

AAUW Poway Penasquitos Branch

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Join us Online October 10 for LWV Presentation on November Ballot Propositions

by Janice Heather and Sheila Walker

Back by Popular Demand: League of Women Voters (LWV) Presentation on November Ballot Propositions!

Do you feel confused when you read some of the propositions on your election ballot? Do you wish there were an objective source that could explain the pros and cons of each measure? Well, join us on Saturday, October 10 at 10 a.m. when the League of Women Voters will brief us on the propositions on our November ballot. (Due to covid-19 concerns, we'll continue to use Zoom and offer programming online, until public health and AAUW officials say it's safe to resume meeting in person.)

The email link that connects you to the meeting will be emailed to all branch members shortly before October 10, so watch for it. This meeting is open to the public and will be recorded so feel free to share the link or the video with interested friends and neighbors.

If you have questions about this meeting or about Zoom, please contact Sheila Walker at sekw@san.rr.com. We look forward to staying connected and continuing to serve our membership during this challenging time.

Membership Matters

by Pam Ames, Membership Chair
Please welcome one of our new members, Cynthia Walters! Cynthia is a native of Manhattan, Kansas, and she obtained her B.S. at Kansas State University.

After accompanying her husband to his military assignments in Georgia and Oklahoma, they settled in New Mexico for 9 years, where Cynthia obtained her M.S. at New Mexico State University. Their next move was to Monterey, California, where Cynthia was a Computer Science instructor for two years before joining the City of Monterey for over 25 years as Network Administrator.

Now retired, Cynthia has been in San Diego since 2019 and is social distancing with her two daughters. After many years enjoying national parks from Alaska to Texas, they hope to continue their travel adventures. They've been to Europe with her parents for genealogy trips in Germany and Czech Republic, and a river rafting trip in the Grand Canyon is still on the Bucket List!

Cynthia lives in the Carmel Mountain Ranch area and was a member of AAUW in Monterey.



Alternative Camp for Tech Trek was a Success

by Aresa Toukdarian, Heidi Dalvie and Ellen Dillon,
Tech Trek Committee

The virtual "camp" offered to 40 girls selected to attend Tech Trek at UCSD this year turned out to be a great success. The August 3-7, 2020 online camp, called "STEMinists Making Change," taught the girls robotics and coding and they created personalized hats with pieces that moved and lights that blinked. Three of "our" girls participated and they all said they had a wonderful experience.

After the virtual camp was over, we delivered gift bags to each of the seven girls that we had selected in March for Tech Trek 2020. In each gift bag was a book called Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World, a Tech Trek T-shirt, and a hand-written card encouraging these girls to stay motivated to pursue STEM careers.

Dr. Mary Isaac (the director for the cancelled UCSD Camp), AAUW, and Qualcomm worked together to create this one-week alternative camp. We don't know yet what will happen with next year's Tech Trek camp, but we are pleased to know that this online alternative camp can be offered again next year, if necessary.



Scholarship Awards by Joan Natoli and Jeanni Harrison

Saturday, September 12th, was a banner day for AAUW – Poway-Penasquitos and the five outstanding winners of our annual Re-entry Scholarship Awards. We had such well-deserving candidates that our board decided, for this year, to give two additional \$1000 scholarships in addition to our three annual \$2000 awards.

Our \$2000 winners are:

- Aryal Jardines: Major/Nursing, School/National University
- Breanne Hicks: Major/Education, School/San Diego Mesa, Miramar
- Miriam Leon: Major/Nursing, School/Palomar College

Our \$1000 winners are:

- Berenice Almaguer: Major/Biology, School/CSU San Marcos
- Tatiana Kuznetsova: Major/Business, School/Miramar Community College

We wish our winners all the best and hope to keep in touch by inviting them to our public meetings such as League of Women Voters presentation in October and connect these women with the AAUW college regional college clubs online.



Miriam Leon

We request that your fall contributions be weighted towards the scholarship fund. Thank you for your great support this year!

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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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Speech Trek by Marie Dye

Next year will be our branch's third year to participate in this California AAUW contest! The topic for 2021 is: "Has social media helped or hindered the breaking down of barriers for women and girls?" The contest will be held over Zoom video conferencing on Saturday, January 30, 2021.

How can you help?

- We need a judge (since the contest will be held virtually, the judge can be from anywhere in the U.S. but not an AAUW California member).
- Be a mentor/coach.
- Publicity! A flyer will be sent to each branch member for you to post, email or text to anyone you know who may be interested.

The committee of Miriam Lauff, Michelle Blasberg, Honorine Nocon and Joan Thompson look forward to working on another successful speech competition.

Public Policy – Be an Informed Voter by Harriet Gerza

It's time to get informed about the ballot issues and candidates!

The League of Women Voters (LWV) is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. They are sponsoring many Zoom events to help the public be informed and their website is a great starting point for gathering information.

Ballot measures can often be confusing and LWV's non-partisan "prop talks" help break down each measure. Join them on October 3 at 10-11:30 a.m. for a review of this year's ballot propositions. <https://my.lwv.org/california/san-diego/event/hot-topic-saturday-prop-talk>

Don't miss LWV's San Diego Mayor Candidate Forum on October 15 at 4-5 p.m. <https://my.lwv.org/california/san-diego/event/candidate-forum-san-diego-mayor-league-hosted>

See the full list of League of Women Voters events at: <https://my.lwv.org/california/san-diego/calendar>.

Did you know that every registered voter in California will receive a ballot in the mail, about a month before November 3, Election Day? You can choose to return the ballot by mail, drop it off, or instead vote in person. For more information about how to register and what is on your ballot:

- <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>
- <http://www.easyvoterguide.org/>
- <https://votersedge.org/ca>

All San Diego Public Library branches will be Mail Ballot Drop Off locations from Tuesday, October 6, through Tuesday, November 3. <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/locations>

AAUW POWAY PENASQUITOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



2020

October 1st Thursday 6.30 pm	Great Decisions Marie Dye 858-538-1689 mdye@san.rr.com	Topic: <i>The Philippines and the U.S. – change with continuity</i> Leader: TBD Hostess: ZOOM	RSVP: Marie Dye if you are interested. Contact Marie Dye for an invite. She will send you a ZOOM invitation. All are welcome to join the discussion.
October 10th Saturday GENERAL MEETING 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.	General Meeting Program Co-chairs Janice Heather janiceheather@hotmail.com Sheila Walker sekw@san.rr.com	General Meeting Topic: League of Women Voters update on November ballot propositions Hostess: ZOOM	The ZOOM link invitation will be sent to the whole membership a few days before the October 10th meeting. Look for it! For more information email: aauwboard@gmail.com
October 20th Tuesday 1:30 p.m.	3rd Tuesday with Books Pam Ames 858-578-4283 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com	Woman of Troublesome Creek by <i>Kim Michele Richardson</i> The hardscrabble folks of Troublesome Creek have to scrap for everything—everything except books, that is. Thanks to Roosevelt's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, Troublesome's got its very own traveling librarian, Cussy Mary Carter. Discussion Leader: Janine Reeder	Pam Ames will send the ZOOM invitation. You want to read the book and join the group? Email Pam by October 13 th
October 22nd Thursday 7 pm	Thursday Evening Book Ann Morgan - 858-484-5290 annmorgansd@yahoo.com Berina Pennington 858-722-9628 berina@san.rr.com	The Dutch House by <i>Ann Patchett</i> Set over the course of five decades, <i>The Dutch House</i> is a dark fairy tale about two smart people who cannot overcome their past. Discussion Leader: Lyn Johnston	Ann Morgan will send the ZOOM invitation. You have read the book and want to join the group? Email Ann by October 19 th
October 26th Monday 1:30 p.m.	Mystery Book Group Pamela Meyer 858-449-5096 pamela.me4@gmail.com	Heaven, My Home by Attica Locke <i>9-year-old Levi King knew he should have left for home sooner; now he is alone in the darkness of vast Caddo Lake, in a boat whose motor just died. A sudden noise distracts him - and all goes dark.</i> Discussion Leader: Joan Thompson	Pam Meyer will send the ZOOM invitation. You have read the book and want to join the group? Email Pam by October 23 rd
October Different Saturdays	Hikers Gayle Ziaskas 858-484-7596619-855-4071 gzia@aol.com	Happy Hikers <i>Right now, the Happy Hikers are continuing to follow COVID-19 restrictions related to group gatherings.</i>	Gayle Ziaskas <i>We hope the hikers are continuing to walk either on their or with family members or close friends.</i>
October Mondays 7 p.m.	Games Group Lyn Johnston 858-831-0052 lynjohn@san.rr.com	Games Group <i>Right now, the Games interest group is continuing to follow COVID-19 restrictions related to group gatherings.</i>	Lyn Johnston <i>Hopefully, you are playing games with your family and friends.</i>

<p>October Fridays 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Travel Group Pam Ames 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com</p>	<p>Travel Group <i>Right now, the Travel interest group is continuing to follow COVID-19 restrictions related to group gatherings.</i></p>	<p>Pam Ames <i>At this time, the Travel group is taking a vacation from meeting at local, ethnic restaurants.</i></p>
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Please join us!

**The League of Women Voters
will discuss the propositions on the November ballot.**

Saturday, October 10th at 10 am

This will be a Zoom meeting.

Watch for an email with the link to the meeting

This is an open meeting, please invite friends to join us.