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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.

Happy New Year!

President’s Message



I’m still dancing in my head with memories of our Christmas Red Stocking Gala. I’m sure all who attended were as thrilled as I with the entire event. One highlight of the evening was the performance by the Fallbrook High School Ballet Folklorico dancers, followed by so many of us joining in at the end. Another was meeting and listening to our former mentees Cindy Acosta, Emilee Person, Grisel Raymundo, Sara Solano and Alicia Tomas. The food, the music, the beautiful arrangement of the tables—all made for a perfect evening! Thanks and kudos to the entire committee who put it together for us.

Of course, the purpose of the gala was the Red Stocking, which we were invited to fill with contributions toward our scholarship fund. If you haven’t given yet, there’s still time to do so. Just contact our finance officer, Karen Trapano.

Sadly, we lost four of our Fallbrook chapter’s former presidents in 2023. We previously learned of the passing of Marj Freda (president from 2001-2002), Lini Bennett (1997-1998), and Julie Norberg (2009-2010). We recently learned of the passing of Dorothy “Dot” Zenovic (1992-1994). Julie’s and Dot’s obituaries are included in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you as we meet in our new location at the FPUD on the second Saturday of every month. May the new year bring us closer together in our mission to support our young women to become tomorrow's leaders.

Karen Langer Baker, President



Programs

THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE TO THE DAY AND LOCATION OF OUR GENERAL MEETING. We will now meet at the Fallbrook Public Utility District at 990 E. Mission St. in Fallbrook. Our meeting day is moving to the second Saturday of the month (usually).

Saturday, January 13 – General Meeting

Fallbrook Public Utility District
 990 E. Mission St., Fallbrook
 Doors open at 10:00 AM, meeting starts at 10:30 AM.
 Topic: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI),
 led by Diane Summers and the DEI team.

Saturday, February 10 -- General Meeting

Fallbrook Public Utility District
 990 E. Mission St., Fallbrook
 Doors Open at 10:00 AM, meeting starts at 10:30 AM.
 Topic: AAUW public policy priorities,
 led by Joy Frew, Ann McCarthy, and the Fallbrook
 AAUW Public Policy Committee.

We welcome recommendations for great speakers and topics as we start our planning for 2024. Email Patty Carlson, poochielyn444@gmail.com.

Patty Gibson Carlson and Diane Summers

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Red Stocking Fundraiser

Teamwork makes the dream work!



Thank you to the Party Committee, as well as the spouses who helped set up and tear down. Thanks also to all the amazing cooks and bakers in this group who make a potluck dinner a culinary treat! We also enjoyed the musical selections of Corey the DJ and the signature margarita from Garth Dokken, the bartender.



Patty Carlson--The Hostess with the Mostest!

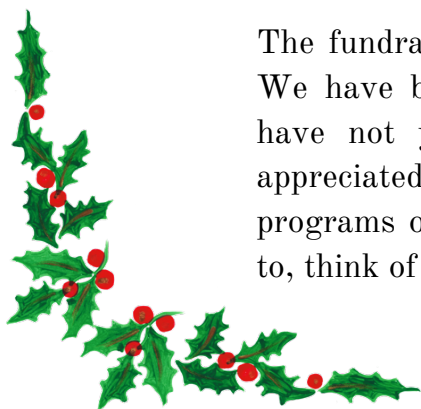


Left to right Nancy Heins Glaser, Diane Summers, Karen Weisberger, Margot Dokken, Patty Carlson, Maria Viernes and Alice Orr
Missing: Susan Caso Duling and Carolyn Thom



Patty Carlson & Diane Summers --When that end of night "High Five" turns into an (almost) arm wrestle.

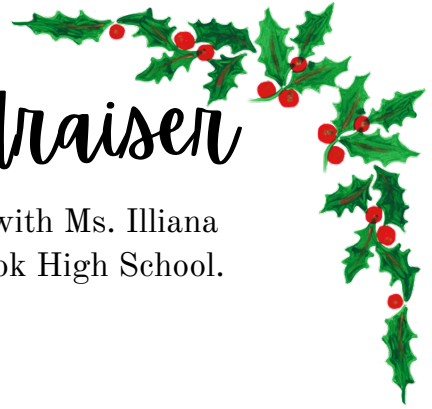
The fundraising was successful as well. Thanks to all who donated. We have big goals for scholarships and Tech Trek. To those who have not yet donated, this is a "Last Call" to get your much appreciated and needed donations to us. Any corporate matching programs or social groups still looking for a worthy group to donate to, think of AAUW-Fallbrook – P.O. Box 1061 Fallbrook CA 92088.





Red Stocking Fundraiser

It was so much fun watching and dancing with Ms. Illiana Arias' Ballet Folklórico group from Fallbrook High School.





Red Stocking Fundraiser



It was a special inspiration to have some of our mentee alumni join us and let us know what their participation in our mentee program has meant to them. Emilee Person, Grisel Raymundo, Cindy Acosta, Sara Solano, and Alicia Tomas were honored and talked about their experiences in our mentorship group. Emilee, Grisel, and Cindy have graduated from college and are now in various careers. Sara and Alicia, who graduated from high school last June, are attending college.



Alicia Tomas and Sara Solano with other guests



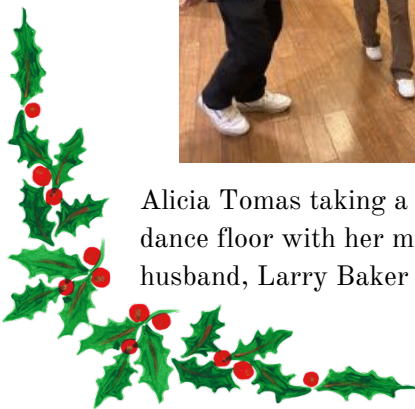
Left to right: Emilee Person, Grisel Raymundo, Cindy Acosta, Sara Solano, and Alicia Tomas



Alicia Tomas taking a turn on the dance floor with her mentor's husband, Larry Baker



Cindy Acosta, Grisel Raymundo, and Emilee Person



Mentorship Program

Holiday Party

The Mentorship group held its Christmas party at Patty Carlson's house. Fourteen mentees plus one former mentee attended. In advance of the party, mentors and mentees got together to bake cookies for the party. Each mentor also provided a dish for the lunch. Without having been instructed on what to provide, it was an amazingly balanced meal! We chose from a variety of hot dishes as well as salads, even a fresh fruit salad.

After lunch, we gathered outside for the book game. Carolyn Thom stood in the center and read the poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," with the words "right" and "left" scattered throughout. The girls each had a wrapped book and had to pass them in whichever direction was mentioned. After they unwrapped their books, they gathered in the family room for the gift exchange game. Each mentor provided a gift of a value of approximately \$15 and the girls had the opportunity to steal from each other.

Finally, everyone helped themselves to the variety of cookies that have been baked by the mentors and their mentees. There was plenty to take home.



Remembering Two Former Presidents



Dorothy M. "Dot" Zenovic passed away at the age of 99 on November 21, 2023, in Escondido, CA.

Dot earned a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Albany, then taught for 18 years in Congers, New York. She and her family then moved to Turlock, California where she taught fifth grade for 6 years. In 1972 Sid and Dot relocated to Fallbrook where she began a 32-year career in real estate, eventually opening her own office, Zenovic Realty. She retired in 2004.

Dot was a staunch advocate for educating and advancing women. She appreciated the opportunities that her college education provided and saw that encouraging women to pursue professional careers was of value to both the women and their community. She was an active member and past president of the Fallbrook Chapter of the American Association of University Women. Dorothy Served as president of Fallbrook AAUW from 1992-1994. Upon her death, she generously requested that her family donate to our scholarship fund.

(Adapted from an obituary submitted by her family)



Julie Norberg departed this world on November 27, 2023, at her home surrounded by her family.

Julie graduated from Piedmont HS and received her degree in Mathematics from UC Berkeley. She moved to L.A. in 1968 to work as a software engineer, where she helped develop one of the first missile air defense systems. She was instrumental in securing a lucrative government contract to sell the missile air defense system to other countries and was responsible for training high ranking military officers.

She retired in 2005 and moved to Fallbrook. She served as treasurer and co-president for AAUW, where she cultivated many new friendships. She mentored high school students and enjoyed participating in the movie group and book club. She volunteered regularly for the Fallbrook Land Conservancy and was a founding member of the Native Plant Restoration Team. Her true passion was music. She was in the choir at St. Peter's Church and the Fallbrook Chorale. She sang with Rita Coolidge at a concert in Fallbrook. As her last selfless act she donated her body to UCSD Medical Center for medical research.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Fallbrook AAUW or the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

(Adapted from an obituary submitted by her family)

Tech Trek News



Congratulations to Jasmine Viernes, daughter of member Maria Viernes, who was awarded a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree from the University of St. Augustine in December 2023.

In 2009, Jasmine was a Fallbrook Tech Trek camper in San Diego, where Chris Assad was her dorm mom. The wonderful experience Jasmine had at Tech Trek led her mom Maria to join Fallbrook AAUW and inspired Jasmine to pursue a career in STEM. Congratulations Jasmine!

Jasmine would like to thank Fallbrook AAUW by speaking to our future campers as opportunities arise.

New Member



Please welcome new member, Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez.

Ilsa became the first female superintendent for Fallbrook Union High School District (FUHSD) in July 2019. Fallbrook Union High School District is home to the second-oldest high school in San Diego County, Fallbrook High School. It also has two alternative high schools: Ivy High School and Oasis High School.

Ms. Garza-Gonzalez earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish Language in 1990 and Masters in Spanish Literature in 1993, both from the University of California, Riverside. She earned her Single Subject Teaching and her Administrative credentials from Brandman University. Mrs. Garza-Gonzalez has over 25 years of educational experience ranging from elementary school to both community colleges and four-year universities. The majority of her experience has been at the high school level, which she proudly refers to as her passion and her home.

She was born in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and was raised in Blythe, California. She is married to Gustavo Gonzalez and has two daughters and a grandson.

Hospitality

Maria and Alice want to send out thanks to our volunteers for the upcoming January 6 general meeting. Helping with general hostessing and/or setup, takedown, & treats are Susan Duling, Karen Weisberger, Marisa Romano, and Norine Honea.

Any help would be appreciated; please contact Maria or Alice.

Happy 2024 and we will see you all in the new year.

Maria Viernes and Alice Orr

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

Lobby Days 2024 - Save the Date!

Amy Hom, Co-Chair AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Mark your calendars! AAUW California will hold our 2024 Lobby Days event on April 2 and 3, 2024. An interest survey including a registration form will arrive in your inbox mid-January. Please be sure to complete and return the form to be added to the communications list for the event.

We encourage all AAUW California members to participate in this act of advocacy that is essential for achievement of our legislative priorities. In addition to our members, we plan to invite college students to join the event. Their participation will enable us to reach more legislative offices, and we hope that this introduction to our organization will inspire these advocacy-minded young people who share our values to join AAUW.

Starting in January, our committee will evaluate new bills introduced in the state legislature which are aligned with our Public Policy Priorities: Economic Security for All Women, Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students, Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society, and Increased Representation of Women in Leadership Roles. In early March, our committee will meet to discuss our evaluations and select 30-35 bills for our 2024 Legislative Agenda that best represent our priorities. We will also choose the top 3 bills to advocate for during Lobby Days.

Lobby Days 2024 is scheduled to take place when the legislature returns to session after their Easter break and will span two days to provide flexibility so that we can secure as many meetings as possible. We are planning a hybrid event with meetings scheduled virtually over Zoom as well as in-person at the Capitol. Members who live in and around Sacramento will have the option to participate in person. Legislative offices are equally willing to meet virtually or in person, and the virtual option makes it easier for AAUW members around the state to participate.

Our AAUW California Legislative Advocate will schedule meetings with the legislative offices. The committee will assemble teams of AAUW members and college students, matching them with Assembly and Senate districts. Training materials on the bills and the event will be posted on the state website in mid-March, and a mandatory training webinar will be held on March 25, 2024.

Joy Frew and Ann McCarthy

Movie Review Group

There will be a potluck event on Friday, January 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Diane and Michael Summers -- 2345 Trails End, Fallbrook.

Karen and Larry Baker will review *Killers of the Flower Moon*. You can watch the movie on multiple streaming channels for \$19.99. You do not need to view the movie to attend.

Guests and spouses are always welcome! This is an excellent group for socializing! Please RSVP to Diane Summers dianesummers04@gmail.com.

Let's start 2024 with fun and friendship!

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

Carole Hodges

UkuLadies

The UkuLadies group of AAUW women meets again!



Margot Dokken, Patty Carlson, and Chris Assad met at Grace VanderWerf's home to practice and play ukuleles, just for fun. They will meet again Friday, Jan. 26th from 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM. All are welcome to join in. Any level of ability is okay, just bring your uke. Interest has been expressed in forming a group to meet in the evenings or on weekends. For more information on joining either group, please contact Margot Dokken at nevehmind@gmail.com or 949-280-2628.

Chris Assad, Patty Carlson, Margot Dokken, Grace VanderWerf

Thanks to Title IX:

- Women now make up over 56% of America's college students.
- Women hold nearly half (48%) of tenure-track positions.
- Since Title IX's passage, the number of female athletes climbed more than 10 times: female athletes now make up 42% of all high school athletes.
- In 1972, only 700 girls played soccer on high school teams. In 2018, there were 390,000.

From AAUW.org

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