

# Adelante



AAUW Poway Penasquitos Branch

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### Don't miss these June Events & other announcements

- June 12: In-person general meeting to install officers for 2021-2022
- June 26: Travel Chat meets in-person at Public House in Scripps Ranch
- Great Decisions and Book Groups are meeting via Zoom – see the June calendar for details

## It's Finally Here: Our First In-Person AAUW Meeting in A Year!

by Janice Heather

*Join us on June 12 for Good Food, Good Company and Good Causes*

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Saturday, June 12 from 10 a.m. to noon when we will gather at Sheila Walker's home in Poway to swear in our 2021-22 officers, celebrate last year's accomplishments and start to plan for a productive and fun year ahead!

To ensure everyone's safety, we'll meet outdoors, with plenty of space to social distance. Please bring proof of your Covid vaccination. Masks are optional. There will be a buffet brunch and beverages including mimosas. We'll keep the program light so we can catch up after a long year of zoom meetings and zoom activities. We'll honor member Carlyn Bowls for her 50 years of AAUW membership with an honorary lifetime membership. And, we'll have information on our interest groups and the exciting activities and programs we're planning for 2021-22.

Please RSVP to Sheila Walker at [aauwboard@gmail.com](mailto:aauwboard@gmail.com) by June 7th so we can plan refreshments. The event will be at her home, 13381 Calle Colina, Poway.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

## Membership Matters Part I

by Pam Ames, Membership Chair

This month we celebrate Carlyn Bowls! Carlyn joined AAUW in July 1970. As a 50-year member, she has achieved an Honorary Life Membership. All dues are waived, and she is recognized by the national organization for this milestone. Carlyn recently moved to Temecula to be near family. She'll be at our general meeting event on June 12th. Please come and congratulate Carlyn.

## Membership Matters Part II

by Pam Ames, Membership Chair

There are still several members who have not renewed. If you haven't renewed, please do so. If you don't intend to renew, please drop me an email before I start my phone call reminders. If you know of a friend or colleague that has an interest in joining, please let me know! If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at [pamames123@gmail.com](mailto:pamames123@gmail.com).

## AAUW California Decries Discrimination against Black Transgender and Gender Non-conforming People

from Archana Maniar, AAUW California Public Policy Committee Member

AAUW California supports "freedom in definition of self-identity" as critical to ensuring justice for a diverse and inclusive society. One group that is consistently denied this freedom is black transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. Over the past several years, increasing attention has been focused on the multitude of ways in which these individuals encounter marginalization and discrimination. A recent study by the National Center for Transgender Equality addressed these forms of discrimination through the National Transgender Discrimination Survey. The study highlighted a variety of economic, safety, and physical and mental health challenges faced by transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. Black transgender people had unemployment rates four times the rate of the general population and twice the rate of transgender people at large. A startling 41% of black transgender or gender non-conforming individuals said they had experienced being unsheltered. Black transgender

individuals suffered extreme poverty at a rate of 31% which is twice that of transgender individuals of all races and eight times the general US population. Furthermore, 50% of black respondents who attended school while expressing their transgender identity or gender non-conformity reported harassment in the survey. Nearly half of black respondents to the survey had attempted to commit suicide and more than 20% were living with HIV compared to 0.60% of the general population. The findings highlight the profound challenges faced by black transgender and gender non-conforming individuals and point to the need for social justice advocates and government officials to address the intersection between race and gender identity to assure equity of transgender or gender non-conforming citizens.

AAUW members can address the challenges faced by black transgender and gender non-conforming individuals by advocating for legislation that assures an even playing field and addresses the unique housing and healthcare challenges faced by this population. These will help us achieve AAUW-California's public policy goals of equality, inclusiveness and financial security for all women.

<https://www.thetaskforce.org/new-analysis-shows-startling-levels-of-discrimination-against-black-transgender-people/>

### AAUW Greatest Needs Fund by Pamela Meyer, AAUW Fund Chair

Every gift to AAUW makes a difference — but your dollars go furthest when you donate to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. This fund allows AAUW to respond rapidly, in our communications and advocacy, to critical issues affecting women as they emerge — whether it is a new threat to Title IX, an opportunity to partner with employers, or the dawn of a social justice movement like #MeToo. When donations are not restricted to fellowships or specific projects, we have the dollars we need to pivot as the national dialogue shifts — and get our work covered by major media outlets such as the New York Times, CNN, and Fortune.

Greatest Needs is also what fuels our groundbreaking research and effective advocacy work to pass fair-pay laws and other key equity legislation. Giving to Greatest Needs is a great way to ensure AAUW's continued visibility, relevance, and sustainability.

Fellowships and grants were awarded to 259 women and community projects in 2019-20. In the 2020-2021 academic year, AAUW awarded nearly \$4M in fellowships and grants. Anytime you wish, you can donate to AAUW Fund and designate Greatest Needs. Make sure you give our branch credit! So far this year our branch has donated \$529 in the first quarter. Give now or in the future. <https://ww2.aauw.org/donate-gift-new/>

<b>Total California Contributions</b>	
AAUW Fund 2020	
<b>\$518,421.44</b>	
<b><u>CONTRIBUTIONS—TOP TEN BRANCHES</u></b>	
1. Marin	\$58,880
2. San Jose	\$24,934
3. Hayward-Castro Valley	\$19,480
4. Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek	\$17,411
5. Morgan Hill	\$14,981
6. Roseville-South Placer	\$11,272
7. Long Beach	\$11,065
8. La Mesa-El Cajon <i>San Diego County</i>	\$10,583
9. Sacramento	\$10,346
10. Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette	\$9,772

<b><u>Per Capita—Ten Top Branches</u></b>	
1. Marin	\$372.66
2. Berkeley	\$316.00
3. Calaveras County	\$250.00
4. Hayward-Castro Valley	\$241.00
5. West Contra Costa	\$176.00
6. LaPalma-Cerritos	\$157.00
7. San Diego <i>San Diego County</i>	\$144.00
8. San Fernando Valley	\$131.00
9. Cabrillo-Diego <i>San Diego County</i>	\$119.00
10. Woodland	\$118.00

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

**California AAUW**

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

**PowayPenasquitos  
AAUW**

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

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Walker

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**Secretary:** Karen  
McGurk

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**Travel Group** *Travel Chat In-person!* by Pam Ames

Let's get together and discuss travel. So many things are changing rapidly. Everyone is welcome! If you are not a member of this group but would like to be included, please email Pam at [pamames123@gmail.com](mailto:pamames123@gmail.com).

DATE: Saturday, June 26

PLACE: Public House (Scripps Ranch) <https://publichouse131.com/>

ADDRESS: 10393 Spring Canyon Road, San Diego 92131

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

SEATING: Outdoor patio



**Re-Entry Scholarships** by Joan Natoli

We are so excited! Eleven women have applied and qualified for our Re-Entry Scholarships! A small committee will evaluate the applications on Saturday, May 22nd. The criteria include grades and courses, an essay regarding life and educational goals, and letters of recommendation. We will recommend three finalists for our \$2000 scholarships, to be awarded either at a September luncheon, a smaller event, or mailed. Thank you to all who have supported our fund. The recipients are always overwhelmed and grateful!



## Poway – Penasquitos Branch

Please join us as we gather for our  
first, in-person, outdoor meeting of 2021

on

Saturday, June 12th, 10am to noon

at

13381 Calle Colina

Poway

Buffet brunch and beverages

Please RSVP to [aauwboard@gmail.com](mailto:aauwboard@gmail.com)

by June 7th


Vaccination cards are required

## AAUW POWAY PENASQUITOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



# June 2021



<p><b>June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Great Decisions –</b> <b>Leader: Marie Dye</b> 858-538-1689 <a href="mailto:mdye@san.rr.com">mdye@san.rr.com</a></p>	<p><b><i>China's Role in Africa</i></b> by Cobus van Staden <i>The Covid-19 crisis has put a massive strain on what was growing a positive economic and political relationship between China and the continent of Africa. As Chinese President Xi Jinping's centerpiece "Belt and Road initiative" continues to expand Chinese power, the response to the spread of Covid-19, as well as the African government's growing debt to China, has seen pushback. What are some of the growing economic and political issues between China and Africa?</i></p> <p><b>Leader: Marie Dye</b></p>	<p><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></p> <p>Interested in joining the group? Email <b>Marie Dye</b> by <b>June 1<sup>st</sup></b> to receive an invite to the discussion.</p>
<p><b>June 12<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Saturday</b>  10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p><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></p>	<p><b>Come say Hello! In Person!</b> We will install our officers for 2021-22. Sheila Walker will be hosting us in her back yard. <u><a href="#">Look for her address in a branch email.</a></u> We have decided that you will need to show your covid vaccination card for entry. Email us at: <a href="mailto:aauwboard@gmail.com">aauwboard@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Please RSVP to our branch email to let us know you are coming. We want to have enough</b></p>  <p><b>Mimosas and other goodies for you!</b> Email us by <b>June 7<sup>th</sup>!!</b> <a href="mailto:aauwboard@gmail.com">aauwboard@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>June 15<sup>th</sup></b>  3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><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></p>	<p><b>No meeting this month.</b></p>	<p><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> Email <b>Pam Ames</b> by <b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b></p>
<p><b>June 21<sup>st</sup></b>  <b>Monday</b></p>	<p><b>Games Group</b> <b>Debbie Boyd</b> 858-485-4390 <a href="mailto:travelstardebbie@yahoo.com">travelstardebbie@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Debbie Boyd</b> will send out a notice to <b>Games Group</b> members with details. If you are not on her mailing list email her to let her know you want to join!</p>	<p><b>Email:</b> <b>Debbie Boyd</b> <a href="mailto:travelstardebbie@yahoo.com">travelstardebbie@yahoo.com</a> 858-486-4390</p>
<p><b>June 24<sup>th</sup></b>  4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday Evening Book Group</b> <b>Leaders:</b> <b>Ann Morgan</b> 858-484-5290 <a href="mailto:annmorgansd@yahoo.com">annmorgansd@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>Island of Sea Women by Lisa See</b> Mi-ja and Young-sook, two girls living on the Korean island of Jeju, are best friends who come from very different backgrounds. When they are old enough, they begin working in the sea with their village's all-female diving collective, led by Young-sook's mother. As the girls take up their positions as baby divers, they know they are beginning a life of excitement and responsibility—but also danger.</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? Email Ann by June 21<sup>st</sup></b></p>



	<b>Thursday Evening Book Group</b>	Despite their love for each other, Mi-ja and Young-sook find it impossible to ignore their differences. The Island of Sea Women takes place over many decades, beginning during a period of Japanese colonialism in the 1930s and 1940s, followed by World War II, the Korean War, through the era of cell phones and wet suits for the women divers. <b>Discussion Leader: Ann Morgan</b>	
<b>June 26<sup>th</sup></b> Saturday 11 a.m.	<b>Travel Group</b> <b>Pam Ames</b> 619-889-6229 (cell) <a href="mailto:pamames123@gmail.com">pamames123@gmail.com</a>	<b>Public House in Scripps Ranch</b>  Address: 10393 Spring Canyon Rd  Outdoor patio dining	<b>RSVP</b> to make a reservation <b>Pam Ames</b> 619-889-6229 <a href="mailto:pamames123@gmail.com">pamames123@gmail.com</a>
<b>June 28<sup>th</sup></b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 1:30 p.m.	<b>Mystery Book Group</b> <b>Leader:</b> <b>Pamela Meyer</b> 619-855-4071 <a href="mailto:pamela.me4@gmail.com">pamela.me4@gmail.com</a>	<b>Swan by Frances Mayes</b> <i>In her celebrated memoirs of life in Tuscany, Frances Mayes writes masterfully about people in a powerful and shaping place. In Swan, her first novel, she has created an equally intimate world, rich with striking characters and intriguing twists of fate, that hearkens back to her southern roots.</i> <b>Leader Stephanie Smith</b>	<b>RSVP:</b> <b>Pamela Meyer will send the ZOOM invitation.</b>  <b>You have read the book and want to join the group?</b>  <b>Email Pam Meyer by June 24<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Different Saturdays</b>	<b>Hikers</b> <b>Gayle Ziaskas</b> 858-484-7596619-855-4071 <a href="mailto:gzia@aol.com">gzia@aol.com</a>	<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>	<b>Gayle Ziaskas</b> <i>Right now, the Happy Hikers are continuing to follow COVID-19 restrictions related to group gatherings.</i>
<b>1st Friday (alternate months) 9-11:30 am</b>	<b>Garden Gals</b> <b>Jeanene Cook (Acting)</b> 858-487-9215 <a href="mailto:Jeanenec@san.rr.com">Jeanenec@san.rr.com</a>	<b>Garden Gals</b> <i>We hope the garden group is enjoying virtual garden tours or locally when allowed to be open.</i>	<b>Jeanene Cook</b> <i>Right now the Garden interest group is continuing to follow COVID-19 restrictions related to group gatherings.</i>