

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA**

**70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
JUNE 11, 2016**

Memory Book



AAUW is a national organization that promotes equity for all women and girls, lifetime education, and positive societal change. In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

Dedication

135 years ago, on November 28, 1881, Marion Talbot and Ellen Richards meet in Boston with 15 alumnae representing eight colleges to discuss the needs of college-educated women. In addition to broadening opportunities and assisting other women in higher education, they discussed the formation of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, the AAUW predecessor organization.

Since its first meeting in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change. Our nonpartisan, nonprofit organization has more than 170,000 members and supporters across the United States, as well as 1,000 local branches and over 800 college and university partners. Throughout our history, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

Shortly after the end of WWII, on June 24, 1946, twelve visionary women met to discuss the formation of an AAUW chapter in Fallbrook. At that meeting, they formally adopted a constitution and bylaws and agreed to apply for national recognition. On September 30, 1946, 70 years ago, nineteen women met for their first AAUW Fallbrook business meeting. The programs they chose for the upcoming year were Education, Social Studies, Travel and Interior Decorations.

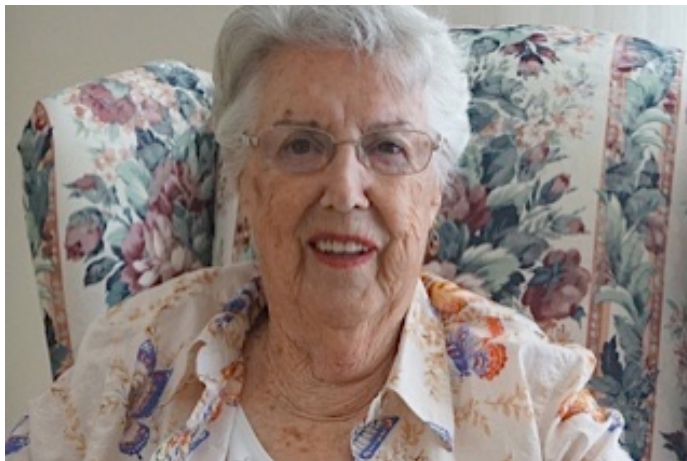
Today we gather to honor these 19 women, and those who followed them, for their vision and dedication to the mission of providing equal opportunity for all women and girls.

This Memory Book contains biographies of some of our past presidents and board members, going back 24 years. These stories of our past leaders serve as an historical record and also highlight the lives of some remarkable women.

As we celebrate our 70 years, we give recognition to those women who came before us who have made a difference in the lives of so many women in our community.

Elizabeth Leader, President June 11, 2016

DOROTHY (DOT) ZENOVIC



Life doesn't just happen to Dorothy Zenovic, she happens to life! From master teacher for 25 years to 30 years as a successful real estate broker, she has always been, as the saying goes, a mover and a shaker. She gets things done!

She lightheartedly says that she even accomplished “a completed family in 32 minutes”—the amount of time between the births of her identical twins.

She joined AAUW in 1969 when she was still in the central valley of California, and she became a member of the Fallbrook AAUW after moving here in 1972. She has held nearly every office in the association over the years, was president from 1992-1994 and was very involved in the 50th anniversary celebration of AAUW.

The 50th anniversary was an extraordinary occasion consisting of a champagne reception, the historical society room walls were lined with black paper, and past photos of organization events and its members were mounted on the walls. The County Supervisor declared that day to be “AAUW Day” in Fallbrook. The participants met at the park on Alvarado and Main where antique cars were parked all along the street, and they motored in them through town, two past presidents in each car. The State AAUW president cut the cake, and it was a party not to be soon forgotten.

While she was president, she conceived an idea that she couldn't resist pursuing. She thought that perhaps AAUW had the means to get eighth grade girls exposed to careers in science and math. This, she surmised, could be accomplished through the simple vehicle of breakfast meetings. The concept involved inviting 8th grade girls (selected by their teachers) to attend with their mothers, listen to keynote speakers from professions that the girls might not normally consider, and then actually go to the business premises of the

professionals. Sound familiar? (Yes, this was the forerunner to the present day wonderfully successful AAUW programs that encourage young women to choose careers in science and technology.)

Dorothy's brainchild was more than just a thought that it was time for change. This was personal to Dorothy, as she (in her school days) had a strong aptitude for math, but she was actually dissuaded by male students from advancing beyond the basic math courses. Science and math careers in those days might as well have been brass rings on a mile-high carousel, unreachable for women without superhuman effort.

Thanks to her efforts, and the programs that continue to grow from her early project, many young women here in Fallbrook not only have the opportunity to reach for those brass rings, but they can actually capture them for their very own. Well done, Dorothy.

MARJORIE FREDA



Marj received her undergraduate degree from Columbia Teacher's College in New York, her Masters from Cal State Fullerton and went on to teach Special Ed in Fullerton, California.

Educator, (Teacher of Special Ed), organizer, and nature lover, with energy to spare—these are a few of Marj Freda's many qualities. Her love of natural surroundings is reflected about her yard and within her home. An owl box has brought her 3 teenage owls, and this is her seventh year of hosting owls. Even her kitchen reflects a love of nature-- a clock hangs on the wall with a variety of birds painted on the face of it. It announces the hour with cheerful birdsong. She has been active in the Palomar Audubon Society, gone birding in places like Costa Rica, Texas, Louisiana, Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania, just to name a few destinations. She has a passion for travel and has participated in many a senior hostel group trip. She has been active in the Fallbrook Garden Club, an AVID Mentor for three years, handled publicity for AAUW for seven years, served as a co-president of AAUW, and currently coordinates a book club. Some of her other activities include the Quilt Guild, and Movie Group. There are others too numerous to list. Because she was aware of the many spectacularly landscaped properties in this area, she envisioned showcasing their flower-laden gardens and verdant grounds. As a result, we have her to thank for the successful Country Garden Tours of AAUW as she

organized the very first one! She cleverly turned her love for the bounty of nature into fundraising and thus has helped youth go to college by way of scholarships.

Although she recently lost her beloved husband, Jim, who so often helped her with her many projects, her desire is to stay here in Fallbrook as long as she can. It is here, she said, she “ has met the nicest friends.”

Marj was never put off by the small size of Fallbrook. She remembers it early on as a place of simpler design. Stoplights weren't needed in those days, and she hopes that Fallbrook will remain a town without too many stoplights. A community is “what you make of it”, she says, and she certainly has lived by that motto in her 23 years as a resident of Fallbrook. And Fallbrook has genuinely reaped the benefits of her attitude toward life.

BETTY GILBY



Betty Gilby's motto has always been simply "to help others." When she was a young woman with a nursing degree in hand, she felt she just had to aid the World War II cause. She had already experienced hardship in both the dust bowl in Nebraska as a child, as well as the Great Depression. She was not afraid of demanding situations. She was confident that she had something to offer the war effort because she possessed exactly what the Army wanted: special knowledge in the field of nutrition, and the ability to institute the kind of changes that would best suit the dietary needs of our servicemen in the field.

While other women of her generation were worried about becoming "old maids", as women who didn't marry right out of school were called in those days, Betty struck out on a different course unconcerned about marital status.

Whether it was in her first assignment in North Africa (the frying pan so to speak) setting up a hospital, or later in Anzio, Italy, (the actual fire itself), she was always in the thick of things. Trying to feed the soldiers properly, often without sufficient allocations of food, was a challenge. Maintaining her dignity was also a test because the Army officers let her know they felt that she didn't belong in the battle arena, that she was only good for one thing—troop morale! Early on, she flexed her muscles, and fired an intractable mess sergeant who refused to follow her instructions. She proved them all wrong, of course. She was worth far more than someone whose job was solely to pull up morale, and ultimately she gained the respect of the male officers and soldiers.

When she came home from the war, she didn't just put the experience behind her and delegate public service to others. Instead, she assigned herself the task of continued service, although now as a civilian, and gave it high priority on her personal roll of things to do in this life.

She has been a member of AAUW for over 25 years, part of the time in Illinois, the remainder here in California. Educator of nurses in the field of nutrition, teacher of elementary students, artist, lover of culture, connoisseur of antiques, bridge player and active member in numerous local organizations (a list which goes beyond the capacity of this short writing)—this is Betty Gilby, a remarkable woman.

JACKALYN SICH-KRZMARZICK



Inside Jackalyn Sichi-Krzmarzick is the soul of a writer, and one who loves to journal. But there couldn't have been much time to pursue writing, or even journaling, early on her life since she was occupied with raising her seven children!

It wasn't until after the children had grown that she was able to complete her own higher education. While some might have opted then for a long rest on the couch right up to the Golden Years, that was not the case with Jackie. She went back to school.

Although she finished her education a bit later than some, that fact certainly didn't keep her from achieving what she set her sights upon, and she took on a second career, this time as a history teacher.

She not only elected to emphasize education in her personal life, but later in her service-related activities as well. She joined AAUW becoming co-president with her best friend at one point, and embraced its goal of the furtherance of higher education for young women through scholarship and mentoring. That objective surely had a place in her heart since her own education was not handily obtained, and she had to play catch up so that she could get that degree and use it in the honorable profession she chose.

She used her journaling skill to help her through a traumatic and difficult time when her youngest grandchild battled an illness that threatened to take her grandchild's life.

Oh, and she is IRISH by heritage! SO IRISH! She's a Harrington, and proud of it. She has a "holiday tree" in her house that is dedicated to all things Irish, and the tree stands where it can to be seen—an Irish greeting. It may not speak audibly but communicates nonetheless the old Irish expression: "a hundred thousand welcomes (to you)." One can easily imagine that in Jackie's

home at the holiday season there might be a bottle of Guinness and a mince pie or two left under that tree for Old St. Nick!

BERNICE “CHRIS” YOUNG



Twenty-five years of teaching 7th and 8th graders (a true challenge) has not wearied Chris Young's attitude toward education and its importance one bit. She is a woman full of energy, both in body and mind.

Recipient of the AAUW Lifetime Achievement Award, she is as adamant today, as she was then, about the necessity of advancing young women and ensuring their success in life by way of education.

When she retired from teaching, a fellow teacher presented her with a poem he had written that summed up her achievements and attributes. He lamented the loss of her talents, but went on to say what would happen to the kids without her. He so aptly wrote, "All the children that Chris has taught . . . will go out in the world and help banish our fears." Such a beautiful way to say that she has, in her own approach and using her skills, secured our future through her students, a special kind of artistry.

Years ago, before young girls had the kinds of opportunities they have today, she started a group called the M&M Kids—composed of her junior high students. They successfully sold M&M candy to fund a trip to Hawaii. And that was just the beginning of Chris Young's efforts to enlarge possibilities for young women. Ask her what she is proudest of with regard to her service activities, and she will answer: "I was one of the founders of the Mentor Program in Fallbrook!" She has personally mentored at least twelve young women since the inception of the program, many of whom have maintained contact with her over the years.

She initiated a book club in Fallbrook that has been in existence now for over ten years.

She grew up in Minnesota, a child of a family of farmers. A romantic, she had many ideas about what to do with her life. None of them were set in stone, but she was sure of one thing—she would not live the farm life. She chose the pedagogic road instead.

She also had a philanthropic bent early on. Fundraising is a skill she has used over and over again. She has been active in Rally for Children in Fallbrook, the Red Sock foundation (AAUW), Avocado Festival (AAUW), and the Garden Tour (AAUW), to name a few of her many group interests.

She has a passion for all things classically Greek, and thus she taught Greek history to 7th and 8th graders. Aristotle must have been describing the likes of Chris Young when he said that the energy of the mind is the essence of life!

LINI BENNETT



Lini Bennett has a dignity, and a softness that is lovely like the blooms of the lilac-colored jacaranda tree that graces her yard. Her smile is warm, and she has an open nature that she laces with an occasional bit of humor that hints there is quite a witty personality behind that serious facade. She has a timid, but playful dog named Sky whose blue eyes are watchful of his mistress. He prances about using up his energy, and she gazes his way periodically with obvious fondness.

She retired from USC Medical Center where she was head of a Medical Lab (Pediatrics) for 20 years. She is proud of her career and her successes in that job.

She smiles when she says that she really is not a joiner of organizations. But despite her efforts to disclaim any lofty goals of leadership, it was precisely leadership skills that she transferred from her years at USC Medical Center to the position of Treasurer of AAUW for four years. And she held the position of President at one point as well. She finds gratification in the fact that AAUW raises money for scholarships. She enjoys meeting new people, and it was this urge to enlarge her circle of acquaintances that led her to AAUW in the first place. But she was also looking for intellectual stimulation as well, and both of these needs, according to her, are and continue to be met by AAUW. (She still tries to attend meetings and events whenever possible.) One has the feeling that she has ample power to size up people and tasks, but she admitted that she didn't really like delegating duties and felt she was better suited to the Treasurer

position than the leadership of the organization. But, as we know, modest self-possession is often the mark of a good leader.

She lives just across the road from a nursery where the fields display abundant flowers of rich color, and her home looks out at more greenery and open space. Her husband still tends to the gardening, and they are obviously fond of their sanctuary. Her surroundings complement her own apparent tranquility.

AROXY MOOSA



“I’m in my glory when I am sewing,” says Roxy Moosa, and does that woman sew! Her pieces are pure art and practical as well. She creates beautiful quilts, blankets for the babies of Camp Pendleton wives, and wheelchair lap covers for disabled veterans of war. She has five sewing machines, and if she could run them all at the same time with her two hands, she would no doubt do so. She spins her own special kind of gold with needle and bobbin.

Her desire to do things for others stems from her 22 years as a supervising nurse in a 400-bed hospital in New Jersey. And her ability to juggle different projects at the same time led her to find organizations in which to use her skills and to make friends.

When she and her husband retired to California, and Fallbrook, after a short stint in University City, she joined the Newcomer’s Club and started playing mahjong, but she didn’t stop with just playing, she went on to become a mahjong teacher. She proudly points out that she even teaches husbands and wives so that they can play together. It’s a wonderful pastime, she pointed out, for couples that want to do things together. She plans mahjong tournaments as fundraisers for numerous organizations, including AAUW. The last one for AAUW raised \$1700.00.

She became involved in AAUW after she was invited to a meeting not long after settling in Fallbrook. She started out acting as a hostess, making sure that everyone had refreshments at meetings, and later served as a co-President.

She joined other organizations including The Garden Club, Quilt Guild, Encore, Fallbrook Women's Club, and Woman Connect to name some of them.

She, like so many, loves Fallbrook and cherishes her life here. In between her many activities, she is in the kitchen cooking Mideastern food. She grows her own grape leaves for stuffing (although she is a vegetarian and does not use meat in her dishes.)

She has so much energy that one can picture her with one foot in the kitchen, a spoon in hand stirring a pot, and the other foot in a sewing room, that hand running material under the needle of the sewing machine. That is Roxy in her glory.

BARBARA GORDON



Barbara Gordon has a big heart, and it has to be so, because she leaves a part of it in so many different places. Mount Holyoke College, where she completed her undergraduate work in Education, has a large claim on her heart. She is proud of her College, the first member of the Seven Sisters Colleges, and the place where her career was seeded. The College has to share heart space though with the University of Pennsylvania where she added a graduate degree to her resume. And then there is New Jersey! How she loves New Jersey. You can almost hear her heartbeat when she speaks of it. And last, but certainly not least, there is Fallbrook, California.

Not to be left out off the list of her loves is her career in teaching children to speak French, (even four year olds), a daunting task that would frighten off most people. She even wrote a book about teaching French to very young children, entitled French From 4 to 7. (Ask her about the code beneath that title, and she will make you smile.)

Then there is travel. Travel everywhere, but Paris, and France in general, where she returns to refresh her life annually like Monarch butterflies that return from Mexico to California each year. (Wise woman that she is, she managed to get her husband to agree to a trip to France every single year as part of their marriage nuptials.)

Even her marriage has a fairy tale quality to it. She got the opportunity to do something most of us never get to do. She returned to take “the road not taken”. She and her college sweetheart found each other again, after both had lived separate lives elsewhere, and they married and settled into a life in

Fallbrook. (An article was published in the New York Times about this story of romance, for those who wish to read an enduring tale of amour).

To AAUW she gave of her talents early on once she arrived in Fallbrook. She served the Board as Secretary, and said she was first attracted to the organization when a group of Russians came to Fallbrook, and she acted as one of the hosts since the visitors needed places to stay. It happened that she was fascinated by all things Russian, spoke a bit of the language, and knew the country well. She became involved with many other organizations in Fallbrook, especially those that were affiliated with the arts.

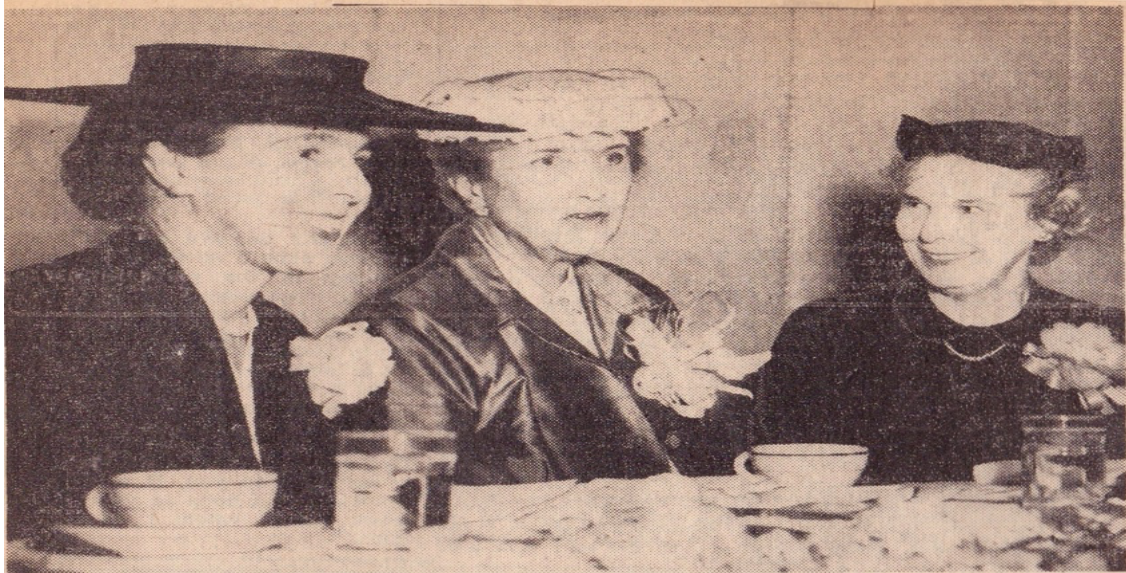
She is one who knows the art of living well, inspires us all and gives clear meaning to the words "bon vivant."



TEA HONORS SENIOR GIRLS—Enjoying themselves at the annual tea for senior girls sponsored by the American Association of University Women recently. Left to right are Mrs. Jane Walker, Jeanne Forsyth, Carol Chaney, Mary Sue Sawday, and Janet Stubblefield. Seated at the tea table is Mrs. A. H. Brannan, hostess. Miss Forsyth, Miss Sawday and Miss Stubblefield spoke on their life at college. The Fallbrook Branch of AAUW is also sponsoring "Daniel Boone" at Potter Hall, Saturday (May 18) to raise funds for the Fallbrook High School girls scholarship. 5/16/57
—Floyd Ahrend photo.

THE SAN DIEGO UNION

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 25, 1957



—San Diego Union Staff Photo

Present at a luncheon Saturday in Lafayette Hotel honoring Dr. Anna L. Rose Hawkes, center, national president of American Association of University Women, were, left, Mrs. Harry S. Clark, and Mrs. W. Hadley Webb, president of San Diego branch.



County of San Diego California

PROCLAMATION

HONORING THE FALLBROOK CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Fallbrook Chapter of the AAUW has steadfastly served the Fallbrook community since 1946 in the areas of educational support, child development, senior citizen nutrition, health and arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, AAUW will always be remembered and appreciated for its assistance in building a new Fallbrook Library on Hill Street; and

WHEREAS, by hosting the first community concert in 1967, AAUW paved the way for the Fallbrook community's efforts in exposing local talent and recognizing musicians from all over the country; and

WHEREAS, AAUW also established the first League of Woman Voters unit in Fallbrook, and helped working mothers by creating the Child Development Center on Iowa Street; and

WHEREAS, AAUW touched the lives of many Indian children through its Pala Indian Study Hall and has inspired other students through its scholarship programs and math/science conferences; and

WHEREAS, the health and social needs of Fallbrook's underprivileged families were also fulfilled through AAUW's help in establishing the community clinic; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairman Ron Roberts and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 22nd day of June 1996 that they greatly appreciate the outstanding community contributions made by the Fallbrook Chapter of the AAUW and, in recognition of its 50th anniversary, do hereby declare this day to be "FALLBROOK'S AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN DAY" throughout San Diego County.



Gregory R. Cox
Supervisor 1st District

Thelma Jacob
Supervisor 2nd District

Pamela Staden
Supervisor 3rd District

Ron Roberts
Supervisor 4th District

Beie Hon
Supervisor 5th District

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AAUW FALLBROOK BRANCH

- Built the “new” Fallbrook Library on Hill Street
- Hosted the first community concert in 1967
- Established first League of Women Voters in Fallbrook – c. 1980
- Supported working mothers by starting the first child development center on Iowa Street
- Touched the lives of many Native American children by starting the Pala Indian Study Hall
- Helped to fulfill the health and social needs of many underprivileged families by helping to establish the first medical clinic
- Provided numerous speakers on world and national affairs to educate members and the community on political and cultural issues
- Established the Friends of the Library - 1963
- Developed the Math & Science Breakfast - 1992
- Established the AAUW Mentoring Program for young women in the AVID Program - 1995
- Created the Annual AAUW Country Garden Tour to raise money for college scholarships – 1995
- Created an annual scholarship program to send 8th grade young women to the Tech Trek Math & Science Summer Camp at UCSD – 1998
- Created a community education program on human trafficking through grants provided by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors 2013-2015
- Assisted many students in achieving their goal of a college education by providing college scholarships

