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AAUW Poway Penasquitos Branch

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Celebrate Our Right to Vote on March 29 by Janice Heather

March 2020 is the 100th anniversary of women getting the vote! To celebrate, our branch is marking it with a memorable evening of music and history on Sunday, March 29 with "Songs of Suffrage," part of the Bodhi Tree concert series at the La Jolla Women's Club, 7791 Draper Street, La Jolla.

This event, which is part of the Bodhi Tree Concert Series, features songs, history, stories and speeches to celebrate the Suffragette movement and achievements. In keeping with the Bodhi Tree mission, all profits from this performance will be donated to The Women's Museum of California.

Tickets are \$25 each but have been discounted to \$20 for our group. The event runs 4-6 p.m., with doors opening at 3:30 p.m. To reserve a ticket, rsvp to Sheila Walker at sekw@san.rr.com. Once we know who plans to attend, we'll provide information for carpooling. Please feel free to reserve a ticket for a spouse or friend and perhaps plan to go early for a pre-show happy hour or stay for an after-show dinner in La Jolla. See flyer below. This event is in lieu of a March monthly general membership meeting.

Membership Matters by Pam Ames

Introducing one of our new members... Ida Rigby. Ida was raised in Los Angeles and she studied history and philosophy at Stanford and earned a PhD in art history at UC Berkeley, where she lived at International House. She taught at the University of Montana, Sophie Newcomb College at Tulane University, and the University of Victoria, British Columbia before settling at San Diego State University in 1976. She retired in 2006 as interim director of the School of Art, Design and Art History. She did agility with her two English cocker spaniels, enjoys tennis and hiking as well as opera, theater, and the symphony in San Diego. Her mother was active in AAUW in the 1960s. She is looking forward to sharing her interests as well as new ones with fellow AAUW members. Welcome, Ida!!!



Centennial Celebrations Around the County by Harriet Gerza

This year will mark the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

Don't miss the new exhibit "Springboard to Suffragette: The Power of the Ballot Box" at the Women's Museum, open Wednesday-Sunday at 12-4 p.m. Also happening this month is a Suffragette Tea on February 22, sponsored by our AAUW sister branch in Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista. (see flyer at end of newsletter)



Judges and students with our branch president Cathy Burciaga at Speech Trek

Speech Trek Competition by Marie Dye

We have a winner! Our branch awarded \$500.00 to first place Speech Trek winner, Jay Wang, on February 1. Second place went to Shiraz Rezaei and third place to Skandhaa Subramaniam. The speech topic is "Are men and women truly equal today, or are the Suffragettes of 1920 still suffering in 2020?" Jay's speech can now be seen on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/04EFdfinNy0>.

The semi-final contest is next month. The top three semi-finalists will be invited to present their speech in person at the AAUW California convention in April. Stay tuned for the results!

Thanks to the following members for working at this event: Miriam Lauff and Honorine Nocon for greeting attendees and reviewing the judges' ballots to determine the first and second place winners; Rene De Charon, our videographer; Jeanni Harrison, our photographer; Michelle Blasberg, our timer; Joan Thompson for the refreshments; and Cathy Burciaga for announcing the winners.

Interbranch Council Breakfast by Harriet Gerza

Mara Elliott headlined our joint Interbranch Council breakfast. We had a wonderful gathering of our eight branches at the Bernardo Heights Country Club. Over 75 members and guests heard the inspiring story of a woman who persisted to become our first Latina and female San Diego City Attorney. Like many who juggle home, career, motherhood and a two-career family, she has done it all which goes to show you women in politics is not for the weak at heart!





Oscar Night at Harriet's by Debbie Boyd

AAUW members gathered to celebrate the Oscars at the home of Harriet Gerza. Fifteen members and friends enjoyed homemade turkey sandwiches, sushi, popcorn and wine. Everyone made their best guesses for all the Oscar categories and the top three winners were rewarded with little Oscars. Enthusiastic conversations of movie recommendations were shared as we admired stunning gowns, performances and acceptance speeches. It was a very fun Friendship Gathering as everyone looked "Mahvelous." Thank you, Harriet Gerza and Cathy Burciaga, for making Oscar Night such a great event.

If you would like to hostess a Friendship Gathering such as a movie day/night, wine or beer tasting, craft event, or anything you choose, please contact Debbie Boyd at travelstardebbie@yahoo.com or 858-486-4390.

Photos by Debbie Boyd

Women's March 2020 by Harriet Gerza

We had a very healthy showing for the 2020 Women's March with 22 ladies from our branch and the State CA Board who came to march with us under our banner!

It was a beautiful day with an enthusiastic crowd showing our strength in recognizing women and all they do and represent!



March Ballot Propositions Explained at February Meeting by Janice Heather

On February 12, over 70 people attended our branch's monthly meeting at which the League of Women Voters (LWV) previewed propositions facing voters on their March 3 primary ballot. Mary Hanson, of the LWV, covered the pros and cons and supporters and opponents of one state and five local propositions and bond measures that will affect school funding, land use planning, convention center expansion, funding for roads, homeless services and San Diego city governance.

The meeting was held in the community room of Palomar College's Rancho Bernardo satellite campus, which accommodated our large turnout well. Thanks also go to our Hospitality Committee - Debbie Lewis, Debbie Dye and Mary Alice Rudelich - for the lovely refreshments offered.



You've Come a Long Way Baby ... But You're Not There Yet! by Ginny Hatfield, AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee

Perhaps many of you will recall the Virginia Slims advertising slogan from the late 60's, "You've come a long way, Baby." This slogan aptly fits the rise of the feminist movement in America which most of us agree dates back to the Seneca Falls, NY convention in July 1848.

August 26, 2020 will mark the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the culmination of the Women's Suffrage Movement. It took over seven decades for a woman's right to vote to be guaranteed as the law of the land.

Since then, we have seen successive waves of the Women's Rights movement. Activists in the 1960's and '70's sought equal rights and opportunities along with greater personal freedom for women, similar to the goals of the suffragists, the first wave of feminism. But this second wave of feminism also encompassed every area of women's experience -- including politics, work, the family and sexuality. Major legislative victories were accomplished during this period: the Equal Pay Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, Legalization of birth control for married and unmarried couples, Title X Family Planning Program, Title IX, the *Roe v Wade* decision and passage of the ERA.

Third-wave feminists sought to question, reclaim, and redefine the ideas, words, and media that have transmitted ideas about gender, gender roles, womanhood, beauty, and sexuality, among other things; while Fourth-wave feminism refers to a "resurgence of interest in feminism that began around 2012 and is associated with the use of social media." The focus has been on justice for women and opposition to sexual harassment and violence against women. The movement is "defined by technology," according to a British feminist, and "is characterized by [social media tools] that challenge misogyny and further gender equality." Issues in the forefront include street and workplace harassment, campus sexual assault and rape culture. Scandals involving the harassment, abuse, and murder of women and girls have kickstarted movements such as the "Me Too" Movement.

Where will feminism go from here? We've still got our work cut out for us as well as some unfinished business: namely the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, which has now obtained approval by the requisite 38 states, and faces court challenges or perhaps a legislative solution; and the ratification by the U.S. Senate of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the international bill of rights adopted by the United Nations in 1979. AAUW has played a notable role in all these waves of feminism and I am sure will continue to do so as we strive for social and economic justice-- because we're not there yet.

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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.

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Happy Hikers go Urban in Poway on March 7 by Gayle Ziaskas

The March hike will be an ~4.5-mile urban hike in Poway that will include a stop at the Rancho Bernardo Winery. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday March 7th at Valle Verde Park in Poway (corner of Espola Rd and Valle Verde Rd) to start the hike. We will follow the West Ridge Trail to Old Winery Rd, then take Old Winery Rd to the Rancho 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 would be useful. Contact Aresa Toukdarian at 858-663-6067 or aresa@san.rr.com if you want to join the hike or have any questions



Happy Hikers at Lake Hodges in February

Calling All Analytical Members by Michelle Blasberg

Sadly, my term as treasurer has come to an end and I'm looking for someone who is willing to take on the role for the next term. The role of Treasurer is a very important role, but it is not overly complicated. I have clear instructions and calendars of what needs to be done when. The time commitment most months is less than 1 hour per week, and a couple of months a year, it increases to less than 2 hours per week. Please think about stepping up and taking on this very important role. If you are interested, please reach out to me and let me know. I will answer any questions you have.

Thank you,
Michelle Blasberg

Save the Date – Koi Zen FUNdraiser on April 15 by Debbie Lewis

Save the date for a Wine Tasting FUNdraiser at Koi Zen Cellars!
Wednesday, April 15 at 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. <http://koizencellars.com/>
Details to come!

AAUW POWAY PENASQUITOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March



Woo Hoo!!		2nd Annual Poway Penasquitos Speech Trek February 1st	Congratulations go to Marie Dye and her committee for a job well done!!
March 5th 1 st Thursday 6:30 pm	Great Decisions – Leader: Marie Dye 858-538-1689 mdye@san.rr.com	Great Decisions Topic: “India and Pakistan” Discussion leader: Terry Humphrey Hostess: Ann Morgan	RSVP: Ann Morgan 9185 Oviedo Street, Penasquitos 858-484-5290 annmmorgansd@yahoo.com
March 7th Saturdays-varies 8:30 a.m.	Hikers Leader: Gayle Ziaskas 858-484-7596 gzia@aol.com	Happy Hikers Urban hike in Poway that will include a stop at the Rancho Bernardo Winery. Meet at 8:30 am at Valle Verde Park in Poway. Hiking sticks are recommended.	RSVP : Aresa Toukdarian 858 663-6067 aresa@san.rr.com
March 10th 2 nd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.	2nd Tuesdays with Books Leader: Donna Lucansky 760-741-5000 lonestardonna@gmail.com	Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng Explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood – and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster. Discussion Leader: Rosalie Mikelson Hostess: Honorine Nocon	RSVP: Honorine Nocon 9587 Paseo Montril, SD 92129 303-521-0138 honorinenocn@gmail.com
	General Meeting	See the event at the end of this calendar.	
March 16th 3 rd Monday 7 p.m.	Games Group Leader: Lyn Johnston 858-831-0052 lynjohn@san.rr.com	Games Group We play games like Taboo, Scattergories, Rummikub and Cranium to keep our minds sharp! We usually play in teams emphasizing fun over competition. Hostess: Lyn Johnston	RSVP: Lyn Johnston 9330 Chabola Road, San Diego. 858-831-0052 lynjohn@san.rr.com
March 18th 3 rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.	3rd Tuesdays with Books Leader: Pam Ames 858-578-4283 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com	Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng Explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood – and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster. Discussion Leader: Gloria Piscopo Hostess: Barbara Fisher	RSVP: Barbara Fisher 13217 Deron Ave 858-484-2816 afisherjr@aol.com
March Saturdays-varies 11:30 a.m.	Travel Group Leader: Pam Ames 858-578-4283, 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com	Travel Group No meeting in March	RSVP: Pam Ames 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com

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March



March 24th 4 th Monday 1:30 p.m.	Mystery Book Group Leader: Beate Evey 858-538-5395 beateellinore@gmail.com	Mystery Book <i>Dark Sacred Night</i> by Michael Connelly - The unsolved murder of 15-year-old Daisy brings together these two powerhouse detectives, Ballard and Bosch, in a riveting story that unfolds with furious momentum. Hostess: Cathy Burciaga Leader: Cathy Burciaga	RSVP: Cathy Burciaga 11689 Petenwell Rd, Scripps 92131 858-449-5096 cburciaga@san.rr.com
March 26th 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 Evening Book <i>Exit West</i> by Mohsin Hamid <i>Profoundly intimate and powerfully inventive, it tells an unforgettable story of love, loyalty, and courage that is both completely of our time and for all time.</i> Leader: Michelle Blasberg Hostess: Berina Pennington	RSVP: Berina Pennington 8764 Sparren Way San Diego, PQ 858-484-3603 berina@san.rr.com
March 29th *Sunday Concert 3:30 p.m.	Program Co-chairs Janice Heather 360-982-9719 janiceheather@hotmail.com Sheila Walker 858-722-3761 sekw@san.rr.com	GENERAL MEETING "Songs of Suffrage" concert * (in lieu of monthly meeting) Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment of the US Constitution Women's Right to Vote! Location: La Jolla Women's Club 7791 Draper St., La Jolla	RSVP: Sheila Walker Concert at 4 pm, doors open at 3:30 pm Tickets \$20 Rsvp to Sheila Walker at sekw@san.rr.com to reserve a ticket & for carpool information



Poway – Penasquitos Branch



Bodhi Tree Concerts

Songs of Suffrage

Sunday, March 29 at 4.00 pm

La Jolla Women's Club

To reserve tickets \$20

Please email Sheila Walker sekw@san.rr.com

The Woman's Hour has Struck

The **Carlsbad- Oceanside- Vista Branch**

of the American
Association of
University Women

February 22, 2020

from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Encinitas Senior Center

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Encinitas, CA

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to Celebrate
the 100th
Anniversary of
the Ratification
of the 19th
Amendment*



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Name: _____

Name of Guest: _____

All proceeds go to the support of our Tech Trek program, a Math & Science Camp for Girls.

Grab a glass! It's a tax day bash!

Wine Tasting FUNdraiser
benefiting



Location: Koi Zen Cellars Craft Winery
12225 World Trade Drive Suite P SD CA 92128
Date: **Wednesday, April 15**
Time: **4:30 - 7:30pm**
Details: Enjoy wine and light snacks
Koi Zen Cellars will donate ½ of first glass and
20% of additional wine sales

RSVP to lewis32d@gmail.com



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