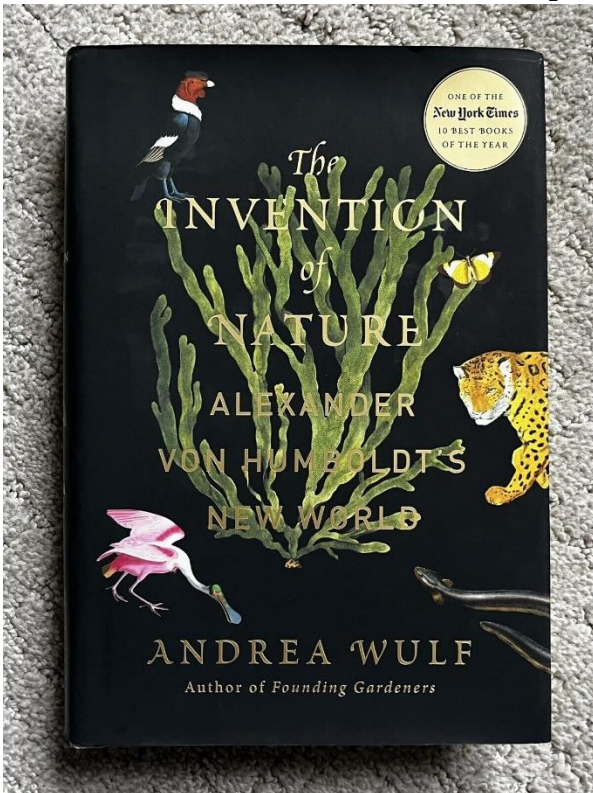
The Bibliobabes, as we affectionately call the members of our Fallbrook AAUW book club, continues to meet monthly.



Met at Joy's house for a lively discussion on "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng

Next Meeting September 18 to discuss "The Invention of Nature, Alexander von Humboldt's new world" by Andrea Wulf

Alexander von Humboldt was the pre-eminent scientist of his time. Contemporaries spoke of him as second in fame only to Napoleon. All over the Americas and the English-speaking world, towns and rivers are still named after him, along with mountain ranges, bays, waterfalls, 300 plants and more than 100 animals. There is a Humboldt glacier, a Humboldt asteroid, a Humboldt hog-nosed skunk. Off the coast of Peru and Chile, the giant Humboldt squid swims in the Humboldt Current, and even on the moon there is an area called Mare Humboldtianum. Darwin called him the “greatest scientific traveler who ever lived.”



Yet today, outside Latin America and Humboldt’s native Germany, his name has receded into near oblivion. His insights have become so ingested by modern science that they may no longer seem astonishing. As Andrea Wulf remarks in her arresting “The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt’s New World,” “it is almost as though his ideas have become so manifest that the man behind them has disappeared.”

Movie Group

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, at 6:00 pm

Bring a potluck offer to share!

MOVIE: OPPENHEIMER

LOCATION: Home of Marli Shoop

3944 Alta Vista Drive, Fallbrook

REVIEWER: Chris Assad

Oppenheimer is still available for viewing at the Bonsall Theatre until the end of August. (I'm going to see it a second time...it is that good!)

You may invite guests (This can be a wonderful introduction to AAUW members). Husbands are optional, not required.

To be added or removed from movie review email notices, please drop a note to carole@carolehodges.com



During World War II, Lt. Gen. Leslie Groves Jr. appoints physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer to work on the top-secret Manhattan Project. Oppenheimer and a team of scientists spend years developing and designing the atomic bomb. Their work comes to fruition on July 16, 1945, as they witness the world's first nuclear explosion, forever changing the course of history.

New interest group: Ukulele group

Ukulele players (and wannabe players) unite!

Our membership brunch revealed an interest in learning and playing the ukulele. So, we're organizing to do just that.

We plan to meet on Friday, September 29 at 2 pm at the home of Grace Vanderwerf, 1756 Pala Lake Dr., Fallbrook

If you're interested in renewing or starting an interest in group play and would like to join us, please contact Margot Dokken (949-280-2628 or nevehmind@gmail.com). She will email you beginning sheet music (key of C) for you to print out and bring to the September meeting.

Walking Group

We are on break - stay tuned. Carolyn Thom

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