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October 13 General Meeting: Are Our Elections Secure? by Janice Heather

Our branch's October 13 general membership meeting will focus on a topic that's on many people's minds these days: election security. How does our County Registrar of Voters ensure that voter rolls are accurate and up to date? How often do they remove voters who are deceased? How do we make sure only eligible people vote and don't vote more than once? And, does anyone really check the signature on the back of mail ballot envelopes? (Spoiler alert: the answer is yes!)

These and other questions will be addressed by League of Women Voters' (LWV) Board Member, Jeanne Weidner, who is also a member of our AAUW branch.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club, 16955 Bernardo Oaks, in Rancho Bernardo 92128. Light refreshments will be provided. This meeting is open to the public so please bring a friend or neighbor who'd like to learn the facts about this important topic.

Last but not least, we will follow county and venue COVID compliance requirements and will provide updated information on those specifics closer to the meeting date. For folks who can't join us in person, we will stream the meeting on Zoom. The link will be provided in the October

meeting reminder sent right before the meeting.

Hope to see you there! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to aauwboard@gmail.com.

Meet Our Fellows! by Pamela Meyer, AAUW/PP Fund Chair

The traditional AAUW Fund Luncheons have been rechristened as Fund Events because it's too hard to pass the salt on Zoom. There will be two Saturday events on October 23rd and October 30th and one Sunday event on November 7th. The fellows and grant recipients won't have sequined cowboy hats or silver buckles large enough to impede digestion, but they will talk about their AAUW-funded projects.

This is a great opportunity to see what AAUW Funds do when they award grants and fellowships. There are 39 women in California who received money from AAUW Fund this year. The events are 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, October 23rd and October 30th. The last event is from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, November 7th.

If you see a fellow you would like to hear more about, ask our program VP's to request a fellow through the website. <https://www.aauw-ca.org/category/aauw-fund-internal/>.

Membership Matters by Pam Ames

Our branch membership has dropped during the past year. The most successful way to introduce potential new members to our organization is to invite a friend to a General Meeting or to an Interest Group activity. Of course, the past year has been very difficult for all of us. Please consider inviting a friend who has been vaccinated to our meeting this month.

The new Membership Directories have been printed and are being distributed. Watch for yours at your front door or in your mailbox.



Happy Healthy Hikers Visited Annie's Canyon by Mary Rudelich

On September 11, the Happy Healthy Hikers group met at Annie's Canyon, a slot canyon in Solana Beach, for a beautiful hike. After hiking the canyon, we walked a bit farther to Claire's on Cedros for coffee. A lovely day was had by all.



Gardens and More by Joan Natoli

Friday, October 1st, we will be tramping off to the San Diego Botanical Garden to see both the nine gardens and the virtual installation "Seeing the Invisible." The gardens themselves are a visual and aromatic treat. "Seeing the Invisible" is the first of its kind, with beautiful computer-generated artwork placed all over the garden. We will need our cell phones, or even better, our tablets, to see these virtual spectacles. This ambitious exhibition was created with augmented reality (AR) technology and will premiere across 12 participating special gardens in seven countries in September 2021. We are very privileged to see them first, here in San Diego.

For tickets, please go to <https://www.sdbgarden.org/> to procure your \$12 (for seniors) ticket. The ticket must be dated and timed for our visit. Be sure to fill out the form correctly before you pay at the end. THE DATE IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1st, at 10 a.m. You may drive there yourself or meet us at the Rancho Penasquitos Park and Ride at 9 a.m., near Armstrong Nursery. We will leave by 9:15 a.m. You are welcome to join us, even if you're not in our group. THOSE GOING: Please email Joan Natoli at itolanj@sbcglobal.net, so we have an idea of how many will come and whether you'll carpool and/or stay for lunch. Lunch will be at the Pannikin Cafe at 12:30 p.m. Please contact Pamela Meyer at pamela.me4@gmail.com to help us make a correct reservation!

Friday, November 5th: Planning is underway! We will send out a flyer and info asap!!!!

Mark Your Calendars: Year End Celebrations! 🍷 by Janice Heather

November 10 – Branch's 50th Anniversary Party. This year, our branch turns 50!! Let's celebrate 50 years of service and friendships by partying like it's 1971. 70s dress is encouraged, and we'll have dancing (do you remember the watusi?), 70s trivia, prizes, birthday cake and more! What were you doing in 1971? Dig out your old pictures, clothes, memorabilia, etc. for the party. Guests welcome. 6-8 p.m. at the Poway Community Center, 13094 Civic Center Drive, Poway 92064. Check out the photos below. Can you recognize some of these young hot chicks from the 70s?

December 8 – Branch Holiday Party. Michelle Blasberg has again graciously offered to host our holiday party. Break out your festive sweaters and hats! 6:30-8:30 p.m. Watch for more details in coming months.



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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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Communications & Publicity by Marie Dye

Spreading the word about what AAUW and our branch does nationally and locally is the responsibility of the Public Relations and Communications Chair, which is me this year! It's important for our community to know what we do, and I would love your help in spreading the word! Our branch website is the only media we now have for the public. Pam Ames, Pam Meyer, Janice Heather, and I are communicating via Next Door about our general meetings and other branch announcements. If anyone on social media wishes to help, please let me know. I will send you what to post; you do not have to create the announcement but just post it. Thank you!

Great Decisions Interest Group by Marie Dye

Great Decisions is one of the many interest groups in our branch. This group discusses world affairs. The topics and reading material are provided by the Foreign Policy Association. https://fpa.org/great_decisions/

This year the group has discussed Global Supply Chains and National Security, Persian Gulf security, Brexit, China and Africa, the Great Power competition in the Arctic, and the two Koreas. In October we will discuss the World Health Organization and its response to COVID 19. The November discussion will be on globalization.

We meet the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m., and for the next few months it will be held over Zoom.

Any branch member is welcome to join in the discussion. We are ordering next year's book this October to get the group discount. The topics for next year are not yet announced and the pricing for the book after the discount is usually around \$23.00. The reading material is also available as an ebook in January.

Please email Marilyn Scheininger by October 1 if you are interested in obtaining a hard copy of the book. Marilyn.Scheininger@gmail.com

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

Let's get together and discuss travel. Everyone is welcome! We'll meet at Costa Brava in Pacific Beach on Saturday, October 23 at 11 a.m. We'll enjoy the food of Spain, and discussion will be about Spain travels and highlights.

Carpool will leave from Mira Mesa/I-15 Park & Ride at 10:30 a.m. Costa Brava is located at 1653 Garnet Ave, San Diego, 92109 <https://www.costabravasd.com/>

Please RSVP to Pam Ames if you plan to attend. If you are not a member of this group but would like to be included, please email Pam at pamames123@gmail.com.



Travel Group at the Sky Deck at Del Mar Highlands

AAUW POWAY PENASQUITOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



October 2021



October 1st 1st Friday	Gardens and More Joan Natoli itolanj@sbcglobal.net 559-303-2382	Tour of Encinitas Botanical Gardens Virtual Exhibition and Gardens. Buy your tickets on the website. Going to lunch after at the Pannikin Café in Encinitas.	RSVP to Joan Natoli right now if you want to go! Meet at Park and Ride near Armstrong Nursery in Penasquitos at 9 a.m.
October 7th 1st Thursday 6.30 pm	Great Decisions Marie Dye 858-733-2850 mdye@san.rr.com	Topic: The World Health Organizations' Response to COVID 19 <i>The Covid-19 pandemic has thrust the World Health Organization (WHO) into the limelight, for better and for worse. While some of the Trump administration's criticism of the organization is unfair, the response to the early stages of the pandemic left many experts wanting more from the WHO. What is the WHO's role in responding to international pandemics? What can be done to improve the WHO's response to future global health crises?</i> Leader: Michelle Blasberg	RSVP: By Monday Oct. 5th Marie Dye will send you the Zoom Link. Do you want to join the group? Please call or email: mdye@san.rr.com 858-733-2850
October 13th 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday GENERAL MEETING	General Meeting Program Co-chairs Janice Heather janiceheather@hotmail.com Sheila Walker sekw@san.rr.com	Topic: Election Security Speaker: Jeanne Weidner, League of Women Voters RB Swim & Tennis Club, 16955 Bernardo Oaks Drive Refreshments provided, open to the public.	For more information email: aauwboard@gmail.com Please RSVP so we know how many people are attending.
October 16th 8 a.m. Different Saturdays	Happy, Healthy Hikers Mary Alice Rudelich Mary.rudelich@aol.com 801-440-2601	We will hike along Lake Hodges to the pedestrian bridge. This is an easy to moderate hike. Meet at the parking lot located at the Ed Brown Senior Center by the tennis courts. Jo Beneke will be leading.	RSVP: Mary Alice Rudelich mary.rudelich@aol.com to let Mary know you are coming!
October 18th 3 rd Mondays Time to be determined	Games Group Debbie Boyd travelstardebbie@yahoo.com 858-486-4390	Games Group A hostess is needed for this month. Please call Debbie Boyd to let her know you will hostess.	Place or Zoom TBD
October 19th 3 rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.	Page Turners Pam Ames 858-578-4283	The Address by Fiona Davis When a chance encounter with Theodore Camden, one of the architects of the grand New York apartment house the Dakota, leads	Pam Ames will send the ZOOM invitation. You want to read the book and

	619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com Page Turners continued	to a job offer for Sara Smythe, her world is suddenly awash in possibility—no mean feat for a servant in 1884. The opportunity to move to America. The opportunity to be the female manager of the Dakota. Discussion leader: Sharon Watkins	join the group? Email Pam by October 17 th
October 23rd Saturdays/Fridays	Travel Group Pam Ames 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com	Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Ave, Pacific Beach 11:00 AM Carpool - 10:30AM at Mira Mesa/I-15 Park & Ride	RSVP by Oct 22nd Call or email Pam to reserve your spot and let her know you are carpooling.
October 25th 4 th Monday 1:30 p.m.	Monday Mysteries Pamela Meyer 619-855-4071 Pamela.me4@gmail.com	Miracle Creek by Angie Kim <i>How far will you go to protect your family? Will you keep their secrets? Ignore their lies? In a small town in Virginia, a group of people know each other because they're part of a special treatment center, a hyperbaric chamber that may cure a range of conditions from infertility to autism. But then the chamber explodes, two people die, and it's clear the explosion wasn't an accident.</i> Discussion Leader: Karen Lust	Pam Meyer will send the ZOOM invitation. You have read the book and want to join the group? Email Pam by October 24 th
October 28th 3 rd Thursday 7 pm	Thursday Book Club Ann Morgan 858-484-5290 annmmorgansd@yahoo.com Marilyn Scheininger 858-232-0678 marilynrs@att.net	The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel In this captivating story of crisis and survival, Emily St. John Mandel takes readers through often hidden landscapes: campgrounds for the near-homeless, underground electronica clubs, service in luxury hotels, and life in a federal prison. Rife with unexpected beauty, <i>The Glass Hotel</i> is a captivating portrait of greed and guilt, love and delusion, ghosts and unintended consequences, and the infinite ways we search for meaning in our lives. 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 October 26 th