

Adelante!

AAUW Poway Penasquitos Branch

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Don't miss these February Events!

- Wednesday, 2/13 – **General Meeting** with Speaker Paige Bradley, Executive Director, Women's Empowerment International
- Thursday, 2/14 – **Friendship Gathering**, Valentine's High Tea, see flyer at end of newsletter
- Postponed! The **Wine FUNDraiser** at Koi Zen will take place April 7

General Meeting: Women's Empowerment International by Harriet Gerza

On Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm we have a powerful speaker from Women's Empowerment International who will tell us about their programs helping women in poverty in the U.S. and around the world.

The organization's mission supports the belief that all women deserve the opportunity to live free from poverty. Collaborating with global partners, they fund microloans, plus training and services, that enable women to start businesses, support their families, and strengthen their communities. Paige Bradley, Executive Director, will tell us about five of their initiatives: in San Diego, helping refugees; in Haiti, training in health services; in Uganda and Honduras, funding small business loans; and in Mexico, training to develop financial independence to reduce/eliminate reliance on sex trade.

Come early to join us in our social time starting at 6:30pm at the Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis Club. RSVP: aauwboard@gmail.com

Public Policy – Speech Trek by Marie Dye

The branch hosted its first Speech Trek contest January 12 at the Rancho Penasquitos library. The topic was “How can we eliminate violence aimed at our

schools?” The first-place prize of \$500.00 was awarded to Dominique Ruedaflores, and the second-place prize was awarded to Skandhaa Subra. Dominique will represent the branch in the semifinal competition which will be held in March. Her winning presentation will be uploaded to YouTube at the end of January and the link will be sent to the membership to view her presentation. The semifinal results will be announced in the April newsletter.

We thank our three judges for their participation: Darshana Patel, who is on the Board of Education for Poway Unified School District; David Brengle, who is COO of Acutus Medical; and Barbara Bush, Ph.D., who is an adjunct professor of speech at Miramar College and a lecturer at UCSD.

Congratulations to the Speech Trek team of Honorine Nocon, Miriam Lauff, Sheila Walker, Ellen Weimer, Jeanni Harrison, and Renee De Charon for making this event happen!



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BRANCH**

Diversity Statement

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization based on gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class

Mission Statement

AAUW advances equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, leadership, and research.

AAUW's Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

National AAUW

www.aauw.org

California AAUW

www.aauw-ca.org

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**Happy Hikers – Poway
Urban Hike**

by Gayle Ziaskas

February's hike will be an ~4.5 mi urban hike in Poway that will include a stop at the Bernardo Winery. We'll meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 2nd at Valle Verde Park in Poway (corner of Espola Rd and Valle Verde Rd). From there we will follow the West Ridge Trail to Old Winery Rd, then take Old Winery Rd to Bernardo Winery. The West Ridge Trail is described as "scenic, urban, and wooded in areas" and is listed as a moderate trail by the City of Poway. After visiting the winery, we will return to Valle Verde Park by way of Valle Verde Rd. There are a few steep sections of trail where hiking sticks may be useful. Contact Aresa Toukdarian at aresa@san.rr.com if you want to join the hike or have any questions.

Membership Matters Pamela Meyer & Jeanni Harrison, Membership Co-chairs 2019

Things to know: **Membership orientations** coming in March and April, **free National membership** for a few lucky members, and **renewal of dues** membership drive starts March 15th.

Membership orientations: AAUW Empowers Women. The American Association of University Women is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Membership with AAUW means you are part of a community dedicated to changing the climate for women and girls. **Membership orientations** will be held at **the Rancho Bernardo Library, 4S Ranch Library and the Rancho Penasquitos Library**. We are still firming up the dates and will let you know as soon as possible. All membership orientations are at 6:30 p.m. If you know someone who might be interested in our branch, bring them to the February general meeting and then invite them to one of our orientations. You can come, too!

Free National Membership: Each year we are eligible for free National memberships based on how many members joined our branch as new members. We draw your name from a hat and call you up! Cross your fingers that it might be you! We will be notifying the members who receive the free National memberships in early March.

Renewal of dues: AAUW is a community standing 170,000 strong for gender equity. Your membership makes our powerful voice even louder on critical issues affecting women and girls. **All members** will be receiving an email from National AAUW in March asking you to renew your membership in AAUW and our branch. Renewing online is so easy. We will let you know when the email is coming, and we help anyone who needs it.

AAUW Poway Penasquitos Calendar of Events February 2019

Date	Group & Leader	Meeting Description, Place & Time	Meeting Host Info.
Feb 2 Sat 8:30 am carpool	Happy Hikers Gayle Ziaskas gzia@aol.com	Happy Hikers 4.5 mile urban hike in Poway includes stop at Bernardo Winery. Scenic, urban & wooded, moderate trail. A few steep sections, hiking sticks recommended.	RSVP: Aresa Toukdarian aresa@san.rr.com
Feb 7 Thu 7pm	Great Decisions Marie Dye mdye@san.rr.com	Great Decisions Topic: "Refugees and Global Migration" Leader: Georgia Chagala Host: Michelle Blasberg	RSVP: Michelle Blasberg, 12509 Montero Ct, RB michblas09@gmail.com 858-674-1916
Feb 12 Tue 1:30pm	Tuesdays with Books Donna Lucansky 760-741-5000 lonestardonna@gmail.com	Tuesdays with Books <u>Stars are Fire</u> , by Anita Shreve Leader: Pam Coon Assist: Mary Agne	RSVP: Miriam Lauff 11883 Glenhope Rd, SD 92128 mimlauff@aol.com 858-486-9626
Feb 13 Wed 6:30pm	General Meeting Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club 16955 Bernardo Oaks Dr. 92128	General Meeting Program Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE): Action for Global Change Speaker: Paige Bradley, Executive Director, WEE	RSVP: aauwboard@gmail.com
Feb 14 Thu 2-4pm	Friendship Gathering Hostesses: Joan Thompson & Judy Hock Only six spots available; must make a reservation!	"Valentine's Day High Tea" At the home of Judy Hock 15811 Bent Tree Rd, Poway Hats and tiaras optional Cost \$20	To make a reservation: aauwboard@gmail.com Call Pam Meyer, Friendship Gatherings Chair 619-855-4071
Feb 15 Fri 9:30am 9am/carpool	Garden Gals Pam Kirpalani Pamkirpalani@gmail.com 858-592-0377	Garden Gals Tour of Master Gardener Judy MacKenzie's home in Vista and choice of garden art craft project: rock/glass chain or heart embellished with glass, beads and/or rocks. \$30/pers. Potluck lunch.	RSVP: Pam Kirpalani Pamkirpalani@gmail.com 858-592-0377 Carpool Mercado Shop Ctr RB near Barons 9am
Feb 16 Sat 11:30am/lunch 11am/carpool	Travel Group Pam Ames 858-578-4283 619-889-6229 pamames123@gmail.com	Travel Group Café Secret (Peru) 1140 Camino del Mar, Del Mar Carpool: (Penasquitos) Freeport Rd/Carmel Mtn Ranch	RSVP: Pam Ames pamames123@gmail.com
Feb 18 Mon 7:00pm	Games Group Lyn Johnston 858-831-0052 lynjohn@san.rr.com	Games Group Hosted by Harriet Gerza	RSVP: Harriet Gerza 14227 Bernabe Ct, SD Harriet.gerza@gmail.com 858-672-3314
Feb 19 Tue 1:30pm	Tuesdays with Books Pam Ames 858-578-4283 619-889-6229	Tuesdays with Books <u>Stars are Fire</u> , by Anita Shreve Leader: Janine Reeder	RSVP: Karen Lust 14761 Poway Mesa Dr 858-486-1067 klust@prodigy.net

	pamames123@gmail.com	Hostess & Assist: Karen Lust	
Feb 24 Tue 12:30pm	Daytime Bridge Carlyn Bows 858-674-6535 or 858-472-4865 cbowls@roadrunner.com	Bridge	RSVP: For info contact Carlyn Bows 858-674-6535 or 858-472-4865 cbowls@roadrunner.com
Feb 25 Mon 1:30pm	Mystery Book Group Beate Evey beateellinore@gmail.com 858-538-5395	Mystery Book Group Book: <u>Snow White Must Die</u> , by Nele Neuhaus, translated by Steven T. Murray Leader: Benay Berl	RSVP: Cathy Burciaga, 11689 Petenwell Rd, 92131 858-499-5096 cburciaga@san.rr.com
Feb 28 Thu 7:00pm	Thursday Evening Book Club Ann Morgan 858-484-5290 annmmorgan@aol.com	Thursday Eve Book Club Book: <u>Just Mercy</u> , by Bryan Stevenson Leader: Terry Humphrey	RSVP: Carlyn Bows 858-674-6535 or 858-472-4865 cbowls@roadrunner.com

Poway Penasquitos Friendship Gatherings

- ❖ *These Friendship Gatherings can be brunch, lunch, dinner or a movie night, etc., with the goal of having a small, social event/party in one's home.*
- ❖ *\$20 per guest, which goes to AAUW Funds, will reserve your spot at one of these fabulous events.*
- ❖ *Signup sheets will be available at the general meetings! Do not miss an opportunity to join in!*
- ❖ *A perfect opportunity to support our branch, have a delightful repast, greet old friends and meet new ones!*
- ❖ *Would you like to host an event? It is fun and rewarding! Find a co-host and decide on a theme and then Contact Pam Meyer to select a date! 619-855-4017 pamela.me4@gmail.com*

AVAILABLE SPOTS:	# of guests
❖ <i>February 14, 2019, 2 - 4 p.m. Thursday, Joan Thompson & Judy Hock "Valentine's Day High Tea" Hats and tiaras optional!</i>	6 guests
❖ <i>April 2, 2019, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Heidi Dalvie & Debbie Lewis "April Fool's Day, a Day Late!"</i>	6 guests
❖ <i>April 17, 2019, Wednesday, Debbie Boyd, "Garden Tea in the Grand Tea Room" in Escondido \$34.50 plus an extra \$10 for AAUW Funds = \$44.50</i>	Up to 20 people
❖ <i>June 20, 2019, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Thursday Pam Meyer and Jean Appleby, "Cocina Hispana: Cuisine of Central and South America"</i>	6 guests

*Call Pamela Meyer – 619-855-4071
or email: pamela.me4@gmail.com to reserve your place today!
Your check for \$20 is your confirmation.*



Poway-Penasquitos Branch Presents

Wednesday, February 13 @ 7:00 pm

Check-in & Refreshments @ 6:30 pm

Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club

Women's Economic Empowerment: Action for Global Change



Speaker: Paige Bradley Executive Director

Women's Empowerment International



Women's Empowerment International's mission is poverty reduction and giving women hope, self-esteem and the ability to control their lives and destinies.

Come hear about their innovative programs in San Diego, Mexico, Haiti, Honduras and in Uganda. Each are distinct, offering different challenges and allowing WE to support various approaches to empower and assist women and their families in lifting themselves out of poverty.

RSVP: aauwboard@gmail.com

Feel free to invite your neighbors, friends, family to this presentation!