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General Meeting - SDIBC Interbranch Breakfast

The San Diego Interbranch Council (IBC) hosts an annual meeting to bring all eight San Diego branches together to have an opportunity to greet, meet and exchange ideas. This year it will be held in our own backyard at the Bernardo Heights Country Club on Saturday, January 25 at 9 a.m.

We have a terrific speaker, Mara Elliot, the first woman and Latina San Diego City Attorney, who will talk about "Women in Politics." This will be a very timely topic as we look forward in 2020 to an important election year as well as celebrating the 100th anniversary of women getting to vote. The flyer and registration details are below. I hope you will join us and have breakfast with your fellow sisters of AAUW!

Reminder - Women's March on January 18, 2020

by Harriet Gerza

If you and your friends are interested in joining us to march and carry the AAUW banner, email aauwboard@gmail.com for details. We also usually have a nice lunch afterwards in Little Italy. We have participated in the last four marches and we hope to have our biggest group yet! For more information about the march: <https://womensmarch.com>.



Get Ready for 2020! Public Policy Message from State

by Sue Miller,
Co-Chair AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee

2020 is nearly upon us, and it is going to be an eventful year... we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote, as well as the most important election in our lifetime where issues that matter the most to us are at risk. Primary elections are coming up March 3. Now's the time to begin planning at the branch level how to address these activities in our communities. Women who vote can influence the outcome of an election!

What opportunities should be considered?

Voter Registration. AAUW-CA is well positioned to undertake voter registration, especially with our college/university relationships. Millennial women are an important target group. Research shows that a lack of information on the candidates and a lack of policy debates on issues of importance is the main reason some millennial women don't participate in the election process and may not even register to vote. Get involved by organizing a voter registration drive in your community or on your local college campus. Don't forget: a successful voter registration drive must be a compliant one! Be sure to review the AAUW Guide to GOTV Dos and Don'ts on the national website.

Voter Education. AAUW aims to increase women's political influence and educate voters on issues that are important to women and girls. These targeted efforts help increase the number of women voting. Consider sponsoring nonpartisan issue forums, perhaps collaborating with another organization such as the League of Women Voters. Perhaps you have a vacancy to be filled in the primary election, so consider a meet-the-candidate event or debate and invite all candidates to give their positions on AAUW's key issues: Equal Pay for Equal Work.

Investing in Education. Reducing Student Debt. Strengthening Social Security. Implementing Paid Leave. And certainly, consider doing this before the November election.

This is just a start...but early planning will ensure greater success! Don't hesitate to ask our AAUW CA Public Policy Team for assistance!

December Monthly Meeting / Holiday Party by Janice Heather

Over 50 branch members gathered at Michelle Blasberg's beautiful home on December 11 to celebrate the holidays and a great year for our branch. Amid festive decorations, members enjoyed delicious appetizers, desserts & beverages and enjoyed catching up with old & new friends.

We also used the event to collect clothes and books for Gently Hugged, a local group that provides one year of clothes to new moms in the region who have limited resources. Jan Rightmer and Carol Wigent, who are active in our branch and Gently Hugged, told us about the organization's history and important work.

It was a festive and productive evening and a great way to wind down the year together. Many thanks to Michelle Blasberg for inviting us into her home, to the hospitality committee who always goes above and beyond and to everyone who attended and brought delicious food and donations for Gently Hugged.

Pictured: Gently Hugged volunteers sorting the 15 bags of clothes and cash donations members brought to the holiday party. Left to right are AAUW members & Gently Hugged volunteers Amanda Roth, Carol Wigent and Jan Rightmer.



Happy Hikers at Hotel Del Coronado by Janice Heather



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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

**PowayPenasquitos
AAUW**

www.powayarea-

ca.aauw.net

[aauwboard@gmail.co](mailto:aauwboard@gmail.com)

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Happy Hikers at Miramar Lake on January 4 by Gayle Ziaskas

We will meet at Miramar Lake at 8:45 a.m. for a walk around the lake which is close to 5 miles but paved and not hilly. There is always the option to do an out and back for a shorter distance. We will meet at the concession stand to begin our walk. Parking can be tight so carpooling with the ladies in your area may be a good idea.

RSVP to Gayle Ziaskas at gzia@aol.com, and if you have questions you can email me or call me at (619) 992-7596.

Speech Trek Update by Marie Dye

The branch speech competition is scheduled for Saturday, February 1 at the Rancho Penasquitos library from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Branch members are welcome to attend, and we have a limited number of seats so please email me at aauwboard@gmail.com by January 27 so we can reserve a seat for you. Late entries are not allowed so please be on time if planning to attend. The winner of this competition will participate in the state semi-finals with the top three state semi-finalists competing at the AAUW State convention in April.

Thanks to the following members for working at this event: **Jeanni Harrison** and her husband Rene will be videotaping the speeches; **Miriam Lauff** and **Honorine Nocon** will be counting the judges' ballots to determine who wins; and **Michelle Blasberg** is the speech timer. Special thanks to **Sandra Martin** who is coaching one of the students. Come and support the contestants!

Oscar Night at Harriet's – Sunday, February 9th by Debbie Boyd

Oscar Night at Harriet's
Sunday February 9th, 2020

Time – 5 p.m.

Enjoy appetizers & drinks in your Red Carpet BEST while watching the winners. Cost \$20 per person or \$30 per couple- spouses/partners are welcome. See flyer below for RSVP details.

If you would like to hostess a Friendship Gathering please e-mail Debbie Boyd at travelstardebbie@yahoo.com or call her at (858) 486-4390.

AAUW-PP Annual Retreat, January 17-19, 2020 by Pamela Meyer

Join us for a relaxing weekend at Camp Stevens in Julian, CA. Meet new friends, renew old friendships and have a great time at the "Best Slumber Party in Town!" Take hikes, shop in Julian, listen to an educationally fun program, enjoy games and just take pleasure in the tranquil and peaceful atmosphere of Volcan Mountain. The Retreat flyer is attached to this newsletter. First deposit was due November 15.

Pamela Meyer, 619-855-4071, pamela.me4@gmail.com

AAUW T-shirts are Here! by Harriet Gerza

If you pre-ordered an AAUW t-shirt, they will be available after December 11 and I will be contacting you. I will also have a few extra shirts for sale; if you are interested contact me at harriet.gerza@gmail.com.

AAUW POWAY PENASQUITOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January




January 1 st Thursday 6:30 pm	Great Decisions – Leader: Marie Dye 858-538-1689 mdye@san.rr.com	Great Decisions There is no meeting this month.	RSVP:
January 4 Saturdays-varies 9 a.m.	Hikers Leader: Gayle Ziaskas 858-484-7596 gzia@aol.com	Happy Hikers Meet at Miramar Lake at 8:45 AM for a walk around the lake which is close to 5 miles but paved and not hilly. We will meet at the concession stand to begin our walk. Parking can be tight so carpooling with the ladies in your area may be a good idea.	RSVP : Gayle Ziaskas Questions? Contact Gayle 619-992-7596 gzia@aol.com
January 18th Saturdays-varies 11:00 a.m.	Travel Group Leader: Pam Ames 858-578-4283, 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com	Travel Group Time 11:30AM Place: Simsim Outstanding Shawarma Address: 11640 Carmel Mtn Ranch Rd	RSVP: Pam Ames 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com
January 20th 3 rd Monday 7 p.m.	Games Group Leader: Lyn Johnston 858-831-0052 lynjohn@san.rr.com	Games Group Play board games and test your intelligence and quick wit. We usually play in teams, so it is more fun than being in heavy competition! Hostess: Ilene Buchenau	RSVP: Ilene Buchenau 9080 Gainsborough Avenue, San Diego ilenemb1@gmail.com 858-484-0668
January 21st 2 nd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.	2nd Tuesdays with Books Leader: Donna Lucansky 760-741-5000 lonestardonna@gmail.com	Joint meeting with 3rd Tuesdays w/Books Becoming by Michelle Obama An intimate, powerful, and inspiring memoir by the former First Lady of the United States Discussion Leader: Jan Rightmer Hostess: Carol Wigent	RSVP: Carol Wigent 13816 Lewiston 858-674-1521 cwigent@san.rr.com
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January 23rd 4 th Thursday 7 p.m.	Thursday Evening Book Grp Leaders: Ann Morgan 858-484-5290 annmorgansd@yahoo.com Berina Pennington 858-484-3603 berina@san.rr.com	Thursday Book Club Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens An exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Discussion Leader: Lyn Johnston Hostess: Barbara Fisher	RSVP: Barbara Fisher 13217 Deron Ave. San Diego, CA PQ 858-484-2816 or afisherjr@aol.com

AAUW POWAY PENASQUITOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January



January 25th Interbranch Breakfast for San Diego AAUW branches	General Meeting – Program Co-chairs Janice Heather 360-982-9719 janiceheather@hotmail.com Sheila Walker 858-722-3761 sekw@san.rr.com	SDIBC Interbranch Breakfast Speaker: Mara Elliott “Women in Politics” <i>First woman and the first Latina elected as San Diego City Attorney</i> Bernardo Heights Country Club	RSVP: See flyer and reservation form in this <i>Adelante!</i> 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. <u>Reservation deadline: Jan 21, 2020</u>
January 27th 4 th Monday 1:30 p.m.	Mystery Book Group Leader: Beate Evey 858-538-5395 beateellinore@gmail.com	The Ice Beneath Her by Camilla Grebe – Acclaimed Nordic noir - an aging profiler struggles to conceal her dementia as she works to help the police find a gruesome, sadistic killer before he strikes again. Hostess: Beate Evey Leader: Karen Lust	RSVP to: Beate Evey: 7683 Marker Road, 92130 858-538-5395 beateellinore@gmail.com
January No outing planned for this month	Garden Gals Different trips and visits to gardens throughout San Diego County	Garden Gals Next field trip planned for February 	RSVP:

AAUW-Poway-Penasquitos Presents

Oscar Party!

Sunday, February 9, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

14227 Bernabe Court, SD 92129



Come Celebrate with fellow movie fans to watch the Oscars!

- Dress up as your favorite movie star (or not)
- Walk the Red Carpet
- Be interviewed and photographed
- Vote for Best Actor, Actress, Movie....
- Critique Best/Worst Dressed
- Feast on “fine food” and wine
- Play Oscar games



Best Hostesses
Debbie Boyd
Cathy Burciaga
Harriet Gerza

AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...

Limited spaces!

\$20/person or \$30/couple Reserve a spot, send a check!

Write check to **AAUW-PP**

Memo line: Oscars

Send to: Debbie Boyd, 13612 El Mar Ave, Poway 92064

AAUW Friendship Tea



Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.

Marlene's Tea & Cakes

14677 Via Betona, San Diego 92127

You must call for reservations at (858) 756-4320 & reserve with a credit card
(No refunds after 1-11-2020, but your reservation is transferable)

Menu: Cream of mushroom soup, mini-beef wellington, mini-club, egg salad & other assorted sandwiches, fresh fruit, cranberry & white chocolate scone, several desserts including sticky toffee pudding, chocolate truffle cookie and freshly steeped Tea of your choice.

Cost - \$49 includes tax, tip and \$5 for AAUW Funds

Credit cards accepted day of Tea

Friends & family are welcome ***Hats admired but not required***

<http://marlenesteaandcakes.com/>

Questions- Call Debbie Boyd at (858) 486-4390 or email her at
travelstardebbie@yahoo.com

Poway Penasquitos AAUW Retreat

A Workout for your brain: Drumming

When: January 17, 18 and 19, 2020
Where: Camp Stevens in Julian – Lax-Sadler Lodge
Time: From 3:00 p.m. Friday, January 17th
Through 12:00 noon Sunday, January 19th

Reservation: \$210.00 (includes cabin lodging, five (5) meals (Program will be extra)

Weekend Activities

Wine Tasting, Relaxing Games, Videos, Puzzles

Hiking in the mountains or shopping in Julian

Book discussions, cooking with CHEF in the kitchen- maybe?

Friday – Ice Breaker

Saturday Drumming (I hope!) If not, something really good! Promise!

Bring a friend or your sister for a weekend away from the routines of the day...

Get away for the weekend, enjoy your time, no cooking, make new friends and learn new things,

OR just relax, relax, relax.....The only rule is that there are no rules!!

Please note that we are limited to 28 women, so reserve early!

QUESTIONS? Email Pam Meyer: pamela.me4@gmail.com or call her at: 619-855-4071

Send form below with your check Cut here

(Reservation for the Retreat includes lodging and meals) Drumming fees are included.

First deposit due by **November 15, 2019** Final deposit due by **January 1, 2020**

_____ \$110.00 first deposit

_____ \$100.00 second deposit

_____ \$210.00 Full amount (checks will be deposited right away)

Please note, balance of \$100.00 is due by January 1, 2020

All money is non-refundable after January 1, 2019

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: PP/AAUW

SEND CHECK TO: PAM MEYER, 11894 Caminito Corriente, SD, CA 92128

Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Mailing address _____

E-mail address _____ All notices will be via e-mail



AAUW San Diego Interbranch Council
Annual Interbranch Luncheon



*First woman and the first
Latina elected as
San Diego City Attorney*
Mara Elliott

“Women in Politics”

Saturday Breakfast

January 25, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Bernardo Heights Country Club

16066 Bernardo Heights Pkwy, San Diego, CA 92128

Cost \$35

***Breakfast meal includes** ~ Seasonal fruit & berries, Assorted fruit yogurts & granola crunch, Scrambled eggs w/trio of cheese, Applewood bacon, Pan fries w/peppers and onions. Beverage station: coffee, tea or water.*

Reservation deadline: Jan 21, 2020

Send reservations to:

Pamela Meyer, SDIBC Treasurer

Questions? Call 619-855-4071

See reservation form next page

Print this page and fill out for reservations

Mail this reservation **form to:**

Pamela Meyer, SDIBC Treasurer
11894 Caminito Corriente
San Diego, CA 92128

Make check out to: AAUW/SDIBC

Your Name _____ and non *AAUW guest's names:*

_____, _____, _____

Name of Branch _____

Branch position _____

State Position _____

Email address: _____

(in case we need to contact you)

Number of reservations: _____ Amount enclosed: _____