



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN CLAYTON BRANCH AAUW November 2020 NEWSLETTER

Rosemary Harwood, Newsletter Editor

2020-2021 Edition III

IMPORTANT

The AAUW Board of Directors voted on October 16, 2020 to increase the national dues in three increments. There will be a \$3 increase in 2021-2022 (Fiscal Year 2022), a \$5 increase in 2022-2023 (Fiscal Year 2023) and a \$5 increase in 2023-2024 (Fiscal Year 2024). The rationale given was that the increases are essential to continuing AAUW's mission to achieve gender equity.

Our Branch Board felt we had no choice but to do the same in order to continue to receive the \$21 Branch membership that remains in our budget every year after we pay state and national dues. Therefore at its meeting on November 2, the Board voted to recommend to the general membership that our dues be increased by \$3 in 2021-2022 to \$103, by \$5 in 2022-2023 to \$108, and by \$5 in 2023-2024 to \$113.

Since we cannot meet in person in the foreseeable future, please send me your vote at candjwolfe@aol.com or call me at (925) 672-1303 as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding, Carol Wolfe, treasurer



CLAYTON BRANCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

We invite you to join our ZOOM Christmas party
on Sunday, December 6th at 4:30 PM.

A big thank you to Dee Totman for the following
festive ideas and suggestions:

We invite members to wear Christmassy clothing, etc.
(at least from the waist up)!

If you wish, share a story about your favorite
or memorable Christmas celebration,
or talk about a family tradition,
or show an ornament or decoration that has meaning to you,
or read a poem, sing a song
or tell something about the holiday.
(If you do share please keep it to about 3 minutes or less)

Bring a drink to toast the group and join the sing a-long!

Our president Dana will manage the sharing and
Rosemary will control the mute button (if needed)!

If you have questions:

Please call Marcia Hart: Home - 925-827-9540 or
Cell - 925- 323-1629

Dee Billeter: Home - 925-672-6379 or
Cell - 925-286-7535

Rosemary will be sending a zoom link to you
a couple days before the party.

AAUW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Dana McDaniel

Due to COVID 19 it has been difficult to plan ahead for upcoming events when we do not know how this crisis will unfold. Instead of cancelling meeting days, I thought it would be nice for the members to meet by Video Conferencing just to catch up on how they are doing during this time. We had our first video chat on October 26, 2020. It was nice for everyone to talk to everyone about what has been going on around them.

The next video chat will be December 6, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. This will be our virtual Holiday party. We will discuss a memorable past Christmas, or talk about a favorite ornament and our individual traditions. If you are baker or sewer, perhaps share what you are doing this year. See page 2 for more information.

This year marks the 400 year of the sailing of the Mayflower. My 13th Great Grandfather sailed on the Mayflower. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year in very different ways, think back to the first Thanksgiving.

If anyone has any news for our membership, please let Rosemary Harwood know so she can put the information in our Branch Newsletter.

Please visit the AAUW website for information regarding current events for AAUW Action Alerts and the bills in Congress that AAUW takes a stand on.

Please go to [AAUW.org](https://www.aauw.org) for additional information for current and archived articles. There are now Webinars available for the members.

I look forward to being able to see everyone either in person or by Video Conferencing.

Dana McDaniel

Afternoon Book Group Selections

The Book Group continues to meet via Zoom on the 4th Wednesday at 2:30 pm

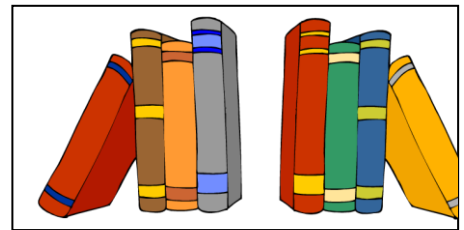
- December 2nd - *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes and/or *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. These books are on a similar topic. Read one or both as you would like. **Note the different day for this one.**
- January 27th - *The Murmer of Bees* by Sofia Segovia.

We are always interested in new ideas for books to read.

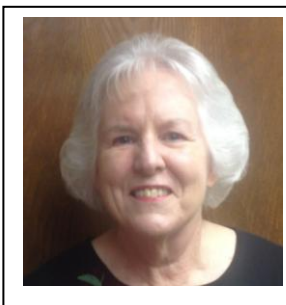
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Ladies Bridge and Saturday Night Bridge have been cancelled during the Covid19 Crisis.



Carol Wolfe and Joyce Atkinson are in charge of Saturday Night Bridge and Ladies Bridge.

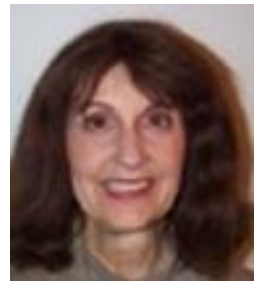
FIELD TRIPS

(A note from Adela)

"I am still on the lookout for field trip day excursions as all field trips through CalRTA are on hold due to the pandemic. So far the only excursion I have been able to find is to the Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek. I am checking out the possibility of a docent led tour, but as of now the only thing available is a self guided tour. More info will follow in the next newsletter.

I will endeavor to keep everyone posted on day trips offered by CalRTA.

I am open to any suggestions for possible field trips during the pandemic that I could look into setting up for our group."



Adela Oldford

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Thanks
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