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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

As we enter this holiday season. I'm sure you know about our upcoming "South of the Border" holiday party that will be held at Hilltop Center, 331 East Elder St., Saturday, December 9, at 5 PM. The committee has been working nonstop to make this a very special event. If you attended last year, you met some of our former mentees, some who were still in college and others who had already graduated college. They told us how much they appreciated the help we gave them. We are going to feature other former mentees at this party as well. There will be music and entertainment by Folklorico dancers as well as fabulous food (provided by you).

I have just learned of an early Christmas present to all of us. We have a new location for our monthly meetings: FPUD at 990 E. Mission Road. The second Saturday of every month is being reserved for our monthly meetings in their large community room. If you haven't seen it yet, you are in for a very pleasant surprise. The room is spacious, carpeted, and comfortable.

Be sure to join us at FPUD Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 10 AM, for our first meeting of the year.

BRING A SPECIAL GUEST AS A POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER!

I wish you all a very happy holiday season!



Karen Langer Baker, President

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December Birthdays

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 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-Chair

AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY – A South of the Border Holiday – Saturday December 9- 5:00 pm – Hilltop Center,

Ho ho ho, the EVITES are out! The elves are working hard to make this the best AAUW Holiday Red Stocking Fundraiser and Just Let's Have FUN Party. We have a DJ for music and dancing. In keeping with our South of the Border theme, we have a local Ballet Folklorico group that will present their dance to us. Let's enjoy the opportunity to connect with our amazing group and help us achieve our monetary goals for scholarships and Tech Trek scholarships for our local deserving students.



Diane Summers, Susan Duling, Patty Carlson and Margot Dokken working on the table décor!

You don't want to miss this fun annual party and Red Stocking Fundraiser. Also, please start thinking of any donors (or perhaps a corporate matching donations) 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 and say in your EVITE RSVP what you are planning on bringing. If you can't attend, but of course still want to donate please send your donation. We are making some additional donation options, so please stay tuned for the latest information on donation options.

NEW MEETING LOCATION – MEETING TIMING CHANGE FROM FIRST SATURDAY TO GENERALLY THE SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. We had to change our meeting location, as Fallbrook Health District is changing their policy on activities. Not to worry, Diane Summers has worked with Fallbrook Public Utilities District for use of their Meeting Room

Saturday January 13 – General Meeting NEW LOCATION Fallbrook Public Utility District. 990 E. Mission St, Fallbrook. Doors Open at 10 – Meeting Starts at 10:30. Topic: DEI – Diversity Equity and Inclusion lead by Diane Summers.

Saturday – February 10, 2024 Meeting NEW LOCATION Fallbrook Public Utility District. 990 E. Mission St, Fallbrook. Doors Open at 10 – Meeting Starts at 10:30. Topic: TBD

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

Wellness and College/Career Fair October 28th, 2023



AAUW's Membership Committee parked prominently at the "Trunk or Treat" event at Fallbrook High School on October 28, greeting women and students and handing out Halloween treats and information about branch membership and scholarship opportunities. Membership VP Karen Weisberger and her son, husband, and classic car were joined by Margot Dokken at the treat table.

AAUW Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

The November meeting of the Board was held at the home of Patty Carlson.

Present: (6 + 1 guest): President Karen Langer Baker, Pres-elect/co-VP Programs Patty Carlson, 1st co-VP Programs Diane Summers, 2nd co-VP Membership Rachel Rose, Parliamentarian Elizabeth Leader, Recording Secretary Margot Dokken, plus historian/photographer Nancy Heins-Glaser

Nancy Heins-Glaser came to officially resign and pass along her information as historian and photographer, and to thank for board for its past support. She mentioned that at January's general meeting, DEI will present different "isms," and she will speak on racism.

Approval of Previous Minutes as corrected – approved

Committee Reports were submitted from –

- Corresponding Secretary / Website
- Membership
- Historian / Photographer
- Newsletter
- Mentorship

Treasurer's Report –

Budget – The 2023-24 budget was approved by email since our last meeting.

Report on Legacy – The board agreed that it will send no more money to Legacy, as they will not let our branch move our endowment funds to another institution. Instead, Finance Officer Karen Trapani (KT) will investigate putting future tax-deductible donations into a "special projects account" with our state organization (AAUW-CA.org), which, we understand, holds money for the branch for a 5%–10% annual fee. Tax-deductible checks must be written to a specific recipient, and Red Stocking needs that designation to include on our evite and letters to donors. We also need to learn who is responsible for issuing tax donation acknowledgement letters.

Fundraising – 501(c)3 progress –

The process doesn't look too complicated, but appears to require a lot of reporting. Time and money are always the question. KT is still looking into the requirements. Other branches have independent 501(c)3 status. COV (Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista) branch may have more information. COV president Seena Trigas

recently joined our Fallbrook branch; we'll reach out to her and to our state organization.

Programs –

General Meeting Venue

Regional Health District called during our meeting to tell us that, because of their staffing issues, we can continue to meet there only if we change to the 3rd Saturday of month. RHD is ok for November's meeting this coming Saturday, but not for next year's. President KLB has a prior commitment on 3rd Saturdays. Other possible locations for our monthly general meetings were discussed. We will investigate and report back.

It was agreed that we prefer our annual Membership Tea be held in a private home when possible.

Red Stocking Holiday Party

Red Stocking – Mentorship chair Marli Shoop should invite former mentees to attend and give a brief update. KLB will offer her encouragement. A start time of 5:00 was agreed on. Last year's DJ has agreed to entertain, and Fallbrook HS Folklorico dance group of both older and younger girls (some of our mentees are members) will send a small group to perform, ending with the Mexican Hat Dance. Signup sheets for food, setup, and cleanup will be passed around at the November 4 general meeting.

Budget:

\$200 DJ + tip jar

\$200 folklorico costumes – present a check to the teacher at the party

\$200 bartender + tip jar

\$100–200 (?) Hilltop Spiritual Center venue fee for insurance and cleanup

Membership –

Current

Concerning deceased members on our roster: We will try to be more aware of who needs to know – newsletter, branch directory, evite, and general email lists.

We also have a couple of members on our roster and other various lists who have not renewed. Membership has been having problems getting info on member status from National; we don't know who has and hasn't paid. This has been an ongoing problem getting renewals, and the new national rules have changed the renewal dates from a date-in-common to individual anniversary dates. Some appear to have paid only the branch portion of their dues.

New and outreach

New **glossy brochures** are very desirable for our community outreach and should be combined with our PowerPoint presentation when we attend community events. Charlotte Seidman has our PowerPoint presentation.

The membership VPs would like a list of **talking points**, especially to talk up our mentorship program and the resulting scholarships that are awarded.

Membership options. Creating new member categories is a process that would require changing our bylaws and securing approval at the state and national levels. California has a fulltime person answering the phone, but when contacted, she didn't know what to do or whom to contact. The effort is more than we want to tackle for now.

Nearby unserved areas: Temecula branch has disbanded. Membership will contact Bobbie Jessup in Temecula to access their members' email address. It was suggested that we also approach Murietta and Temecula chambers of commerce to reach out to prospective members in those areas. Get mailing lists to our newsletter editor Lesley Ibaven to send newsletters. Invite them to attend our general meetings and try out our interest groups for a couple of months before joining.

Participating in other towns' chambers of commerce events will require fees to set up booths. Rachel will investigate and report at our next meeting how much we need to budget for participation fees at such events.

We are allowed one free article each month in the *Village News* and should advertise our events (with photos!). Membership will write a short initial article for Public Relations chair Margie Mosavi to send to *Village News*. Every article Margie submits should include a summary our mission statement and further interest contact information.

Other Business/Reports –

Information from Joy Frew – AAUW-Ca says we can endorse candidates for school boards. Suzanne Luden might be considered for endorsement. We can have candidates come to a general meeting and talk for 2 minutes, then have the members present vote on whom to endorse. Spring (April or May) would be good timing so candidates can get our endorsement onto their campaign literature.

The next Board Meeting is **Wednesday, January 3, 2024** at Patty Carlson's home.
Respectfully submitted Margot Dokken, Recording Secretary



Friday, November 24, 2023 has been designated as Native American Heritage Day. In recognition of the Native American Heritage Month, the Intertribal Agriculture Council released the following statement:

Today, Native agricultural producers are at the forefront of connecting culture to innovation and sustainability. Whether it's reinvigorating food economies, stewarding ancestral lands, or integrating regenerative practices, American Indian and Alaska Native communities are transforming the future of agriculture. These contributions extend beyond farms and ranches to influence policy change that builds the Native food connection.

From the tip of South America to the Arctic, Native Americans developed scores of innovations—from kayaks, protective goggles and baby bottles to birth control, genetically modified food crops and analgesic medications—that enabled them to survive and flourish wherever they lived.



Pechanga Pow Wow

For cultural enrichment, the DEI Group took a summer field trip and 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.

Public Policy

The Public Policy Committee welcomes you to a potluck lunch and meeting on the second Thursday of each month from 12:00 PM-1:30 PM, usually at the home of Joy Frew. Our next meeting will be January 11. Please let Joy know if you would like to join us. JoyFrew@gmail.com

U.S. Senate Candidate, Barbara Lee, Visited Escondido



Joy meeting Barbara Lee yesterday

Public Policy co-chair Joy Frew, met Representative Barbara Lee recently in Escondido. Joy said that the Congresswoman was very inspiring in her speech when she spoke of her lived experiences that shape her work. For example, when she was 15, before the Roe decision which legalized abortion here, she went to Mexico to have an abortion. She feared the consequences because Black girls had such a high rate of death from septic infection after getting an illegal abortion.

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, rachelroseboston@yahoo.com and Karen Weisberger, karen.weisberger@gmail.com know ASAP.

Submitted by Rachael Rose, Directory

Financial Update

By: Karen Trapane, Finance Officer

There have been a few changes in our financial arrangements since August. Since we are coming into fundraising season, I'd like to get everyone on the same page. Below is a list of changes or updates to keep you informed and clear about where your donations will be going this year:



Legacy Foundation

Until August we maintained two accounts with the Foundation, an endowment fund and a non-endowment fund. The endowment fund is money we cannot access, and it does not belong to our branch or AAUW. We do receive interest from this fund once a year and we are free to use those funds as we wish. In the past, we have used this interest to fund Tech Trek scholarships. The goal of the endowed fund is for it to continue earning interest so that we slowly grow the money and receive more interest each year. This account is still current with the Foundation. In 2023, this fund earned us 4.5% for a total of 1,705.77. The check will be mailed to us in the next few weeks. As of September 30, 2023, the endowment fund holds a total of \$37,180.02.

The non-endowment fund was a fund that we used for scholarships. Due to irreconcilable differences, Legacy refused to send out this year's scholarship awards to the recipients' colleges therefore forcing us to withdraw the money and send the checks ourselves. We opened a checking account at Chase Bank, distinct from our general checking account, to keep this money separate. We awarded \$13,500 in scholarships to 12 students this year. We currently have \$12,663.50 remaining.

AAUW CA Special Project Fund

We realize that in order to receive more donations we need to place our money in a 501(c)3 account so our donors can receive tax deductions for their donations over \$250. The Board voted to submit an application to the AAUW California SPECIAL PROJECT FUND, which was done on November 20. It takes two weeks for the state board to decide whether to accept our application and agree to manage our money or deny us. We are confident that they will accept our application and we can receive donations that will provide tax deduction receipts. Once we enter into the contract, we will send out an email with specific instructions for donating to the fund.

Fundraising Efforts

This year, you still have choices to designate how your donation is used. You have the option to donate to the Scholarship Fund or the Tech Trek Fund. Our general fund currently holds \$11,784.84 in our checking account and \$29,099.33 in our savings account. While we usually accept funds for the general account, we believe that donating to one of the other two funds will be more beneficial for our Scholarship and Tech Trek recipients as well as for your tax benefits.

If you have already donated money and have not designated its use, please let me know where you would like me to place it.

The Future of Fundraising

The Board has some amazing ideas for fundraising but wanted to get our money squared away before implementing them. For now, we are counting on you, our members, to ensure that we have adequate money to award to qualified students for college scholarships and Tech Trek.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me (760-402-3482 or ktrocks25@gmail.com), or any board member. We sincerely appreciate your support through the inevitable changes that will occur from time to time. And, as always, you are the reason our programs are so successful. We are grateful for you, our members, and we thank you for your continuing support and generosity!

Mentees around Town



Karen Langer Baker took her mentee, Anahi Briones, around town to visit the scarecrows. What a fabulous variety! She's looking forward to getting involved with the mentorship group in the creation of the next one for next year.

Julie Norberg

I am sad to report that a former AAUW member Julie passed away at 7 AM, on 11/27. The family is considering having a service at Saint Peter's Saturday. Her husband Paul will let Karen Langer Baker know once everything is firmed up and she will pass the information forward.

Julie was so active. Julie was a mentor for many years. She and Paul, her husband, held many gatherings in their home, including AAUW movie group, a Membership tea, plus board meetings when she was president.

Debby, her daughter would like to hear from anyone, including AAUW members and mentors, plus Fallbrook Chorale, garden club, book club, etc., who have stories about their relationship with Julie.

Her email address is:

Debbycaspino@yahoo.com

"I really enjoyed the lunches with Julie that Debby had for Julie and a few friends. I always chose the stool next to Julie so we could talk. The food was delicious and lots of it. I miss those days.

Julie was a mentor. One Career Day stands out. This one was held at Barbara Ajello's house. And Julie brought her daughter, an attorney. When she introduced her daughter, Julie was beaming. It was evident that Julie was very proud of her."

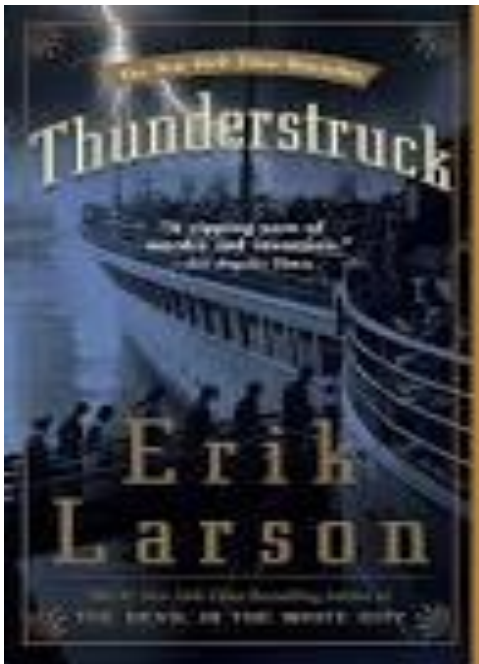
Chet Kathy Bierbrauer

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

In November, the Bibliobabes met at the home of Margie Mosavi, who also led the discussion of “Trust”, the 2023 Pulitzer Prize winner by Hernan Diaz. We were a small group, since a good number of the ‘Babes’ were busy with family during this Thanksgiving Week. The unusually warm blue skies were a gift that added an extra note of gratitude for this opportunity to discuss wonderful literature in the company of wonderful women.

Margie asked us to consider what separates a Pulitzer winner from other works of fiction. The group determined that superior writing was a must. But we also concluded that literature in this tier has to engage an important or universal subject and do so with innovative style. “Trust” met all three criteria.

Next Meeting January 15 to discuss “Thunderstruck” by Eric Larson.



In Thunderstruck, Erik Larson tells the interwoven stories of two men—Hawley Crippen, a very unlikely murderer, and Guglielmo Marconi, the obsessive creator of a seemingly supernatural means of communication—whose lives intersect during one of the greatest criminal cases of all time.

A number of books are under consideration for 2024, including “Lessons in Chemistry”, “Birnam Wood”, “West with Giraffes” and an Edith Wharton classic “In the Form of a Question”, “True Biz”, “The Republic of Suffering”, and “Empress of the Nile” have all been suggested as potential future books.

Read on!

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

Barbie in pink arrived with a potluck and Ken in tow. We had a lively evening full of fun at the last movie review of 2023. Thank you to Susan and John Duling, our hosts and Diane Sullivan our reviewer. It was a wonderful night for all.



December 9th we will celebrate with our Christmas Fundraiser!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Our next Movie Review is Friday, January 12th at the home of Diane and Michael Summers. Karen and Larry Baker will review "Killers of the Flower Moon." The movie is still playing at some local theaters. Make an effort to see it either now, or when it goes to streaming.

Let's finish this year with gratitude and vision!

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

AAUW Fallbrook CA Branch

Officers and Committee Chair for 2023-4

Elected Officers:

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Silent auction fundraising	Carole Hodges	carole@carolehodges.com
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