

# Women with Vision

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Celebrating Our 77th year!

#### Fallbrook CA Branch

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#### 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

The upcoming general meeting, which will feature Eileen Dulaney, leader of the Fallbrook planning committee, promises to be interesting and informative. Unfortunately, I will be in Tucson. Hopefully, you will be able to attend.

By now, you must have heard about Carole Hodges and Paul Schumann, whose house they were renting on Liz Jamieson-Dunne's property was destroyed as a result of an electrical fire. They lost just about everything, and many of us have jumped in to support them in one way or another. They are still looking for a place to live while their house gets rebuilt. If you know of anything in the Fallbrook/Bonsall area, please contact Carole and let her know. Although Liz's house was not touched, it has been a traumatic experience for her as well. Give her an extra hug!

A gentle reminder: keep on the lookout for potential members. We all know fabulous women who might not have heard anything about us. Be sure to share!

It is so rewarding to be part of this loving and supportive organization! Thank you to the executive board and committee chairs for everything you do to keep Fallbrook AAUW

running smoothly. Wishing you all a happy

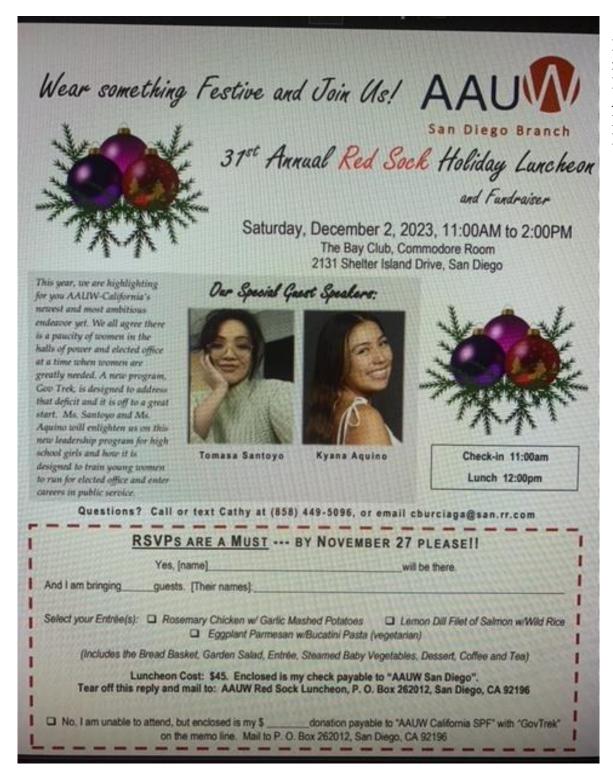
Thanksgiving!

Karen Langer Baker

President



Please find attached a flyer for the AAUW San Diego branch Red Sock holiday luncheon where Gov Trek speakers will present the very successful new state program.



Rest regards, Donna Lilly AAUW San Diego Co-President

Pdf file attached to this newsletter for RSVP

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#### November/December Birthdays

November 5 Carole Hodges

November 8 Christine Assad

December 5 Daniela Martinez

December 15 Karen Estes

December 19 Susan Duling

December 20 Carolyn Thom

December 23 Cynthia Young



Contact Susan Duling,

Corresponding Secretary if you know of a member who needs a card or note: susancasoduling@yahoo.com or text 760-390-6069

## Branch Webpage

Check out our Fallbrook Branch Webpage at <a href="https://www.Fallbrook-CA.AAUW.net">www.Fallbrook-CA.AAUW.net</a>

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

#### Saturday October 7th -General Meeting

Our guest speaker is the superintendent for the Fallbrook Union High School District, Ilsa Garza Gonzalez, she is going into her 5th year at the district. In that time, she has streamlined expenses, balanced finances, successfully managed to set up virtual coursework during the pandemic, feed families in the community during that time, finished the center bowl of the campus at Fallbrook High, undone since 1999 and now has provided a winning football team. Go Warriors! She will be discussing the advantages of the new quarter system and future plans for the district.



Ilsa Garza Gonzalez (L) Diane Summers (R)

Ilsa Garza Gonzalez identified ways we can work effectively within the schools as part of Allies our High School Students as part of the larger community. It was also identified that there are many ways to form bridges with teachers and students including having meetings on the high school campus and supporting community service credits.



Elizabeth Leader's invited guest to the October AAUW monthly meeting was Karen Utley, VP of The Fallbrook Arts Inc Board of board of trustees

Ms. Utley is a member of the Fallbrook Rotary and attended the presentation by Superintendent of Fallbrook High School Ilsa Garza Gonzalez which was informative on many levels.





#### Saturday November 4th - General Meeting



Fallbrook Health District, 1636 E. Mission, Classroom #1, Open 10:00 – Meeting starts at 10:30 (or earlier if everyone is there and ready) –

New Speaker, Eileen Delany, leader of the Fallbrook Planning Committee.

If you want to know what is going on in Fallbrook, Eileen is definitely someone you want to know. She will be our speaker on November 4 and will fill us in on some exciting plans for Fallbrook as well as what's going on with some of the hottest topics that keep our town busy.

- Eileen retired as President of DAC1 Companies. Along with a business background, she also has extensive knowledge in planning, development, and land use.
- She has served as an elected member of the Fallbrook Planning Group since 1999 and is currently the Chair. Since 2000 she has also been the Chair of the Fallbrook Design Review Board.
- In 2006 she was a member of the first San Diego County District Attorney's Citizens Academy in partnership with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.
- Eileen is also honored to serve as Chair of the County of San Diego Citizens Law Enforcement Review Board.
- Her public service has included appointments to numerous County Boards and Committees, as well as the Board of Directors for many non-profit organizations including the Boys & Girls Club, Bonsall Woman's Club, and Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce.
- She has been the recipient of honors and awards including California State Senate Woman of the Year, Boys & Girls Club Champion of Youth, Chamber of Commerce Community Champion, and Fallbrook Citizen of the Year.
- Eileen has had the distinct honor of being an Olympic torch-bearer for the 2002 Olympics.
- She is dedicated to helping improve the lives of others and to making San Diego County a better and safer place to live and visit.
- She is an alum of California State University, Fullerton.

#### Saturday December 9 - AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY — 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.

We are always interested in your recommendation for great speakers and topics as we start our planning for 2024.

## Public Policy

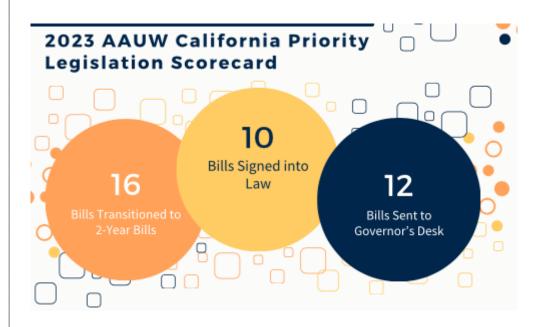
## 2023 California Legislative Session Round-Up: AAUW California's Priority Legislation

By Amy Hom & Missy Maceyko, Co-Chairs, CA State Public Policy Committee

September 14, 2023 was a tense day in Sacramento: <u>the last day for each House to pass bills that could be sent on to the governor</u>. After at least nine months of writing, researching, amending, and lobbying, the legislative session drew to a close. So how did AAUW California's priority legislation fare?

While, at the time of writing, AAUW California still has some priority legislation sitting on the governor's desk (he has until October 14, 2023 to sign), we are happy to report that our priority bills did pretty well in this cycle!

#### **Priority Legislation by the Numbers**



Note that legislation listed as a "2-year bill" will be reconsidered in the 2024 legislative cycle.

#### **A-Level Bills**

Our three A-level bills this year were AB 1394, AB 549, and SB680. AAUW California was also a co-sponsor on AB1394. While none of our A-level bills have yet been signed into law, AB 1394 is currently sitting on the Governor's desk awaiting a signature. AB 549 and SB 680 have both been transformed into 2-year bills.

- **AB 1394. Sent to Governor's Desk.** Authored by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, and co-sponsored by AAUW California, this bill seeks to help child sex abuse survivors remove their images from social media platforms.
- **AB 549. 2-Year Bill.** Authored by Assemblymember Lori Wilson. This bill would require all state agencies to conduct an evaluation of their own departments to ensure that the state does not discriminate against women through the allocation of funding and the delivery of services.
- **SB 680. 2-Year Bill.** Authored by Senator Nancy Skinner, this bill prohibits a social media platform from using a design, algorithm, or feature that the platform knows, or should have known, causes child users to experience addiction to the social media platform.

#### **B-Level Bills**

Our four B-level bills this year were AB 524, AB 1071, AB 1078, and SB 36. AAUW California added AB 1078 later in the session at the request of the School Board Project Subcommittee, as it deals with preserving historically accurate and representative curricula for public schools in California. We are excited to report that two of our B-level bills have been signed into law: AB 1071 and AB 1078. AB 524 is still sitting on the Governor's desk and SB 36 has been transformed into a 2-year bill.

- **AB 524. On governor's desk.** Authored by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, this bill would prohibit discrimination against employees based on their status as a family caregiver.
- **AB 1071. Signed into Law!** Authored by Assemblymember Joshua Hoover, this bill would authorize and encourage school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to provide teen dating violence prevention (TDV) education to all pupils in grades 7-12, and make TDV resources available on its website.
- **AB 1078. Signed into Law!** Authored by Assemblymember Dr. Corey Jackson, this bill expands the diversity of the social science curriculum, requiring instruction in social sciences to include a study of the role and contributions of people of all genders, Latino Americans, LGBTQ+ Americans, and other ethnic cultural, religious and socioeconomic status groups. If the school district has not provided sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, their local control funding formula allocation will be reduced.

**SB 36. 2-Year Bill.** Authored by Senator Nancy Skinner, this bill provides protections and support for any person fleeing prosecution, conviction, or sentence from another state for seeking abortion, contraception, reproductive care, or seeking gender-affirming care in California. It also provides protections for any person assisting the person seeking that care.

#### **C-Level Bills**

We had thirty-one C-level bills this year. Eight of our C-level bills were signed into law. Ten are awaiting the governor's signature, and thirteen are now 2-year bills.

For additional details about the bills that we supported at the C-level, or bills at any level, as well as access to the most current information, check out our bill tracker HERE.

And if you would like to sign up for action alerts for AAUW California's Priority Legislation in 2024, you can sign up <u>HERE</u>. You can also share the link below with anyone else–inside or outside of AAUW–who you think may be interested in receiving these alerts.

https://forms.gle/zkbxQM8gByqjGymTA

Submitted by Ann McCarthy Public Policy Chair

# AAUW Directory/Membership News

At the AAUW Executive Board meeting today we discussed the 2023-2024 Directory. The Membership Committee is putting the 2023-2024 Directory together and that anyone with any changes please let Rachel Rose, <a href="mailto:rachelroseboston@yahoo.com">rachelroseboston@yahoo.com</a> and Karen Weisberger@gmail.com <a href="mailto:know-ASAP">know-ASAP</a>.

Submitted by Rachael Rose, Directory

## Membership News

We are pleased to introduce you to a new member, Marisa Romano!

My name is Marisa Romano and I am excited to join AAUW. I grew up in Imperial



County, California where the population is 85% Hispanic and fewer than 16% of adults obtain a four-year degree, the lowest of any county in the state. My parents immigrated from Mexico and settled in this agricultural area located along the Mexican border. I was very fortunate that in my junior year of high school. I was chosen as the female representative to attend the Girls State leadership and civics program run by The American Legion. It showed me a different path through education for my future. I attended The University of California, Irvine. and graduated with a degree in History and two minors in Spanish Language and Latin American Studies. I have managed a family office for over 20 years. My husband is an Accountant and we have two wonderful children. My son is a student at San Jose State University and my daughter is a student at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. I love to cook, read, and follow current events.

# Learning by Fire: Carole Hodges Speaks at Toastmasters

Written by: Karen Trapane

AAUW member Carole Hodges and her husband Paul lost nearly everything they owned in a house fire that started from rodents chewing electrical cords. Instead of focusing on

the losses, Carole turned the devastating experience into a compelling Toastmasters speech that both educated us on the lessons Life teaches and filled us all in with the details, and... AAUW members were there to support her! (Carole and Paul were founding members of the Fallbrook Village Toastmasters Club.)

For those of you who do not know, she and her husband lived in the guest home of another AAUW member, Liz Jamieson-Dunne (also a founding member of Toastmasters). The good news for Carole and Paul is that they were there when it started, and they were able to get out safely. The bad news is that it was scary, and it is going to take a long time to recover.



The AAUW members who visited Toastmasters to support Carole, from left to right, front row: Norine Honea, Chris Assad, Karen Langer-Baker (AAUW Fallbrook President); Back row, Maritza Gonzalez (also a Toastmaster member) and

Liz Jamieson-Dunne (a Fallbrook Village Toastmasters Club founding member). Not shown: Karen Trapane (AAUW Finance Officer and current Fallbrook Village Toastmasters President), Nancy Heins-Glaser (photo credit).

Carole receiving a little love from Pam Eskue (founding member of the toast master's club and friend).



Here are a few excerpts from Carole's speech titled "Learning by Fire":

"I went one door further to our storeroom. It was strong in there. I pulled out the vacuum; I pulled out the clothes steamer, and then a puff of smoke came through the vent, and I thought THE WORKSHOP! Paul opened the door to the workshop and was forced back by a puff of smoke. He got down on his hands and knees to see what it was, and he said, 'I see it, fire!" When Carole called 911, she got a message, "You have reached 911, please hold..." As she brought the dogs to safety, the fire continued to grow. Four gardeners lived in the RV behind the house and Paul was able to tell them to get out before the fire completely engulfed it. Finally, the 911 operator came on the line and Carole yelled, "MY HOUSE IS ON FIRE!" She went on to say, "I had no idea how fast fire can spread!" Once the fire department was on the scene and extinguishing the fire, Carole and Paul had a chance to sit down because the fire department wouldn't let anyone go anywhere near the fire. "After running, running and running," Carole explains, "...there was nothing we could do, but take a deep breath, and just be together...and that was the moment the most surprising thing happened. There was a calmness that came over us." As they sat there together, they realized that even though the realization that they may lose everything was on their minds, they also realized that they were okay. The gardeners were okay, the dogs were okay, and they were okay. Carole asked one of the firemen to please get her purse. When he came out, he not only gave her the purse but also a post-it note that he saw still attached to the door. The note read, "How can you enjoy this moment even more?"

Carole's deeper message to all of us, in her words, is this, "Accept whatever happens in this moment as an opportunity to grow. We have the power and resilience by greeting each day with courage and humility."

Note: If you want to contribute to Carole and Paul, please contact Carole directly. If you would like to donate funds or items for the gardeners, please contact Liz Jamieson-Dunne directly. Thank you to all who have donated so far.

If you would like to visit Toastmasters, we meet every Monday night at The Fallbrook Historical Society, Ford Room, located at 260 Rocky Crest Road, from 6:45pm – 8:30pm. Check our website at

https://fallbrook.toastmastersclubs.org/ for further information.

## Hospitality Group

Always hospitable:

AAUW's hospitality team members impersonate a "Hospitality Sandwich" with everyone collaboratively closing up shop with Co-chair Maria Viernes with Program Co-Chair Diane Summers, support Elizabeth Stuver (and superb brownie baker) are flanked by hospitality members Karen Weissberger and co-chair Alice Orr.



A big thank you to all of our members who gave us a yummy array of treats at our last meeting. Making our delicious treats were Marli Shoop, Rachel Rose, Chris Assad, Karen Estes, Maura Marti and Nancy Heins-Glaser.

Making our meeting flow with setup and more were Susan Duling, Karen Weisberger, Chris Assad, Karen Estes and Marli Shoop. **Our next meeting will be November 4**th. Maura Marti and Marzita Gonzales will be bringing treats and Karen Weisberger our table decor.

If any member would like to bring a goody, please let Maria or myself know as we do look forward to the goodies along with our meetings and our gathering time.

Maria and Alice

#### Scarecrow Days

#### Patty Carlson of AAUW poses with Rosa Parks



By EverythingFallbrook

Patty Carlson, of the Fallbrook chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), had the privilege of meeting Rosa Parks in person many years ago. The Rosa Parks scarecrow is on display at Caravan women's clothing store on Main.



Martiza Gonzaley captured Rosa reading her book "we are the change."

AAUW member Elizabeth Stuver gets in the act from Little Shop of Horrors



Audrey Hepburn in the classroom



Here is an "active" member of AAUW 's,

DEI committee, and toastmaster member, Maritza Gonzalez interacts with fitness " unscary

scarecrow"
emphasizing not
only local
business but
also healthy selfcare for all.

Martiza listens to "the conductor" and prepares to hop aboard the caboose at Fallbrook Heritage Park at Elder and Main



#### Mentorship Program



The mentorship program held two group activities in the month of October. The first was at the Moonlight Theater on Saturday, October 21, where mentees and adults enjoyed an outstanding "Seussical" performance. The second was a Scarecrow Walk on Wednesday, October 25, when mentors picked up their mentees at the high school, walked

around downtown and then went for frozen yogurt. They had the opportunity to attend a brief presentation on the Scarecrow project as they met with Jackie Heyneman who started the Scarecrow Tradition 12 years ago and AAUW member Nancy Heins-Glaser who has been highly influential in the promotion of the program through her active and enthusiastic involvement. After that the group enjoyed some frozen yogurt.

Jackie Heyneman provides a brief history lesson of how scarecrows marched into Fallbrook from Cambria, Cali. She said AAUW has created a path to include important women in history.

The AAUW's involvement began when artist BJ Lane and friend Nancy Heins-Glaser decided to create Marie Curie 6 years ago as an opportunity to support mentors and mentees through significant women in history.



This is also in support of AAUW 's mission and goals of establishing equity and inclusion for girls and women Past AAUW Scarecrows (and artistic sculpturettes) have included: Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Harriet Tubman, Sonia Sotomayor, and Greta Thunberg.

Several of these created characters have been featured in the 2021 documentary short "Women Talk: Women Of History" featuring several AAUW members giving voice and stories to the important "she-roes" through time. (See link p19)



AAUW Mentee Alexandra Chavez and her mentor Karen Estes playfully join in a game of "Ring Around the Rosie" in Vince Ross Village Square.

Mentors Karen Estes (Left) and Patty Carlson (center/ referee) interact the group crow " pillow fight" in Vince Ross Village Square. Mentees Alexander Chavez (left of center) and Lila Tapia (Far R) join their mentors in the improv!



Our November 17 group activity will be watching "Hidden Figures" in an outdoor setting, weather permitting

#### **AAUW Jumps in To Support Fallbrook Scarecrow Days!**



The original cast of AAUW Scarecrows

The scarecrows grew also in support of AAUW 's mission and goals of establishing equity and inclusion for girls and women. Past AAUW Scarecrows (and artistic sculpturettes) have included: Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Harriet Tubman, Sonia Sotomayor, and Greta Thunberg. Most of these created characters have been featured in the 2021 documentary short "Women Talk: Women of History" featuring several AAUW members giving voice and stories to the important "she-roes" through time.

"Women Talk: Women of History"

(The Quad Collaborative) TRT: 34 min / 2021. Produced / co-directed by Nancy Heins-Glaser/ Co-directed BJ Lane.

Writer Patricia Watts

Graphics Jean Benson

Music: Mel White / Smiling Heart Music

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=dDyjR7T0E3M

#### Mentees around Town



Karen Langer Baker took her mentee Anahi Briones to the art reception at the library, where she met and talked with several artists about their work.

The artist was Salvador Rodriguez. he showed us photos of a lot of his paintings. Each one has avocados in it. They conducted a long conversation in Spanish.

Anahi was thrilled to have had that connection, and to have learned so much about art, since this was her first exposure to any art exhibit anywhere.

#### **Book Club** (Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Golf Club of California for a lively discussion on "The Covenant of Water," by Abraham Verghese, Ann's selection. Everyone agreed that from the first page to the last, the author had you engaged. Very unique story inspired by the author's life, his mother's words, his history, his roots and his culture.

**Next Meeting November 20** to discuss "Trust," by Hernan Diaz, Margie's selection.



Trust contains four distinct books in which different characters provide conflicting accounts of the financier and his wife. The financier, Andrew Bevel—who becomes the richest man in the world by shorting the stock market crash of 1929

#### Movie Review Group

**NEW ROLE TO FILL:** To make it easier and more fun for our hostess, we are initiating a new position...CO-HOST!! The Co-Host will communicate with the Hostess to arrive early for set-up and stay until the home is restored to pre-party status. Helpers are always welcome. Having a designated Co-Host brings some organization to the process to ensure everything is handled

# UPCOMING MOVIEW REVIEW NOVEMBER: Friday, November 10th, 6:00 pm

Hi Movie Friends,

As you know we are all helping Carole so here is the info for November Movie review. Please forward to those who may not be on this list.

**DATE:** Friday, November 10th, 6 PM

**MOVIE:** "Barbie" (wear pink!!)

**Reviewer:** Diane Summers



Host: Susan and John Duling, 1325 Nicolina Dr, Fallbrook (off of Knoll Park Lane)

RSVP: text cell 760-390-6069, susancasoduling@yahoo.com, land line: 760-728-9676

(**December Movie Review is DARK**. We will start back in January 2024 so please think about hosting/reviewing and finding a good movie/series)

Guests and spouses are always welcome! This is an excellent group for socializing!

To be added or removed from the Movie Review list - contact Carole@CaroleHodges.com

#### The Fallbrook Quilt Guild

is having its first show in 4 years Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4 at SonRise Church on Stage Coach, from 10 to 4.

Demonstrations, Country Store, Auction, loads of quilts to see, and great fun.

Charlotte Seidman

# Ukulele group

AAUW's new ukulele group meets every month on a Friday afternoon to practice chords and learn new songs. Interest has been expressed in forming a group to meet in the evenings or on weekends. For more information, please contact Margot Dokken (nevehmind@gmail.com or 949-280-2628).



# Hiking group

The hiking group had a wonderful walk around the Vista Botanical Gardens. We stood on a sun dial, enjoyed the incredible views and played musical instruments. Our next hike was at our favorite Margarita River at Sandia Creek with a picnic lunch after. Join us for our next hike to Willow Glen at 9:00 on Friday Nov. 10.



# AAUW Fallbrook CA Branch

## Officers and Committee Chair for 2023-4

#### **Elected Officers:**

President
1st VP, Programs
1st VP Programs
2nd VP Membership
2nd VP Membership
Finance Officer/Funds
Recording Secretary
Parliamentarian

#### **Appointed Chairs:**

AVID Mentorship Program Corresponding Secretary Directory Diversity Historian Hospitality

Newsletter Editor Nominating Photographer Public Policy

Public Relations/Publicity Scholarships Strategic Planning Tech Trek Website Manager

#### **Special Interest Chairs:**

Book Group Walking Group MahJong Group MahJong Tournament

Movie Review Group

#### Special Events

Arts in the Park
Career Day
Christmas fundraising party
Scarecrows
Silent auction fundraising
Speech Contest
Speech coaching

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