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Join us Online November 14 for a COVID Update an Interview with Dr. J.D. Malone, member of San Diego's Pandemic Response Team by Janice Heather and Sheila Walker

Save the date of Saturday, November 14 at 10 - 11:30 a.m., because Dr. J.D. Malone will join us on Zoom to update us on our region's coronavirus situation. Dr. Malone is an infectious disease expert and is on San Diego County's Coronavirus Response Team. He will address how our region looks in November regarding infections, how we compare to other areas, and how data is used to determine how we reopen schools, businesses and recreational amenities. He'll also talk about how we can enjoy a safe holiday season and will take your questions.

So, jot down all the topics you're wondering about and look for the email you'll receive with the November 14 Zoom login link. This meeting is open to the public 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

This month Membership Matters

features one of our AAUW branch founding members... Jan Rightmer!

My love affair with AAUW-PP started back in 1971 as the branch was being formed. I was a young mom with two toddlers and a neighbor asked if I'd like to "get out of the house" and talk to some adults! As the years progressed, I took part in seminars, book discussions, study groups, program planning, and made wonderful lifelong friendships.

After a career as a teacher and Community College counselor, I've enjoyed retirement and traveling with friends and my husband to many exciting destinations. We both have active lives as volunteers, me as a docent at the Mingie International Museum and supporting the charity, Gently Hugged, and my husband is a zoo volunteer. What can I say about our six grandchildren? So fun, engaging, active, and their parents do all the hard work of raising them.

I must circle back to our AAUW-PP group and what a significant impact it has had on my life. Thanks to the many women who have worked to make our branch a place to study, share ideas, and most of all, to develop and enjoy many deep friendships.



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

We were notified in September that all Tech Trek camps will be "virtual" for 2021. The decision was made at the national level and while disappointing is not a surprise given that the pandemic is still actively impacting our country.

California Tech Trek program leaders are fully prepared to continue the Tech Trek tradition this year by providing the selected girls with a stimulating, fun, and rewarding 5-day STEM virtual experience, such as the virtual robotics camp that was designed and implemented by the UC San Diego camp director this summer. AAUW National is currently adjusting its materials to incorporate the new decision and virtual program requirements. As soon as they are received, California Tech Trek will review them to determine what modifications are required for our virtual program. We have notified our middle school contacts of the changes and we are planning on beginning the process for selecting campers for Tech Trek 2021 in January.

In Memory of Donna Lucansky by Honorine Nocon on behalf of the Tuesday with Books groups



On Sunday, September 12, 2020, our branch lost a dear sister and member, Donna Lucansky. Even though she was in our branch for just a few years, we will all miss her terribly.

A memorial was held on October 10 at Community Lutheran Church in Escondido. Donna joined AAUW-PP in 2014. In 2015, she took over leadership of the Tuesday with Books group. Her organization was exemplary as she shepherded the group with just the right mix of direction, flexibility, and humor. By 2018, under her welcoming guidance, the group had grown too large for most club members' homes to accommodate and Tuesday with Books split into two groups. Donna continued to lead one of the groups, even as her health declined. In her last days, she organized a turnover and, according to her husband, in some of her last words expressed concern that she would not complete it. Her meticulous records and

concern for club members have supported the club, even after her passing. We are richer for having Donna with us and grateful for her legacy.

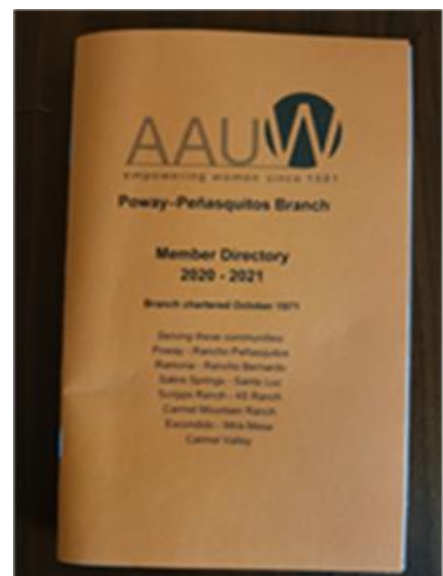
If you wish to send a note to Donna's spouse, Dan, please see their address in the Member Directory. Here is a link to her obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sandiegouniontribune/obituary.aspx?n=donna-craig-lucansky&pid=196897364>

Speech Trek by Marie Dye

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer announcing the Speech Trek contest for January 30, 2021. Please share this information on social media and through your other distribution channels. The speech topic is "Has social media helped or hindered the breaking down of barriers for women and girls." We hope to attract even more students for this contest so please spread the word!

2020 Branch Membership Directory by Pam Ames

Our 2020 Branch Membership Directory has been distributed. Most were mailed and some were dropped on doorsteps. Did you receive yours? If not, please contact Pam Ames at pamames123@gmail.com.



Garden Gals at Waterwise Botanicals Nursery & Gardens by Jeanene Cook

Take a self-guided walk through Waterwise Botanicals Nursery & Gardens in Bonsall and enjoy the wide variety of succulents and garden and landscaping plants. The nursery is open seven days a week or you can take a virtual tour at waterwisebotanicals.com. The web site is full of ideas including a plant catalog, gardening articles, tips and hints and a photo page of their landscape designers' projects. The nursery is located north of Escondido at 32151 Old Hwy 395 (off I-15 North) in Bonsall and is open Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. They can be reached at (760) 728-2641.



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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

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Public Policy – Be an Informed Voter by Harriet Gerza

League of Women Voters:

Your ballot will arrive in your mailbox any moment now. Do you know who you're voting for? Have you researched the ballot measures? If you couldn't attend the October 10 LWV presentation, you can find non-partisan proposition information at:

<https://my.lwv.org/california/san-diego/voting-resources>.

Registrar of Voters:

The [San Diego Registrar of Voters](#) is the official resource for all election related information: Mail Ballot Drop Off locations, assigned polling locations, local measures and candidate statements, important elections dates, and more.

Haven't received your ballot?

Track your ballot at: [WheresMyBallot](#). You can also check the status of your ballot after you return it.

Elect Justice CA:

Learn more about the local candidates who impact your criminal justice system with [Elect Justice CA](#). This brand-new tool, created in partnership with the League of Women Voters and several community partners, helps voters make informed voting decisions about the candidates who shape their local criminal justice system: district attorneys, judges, sheriffs, mayors, and city council members. With plain language job descriptions and candidate info from Voter's Edge, voters can trust they're getting accurate information to make confident decisions on local issues. Once voters have learned about their local candidates, Elect Justice directs them to Voter's Edge for more facts on other races and measures on their ballot.

Voters Edge:

For more voting help, everything you need can be found on [Voter's Edge](#) with their nonpartisan online guide. From the president all the way down to your local school board, Voter's Edge can help you get to know the candidates on your ballot. The site is also jam-packed with information about state and local ballot measures as well as funding sources and endorsements. Whether you have just 15 minutes, or hours, Voter's Edge will help you get the facts to vote with confidence.

A few reminders:

Voting has changed during the pandemic, but it is still easy and safe to vote. Every registered voter in California will receive a ballot in the mail. You can also still vote in person. Follow these three tips to make sure your ballot is counted:

1. Sign your ballot envelope before returning it.
2. Vote early - You can mail your ballot or return it at a Dropbox or other voting location. You may also be able to vote early in person. 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>
3. Track your ballot - [WheresMyBallot](#) also allows you to check the status of your ballot after you return it.

Public Policy – State Public Policy Committee by Harriet Gerza

The State Public Policy Committee is polling all state branches and members to determine Public Policy priorities for 2021-2023. An every-member electronic survey was distributed in the October California Connection or can be accessed here: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/proposed-aauw-ca-public-policy-action-priorities-2017-2019/>.

Public Policy is ever more important during these turbulent times to ensure the advancement of women's welfare in education, achieving economic security and guaranteeing equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse and inclusive society. The State will be offering a webinar on "Why Public Policy is Important" on October 28 at 7 p.m. that I hope you will register for and Zoom in on. Register: https://www.aauw-ca.org/event/why-public-policy-matters/?instance_id=832

AAUW POWAY PENASQUITOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 2020

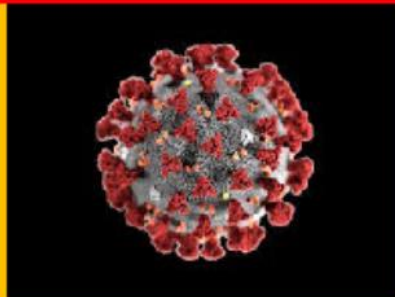


November 5th Thursday 6.30 pm	Great Decisions Marie Dye 858-538-1689 mdye@san.rr.com	Topic: <i>Artificial Intelligence and Data</i> <i>Policy makers in many countries are developing plans and funding research in artificial intelligence (AI). Global growth is slowing, and not surprisingly, many policy makers hope that AI will provide a magic solution. The EU, Brazil, and other Western countries have adopted regulations that grant users greater control over their data and require that firms using AI be transparent about how they use it. Will the U.S. follow suit?</i> Leader: Harriet Gerza	RSVP: Marie Dye if you are interested in joining the group. She will send you a Zoom invitation. All are welcome to join the discussion.
November 14th Saturday GENERAL MEETING 10:00 a.m.	General Meeting Program Co-chairs Janice Heather janiceheather@hotmail.com Sheila Walker sekw@san.rr.com	General Meeting Topic: Covid-19 update Speaker: Dr. J.D. Malone, infectious disease expert and member of SD County's pandemic response team.	The Zoom link invitation will be sent to the whole membership a few days before the November 14th meeting. Look for it! For more information email: aauwboard@gmail.com
November 17th Tuesday 1:30 p.m.	3rd Tuesday with Books Pam Ames 858-578-4283 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com	Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson <i>Tells the story of the Great Migration and the Second Great Migration: the movement of African Americans out of the Southern United States to the Midwest, Northeast and West from approximately 1915 to 1970.</i> Discussion Leader: Sally Jacobson	Pam Ames will send the Zoom invitation. You want to read the book and join the group? Email Pam by November 13 th
November 19th Thursday 7 pm	Thursday Evening Book Ann Morgan - 858-484-5290 annmmorgansd@yahoo.com Berina Pennington 858-722-9628 berina@san.rr.com	The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead <i>Based on the real story of the Dozier School, a reform school in Florida that operated for 111 years and had its history exposed by a university's investigation.</i> Discussion Leader: Terry Humphrey	Ann Morgan will send the Zoom invitation. You have read the book and want to join the group? Email Ann by November 17 th
December 7th Monday 1:30 p.m. <i>Due to Thanksgiving, the November book talk will be in December.</i>	Mystery Book Group Pamela Meyer 619-855-4071 pamela.me4@gmail.com	Memory Man by David Baldacci <i>Amos Decker's life changed forever – twice. The first time was a violent helmet-to-helmet collision knocked him off the field forever and left him with an improbable side effect – he can forget nothing. The second big change is nearly two decades later, when, Decker returns from a stakeout one evening to find his wife, young daughter, and brother-in-law all murdered.</i> Discussion Leader: Pamela Meyer	Pam Meyer will send the Zoom invitation. You have read the book and want to join the group? Email Pam by December 5 th so she can send you the link.

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



Poway – Penasquitos Branch



Dr. J.D. Malone,
Member of San Diego's Pandemic Response Team
will discuss Covid 19 and answer your questions
Saturday, November 14th 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.

Join us for a conversation with Ellen Arcadi, RN, MPH

Saturday, November 14, 2:00pm



For many years, Ellen has been active on local and state commissions on Aging and Independence, the Independent Citizens Bond Oversight Committee and many others, and is currently a non-elected California Senior Assembly Member whose job it is to keep track of legislation affecting seniors. Among other things, Ellen will brief us on the November 3 election outcomes that could affect us and our families.

Hosted by the San Diego Branch of AAUW.

Mark your Calendars now, and watch your emails for the Zoom link – week of November 9.

January 30, 2021 SPEECH TREK



Local high school students are invited to compete in Speech Trek, a speech competition sponsored by the American Association of University Women of California. All contestants create 5-6-minute speeches on the following public policy topic:

“Has social media helped or hindered the breaking down of barriers for women and girls?”

INTERESTED? Contact AAUW Poway- Peñasquitos Branch at aauwboard@gmail.com for more information and to register for the event.

Registration deadline is January 25, 2021

LOCAL PRIZES

First Place- \$500.00

Second Place- \$250.00

Winner of local contest participates in state semi-finals.

Top three state semi-finalists compete for more cash prizes

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/?s=Speech+Trek>

Search YouTube Speech Trek 2020 for videos of previous participants