



**AAUW** Poway Penasquitos Branch

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## **Membership Matters** by Michelle Blasberg

#### **Dues Renewal**

It is time to renew your AAUW membership for fiscal year 2023. AAUW National has changed the process this year, and National will not be sending out email invoices for the renewal. There are still two ways to renew: via credit card at aauw.org, or by check

mailed to Michelle Blasberg and she will renew your membership.

Dues for 2023 are \$104.00, \$64 of which are tax deductible. The breakdown of charges is:

- \$67.00 National Dues
- \$20.00 State Dues
- \$17.00 Branch Dues

Included in this month's Adelante is a form that can be used to mail in your dues to Michelle Blasberg, and it also contains instructions to renew on-line at AAUW.org.

Your quick attention to this is appreciated.

## Joint IBC Meeting on June 25 by Harriet Gerza

Please join us for this wonderful event where we gather with all our sister branches and swap stories, activities and hear 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 are looking forward to seeing members from all the branches at the Shadowridge Country Club in Vista. Harriet Gerza will be coordinating carpools if you are interested in attending. Just send in your rsvp and lunch option – see flyer. There will be several of us attending so we can get a table together. See you there!

## Newly Installed Board of Directors by Marie Dye

Pictured left to right: Karen McGurk, Joie Nolasco, Ellie Slade, Linda Johnston, Joan Natoli, Harriet Gerza and Michelle Blasberg. Not present is Sheila Walker.



## Public Policy by Harriet Gerza

The June primaries are coming! Many of you have already received information from the Registrar of Voter's office listing the candidates in preparation for the election. It's confusing to say the least. Here are some excerpts from the League of Women Voters newsletter. Lucky for us their Voter Empowerment Chair is a member of our branch. Likely, we will have Jeanne come talk to us again to explain what happened in the redistricting process.

**Voter Empowerment** by Jeanne Weidner, League of Women Voters, Voters Registration Chair California is one of the nine states in the country where independent commissions were responsible for drawing congressional district lines, a process recommended by the League of Women Voters of the US. The 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission completed their work at the end of last year, and established new maps based on the data from the 2020 Census. The final maps include congressional, state senate, state assembly and board of equalization districts. Some of the highlights of that process include:

- The state lost a congressional district for the first time in its history, based on its slower population growth compared to other states in the country.
- Because the commission consisted of members of both major parties and non-party members, partisan considerations were not a factor in the final decision.
- The final decision was not based on current district lines and resulted in no more than a one-person difference between districts.
- The federal Voting Rights Act requires that a minority group's vote must be taken into consideration, so to accomplish this, the commission considered Communities of Interest (COI) in drawing lines.
- Due to social media and advances in technology, advocacy groups and other citizens were able provide valuable feedback and to submit their own maps in real time.

## To help review the updates on who is the candidate in your area. Check out the Voter's Edge.

After a two-year hiatus, Voter's Edge is again serving as KPBS's voter guide! The publicity from this partnership will make local voters more aware of this excellent, non-partisan election research tool from the League—and will make local candidates more inclined to prioritize completing their profiles.

In order to make our election guide as comprehensive as possible before ballots hit mailboxes in early May, the San Diego County Voter's Edge team of six hardworking volunteers has been persistently encouraging 108 local candidates to fill out their free candidate profiles. We have also been adding news coverage, candidate forum announcements and videos, selected campaign finance info, and nonpartisan resources such as the San Diego County Bar Association's ratings of judicial

candidates.

You can help to make Voter's Edge a more valuable voter education tool for yourself and others:

- 1. Go to <u>votersedge.org</u> now and enter your address to look up your ballot choices.
- 2. Use the email link beneath the photo area of each blank profile, to encourage non-participating candidates to submit their info.

## **Travel Group**

### by Pam Ames

Our group met in April at Creme de la Crepe. In June we'll be dining at Saffron Thai on India Street on Friday, June 17 at 1:00 p.m. Carpooling will be from the Scripps Poway Parkway/Yanni's Park and Ride at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, be sure to rsvp to pamames123@gmail.com. All are welcome! Their website is <a href="https://www.saffronthai.com/">https://www.saffronthai.com/</a>



# 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

California AAUW

www.aauw-ca.org

PowayPenasquitos AAUW

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Presidents: Karen McGurk, Joie Nolasco, Ellie Slade

Membership/2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents: Harriet Gerza, Linda Johnston Secretary: Joan Natoli Treasurer: Sheila Walker

## Gardens and More by Joan Natoli, Coordinator

On Friday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. we'll visit the Japanese Friendship Garden for a tour (hopefully with a docent) and lunch. The entry fee is \$12. If you'd like to carpool, meet at the Park and Ride on Carmel Mountain Road opposite Freeport Rd at 9:15 a.m. Please rsvp between May 28-June 1 to Joan Natoli at 559-303-2382 or <a href="mailto:itolanj@sbcglobal.net">itolanj@sbcglobal.net</a>.

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

Tech Trek selection letters were sent to seven local girls. They are all happy to be chosen to attend the camp!

We rely heavily on our school liaison and teachers in making camper referrals. To offer our thanks, we presented each of them with a beautiful, blooming potted plant. Their efforts certainly make our jobs easier.

Tech Trek camp will be virtual this year at UCSD, but each girl receives a robotics kit with all necessary supplies, so they don't need to purchase anything. We coordinate the pick-up and distribution of all the kits and always enjoy meeting the girls in person at that time to answer any final camp questions. Over 200 girls across California have signed up to attend the virtual Tech Trek camp this year.

The exact schedule of camp courses and activities is still being finalized, but we expect it to be similar to last year. **If any of you wish to volunteer for Tech Trek this year**, here are the details:

- Virtual Camp Dates: June 19 24 and July 24 29
- Volunteer positions: Build Coach, Social Coach, Workshop Coach
- There will be job descriptions posted and online training available for all positions before the camp.
- How do I apply? Go to <a href="https://www.aauw-ca.org/2022-virtual-camp/">https://www.aauw-ca.org/2022-virtual-camp/</a>
- You can look over the preliminary schedule and complete the "Volunteer Application" form.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

## **Grape Expectations Visits Vineyard Grant James in June** by

Janice Heather

Calling all wine lovers, mark your calendars for our branch's next wine tasting outing on Friday, June 24, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Vineyard Grant James in Ramona, 25260 East Old Julian Highway. <a href="https://www.vineyardgrantjames.com/">https://www.vineyardgrantjames.com/</a>

For more information on carpooling or to reserve a spot, rsvp to Janice Heather at <a href="mailto:janiceheather@hotmail.com">janiceheather@hotmail.com</a>. Hope to see you there! <a href="mailto:grapher">grapher</a>

### **AAUW Fund** by Lynne Batchelor, Secretary, AAUW Fund Committee Chair

The AAUW Fund Committee is proud to announce that the **2022 State Named Gift Honoree is Mary Isaac, aka "Dr. Mimi" to the Tech Trek community**. She was nominated for this honor by Randa Blanding from our Communications Committee. Randa introduced Mary at the Annual Meeting by saying, "This year's California Named Gift Honoree has only been an AAUW member for a few years. **Mary is a member of the La Mesa El Cajon Branch!** She saw a need and stepped in with her passion, organizing and directing skills, and created a team that implemented a virtual Tech Trek for the past two years and again this year has been the impetus for hundreds of changed young women, who will in turn, because of this experience, have positive repercussions on many others." Congratulations Dr. Mimi on this well-deserved honor.

Congratulations to the top 10 branches for total contributions: San Francisco Inc, Marin Inc, San Jose, Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista, La Mesa-El Cajon (two branches from San Diego County!), Hayward-Castro Valley Inc, Long Beach Inc, Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek, Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Inc, and Sacramento.

Congratulations as well to all the Branch Named Gift Honoree winners. (See following article) Thank you so much for everything you do for your branches. If you contributed \$100 or more and have not received a certificate, notify your branch Fund chair who can download it from our website.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the AAUW Fund. We raised nearly half a million dollars in California.

### **AAUW-PP Fund Honorees** by Pamela Meyer, AAUW Fund Chair

Congratulations to our AAUW Fund Honorees! Our branch donated \$3136 to AAUW fund in the 2021. For each \$750 we donate, we can honor one of our own. This year we honor Cathy Burciaga, Janice Heather, Sheila Walker, and Adrianne Peterson. Cathy, Janice, and Sheila have held the offices of president and program vice presidents for the last three years and have helped us get through the pandemic with strong leadership and interesting programs. Adrianne Peterson has brought a professional quality to our newsletter for the last five years. We honor these women for a job well done. We will present the certificates at the May general meeting. See you then!

## CA State Speech Trek Winner! by

#### Karen McGurk

On Saturday, April 30th, AAUW-CA held its annual meeting which included the finals in the statewide Speech Trek Competition. Our branch's candidate, Kristine Sy, was awarded FIRST PLACE!

We were fortunate to have Kristine and two guests attend the branch's General Meeting on Saturday, May 14th. In addition, we had the pleasure of meeting her coach, Gloria Ing, who had mentored two previous branch winners – Dominique Ruedaflores and Jay Wang. Gloria shared an update on the previous winners and thanked the branch for our support of the youth in our community.



Kristine's presentation of her winning speech was so impressive. She was poised, articulate, and persuasive. It was obvious why she won the state competition. We were so fortunate to see and hear her in person.

A special thank you to our committee members – Honorine Nocon, Michelle Blasberg, Jeanni Harrison, Miriam Lauff, Joan Thompson, Pam Ames, Harriet Gerza, Ellie Slade, Sheila Walker, Cathy Burciaga and Marie Dye for their efforts to make this program so successful. Two state winners in 4 years! Amazing!

Pictured left to right: Karen McGurk, Kristine Sy, Gloria Ing and Marie Dye

## Games Group Plays a Murder Mystery by Debbie Boyd, Games Group Leader

The Games Group is always up to something fun, and last month they played a Murder Mystery game with the theme "Stayin' Alive." Naturally, the murder takes place in a disco during the late 70's and features well known personalities such as John Revolting and Gloria Stunnem. (©)

Photo #1 L-R... John Revolting (Beth), Andy Warthog (Vicki), Diana Rush (Debbie), Share (Aresa), Sunny (Joie), Lyza M (Harriet), Bruce Leap (Ilene). Photo #3 L-R... Bruce Leap (Ilene), John Revolting (Beth), Share (Aresa).

#### Stayin' Alive

**Story Line:** This mystery occurs in 1979 at the trendy Studio Manhattan, a chic and glamorous York discotheque frequented by the rich and famous. Tonight's exclusive crowd of celebrif feverishly dancing the Hustle to the throbbing rhythmic beat of disco.

The music stops abruptly when the club's owner, Jackie Fever, is found murdered in her bac office. The flamboyant Ms. Fever was fatally stabbed — obviously by someone she knew. Yo be a suspect!

#### THE SUSPECTS ARE:

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**John Revolting:** New York City's reigning Disco Dance Champion, John is at the club to demo his crowd-dazzling new version of the Bump. Athletic and handsome, Revolting seems to be r all the right moves in his quest for dance perfection.

Costume Suggestions: Polyester suit, shirt with wide collar, unbuttoned to below chest, gold 70's style shoes

**Diana Rush:** Chart-topping songstress Diana Rush is at Studio Manhattan to celebrate her single "Won't Be Missing You". At the peak of her musical career, Diana has record con executives lining up at her door and fans screaming out her name.

Costume Suggestions: Glittering dress, platform shoes, lots of jewelry, Sony Walkman

Andy Warthog: A hip new artist creating quite a stir in the art world, Andy has streaked his celebrity status by painting portraits of trendy objects such as pet rocks and soda bottles. He everything and everyone deserves at least 15 minutes of fame.

Costume Suggestions: Shirt with paint splatters, 70's style eyeglass frames, unkempt hair and jeans.

Gloria Stunnem: An outspoken leader in the feminist movement, Gloria moved to New publish an exciting new women's magazine called "Sisterhood". Her burning passion is women how to take control of their lives.

Costume Suggestions: Gloria believes women can be both independent and sexy. She dresses provocatively with a low-cut gown and stylish shoes.

**Bruce Leap:** An international movie star and martial arts expert, Bruce is in New York to latest movie, Feet of Fury. Bruce, skilled in the use of every martial arts weapon known insists he is a master of self-discipline and never loses his temper. Aieee! Costume Suggestions: white martial arts clothing (bare-chest optional)

Lyza M: Professional dancer, singer and Broadway producer, this lady has it all. Lyza is hig and loves to be center stage in every crowd. When not working, Lyza is the ultimate party can be found in one of New York's hot spots almost every night of the week.

Costume Suggestions: Short skirt with dark tights. Loads of costume jewelry and colorful m







## AAUW POWAY PENASQUITOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## June 2022



June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Great Decisions –	Topic "Myanmar and ASEAN" We will	We will also be sending a Zoom
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Leader: Marie Dye 858-538-1689 mdye@san.rr.com	meet at the home of Janice Heather.  RSVP to Janice if you are coming in person. 360-982-9719	invitation to the Great Decisions group for those who wish to participate online.
6:30 p.m.	maye@sun.rr.com	janiceheather@hotmail.com Leader: Sally Jacobson	If interested, please contact Marie Dye at <a href="mailto:mdye@san.rr.com">mdye@san.rr.com</a>
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gardens and More Joan Natoli	Japanese Friendship Garden (rescheduled from March) Stroll	RSVP to Joan by June 1 <sup>st</sup> Please RSVP between May 28-
Friday	559-303-2382 itolanj@sbcglobal.net	through the garden, hopefully with a docent to guide us. Entry fee is \$12.	June 1 to Joan at 559-303-2382 or itolanj@sbcglobal.net. Carpool
10 a.m.		Light lunch at Japanese Garden Restaurant. Meet at 9:15 a.m. to carpool.	from the Park n Ride on Carmel Mtn Road opposite Freeport Rd
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Travel Group	Saffron Thai Restaurant	RSVP to Pam Ames by June 15 <sup>th</sup>
Saturday	Pam Ames 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com	3737 India St, San Diego TIME: 1:00 p.m. CARPOOL: Yanni's Park & Ride Scripps	to make a reservation 619-889-6229 pamames123@gmail.com
11 a.m.		Poway Parkway at 12:30 p.m.	
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Games Group	At the home of Aresa Toukdarian	RSVP to Aresa Toukdarian
Monday	Debbie Boyd	8492 Florissant Ct. 92129	atoukdar@gmail.com
7:00 p.m.	858-485-4390 travelstardebbie@yahoo.com	RSVP to Aresa at atoukdar@gmail.com	
June 21st	Page Turners Leader: Pam Ames	The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah The Four Winds is a rich, sweeping novel that	RSVP to Pam Ames by June 19 <sup>th</sup> Pam Ames will send the Zoom
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com	stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it—the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the	invitation.  You want to read the book and
1:30 p.m.		enduring battle between the haves and the have-nots. A testament to hope, resilience, and the strength of the human spirit to survive adversity, The Four Winds is an indelible portrait of America and the American dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.  Discussion Leader: Mary Agne	join the group? Email Pam Ames by June 19 <sup>th</sup> pamames123@gmail.com
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday Evening Book Group	The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah	RSVP to Ann Morgan
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Leaders: Ann Morgan 858-484-5290 annmmorgansd@yahoo.com	The Four Winds is a rich, sweeping novel that stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it—the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the	Ann Morgan will send the Zoom invitation.

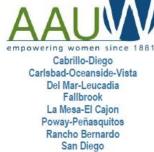
7 p.m.	Marilyn Scheininger 858-232-0678 marilynrs@att.net	enduring battle between the haves and the have-nots. A testament to hope, resilience, and the strength of the human spirit to survive adversity, The Four Winds is an indelible portrait of America and the American dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.  Discussion Leader: Pam Ames	You have read the book and want to join the group? Email Ann by June 21st annmmorgansd@yahoo.com
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Grape Expectations	Grant James Winery in Ramona	RSVP to Janice by June 21st.
Fridays	Janice Heather	CARPOOL: Meet at the Park n Ride on	
3-5 p.m.	360-982-9719	the corner of Community Rd and Twin	Janice Heather
•	janiceheather@hotmail.com	Peaks at 2:30 p.m.	janiceheather@hotmail.com
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June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Program Co-chairs:	San Diego County	Cost \$40
	Janice Heather	Interbranch Council luncheon	
Saturday	360-982-9719	Great opportunity to meet	See flyer to reserve your spot!
10:00 a.m. to	janiceheather@hotmail.com Sheila Walker	members from other branches in	
1:00 p.m.	858-722-3761	San Diego County!	
1.00 p.m.	sekw@san.rr.com	See flyer and article in the	
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June 28 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 1:30 p.m.	Mystery Book Group Leader: Pamela Meyer 619-855-4071 pamela.me4@gmail.com	We Begin at the End by Chris Whitaker Duchess Day Radley is a thirteen-year-old self- proclaimed outlaw. Rules are for other people. She is the fierce protector of her five-year-old brother, Robin, and the parent to her mother, Star, a single mom incapable of taking care of herself, let alone her two kids. Walk has never left the coastal California town where he and Star grew up. He may have become the chief of police, but he's still trying to heal the old wound of having given the testimony that sent his best friend, Vincent King, to prison decades before. And he's in overdrive protecting Duchess and her brother. Now, thirty years later, Vincent is being released. And Duchess and Walk must face the trouble that comes with his return. We Begin at the End is an extraordinary novel about two kinds of families—the ones we are born into and the ones we create. Leader Ann Morgan	RSVP to Pamela Meyer will send the ZOOM invitation.  You have read the book and want to join the group? Email Pam Meyer by June 24th
Different Saturdays	Happy, Healthy Hikers Mary Alice Rudelich 801-440-2601 Mary.rudelich@aol.com	Happy, Healthy Hikers  No hike in June.	

## San Diego County InterBranch Council (SDC-IBC)

## Annual All-Branch Luncheon

Saturday, June 25, 11:00am





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

Yes, (name)		will be there.
And, I am bringing _	guests:	
Select Your Entrée(s):	☐ Artichoke Chicken	☐ Butternut Squash Ravioli (Veg)
□ Pan-	seared Salmon with Le	emon Dill Sauce
Cost: \$40 En	closed is my check	payable to "SDC-IBC".

## **AAUW Poway Penasquitos**

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- Enter your college(s) or university (ies) university attended, click Next
- Enter your degree(s), field of study and Date Conferred, click Next
- Select National membership or Lifetime membership, click Next
- Select "YES" to add state and branch dues to your renewal, click Next
- Scroll thru the list to find our branch CA159
  - a. Select CA0159 Poway-Penasquitos Branch Dues
  - b. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click Next
- · Select "YES" or "No" whether you'd like to donate to AAUW Need Fund, click Next
- Enter Payment information and complete your renewal
- You are now renewed.