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## Annual San Diego County InterBranch Meeting by

Cathy Burciaga

Greetings dear members and Happy Holidays to you all!

As we look forward to the New Year, I wanted to be sure you've calendared one of our most important upcoming events. Each year, all eight San Diego County branches gather for a festive luncheon and conversation at a beautiful venue to kick off the new year. We hear a great guest speaker, visit with old friends and make new ones, bid on exciting auction items, and hear what the other branches are up to.

This year's InterBranch Council (IBC) Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, January 29, 2022, so mark your calendars. We, the Poway-Penasquitos Branch, are excited to be co-hosting the event with Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista, to be held at the sumptuous Shadowridge Golf Club in Vista.

We are truly fortunate to have as our special guest speaker, Erica Pinto, first Chairwoman of the Jamul Indian Village (a tribe of the Kumeyaay Nation) who has a fascinating story to tell us.

I would like to see our branch fill at least two to three tables, so please use the RSVP form in this issue to reserve your seat asap. And, plan to bring a friend!

## Membership Matters by Pam Ames

Our members are a group of very interesting individuals! At the November 50th Anniversary Celebration of our branch we viewed photos of our members from 1971 (or near) and were challenged to guess who was in each photo. It was fun and a learning experience. We saw our members at home with their young children, on road trips, in stylish attire, and on Peace Corp assignments as well as soaring in a skydiving competition! Take each AAUW event as an opportunity to talk to a member you may not know. We are always eager to have new members join us. Looking forward to a new 2022! Contact me with any questions at [pamames123@gmail.com](mailto:pamames123@gmail.com).

## Women's Reproductive Rights - Where Are We Now? by Claire Noonan, AAUW CA Public Policy

By January 22, 2022, the 49th anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision, SCOTUS (the Supreme Court of the United States) will have heard arguments on Texas SB 8 legislation banning pregnancy termination after six (6) weeks and Mississippi's legislation (Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization) to ban abortion after fifteen (15) weeks.

What are the issues? For Texas, it isn't about the constitutionality of the legislation, i.e. the fundamental right decided by Roe v Wade. Instead, a decision will be made on the tactics used by the Texas legislature - delegating their enforcement duties to citizens - to preclude lawsuits against the State.

The decision on the Mississippi legislation will be straightforward. One, SCOTUS could overturn Roe v Wade. Two, the court could limit legal standing to challenges on state law, e.g. doctors wouldn't be able to challenge on behalf of patients. Three, new legal standards for the evaluation of abortion regulations may be created so states aren't required to show that the benefits of an abortion ban outweigh the undue burden to patients - reversing Planned Parenthood v Casey. (Women's Health Policy, 11/21/2021)

One hundred six (106) state laws have been passed to restrict abortion in 2021. Activists, like AAUW, are bringing lawsuits before the Supreme Court. AAUW has submitted an amicus brief for Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization as to the constitutionality of the Mississippi law.

In addition, the ACLU and others have brought lawsuits against other Mississippi abortion-related legislation like regulations for informed consent, a waiting period before the procedure, and ban on telemedicine visits.

Surveys show that 60-70% of Americans approve of abortion in all or most circumstances. Only 20% think abortion should be illegal in all circumstances. (New York Times, Upshot (5/19/2021). AAUW and AAUW California stand with the majority, and the time to act is now. We must pressure the Senate to pass the Women's Health Protection Act. The legislation must become law in this session. Unfair changes in representation have occurred with redistricting. Votes in the 2022 mid-term elections that would elect representatives who would vote for this bill could be suppressed.

Detailed information on the current position for women's reproductive health is available from the Guttmacher Institute.

### Happy Healthy Hikers Visit Coronado in December by Mary Alice Rudelich

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, 15 Happy Healthy Hikers were in Coronado enjoying the fresh air, holiday decorations, and each other's company. The ocean was amazing and the Hotel Del did not disappoint. We finished the morning by lunching at Il Fornaio Italian restaurant.

Next up is a January hike to [Sycamore Canyon](#) in Poway. Start the new year right and join us.



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AAUW advances equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, leadership, and research.

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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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**Gardens and More** by Joan Natoli

No excursions are planned for January, so our next excursion will be Friday, February 4, place TBD, perhaps the Japanese Friendship Garden. On March 4, we will have a backyard succulent potting party with, perhaps, a potluck! If you have any questions, please email Joan at [itolanj@sbglobal.net](mailto:itolanj@sbglobal.net)

**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, January 22 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](mailto:pamames123@gmail.com).

**New Interest Group – Grape Expectations** by Janice Heather

Calling all wine lovers! 🍷 Our branch's new interest group, Grape Expectations, will hold our first excursion on Friday, January 14. This group will meet every other month, on the second Fridays of January, March, May, September, and November, from 3-5 pm to explore various wineries around San Diego County.

The January 14 kickoff event will be at Domaine Artefact winery at 15404 Highland Valley Rd. Domaine Artefact grows their own grapes and specializes in French Rhône style wines. The tasting fee is \$25 per person, to be paid at the winery. Light snacks will be provided. For more information on Domaine Artefact, check out their website at <https://domaineartefact.wine/>.

If you plan to join us, please rsvp to Janice Heather at [janiceheather@hotmail.com](mailto:janiceheather@hotmail.com) by January 10 so we can organize carpools and reserve enough tables.

**Speech Trek Update** by Karen McGurk

We are seeking high school students who are interested in discussing diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Speech Trek competition on Saturday, February 5, 2022 will provide an opportunity for them to share their thoughts and win great prizes. This year's topic is: *Has the US lived up to its pledge of liberty and justice for all? Would requiring the study of diversity, equity and inclusion in a high school setting help ensure liberty and justice for all?*

At this time, we are greatly in need of student participants. Please share the attached flyer with friends and family and help us spread the word!





# AAUW POWAY PENASQUITOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



# January



<b>January 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Saturday</b>		<b>General meeting at end of calendar!!</b>	
<b>January</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</b>  <b>6.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Great Decisions</b> Marie Dye <a href="mailto:mdye@san.rr.com">mdye@san.rr.com</a> 858-733-2850	<b>Great decisions will not meet in January.</b>	<u>No meeting this month.</u>
<b>January</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Friday</b>	<b>Gardens and More</b> Joan Natoli <a href="mailto:itolanj@sbcglobal.net">itolanj@sbcglobal.net</a> 559-303-2382	<b>No meeting in January</b> but we will start up again February 4th (Maybe Japanese Friendship Garden) and March 4th (making potted arrangements of succulents at a member's home.). <i>See Adelante for more info.</i>	<b>Gardens &amp; More:</b> There is no Adventure in January. February 4th Adventure: TBD.
<b>January 14<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Friday</b>  <b>3-5:30 p.m.</b>  <b>New Interest group</b>	<b>Grape Expectations</b> Janice Heather <a href="mailto:janiceheather@hotmail.com">janiceheather@hotmail.com</a>	<b>Wine tasting!</b>  <b>Grape Expectations</b>  <b>A new Interest Group!</b>  Friday, January 14th  3-5:30 p.m.  Meet at Domaine Artefact Winery	<b>Rsvp by January 10th</b> to Janice Heather <a href="mailto:Janiceheather@hotmail.com">Janiceheather@hotmail.com</a>  <b>\$25 per person tasting fee</b> Light snacks included
<b>January 15<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Different Saturdays</b>  <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Happy, Healthy Hikers</b> Mary Alice Rudelich <a href="mailto:Mary.rudelich@aol.com">Mary.rudelich@aol.com</a> 801-440-2601	<b>Sycamore Canyon Hike</b> 16281 Sycamore Canyon Road January 15 at 8:30 a.m. Moderate hike. <i>One of the best in Poway.</i>	<b>Please RSVP to</b> Mary Alice Rudelich <a href="mailto:Mary.rudelich@aol.com">Mary.rudelich@aol.com</a> 801-440-2601
<b>January 17<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays</b>  <b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Games Group</b> Debbie Boyd <a href="mailto:travelstardebbie@yahoo.com">travelstardebbie@yahoo.com</a> 858-486-4390	<b>Home of Vicki Kiehl</b> in Hidden Meadows North of Escondido <b>9736 Indian Creek Way</b> <b>Escondido, CA 92026</b>	<b>RSVP to Debbie Boyd</b> <a href="mailto:traveldebbie@yahoo.com">traveldebbie@yahoo.com</a> (858) 486-4390 Carpool info TBD

<b>January 18<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday</b>  <b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Page Turners</b> Pam Ames <a href="mailto:pamames123@gmail.com">pamames123@gmail.com</a> 619-889-6229 (cell)	<b>The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict</b> <i>She possessed a stunning beauty. She also possessed a stunning mind. Could the world handle both? Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer. Underestimated in everything else, she overheard the Third Reich's plans while at her husband's side, understanding more than anyone would guess. She devised a plan to flee in disguise from their castle, and the whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star.</i> <b>Leader: Pamela Meyer</b>	<b>RSVP to:</b> <b>Pam Ames</b> 619-889-6229 (cell) <a href="mailto:pamames123@gmail.com">pamames123@gmail.com</a> <b>To receive the Zoom Link.</b>
<b>January 22<sup>nd</sup></b>  <b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Travel Group</b> Pam Ames 619-889-6229 (cell) <a href="mailto:pamames123@gmail.com">pamames123@gmail.com</a>	Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Ave  10:30 a.m. Carpool from Mira Mesa Park & Ride I/15 - Mira Mesa Blvd	<b>RSVP to:</b> Pam Ames 619-889-6229 (cell) <a href="mailto:pamames123@gmail.com">pamames123@gmail.com</a>
<b>January 24<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>4<sup>th</sup> Monday</b>  <b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Mystery Mondays</b> Pamela Meyer 619-855-4071 <a href="mailto:Pamela.me4@gmail.com">Pamela.me4@gmail.com</a>	<b>These Women by Ivy Pochoda</b> <i>In West Adams, a rapidly changing part of South Los Angeles, they're referred to as "these women." These women on the corner ... These women in the club ... These women who won't stop asking questions ... These women who got what they deserved. In her masterful new novel, Ivy Pochoda creates a kaleidoscope of loss, power, and hope featuring five very different women whose lives are steeped in danger and anguish.</i> <b>Leader: Georgia Chagala</b>	<b>RSVP to:</b> Pamela Meyer 619-855-4071 <a href="mailto:Pamela.me4@gmail.com">Pamela.me4@gmail.com</a> <b>To receive the Zoom link</b>
<b>January 27<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>4<sup>th</sup> Thursday</b>  <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Thursday Book Club</b> Ann Morgan <a href="mailto:annmmorgansd@yahoo.com">annmmorgansd@yahoo.com</a> 858-484-5290  Marilyn Scheininger <a href="mailto:marilynrs@att.net">marilynrs@att.net</a> 858-484-5290	<b>Storyteller's Secret by Sejal Badani</b> <i>Nothing prepares Jaya, a New York journalist, for the heartbreak of her third miscarriage and the slow unraveling of her marriage in its wake. Desperate to assuage her deep anguish, she decides to go to India to uncover answers to her family's past. Intoxicated by the sights, smells, and sounds she experiences, Jaya becomes an eager student of the culture. But it is Ravi—her grandmother's former servant and trusted confidant—who reveals the resilience, struggles, secret love, and tragic fall of Jaya's pioneering grandmother during the British occupation.</i> <b>Leader: Sheila Hershberger</b>	<b>RSVP to:</b> Ann Morgan 858-484-5290 <a href="mailto:annmmorgansd@yahoo.com">annmmorgansd@yahoo.com</a> <b>To receive the Zoom Link</b>  <b>Hybrid meeting!!</b> <b>We will also be meeting at Terry Humphrey's home</b> <b>13195 Bavarian Drive,</b> <b>Ranch Penasquitos</b>

<b>January 29<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>San Diego County Interbranch Council meeting</b>  <b>Saturday</b>  <b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Cathy Burciaga</b> <a href="mailto:cburciaga@san.rr.com">cburciaga@san.rr.com</a> 858-449-5096	<b>Annual All Branches luncheon</b> <b>Shadowridge Golf Club</b> <b>1980 Gateway Drive, Vista 92081</b> <b>Special Guest speaker:</b> <b>Erica M. Pinto, Chairwoman</b> <b>Jamul Indian Village of California</b>	<b>RSVP by January 24<sup>th</sup>!</b>  <b>Look for reservation form in Adelante!</b>
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**San Diego County InterBranch Council (SDC-IBC)**

**Annual All-Branch Luncheon**

**Saturday, January 29, 11:15am**



**Shadowridge Golf Club**

**1980 Gateway Drive, Vista 92081**



Cabrillo-Diego  
Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista  
Del Mar-Leucadia  
Fallbrook  
La Mesa-EI Cajon  
Poway-Peñasquitos  
Rancho Bernardo  
San Diego

The Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista and Poway-Peñasquitos Branches cordially invite you

***Our Special Guest Speaker:***

*We are excited to hear Ms. Pinto tell us about the fascinating work she has been doing since joining the tribal council at the tender age of only 21 – creating jobs, promoting economic growth, health, fitness and technology, all while protecting and promoting the tribe's native culture and heritage.*



*Erica M. Pinto, Chairwoman  
Jamul Indian Village of California*

to join us for lunch and a rousing good time together after 18 months of you-know-what! Renew old friendships and meet new friends, bid on enticing silent auction items to take home, and hear what the other members have been up to. See you at lovely Shadowridge!

**Questions? Call or text Cathy at (858) 449-5096, or e-mail [cburciaga@san.rr.com](mailto:cburciaga@san.rr.com)**

**RSVPs are a Must - by January 22 please!**

☐ **Yes, (name)\_\_\_\_\_ will be there.**

**And, I am bringing \_\_\_\_\_ guests:\_\_\_\_\_**

**Select Your Entrée(s):** ☐ Artichoke Chicken ☐ Butternut Squash Ravioli (Veg)  
☐ Pan-seared Salmon with Lemon Dill Sauce

**Cost: \$40. Enclosed is my check payable to "SDC-IBC".**

**Tear off this reply & mail to: AAUW IBC Luncheon, PO Box 262012, San Diego, CA 92196**



## **SPEECH TREK**

### **February 5, 2022**



California 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 the US lived up to its pledge of *liberty and justice for all*? Would requiring the study of diversity, equity and inclusion in a high school setting help ensure *liberty and justice for all*?**

**INTERESTED?** Contact AAUW Poway-Peñasquitos Branch at [aauwboard@gmail.com](mailto:aauwboard@gmail.com) for more information and to register for the event. Registration deadline is January 25, 2022. The contest will be held in-person at the Rancho Peñasquitos Public Library.

#### **LOCAL PRIZES**

First Place - \$1,000.00

Second Place - \$500.00

Third Place - \$250.00

Winner of the local contest participates in state semi-finals, and the top three state semi-finalists compete for more cash prizes.

Speeches from previous years can be viewed on YouTube by searching "Speech Trek."