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April Meeting to Highlight Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by Janice Heather

Our next monthly general membership meeting will be Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. and we're pleased to have Poway Unified School District's Chief Communications Officer Christine Paik join us.

In addition to updating us on local school district issues, Ms. Paik, who is Korean-American, will update us on activities planned to celebrate the Asian and Pacific Islander communities in San Diego in May.

Ms. Paik is an award-winning communications professional with over 20 years of experience working in education, media, and public relations in San Diego, Fresno, and San Francisco. She is also the author of an award-winning children's book The Girl in the Gold Dress which was published in May 2021 and tells the story of a young Korean-American girl who overcomes her embarrassment of her heritage to step forward with pride and share her culture with others.



Ms. Paik is passionate about diversifying children's literature and elevating Asian American stories and experiences with her writing.

The meeting will be at Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club, 16955 Bernardo Oaks Drive. Social time is 6:30-7 p.m., with the program starting at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. For questions, please email Janice Heather at janiceheather@hotmail.com.

Sexual Assault on College Campuses by Amy Hom, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

College campuses should be safe spaces where students can study, learn, pursue academic goals, and engage in social activities. Unfortunately, college campuses have also long been places where students can face sexual violence. A 2019 study conducted by the Association of American Universities found the rate of undergraduates who experienced rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation to be 26.4 percent for females, 23.1 percent for transgender, genderqueer, or nonconforming (TGQN) students, and 6.8 percent for males.

A crucial first step toward solving problems is accurate reporting and measurement. While numerous studies show that campus rape is common, an analysis by AAUW found that the vast majority (89%) of 11,000 American college and university campuses reported zero incidents of rape. This speaks to the inadequacy of reporting structures rather than the frequency of assaults. Only 1 in 5 female undergraduates report their sexual assault to authorities, with victims often reluctant to notify officials because they worry that they won't be believed or might face retaliation. Many schools make it difficult for students to come forward, and a majority fail to properly report incidents of sexual violence when they occur.

Further exacerbating the problem, in 2017 the U.S. Department of Education, led by then-secretary Betsy DeVos, rescinded a number of sexual harassment protections under Title IX. The DeVos rule expanded protections for those accused of sexual misconduct. It subjected sexual abuse claims to higher standards of evidence than other claims. It gave the accused the rights to a live hearing and to cross-examine accusers, which was not previously allowed. As a result of these changes to Title IX, it has become even more challenging to report sexual assaults through university channels.

In March 2021 President Biden signed an Executive Order directing Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona to suspend, revise or rescind the DeVos-era rule, or begin the process of collecting comments to draft a new rule. The Department of Education started that process in June 2021 and announced in December that it will unveil new proposed Title IX rules in April 2022. The AAUW CA Public Policy committee will be looking out for the Department's new proposed Title IX revisions in the spring and will provide updates as they become available.

Once critical protections for students are restored and further protections established, additional focus will be needed to fully enforce Title IX and to provide oversight of schools' compliance with the laws. AAUW will continue to defend Title IX and promote its effective enforcement as a key to fair and equitable education for women and girls in the United States.

Proposed Slate of 2022-2023 Elected Officers by Cathy Burciaga

Approved by the Board on March 19, 2022

President: Michelle Blasberg

Programs – 1st Vice Presidents: Karen McGurk, Joie Nolasco, Ellie Slade

Membership – 2nd Vice Presidents: Harriet Gerza, Linda Johnston

Treasurer: Sheila Walker

Secretary: Joan Natoli

The membership will vote to adopt and/or amend the slate of Elected Officers at the May 14th general members meeting, followed by installation of the new officers.

Respectfully submitted,

2021-22 Nominating Committee

Harriet Gerza

Pamela Meyer

Cathy Burciaga

Membership Matters by Pam Ames

April is the month that membership renewals will begin. Each year your membership expires June 30. Watch your email for the renewal invoice which allows you to renew using a credit card. Renewal amount is \$104, of which \$64 is tax deductible. If you know of anyone considering joining as a new member there is a promotion for only \$68 that expires in June. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information about the new member promotion.

Speech Trek Update by Karen McGurk

We have a winner! Our branch awarded \$1000.00 to first place Speech Trek winner, Kristine Sy (pictured) from Mark Keppel High School; \$500.00 to second place winner, Yuvraj Anand from Francis Parker High School; and \$250.00 for third place winner, Sanjay Bharadwaj from Del Norte High School.

The 8 competitors created 5-6 minute speeches on the public policy topic: "Has the US lived up to its pledge of liberty and justice for all?" and "Would requiring the study of diversity, equity and inclusion in a high school setting help ensure liberty and justice for all?" Kristine will represent our branch in the state semi-final contest in April. The top three semi-finalists will be invited to present their speech in person at the AAUW California convention. Stay tuned for the results!

Thanks to the Speech Trek judges who gave up their Saturday morning to participate in this contest: Darshana Patel PhD, elected trustee for the Poway Unified School District; Phil Barham, Ericsson Elementary School educator; and Ellie Slade, AAUW Poway-Peñasquitos branch member.

Thanks to the following AAUW team members for helping with this event: Honorine Nocon for leading us effortlessly through Zoom; Miriam Lauff for being the student contact; Michelle Blasberg and Jeanni Harrison for being the contacts for the judges, tabulating the ballots, and also announcing the contest results; Joan Thompson for being the speech contest timer; and Harriet Gerza, Sheila Walker, and Pam Ames for helping the team practice multiple times on Zoom. Special thanks to Marie Dye for her guidance and expertise and to Cathy Burciaga for making her home and equipment available during the practices and competition. Thanks to our membership for supporting this event.



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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

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California AAUW

www.aauw-ca.org

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Ames

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McGurk

Treasurer: Michelle
Blasberg

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Travel Group *Travel Chat In-person!*

by Pam Ames

Bonjour! This month we'll be having lunch at Creme de la Crepe, located at 142 University Avenue. Our travel chat will focus on France. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 23. We will carpool at 11:00 a.m. from the Park and Ride at Scripps Poway Pkwy/Yanni's. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. Be sure to RSVP by noon on 4/22 to pamames123@gmail.com. Their website is <https://www.cremedelacrepe.com/san-diego/>.

Gardens and More by Joan Natoli, Coordinator

We won't have any activities in April but save these dates for upcoming events.

Friday, May 6th: Savoring Succulents in the Sun. Succulent Planting Party at Ilene Buchenau's home in Rancho Peñasquitos. She will provide pots for a small fee or you may bring your own. Ilene has a yard full of succulents very suitable for snipping and planting! We will also have a luncheon potluck! Please RSVP to Ilene at ilenemb1@gmail.com or 858-484-0668.

Friday, June 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Japanese Friendship Garden Tour and Lunch. (rescheduled from March) We will have a delightful stroll through the garden, maybe with a docent to guide us. There will be an entry fee of \$12.00. We will follow up with a light lunch at the nearby Japanese Garden Restaurant. If you would like to carpool, we will gather by 9:15 a.m. at Park and Ride on Carmel Mountain Rd. opposite Freeport Rd. The parking lot is between the shopping center and the Skateboard Park. Please contact me, Joan, during the first two weeks of May or the first week of June if you'd like to attend: 559-303-2382, itolanj@sbcglobal.net.

Tech Trek Update by Heidi Dalvie, Ellen Dillon, Debbie Lewis, Co-Coordinators

The camper applications are coming in and we will be interviewing the girls virtually in the next few weeks. Our branch plans to send 7 girls to camp this year. Tech Trek 2022 at UCSD will not be in person this year. Instead, we will have two virtual camps, like last year: June 19 – 24 and July 24 – 29. Nearly 300 participants across the state of California will be attending the two virtual camps.

The virtual camp team is soliciting proposals for interactive workshops. Do you want a chance to deliver a workshop or core course at the virtual Tech Trek camps this summer? The team is looking for engaging 90-minute hands-on or interactive STEM workshops, along with core courses using a project-based approach and containing 15 hours of STEM curriculum that will result in something tangible for students to keep. Submit a proposal [HERE](#) or contact the virtual team at techtrek-virtualcomm@aauw-ca.org if you have questions. Stipends or service hours may be offered to qualified presenters.

Want to get involved? Volunteer Opportunities for YOU! We will also be recruiting volunteers for Build Coach, Social Coach, and Workshop Coach.

For volunteer job descriptions and to apply, please go to the volunteer interest form at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5k2KaGV4oOcBleIKurG64YyLkMYyVQ8l5Bji75bE3Qts1Jg/viewform>.

Mary Isaac is looking for a new virtual camp Treasurer, too. If you're interested, please send an email to techtrek-virtual@aauw-ca.org and complete the Volunteer interest form <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5k2KaGV4oOcBleIKurG64YyLkMYyVQ8l5Bji75bE3Qts1Jg/viewform>. Select 'Virtual coach' as your role and write in that you are interested in the 'camp treasurer' role in the "What-I-Bring-to-the-Party" question.

We hope you consider volunteering with our Tech Trek program! As we always say, one of the most important parts of Tech Trek is not only the camp itself but all the wonderful women of all ages who will contribute their precious and limited time to so many girls' futures!

Joint IBC Meeting on June 25, 2022 - SAVE THE DATE! by Harriet Gerza

Our joint IBC Luncheon Meeting has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 25 at 11 a.m. It's been awhile since we have all gathered to share with other branches and catch up on what's been happening! We are looking forward to seeing members from all the branches at the Shadowridge Country Club in Vista. Harriet Gerza will be coordinating any carpools if you are interested in attending. We have a great speaker, Erica M Pinto, Chair for Jamul Indian Village of California, who will give us an overview of her tribe's background and current activities. We'll also be installing our new officers and conducting our business meeting where we share information on local and state activities, Tech Trek, and other activities for the year. Please mark your calendars and join us!

Next up for Grape Expectations: A Visit to Hungry Hawk Vineyards and Winery in Escondido by Janice Heather

Intrepid AAUW wine lovers will have an opportunity to visit Hungry Hawk Vineyards and Winery on Friday, April 8 from 3-5 p.m. Suggested by member Carol Wigent, Hungry Hawk is located at 3255 Summit Drive, Escondido and overlooks the San Pasqual Valley. <https://www.hungryhawkvineyards.com/>

They produce over 25 different varietals from France, Italy, and Spain and are committed to sustainability in all their operations. Tasting flights are between \$20-24, depending on the wines selected. 🍷

Please RSVP to Janice Heather at janiceheather@hotmail.com by April 4 if you wish to join us. Carpool information will be sent to those who RSVP.



Happy Healthy Hikers Visit Blue Sky and Lake Poway by Mary Alice Rudelich

Seven daring women hiked Blue Sky and Lake Poway in February. A quick stop at the picnic area uncovered an amphitheater. We avoided the poison oak and found a perfect photo spot. The picture does not include Marie Dye and Gayle Ziakas.

There won't be a hike in April, but we'll get back to hiking in May.



AAUW POWAY PENASQUITOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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April



No Hike! Different Saturdays	Happy, Healthy Hikers Mary Alice Rudelich Mary.rudelich@aol.com 801-440-2601	No hike this month (April's hike has been cancelled!)	For general information: Mary Alice Rudelich Mary.rudelich@aol.com 801-440-2601
April 1st Friday	Gardens and More Joan Natoli itolanj@sbcglobal.net 559-303-2382	No activity this month.	
April 6th 6:30 p.m. Wednesday PLEASE NOTE EARLIER DATE FOR MEETING!	General Meeting Program Co-chairs Janice Heather janiceheather@hotmail.com Sheila Walker sekw@san.rr.com	General membership meeting Speaker: Christine Paik Asian American Heritage Month RB Swim & Tennis Club 16955 Bernardo Oaks Drive Light refreshments will be served	For more information email: aauwboard@gmail.com Email us to let us know you will be attending.
April 7th 1st Thursday 6.30 p.m.	Great Decisions Marie Dye 858-733-2850 mdye@san.rr.com	Great Decisions - discussion on "Putin's Russia" Discussion leader: Terry Humphrey We will meet at the home of Karen McGurk at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Karen kmcgurkrn@sbcglobal.net if you plan to attend.	We will also be sending a Zoom link to the Great Decisions group for those who wish to participate online. If interested, please contact Marie Dye at mdye@san.rr.com
April 8th 3-5 p.m.	Grape Expectations Janice Heather janiceheather@hotmail.com	Grape Expectations Wine tasting group Hungry Hawk winery 3255 Summit Drive, Escondido	RSVP by April 4th to: Janice Heather janiceheather@hotmail.com for carpool information
April 18th 3rd Mondays 1 p.m.	Games Group Debbie Boyd travelstardebbie@yahoo.com 858-486-4390	Murder Mystery 1970's game! Debbie Boyd's home: 13612 El Mar Ave. Poway Potluck	RSVP to Debbie Boyd: travelstardebbie@yahoo.com or 858-486-4390

<p>April 19th</p> <p>3rd Tuesday</p> <p>1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Page Turners Pam Ames 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com</p>	<p>The Rose Code, by Kate Quinn 1940. <i>As England prepares to fight the Nazis, three very different women answer the call to mysterious country estate Bletchley Park, where the best minds in Britain train to break German military codes.</i> 1947. <i>As the royal wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip whips post-war Britain into a fever, three friends-turned-enemies are reunited by a mysterious encrypted letter--the key to which lies buried in the long-ago betrayal that destroyed their friendship and left one of them confined to an asylum.</i> Leader: Harriet Gerza</p>	<p>RSVP to: Pam Ames 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com to receive the Zoom Link</p>
<p>April 23rd</p> <p>10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Travel Group Pam Ames 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com</p>	<p>PLACE: Creme de la Crepe 142 University Avenue CARPOOL: 11 a.m. at Yanni's/Park and Ride</p>	<p>RSVP to by April 22nd to: Pam Ames 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com</p>
<p>April 25th</p> <p>4th Monday</p> <p>1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Mystery Mondays Pamela Meyer 619-855-4071 Pamela.me4@gmail.com</p>	<p>FALLOUT an A V.I. Warshawski murder mystery, by Sara Paretsky <i>This story takes her heroic private investigator, V.I., on her first-ever case outside of Chicago, when the hunt for a vanished film student and a faded Hollywood star leads her to Kansas and a landscape filled with Cold War missile silos and sinister plots. In her most baffling case to date, every answer V.I. finds leads to more dead bodies and even her own life is endangered. "Fallout" is being touted as one of her best novels to date.</i> Discussion leader: Cathy Burciaga</p>	<p>RSVP to: Pamela Meyer 619-855-4071 Pamela.me4@gmail.com</p> <p>We will be meeting in the home of Ann Morgan. You must be vaccinated to attend. Only 12 people will be able to attend. RSVP to Pam Meyer only. Pamela.me4@gmail.com</p>
<p>April 28th</p> <p>4th Thursday</p> <p>7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Thursday Book Club Ann Morgan 858-484-5290 annmmorgansd@yahoo.com Marilyn Scheininger 858-232-0678 marilynrs@att.net</p>	<p>The Bohemians, by Jazmin Darznik <i>In this novel of the glittering and gritty Jazz Age, a young aspiring photographer named Dorothea Lange arrives in San Francisco in 1918. As a newcomer—and naïve one at that—Dorothea is grateful for the fast friendship of Caroline Lee, a vivacious, straight-talking Chinese American with a complicated past, who introduces Dorothea to Monkey Block, an artists' colony and the bohemian heart of the city. Dazzled by Caroline and her friends, Dorothea is catapulted into a heady new world of freedom, art, and politics. She also finds herself falling in love with the brilliant but troubled painter Maynard Dixon.</i> Discussion led by Mary Alice Rudelich</p>	<p>RSVP to: Ann Morgan 858-484-5290 annmmorgansd@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom Link</p>

San Diego County InterBranch Council (SDC-IBC)

Annual All-Branch Luncheon

Saturday, June 25, 11:00am



Shadowridge Golf Club

1980 Gateway Drive, Vista 92081



Cabrillo-Diego
Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista
Del Mar-Leucadia
Fallbrook
La Mesa-El 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 two years 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**

RSVPs are a Must - by June 18 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