

AAUW Poway Penasquitos Branch

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San Diego County Health Directives for COVID-19

by Cathy Burciaga

Due to the County health directive released this week, our March 29th event “Songs of Suffrage” has been cancelled, and our May 9 author’s luncheon “Cover to Cover” has been postponed until later in the year. As of this writing, our winetasting fundraiser at Koi Zen Winery is still on for Wednesday, April 15, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Special interest groups (book discussion groups, etc.) are free to decide among themselves whether to meet or not during this time. Stay informed with the County News Center

<https://www.countynewscenter.com/>.

Learn about UCSD's Huge Transformation at the General Meeting on April 8

by Janice Heather

UCSD plays a large role in the San Diego community. They're a university, a large employer and a health care system. They oversee scientific research organizations, such as Scripps Institute of Oceanography, and partner with scientists and scholars around the world to solve our most pressing problems. Their campus hosts a popular theater - the La Jolla Playhouse - an impressive public art collection and

some of San Diego's most interesting architecture. And, AAUW holds its annual Tech Trek camp on the UCSD campus.

If you think you know UCSD (or even if you don't), you won't want to miss our April general membership meeting, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at RB Swim & Tennis Club. Jeff Graham, UCSD's Executive Director of Real Estate, is going to tell us about UCSD's plans to completely transform its physical presence and its role in San Diego. In fact, university officials say that “in five years, the UC San Diego campus will be almost unrecognizable to anyone who hasn't watched the transformation unfold.” With new classrooms, labs, dorms, apartments, stores, restaurants and the arrival of the trolley, the shift in the campus's physical appearance will be profound, and the impact will span far beyond just new construction.

UC San Diego's unprecedented expansion is designed to accommodate increasing student enrollment—expected to approach 40,000 students within the next few years—and create a more connected university. UC San Diego is poised to become one of the nation's premier residential campuses. The university will also play a larger role in the greater San Diego community with its downtown innovation and cultural hub at Park Blvd and Market Street, which will include continuing education programs and workshops for scientists and technology developers and will be a place where students moving from high school to college and/or their careers can find early introductions to the opportunities, skills and education they need to be successful in this new information age.

So, join us on Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. to get a sneak peek into the exciting new developments underway that will benefit all San Diego county residents. The meeting will be at RB Swim & Tennis Club, 16955 Bernardo Oaks Drive. Light refreshments will be served. Please rsvp to aauwboard@gmail.com so we can ensure adequate seating.

March is Women's History Month by Harriet Gerza



Our sister organizations are celebrating around the county. Check out the Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment Facebook page for events:

https://www.facebook.com/2020CentennialCelebration/?modal=admin_todo_tour

Drop by the Women's Museum Programs and the Women's Studies at SDSU celebration of their 50th anniversary on April 25. Donna Lilly from CA-AAUW will be presenting a free Work Smart workshop.



Membership Renewal - Lucky Drawing by Pam Ames, Membership Chair

Our branch has earned three FREE \$59 National Dues. All members attending our April General Meeting will have a chance to win. AAUW annual renewal fee is \$96 (consists of: \$59 National, \$20 CA State, \$17 Branch). Three lucky members who win the drawing that night will pay only \$37 for their dues (State & Branch) and the \$59 National portion will be free. Good Luck to all! See you at the meeting!

Time to Renew Annual Dues by Pam Ames, Membership Chair

It's time to renew your membership to AAUW National, State and Local. Your AAUW membership renewal is due by June 15, 2020 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Dues remain the same as 2019- 2020: \$96.00, and that amount is distributed: \$59.00 National, \$20 State, \$17 Branch. Look for your renewal email notice the first week of April. Our Treasurer, Michelle Blasberg, will be issuing the email invoices through the AAUW national web portal. Please use the link provided in your email to go right to the AAUW website to renew your membership. There are many benefits to renewing online: it's quick, easy and you can use a credit card.

Also, you can round up your dues when making the payment to support AAUW Funds. AAUW Funds supports activities critical to the AAUW mission. By giving to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund or our strategic focus areas, you can make that vision a reality. A donation to the Greatest Needs Fund will help us expand our highly successful, community-based, mission-driven programs such as Start Smart and Work Smart and the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, as well as conduct groundbreaking research and launch innovative initiatives to help women and girls thrive. For more information on AAUW Funds and details of the program, visit the AAUW funds page on the National website:

www.aauw.org/resource/the-aauw-fund-faq/

Of course, you may send a check for the full dues amount (\$96) directly to Michelle Blasberg at 12509 Montero Ct, San Diego, CA 92128. Again, if you'd like to contribute to AAUW Funds as part of your dues renewal, please include the amount you'd like to contribute to AAUW Funds in your check total and Michelle will make sure it gets applied correctly when the renewal is processed. If you have questions reach out to Pam Ames or Michelle Blasberg.

Speech Trek Semi-Final Results by Marie Dye

Our branch winner, Jay Wang, did not make the top five in the state semi-final contest. Below is his thank you note to the branch. We wish Jay much success in the future!

Thank you to the Poway-Peñasquitos AAUW Branch for hosting the Speech Trek and allowing me to show my ideas and stories. It truly was an honor to give my speech in front of a room of university women and men and be able to share the male perspective to the topic. Everyone was so nice and welcoming at the competition and it really made me feel at home. Thank you for the \$500 and the chance to compete in San Francisco. This entire experience was very eye-opening for me as a male. As I move on onto the next level of competition, I just want the Poway-Peñasquitos Branch to know that I'm thankful for them and will represent them every step of the competition!

- Jay Wang

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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

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Happy Hikers Visit Carmel Creek Area on April 4 by Gayle Ziaskas

Hello happy hikers. On Saturday, April 4, Berina Pennington will be leading the hike starting at the walk/bike/equestrian path (the Marvin Gerst Trail) off Carmel Creek Road. We will walk east to the duck pond just past Carmel Country Road and reverse, which is right at 2.2 miles. For those who would like more, we'll continue westerly to the end of the path just past El Camino Real (near Ruth's Chris) and come back the same way, which would be a total of 4 miles. It's a lovely, easy walk, with plenty of shade and hopefully some nice flora and fauna. Most of the trail is dirt, some sandy spots, or asphalt, with very little change of elevation. As always, bring water. I must warn everyone there are NO bathrooms at the parking spot or on the trail. For those who would like to carpool, let's meet at the Park 'N Ride on Carmel Mtn Rd just east of 24-Hour Fitness/Stater Brothers at 8:30 a.m. We will meet those who go on their own at the end of Tang Drive which is just south of the 56 freeway at the Carmel Creek exit. Please rsvp to Berina at 858-722-9628 or berina@san.rr.com.

Garden Gals Tour Poway Backyard Project Garden in April by

Annette Tanenbaum

We are visiting two community gardens on Friday, April 3 at 10:00 a.m. The first is a 5,000 square foot vegetable garden and 1,000 square foot fruit orchard on donated land. The garden is tended by volunteers and all produce is donated to needy families in the area. The second is a guided tour of the Abraxas (High School) Garden. We will meet at the first garden at the end of Monte Vista Rd. off Pomerado at 10:00 a.m. The two gardens are close to each other. We are planning to go to lunch afterwards at the California Pizza Kitchen.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2020-2021 by Cathy Burciaga

President, Cathy Burciaga

Secretary, Karen McGurk

Membership Vice President, Pam Ames

Program Co-Vice President, Sheila Walker

Program Co-Vice President, Janice Heather

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Respectfully submitted,
2020 Nominating Committee

***Dear Members, if you know how to balance your checkbook and can spare 2-4 hours per month, please contact us at cburciaga@san.rr.com about serving as Branch Treasurer next year. We will train you and your spirit of volunteerism will be greatly appreciated!

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April



<p>April 2nd 1st Thursday 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Great Decisions – Leader: Marie Dye 858-538-1689 mdye@san.rr.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Great Decisions Topic: <i>Red Sea Security</i> Discussion leader: Mary Alice Rudelich Hostess: Marie Dye</p>	<p>RSVP: Marie Dye 8778 Sparren Way SD 92129 858-538-1689 mdye@san.rr.com</p>
<p>April 3rd Friday 10 a.m.</p>	<p>Garden Gals Tour of Backyard Produce Community Garden and Abraxas Garden</p>	<p>Meet at Backyard Garden 12725 Monte Vista Rd, Poway 92064 Lunch after at California Pizza Kitchen</p>	<p>RSVP Annette Tanenbaum 858-484-4103 annette.tanenbaum@gmail.com</p>
<p>April 4th Saturdays-varies 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Hikers Leader: Gayle Ziaskas 858-484-7596 gzia@aol.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Happy Hikers Carmel Valley - Marvin Gershon Trail Carpool from Park 'N Ride by 24Hr/Stater Bros at 8:30 a.m. or meet at Tang Dr. on the south side of the CA56 at the Carmel Creek exit.</p>	<p>RSVP : Berina Pennington (858)722-9628 berina@san.rr.com</p>
<p>April 8th Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Program Co-chairs Janice Heather 360-982-9719 janiceheather@hotmail.com Sheila Walker 858-722-3761 sekw@san.rr.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Meeting Topic: UCSD's Transformation to Better Serve the San Diego Region Speaker: Jeff Graham, Executive Director of Real Estate, UCSD Light refreshments will be served</p>	<p>RSVP : aauboard@gmail.com Let us know you are coming.</p>
<p>April 14th 2nd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2nd Tuesdays with Books Leader: Donna Lucansky 760-741-5000 lonestardonna@gmail.com</p>	<p>In the Distance by Hernan Diaz A young Swedish immigrant finds himself penniless and alone in California. Diaz defies the conventions of historical fiction and genre, offering a probing look at the stereotypes that populate our past and a portrait of radical foreignness. Discussion Leader: Pam Coon Hostess: Pam Coon</p>	<p>RSVP: Pam Coon 16521 Corte Paulina Poway 858-449-3985 prcoon1@sbcglobal.net</p>
<p>April 20th 3rd Monday 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Games Group Leader: Lyn Johnston 858-831-0052 lynjohn@san.rr.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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</p>	<p>RSVP: Lyn Johnston 9330 Chabola Road, San Diego. 858-831-0052 lynjohn@san.rr.com</p>
<p>April 21st 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>3rd Tuesdays with Books Leader: Pam Ames 858-578-4283 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cancelled this month Discussion Leader: Hostess:</p>	<p>RSVP:</p>

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<p>April 25th Saturdays-times vary</p>	<p>Travel Group Leader: Pam Ames 858-578-4283, 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com</p>	<p>Travel Group 12:00 Lunch Curry & More 11806 Rancho Bernardo Rd #123</p>	<p>RSVP: Pam Ames 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com</p>
<p>April 23rd 4th Thursday 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Thursday Evening Book Grp Leaders: Ann Morgan 858-484-5290 annmorgansd@yahoo.com Berina Pennington 858-484-3603 berina@san.rr.com</p>	<p>Thursday Evening Book Where the Light Enters by Jill Biden This is the story of how Jill built a family—and a life—of her own. From the pranks she played to keep everyone laughing to the traditions she formed that would carry them through tragedy, hers is the spirited journey of a woman embracing many roles. Leader: Carlyn Bows Hostess: Sally Jacobson</p>	<p>RSVP: Sally Jacobson 13433 Appalachian Way PQ (858) 538-9869 sjacobs4@san.rr.com</p>
<p>April 27th 4th Monday 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Mystery Book Group Leader: Beate Evey 858-538-5395 beateellinore@gmail.com</p>	<p>Mystery Book Turn of the Key by <i>Ruth Ware</i> - Ware's homage to Henry James is filled with all of the best Gothic elements: an unreliable narrator, an isolated setting, creepy children and a house that functions as its own menacing character. Hostess: Sarah Gross Leader: Sarah Gross</p>	<p>RSVP: Sarah Gross 16309 Avenida Florencia, Poway 626-808-7079 sarahgross4@gmail.com</p>



Poway – Penasquitos Branch

Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30 pm
Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis Club

Jeff Graham

Executive Director of Real Estate, UCSD

Explains the Exciting Developments on our Doorstep



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: **\$20.00 at the door.**

Enjoy wine and light snacks
Koi Zen Cellars will donate 1/2 of first glass and
20% of additional wine sales

RSVP to lewis32d@gmail.com



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