



LAGUNA Waves

JUNE 2020

Serving members in Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Irvine, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Mission Viejo, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano

JUNE 2020 PROGRAM

Amy Jackson, a plein air painter, specializes in the inspiring environment of Southern California. Her work is shown in galleries in Laguna Beach, Los Angeles and France. She has been a long-time exhibitor at the Sawdust Festival and teaches creative expression in classes and workshops.

Amy says, “Walking the beaches and streets of Laguna is one of the treasures of where we live. One of the most beloved walks is at Heisler Park. We are going to travel there with our watercolors. The classic view of Main Beach from near the gazebo at Heisler Park is a joy to explore. Have your materials ready: paper, pencil, watercolors, and paintbrushes for this creative experience.”

Please contact Amy Jackson for additional information: AmyJacksonart@gmail.com, 949-292-1854.

Mark your calendar for Monday, June 1, at 11:00 am on Zoom. This is an easy class for everyone! Look for the active Zoom link from AAUW Laguna Beach in your email box this week.



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Quick Peek Dates

Stay in touch by joining the AAUW Laguna Beach Social Group on Facebook

See Calendar on page 8 for more complete information.

Topic: Watercolors in Laguna

Time: Jun 1, 2020 11:00 AM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86951144504?pwd=cHF4ZnBkdW5WQmhnZ3cybFZlUmYrQT09>

Meeting ID: 869 5114 4504

Password: 3kw1ss

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

We have had an interesting, challenging year. Lesley and I are looking forward to celebrating our devoted outgoing Board members as we also welcome with all our hearts our incoming 2020/21 Board. Of course, this year will be a Zoom Installation celebration. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, June 28, from 3:00 to 4:00pm. Gather some snacks and a libation of your choice, and we will celebrate both outgoing and incoming boards.

In spite of the challenges of the last few months, our Branch has been very active. We have reached out to fellow members throughout this pandemic. Our matriarch, Jean Brotherton, sent sweet sunflower notes to keep our spirits up. Many of us made personal calls to fellow members, asking them if we could do anything to ease the hardship of social distancing. With help from Venita de Souza, Alice Apkarian and Gail Brooks we distributed free cloth masks to members. If you still need one, we have some left. Contact Gail at gailvchr@gmail.com.

Alice Apkarian and Janice Hayden worked with Professor Emerita Barbara Hamkalo to post our first online scholarship application for UCI Returning Women in the Sciences at <https://lagunabeach-ca.aauw.net/>. Please refer this application to interested current UCI students or those transferring to UCI. The deadline for applications is July 31.

We have had several Zoom meetings with a wonderful fundraising team. Jean Vivrette has graciously agreed to chair the creative team and emcee an online scholarship fundraising drive in late September.

Finally, we are very excited to announce that we will be welcoming members of the disbanding Newport/Mesa/Irvine branch to join us. Sigrid Moranz, their outgoing President, has been working with us to help with this transition.

Lesley and I continue in our role as Co-Presidents and want to once again extend our appreciation to the outgoing Board members who worked tirelessly in helping make 2019-2020 a very successful year.

A virtual hug to all,

*Farie Momayez
DrFarie@yahoo.com*



If you've been looking for ideas on how to get more women engaged in politics, you will want to join us for a webinar on "GovTrek: How to Rock the Next Generation." The Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista (COV) Branch was recently awarded a state project grant from AAUW California for GovTrek, an innovative program designed to encourage young high school women to consider a career in politics. This is a 6-month long course in "how politics really works" and it includes presentations by sitting legislators, critical-thinking and problem-solving activities, and workshops on civil discourse and conflict mediation.

Initially scheduled as a convention workshop, this webinar is your opportunity to learn how your branch might duplicate this project.

DATE: June 24th. Time: 2-3:30 pm

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: Copy and paste this link into your browser to register. (https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_44fJo_PzT-7KEIOW0HOW7Ng)

The webinar will be presented by Kathi Harper, State Director and Co-Chair of the AAUW California Public Policy Committee, and Chair of the COV Public Policy Committee. Topics will include an overview of the COV program, how to design a program that works for your community, challenges and ideas for overcoming them, and what worked – and didn't.

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How AAUW Laguna Beach Is Coping in the Pandemic

Farie and Lesley held the AAUW-LB Board meeting in May on Zoom with 17 Board members attending but safely at home. They are busily planning future activities and events. Agenda topics included membership, TLC, Tech Trek, and fundraising. Please note that Sigrid Moranz (top row to the right) was welcomed to the meeting as the current president of Newport/Mesa/Irvine branch which is disbanding. Farie and Lesley have been meeting with Sigrid to plan a smooth transition into our branch of their members who are interested in joining the Laguna Beach branch.

If members are interested in “attending” a future Zoom Board meeting, please let Farie or Lesley know, so they can send the link to the meeting. Members are always welcome to attend a Board meeting to see it in action.



Strange Times

*We are living in strange times
Smile a lot
Laugh when you can
Don't forget to play
And stay safe*

Grace Songolo has shared Date Night pictures with her Poetry Writers and Evening Book interest groups to show we can't be serious all the time, and there are fun ways of coping! Grace and her husband, Don, show that it doesn't have to be dull at home! They want “to put smiles on your faces” as well as theirs during this pandemic time.



Two of book discussion interest groups are meeting online. The Vesper Libris group met to discuss *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett with Rose Anne as the moderator. New members are always welcome. For details on joining this interest group, contact Janice Hayden, janicemhayden@gmail.com. The next book will be *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende, and the meeting will be on Zoom on Thursday, June 18, at 6:00pm.

For dates and book information of the other book groups, please contact the chairs.

Gail Brooks, gail8441@cox.net, Evening Books
Miriam Kranser, mkranser@cox.net, Afternoon Books

Jean Brotherton, jeanlagunabeach@cox.net,
Tuesday Books@1:30





MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Jean Brotherton, Membership Coordinator
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Your AAUW membership will help close the gender pay gap by 2030, ensure schools and workplaces are free of discrimination and harassment, and create more opportunities for women to lead. It will also connect you to a powerful network of more than 170,000 women and men across the country who are as passionate as you are about building a fairer future.

All members with email addresses received Membership Renewal Invoices from AAUW to pay their 2020-21 dues by the convenience of credit cards or optional checks. Members without Internet received a dues renewal form by mail.

AAUW Membership Dues are:

- Regular \$109 -- national, state, branch
- Dual \$30 – AAUW-LB branch only (other dues paid thru a member’s primary branch)

Renew by Credit Card. Renew via your e-mailed Invoice, or you can go to aauw.org:

Click on Membership (above Donate button)

Click on Membership Services Database (MSD)

Enter your membership ID no. (next to your name in the Directory)

Create a password and click to open

MSD Menu on left, click on ‘Renew My Membership’

Renew by Mail: Send your check TODAY to:

Roberta Kanter

22405 Wood Grove Rd.

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Dues Deadline is by June 30. When we can return to normal after these challenging times, you won’t want to be left out of joining in the interesting programs and events planned for you in the coming year!

WELCOME RETURNING MEMBER

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FYI

Exciting News

Lee Winocur Field, dual member with AAUW-LB and a primary member of the San Clemente/Capistrano Bay Branch, is also the AAUW College/University Advisor for AAUW CA. She announced the winner of the first Irvine Valley College (IVC) AAUW scholarship. Sara Moradi, the current president of AAUW@IVC, was awarded this \$1500 scholarship to support one member of the on-campus AAUW Student Organization who is transferring to a four-year university. The funds will go to UCI, Sara’s school of choice, to support her tuition and books. Sara was one of the founders of the AAUW Club at IVC, and she intends to do the same when she arrives at UCI. UCI has never had an AAUW branch for undergraduates on that campus. It is Sara’s intention to change that situation as soon as she gets there.

Spotlight on JEAN BROTHERTON



Ninth generation Californian, Jean Rockwell Brotherton was born in Santa Barbara. She is a direct descendant of Sgt. Jose Francisco Ortega who was the pathfinder with the 1769 Gaspar de Portola Expedition during which he discovered San Francisco Bay (later named in his honor) from a hill above Pacifica, established forts and mission at an Diego and San Juan Capistrano, and was the Commandante and founder of the El Presidio Santa Barbara. Jean also is a direct descendant of two of the founders of Los Angeles in 1781 known as Los Pobladores.

Due to a very reluctant and teary family move to Chicago in 1940, she spent the next 10 years there and graduated from the University of Illinois in 1950 with a BS in Liberal Arts & Science with the intension of pursuing a career in medical technology. Instead in May 1950, she took her final exams early and married Bob who she met at U. of I. They worked that summer as Forest Service Lookouts atop an Idaho mountain, settled at Washington State U. where Bob earned his PhD in chemistry. In 2000, they had just celebrated 50 wonderful years together when Bob tragically died. She is proud of their four college graduate sons, and five grandchildren – the youngest 8 months old. Jean is happy that they all now live in California and very grateful that son Tom lives with her.

In 1956, Jean joined AAUW Fullerton Branch and immediately became involved in study groups (as they were known then) and leadership roles including that of vice-president. She says that AAUW provided much needed social contacts and intellectual stimulation to divert her from the daily routines of diapers, runny noses, and dirty dishes during the next 10 years. After moving to Laguna Beach in 1967, she became a Charter Member of AAUW Laguna Beach Branch and has been a continuous and active member holding various leadership roles including two terms as president, editor of our membership directory, and co-founder of our annual Literary Luncheon

fundraiser 33 years ago.

In the community, Jean worked in environmental groups and related bond issues for the establishment of the Laguna Greenbelt and Wilderness Park. She organized volunteer programs at Top of the World Elementary School and Thurston Middle School when they opened in 1967, and was one of the first volunteer tutors at El Morro Elementary School. For four years, Jean owned and operated a gourmet cookware shop on Forest Ave. during which time she created a contest among members to name our branch newsletter -- Laguna Waves -- first produced by her in booklet form.

Past joys with her family included birdwatching, hiking, backpacking, a very long trip to Alaska in a camper, and another long car trip to the northeastern states and Quebec. She feels very fortunate to have traveled much of Europe with her late husband when he was research director of U.S. Borax -- a British owned company based in London.

Jean's interests are reading and being involved in branch fundraising activities. Currently, she is chair of the Books@1:30 interest group, and as branch board membership coordinator, she reminds members that membership in AAUW provides personal and professional growth, and a support system of dynamic, educated people throughout the state and nation.

When the coronavirus threat has lifted and AAUW activities resume, she encourages members to participate in interest groups and fundraising events, to volunteer for leadership roles, and stay engaged in helping advance AAUW's gender equity work in making educational and career dreams come true for women and girls.



TLC REPORT

The Learning Club (TLC) suspended operation in mid-March when the Laguna Beach Schools shut down their campuses and made the transition to distance learning. Since the beginning of January, 27 tutors and 8 substitutes had been providing twice-weekly tutoring to 17 students who were in need of additional support to better succeed in school. It was an abrupt and disappointing end to what had been a smooth and successful start to the program's 21st year of tutoring and mentoring students at El Morro Elementary School.

At this time, we would like to thank our AAUW-LB members who gave their time to help the children from El Morro who were in need of additional support: **Jan Barbieri, Anita Halton, Ann-Eve Hazen, Patti Kommel, Linda Mayer, Rosemary McDonald, Nancy Miller, Madeleine Peterson, Mary Ann Schierholt, Gayle Waite and Anne Wiese**. We would also like to thank our hard-working and inspiring TLC supervisory teachers: **Debbie Finnerty and Nicole Stewart**. In the coming year, it will be critical to provide extra support to students who have fallen behind due to school closures and distance learning. We hope that our AAUW-LB members and the many community members who participated in TLC will again join together in service to meet the educational needs of children in our community. Thank you, AAUW Laguna Beach, for your support of TLC!

*Peggie Thomas and Kathy Willman
TLC Program Co-Chairs*



POETRY CORNER



The **Poetry Writers** and the **Poetry Appreciation** interest groups held a joint meeting in May on Zoom. Some members shared poems and lyrics they had created, and the others shared poems by women poets they admired. Another joint meeting is planned for Monday, June 15, at 1:00 on Zoom.

New members are welcome to join either or both interest groups. Interested members may want to participate in June to see if they would like to become an ongoing member. For this meeting, please contact Karen Dennis, karendennis@mac.com, to have a Zoom link sent to you. Regular members will receive the link after June 12 in a group email from Kas Sartori and Grace Songolo, Co-chairs of Poetry Writers, or Jean Paris and Karen Dennis, Co-chairs of Poetry Appreciation.

Poetry meetings on Zoom allow members to see each other and hear moving poems. This month we feature poems by Leah Vasquez and Noelle Driscoll McCredie of the Poetry Writers group.



Another Shore *by Leah Vasquez*

I in darkness before sleep, awake
See young women as once we were
Along the shore of continent's edge
Your sister and beau, you there alone
If only we understood where fate lay.

Dear Mother in life's pursuit and pain
I now your age, know so much more.
Before my time ends, thank you again.

The Handyman

by Noelle Driscoll McCredie

The sun comes up
And the sun goes down,
My handyman is still around.
Things get done around our place,
You can tell by the smile upon my face.

Tall and strong,
And weathered tan,
He builds his castles
All day long . He climbs a ladder way

The seasons come and the seasons go,
My handyman's still on the go.
He teaches me so patiently.
And builds that house
For him and me.

He holds a hammer
in his hand. Nails down
boards the best he can. He climbs a ladder
way up high.
Just to hang the Moon for Me Across the Sky.

Last night, I heard a nail fall, It rolled and rolled
across the hall.
I picked it up, smiled and said.
Thank you babe, for all you do, and what you
did.

He holds a hammer in his hand,
Nails down boards the best he can,
And climbs a ladder way up high, Just to hang
the Moon
for me Across the Sky. He climbs a ladder
way up high,
Just to hang the Moon for me Across the Sky

Overlooked No More! Dr. June Almeida

from Cathy Foxhoven, AAUW CA Co-President

Dr. June Almeida died in 2007 at the age of 77. She was a Scottish virologist, a pioneer in virus imaging, identification and diagnosis. Her skills in electron microscopy earned her an international reputation. Now thirteen years after her death, she is finally getting the recognition she deserves as a pioneer whose work speeded up an understanding of the virus that is currently spreading throughout the world.

COVID-19 is a new illness but it is caused by a coronavirus of the type first identified by Dr. Almeida in 1964 at her laboratory in St Thomas's Hospital in London. Her paper to a peer-reviewed journal was rejected at the time "because the referees said the images she produced were just bad pictures of influenza virus particles."

Dr. June Almeida succeeded in identifying viruses that were previously unknown, including in 1966, a group of viruses that was later named coronavirus. Her immune electron microscopy (IEM) innovations and insights contributed to research related to the diagnosis of hepatitis B, HIV, and rubella, among other viral diseases. Her electron micrographs continue to be included in virology review textbooks, decades after she produced them.



Dr. June Dalziel Almeida
with the electron microscope

JUNE 2020 CALENDAR

The Calendar section has been suspended until September. Check Zoom meeting dates in the articles throughout the Waves.

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In a book I recently read, *The Four Ms. Bradwells* by Meg Waite Clayton, I was stricken by the following quote which I dedicate to all our JD members!

"The natural and proper timidity and delicacy which belongs to the female sex evidently unfits it for many of the occupations of civil life ... The paramount destiny and mission of women are to fulfill the noble and benign offices of wife and mother. This is the law of the Creator."

--U.S. Supreme Court Justice P. Bradley from his 1873 opinion in *Bradwell v. Illinois*, denying Mrs. Myra Bradwell the right to practice law.

Jean Brotherton, Chair
Tuesday Books@1:30