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## April 14 Meeting to Address Equity and Racial Justice in San Diego County by Janice Heather

Join us on April 14 when our general membership meeting will feature a presentation by the new director of the County of San Diego's recently-formed Office of Equity and Racial Justice. Andrew Strong, a Navy veteran, community leader and County executive, has been appointed to the post to ensure that the County organization is run with equity and addresses racial justice.

The County runs a wide range of programs that serve County residents including public health, criminal justice (sheriff, jails, probation, juvenile hall), elections, family support services (adoptions, foster care, housing assistance) and regional land use. Each of us uses or is affected by a County program each day. Add to that the fact that the County is a major employer in our region. This will be an opportunity to hear how equity and racial justice is being addressed in this important government agency and to ask your questions.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Look for an email message with the meeting link shortly before the meeting.



## Membership Matters by Pam Ames, Membership Chair

All current members should have received an invoice by email for Membership Renewal for 2021-2022. This invoice allows for easy online renewal using a credit card.

If you did not receive the email, or if you have questions, please contact me at 619-889-6229 or [pamames123@gmail.com](mailto:pamames123@gmail.com).

## Members to Vote on Branch Officers at April Meeting by Janice Heather

Each year, according to our bylaws, branch members must vote to approve a slate of officers who serve our branch for a one-year term, and agree to be available to serve another year if elected again. This year, because of the pandemic and the cancellation of most 2020 activities, our Board unanimously approved (at the March 6 Board Meeting) a one-time waiver of the two year term limit and asked existing officers to stay on for one more year. Our officers will need to be approved at our next general membership meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Officers who are willing to stay on for a 2021-2022 term:

President - Cathy Burciaga

Co Vice Presidents, Program - Sheila Walker & Janice Heather

Vice President, Membership- Pam Ames

Treasurer- Michelle Blasberg (Joan Thompson to shadow)

Secretary - Karen McGurk

Additional nominations will be solicited and can be made at the meeting, if anyone would like to serve.

If you have any questions or would like to serve on the Board, please contact Janice Heather, [janiceheather@hotmail.com](mailto:janiceheather@hotmail.com).

## **Speech Trek Winner** by Marie Dye

We have the results of the Speech Trek semi-final competition. Our candidate did not make the top five, but San Diego county made a good showing with Del Mar-Leucadia and La Mesa-El Cajon branch candidates making the top three.

Semi-final results (top five contestants):

<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>CONTESTANT</u>
California Online	Lilian Chang
Del Mar - Leucadia	Halle Schaffer
La Mesa - El Cajon	Lauryn McGuire
<u>HONORABLE MENTION:</u>	
4th Place (tie)	Fremont Rhea Jain
4th Place (tie)	Morgan Hill Liliana Jaquet

## **AAUW Board of Directors Votes to Delete Degree Requirement** from Dianne Owens, President, AAUW California

The AAUW Board of Directors met for a special meeting on February 19th and voted to support the proposed bylaw change to delete the degree requirement for membership in AAUW. We also appointed a working group to design a campaign to make sure every California member knows why we are endorsing this change before voting begins on April 7, 2021.

During this next month you will see postings on the AAUW California website with statements of support, newsletter articles, and talking points.

We know that change can be challenging. We also know that change is not something to fear or resist. We have all learned to change this past year as we adapted to new ways of meeting and fundraising and helping each other. Change can be a blessing and the essence of life itself. The world around us is changing and so must we. We all want AAUW to remain relevant and continue to move forward as we work toward Equity for All.

## **AAUW California Annual Meeting on April 17** from AAUW California

Our AAUW California Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom for the second year. No travel, no hotel reservations, and no lunch, once again. But, that means you can attend at no cost from your office, living room, or kitchen. You will learn what has been happening in California this past year and it is a lot! You will see the three Speech Trek finalists, learn who our 2020 State Named Gift Honoree is, and see the first Equity Award given to former State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson. AAUW Board Chair, Julia Brown will join us and we have a special event brought to us by past Co-President Cathy Foxhoven.

Don't delay. Plan to join us on April 17th at 9:30 a.m. and register here: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2021-aauw-california-state-annual-meeting/>

**AMERICAN  
ASSOCIATION OF  
UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
POWAY PENASQUITOS  
BRANCH**

**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](http://www.aauw.org)

**California AAUW**

[www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)

**PowayPenasquitos  
AAUW**

[www.powayarea-](http://www.powayarea-)

[ca.aauw.net](http://ca.aauw.net)

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Penasquitos Branch is a  
501(c)3 corporation

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Burciaga

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Ames

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**Tech Trek – We're Looking for Volunteers** by Ellen Dillon

This is a busy time for Tech Trek. In February and March we recruit, interview and select girls for the upcoming camp. The camp will be virtual again this year and we thought everyone might be all "Zoomed" out, but the girls are eager to apply and enthusiastic about attending Tech Trek. They are excited to see professional women as role models in subjects they already enjoy. And, it helps that there are fun activities, no tests and no homework for the week!

We offered camp positions to our "2020 girls" who were not lottery-chosen for camp last year. Three of our girls accepted and are thrilled to go this year. We have received approval from our Board to send 10 girls this year, so we'll select 7 more girls from this year's applicants. We are currently interviewing girls and it is impressive to see the motivation and enthusiasm of these girls. We know we'll have some amazing future leaders.

We'll be contacting those of you who expressed interest in helping with this year's camp. If you'd like to help and missed our online poll at the March 10th meeting, just give one of us a call or email and we'll find something for you to do!

If you have questions, please contact Aresa Toukdarian, Heidi Dalvie or Ellen Dillon, our Tech Trek Branch Coordinators.

**Save the Date for Cover to Cover on May 15!** by Pam Ames and Pam Meyer

We're excited to introduce the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Cover to Cover program, featuring two wonderful, highly acclaimed novelists:

**Louise Penny**, author of 16 mystery novels featuring Chief Inspector Armand Gamache

**Lisa See**, author Island of Sea Women, Snow Flower and the Secret Fan and many more novels

Cover to Cover is an annual fundraiser for the Re-entry Women Scholarship. The cost is \$25 to attend, and registration will open on April 1. This year's program will be presented via Zoom, so please share the "Save the Date" with everyone you know - your friends are welcome to participate and do not need to live in California!



Louise Penny



Lisa See

Don't delay. Plan to join us



## **Poway – Penasquitos Branch**

**Please join us on  
Wednesday, April 14th at 6:30 pm**



**Andrew Strong, newly appointed Director of the  
County of San Diego's recently formed  
Office of Equity and Racial Justice,  
will speak to us.**

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**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.**



*One of the most important parts of Tech Trek is not the camp itself, but all the wonderful women of all ages who will contribute their precious and limited time to so many girls' futures!*



## 2021 Virtual Tech Trek Camp Volunteer Positions

AAUW-CA is offering three week-long virtual camps in June and July of 2021. Organizers are looking for a combination of adult coaches (AAUW members) and Near-Peer coaches (TTAG members) to assist during the virtual camp sessions. *Minimum requirements for TTAG is 14 years of age and two years since your Tech Trek Camp experience.*

The planned schedule includes a core class every morning with breakout sessions. At noon there is an inspirational speaker, and in the afternoons there are two workshops on various STEM subjects, with more opportunities for breakout sessions. Plans for evening sessions are still underway.

**BUILD COACHES:** will guide girls in designing and building the technical portions of their project and

- complete 4-6 hours of hardware training prior to camp
- are able to commit to all 5 days of the week, from 8:30 am -12:00 pm
- lead a group of 4-6 girls in building projects, supported by a Lead Technical Instructor
- are prepared to complete the final project

**SOCIAL COACHES:** will guide girls in the social aspects of completing their project and

- complete 2-4 hours of instruction prior to camp
- are able to commit to all 5 days of the week, from 8:30 am -12:00 pm
- take attendance, monitor engagement and ensure the girls complete required tasks, such as surveys
- are responsible for guiding group of 4-6 girls by defining some project elements and criteria, completing surveys, taking attendance, monitoring engagement and ensuring the required tasks are completed (supported by a Lead Social Instructor) *If a Social Coach wishes to assist in the building, she may also take the Build Coach training (recommended).*

**WORKSHOP COACHES:** will lead girls in post-inspiration debriefs and afternoon workshops (two) and

- complete any training associated with Workshop activities prior to camp
- lead debriefs and assist workshop presenters in breakouts sessions during the afternoon
- take attendance, monitor engagement and ensure the girls complete required tasks, such as surveys
- intervene in limited discipline issues, e.g., interruptions, inappropriate language, non-participation
- participate in (up to) eight workshop sessions (1:30 – 5:15 pm daily)—two a day for four days, plus a 5:30 pm debrief
  - some flexibility as to the choices and timing of assigned workshops
  - Evening sessions available from 7-8:30

Stipends are offered to coaches. Background Checks may be required, as determined by AAUW.

**YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE ANOTHER COACH HELPING YOU!**

Applications for the Coach positions are open now until sufficient candidates brought onboard.

Please consider being available for more than one week.



SAVE  
THE  
DATE!

23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL POWAY PENASQUITOS  
**COVER TO COVER**

FUNDRAISER FOR RE-ENTRY WOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS



**MAY 15, 2021**  
**10:00 A.M.**



PRESENTED ON **ZOOM** BY THE POWAY PENASQUITOS BRANCH OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

**LOUISE PENNY** IS THE AUTHOR OF THE SIXTEEN MYSTERY NOVELS FEATURING  
**CHIEF INSPECTOR ARMAND GAMACHE**

**LISA SEE** IS THE AUTHOR OF *ISLAND OF SEA WOMEN*,  
*SNOW FLOWER AND THE SECRET FAN* AND MANY MORE NOVELS.

FUNDRAISER COST: \$25

THIS EVENT IS NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE

RESERVATIONS OPEN APRIL 1, 2021



FOR REGISTRATION INFO CONTACT: [AAUWBOARD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AAUWBOARD@GMAIL.COM)

## AAUW POWAY PENASQUITOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



# April 2021



<b>March 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Saturday</b>  <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Games Group</b> <b>Debbie Boyd</b> 858-486-4390 <a href="mailto:travelstardebbie@yahoo.com">travelstardebbie@yahoo.com</a>  <b>Still time to RSVP!!</b>	 <b>Fundraiser</b> <b>Join us for a fun evening playing games on Zoom. Cost is \$15 per person. Benefits our scholarship program.</b>	<b>Debbie Boyd</b> will send the <b>Zoom</b> invitation. <b>Still time to RSVP!!</b> Send your check made out to: <b>PP/AAUW</b>  <b>Mail to:</b> Debbie Boyd 13612 El Mar Ave, Poway, CA 92064
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Great Decisions –</b> <b>Leader: Marie Dye</b> 858-538-1689 <a href="mailto:mdye@san.rr.com">mdye@san.rr.com</a>	<b>Brexit and the European Union</b> With the “Brexit transition period” coming to an end this year, the United Kingdom will formally leave the European Union at the start of 2021. With negotiations between the two entities continuing to stall, what does the future of Europe and the UK look like? Will the UK survive a possible Scottish vote to leave? Who will step up and take command of Europe now that Angela Merkel is out of the spotlight? <b>Discussion leader: Marilyn Scheininger</b>	<b>RSVP: for Zoom link</b> <b>Marie Dye</b> 858-733-2850 <a href="mailto:mdye@san.rr.com">mdye@san.rr.com</a>  <b>Interested in joining the group?</b> <b>Email Marie Dye by March 30<sup>th</sup> to receive an invite to the discussion.</b>
<b>April 14<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday</b> <b>6:30 to 8:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Program Co-chairs</b> <b>Janice Heather</b> 360-982-9719 <a href="mailto:janiceheather@hotmail.com">janiceheather@hotmail.com</a> <b>Sheila Walker</b> 858-722-3761 <a href="mailto:sekw@san.rr.com">sekw@san.rr.com</a>	 <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Andrew Strong</b> <b>Director of County Office of Equity and Racial Justice</b>  “I'm excited to have an opportunity to dedicate my time and energy to build greater trust with the community and work with them to create enduring systemic change, root out systemic racism and create equity in all we do.”	<b>The Zoom link invitation will be sent to the whole membership a few days before the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Look for it!</b>  <b>For more information email:</b> <a href="mailto:aaauwboard@gmail.com">aaauwboard@gmail.com</a>
<b>April 20<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday</b> <b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays with Books</b> <b>Leader:</b> <b>Pam Ames</b> 619-889-6229 (cell) <a href="mailto:pamames123@gmail.com">pamames123@gmail.com</a>	<b>Love and Other Consolation Prizes by Jamie Ford</b> <i>For twelve-year-old Ernest Young, a charity student at a boarding school, the chance to go to the World's Fair feels like a gift. But only once he is there, amid the exotic exhibits, fireworks, and Ferris wheels, does he discover that he is the one who is actually the prize. The half-Chinese orphan is astounded to learn he will be raffled off—a healthy boy “to a good home.”</i> <b>Discussion Leader: Honorine Nocon</b>	<b>RSVP:</b> <b>Pam Ames</b> will send the <b>Zoom</b> invitation.  <b>You want to read the book and join the group?</b>  <b>Email Pam Ames by April 18<sup>th</sup></b>

<p><b>April 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday Evening Book Group Leaders:</b> <b>Ann Morgan</b> 858-484-5290 <a href="mailto:annmmorgansd@yahoo.com">annmmorgansd@yahoo.com</a> <b>Berina Pennington</b> 858-484-3603 <a href="mailto:berina@san.rr.com">berina@san.rr.com</a></p>	<p><b><i>The Night Tiger</i> by Yangsze Choo</b> <i>The story pulls us into a world of servants and masters, age-old superstition and modern idealism, sibling rivalry and forbidden love. But anchoring this dazzling, propulsive novel is the intimate coming-of-age of a child and a young woman, each searching for their place in a society that would rather they stay invisible.</i> <b>Discussion Leader: Harriet Gerza</b></p>	<p><b>RSVP:</b> <b>Ann Morgan</b> will send the <b>ZOOM</b> invitation. <b>You have read the book and want to join the group?</b> <b>Email Ann by April 20<sup>th</sup></b></p>
<p><b>April 26<sup>th</sup></b> 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Mystery Book Group Leader:</b> <b>Pamela Meyer</b> 619-855-4071 <a href="mailto:pamela.me4@gmail.com">pamela.me4@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b><i>Nightblind</i> by Ragnar Jonasson</b> <i>Second book in the Dark Iceland series. Ari Thór Arason is a local policeman who has an uneasy relationship with the villagers in an idyllically quiet fishing village in northern Iceland near the Arctic Circle where no one locks their doors. The peace of this close-knit community is shattered by a sudden strange murder. It falls to Ari to solve this chilling and complex puzzle as it unfolds.</i> <b>Discussion leader: Honorine Nocon</b></p>	<p><b>RSVP:</b> <b>Pamela Meyer</b> will send the <b>ZOOM</b> invitation. <b>You have read the book and want to join the group?</b> <b>Email Pam by April 24<sup>th</sup></b></p>
<p><b>Fridays</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Travel Group</b> <b>Pam Ames</b> 619-889-6229 (cell) <a href="mailto:pamames123@gmail.com">pamames123@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Travel Group</b> <i>Right now, the Travel interest group is continuing to follow COVID-19 restrictions related to group gatherings.</i></p>	<p><b>Pam Ames</b> <i>At this time, the Travel group is taking a vacation from meeting at local, ethnic restaurants.</i></p>
<p><b>Different Saturdays</b></p>	<p><b>Hikers</b> <b>Gayle Ziaskas</b> 858-484-7596/619-855-4071 <a href="mailto:gzia@aol.com">gzia@aol.com</a></p>	<p><b>Happy Hikers</b> <i>We hope the hikers are continuing to walk either on their own or with family members or close friends.</i></p>	<p><b>Gayle Ziaskas</b> <i>Right now, the Happy Hikers are continuing to follow COVID-19 restrictions related to group gatherings.</i></p>
<p><b>1st Friday (alternate months)</b> <b>9-11:30 am</b></p>	<p><b>Garden Gals</b> <b>Jeanene Cook (Acting)</b> 858-487-9215 <a href="mailto:Jeanenec@san.rr.com">Jeanenec@san.rr.com</a></p>	<p><b>Garden Gals</b> <i>We hope the garden group is enjoying virtual garden tours or locally when allowed to be open.</i></p>	<p><b>Jeanene Cook</b> <i>Right now the Garden interest group is continuing to follow COVID-19 restrictions related to group gatherings.</i></p>