



AAUW Poway Penasquitos Branch

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President's Message by Michelle Blasberg

Welcome to April

Here's hoping there are no April Fools in our membership and that we all are ready for the April showers to bring May flowers. Although, with all the showers over the last few months I'm sure the May flowers will be beautiful with or without the April Showers.

Membership Renewals – Reminder

The renewal process, for most of our members, will begin in April. For members who joined prior to 2022, the renewal period is July 1 through June 30. For the new members who joined after March of 2022, your renewal date is 12 months after your initial membership date. The dues amount includes membership to AAUW National, AAUW-CA, and Branch dues. This year the total amount will be \$115.00: AAUW National dues \$72.00; AAUW-CA \$20.00; and Poway Penasquitos Branch Dues \$23.00. Please note, that the Poway Penasquitos Board had voted to raise the branch dues to \$27.00, but in light of the planned dues increase by National, we have reduced the increase of branch dues to only \$23.00 (from the current \$17.00). You will receive an email from AAUW National to notify you to renew.

April Branch Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday April 12th at the Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis club for a timely and no doubt interesting presentation on

Banned Books. We will also vote on the adoption of updated Branch Bylaws. The social time begins at 6:30 p.m. and the event should be over by 8:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming Events

- Cover to Cover 2023 Supporting Women and Girls Reaching for the Stars
 - Sunday May 21st at Maderas Country Club at 8:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
- June Branch Meeting Brunch
 - Saturday June 10th, more information to follow

April General Meeting by Adrianne Peterson

While book banning attempts aren't anything new, it isn't your imagination that attacks on the freedom to read are increasing and intensifying. From local censorship challenges at schools and libraries to statewide legislative efforts to determine what you can and can't read, book banning isn't just about the suppression of information, it encroaches upon our nation's civil liberties. Adrianne Peterson, Branch Manager, and Maureen Meadows, Youth Services Librarian, from Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library will explain what book banning is, why it matters, and how you can be an ally against censorship.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club, 16955 Bernardo Oaks, in Rancho Bernardo, 92128. Social time is 6:30-7 p.m., followed by the program. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. RSVP to <u>aauwboard@gmail.com</u>. This meeting is open to the public so please bring a friend or neighbor.



Cover to Cover: Supporting Women and Girls Reaching for the Stars by Michelle

Blasberg

The 2023 Authors Luncheon is only seven weeks away. It is shaping up to be a great event and should not be missed. The informational flyer and the registration form are attached so you can mark your calendar and reach out to friends to join us. If you would like to reserve a table for 10 of your closest friends you can do so on the registration form. Otherwise, we will seat you with other like-minded readers.

- Sunday May 21st at Maderas Country Club
- Cost is \$65.00 for lunch and program
- Authors:
 - o Dr. Elizabeth Cobbs
 - o Cornelia Feye
 - Liz Fenton & Lisa Steinke (writing team)
- We are still actively collecting gift cards and bottles of wine for sale at Cover to Cover. If you have points from your credit card rewards program, it's a great way to order gift cards to donate to the branch for sale at Cover to Cover.
- Registration opens April 3rd

AAUW California State Public Policy Committee Sets 2023-24 Legislative Agenda

by Kathi Harper, State Public Policy Chair

The State Public Policy Committee, in conjunction with our Public Policy Advocate Kathy Von Osten (KVO), has completed their selection of the 30 bills that the committee and KVO will be working on this year. This year our bills fall into the following categories from the 3 pillars of our Public Policy Priorities:

- 8 "Economic Security" bills
- 11 "Public Education" bills
- 21 "Social Justice" bills
 - o 8 "reproductive justice"
 - o 5 "healthcare"
 - o 5 "freedom from violence" including sex exploitation, DV, stalking
 - o 1 "gender-identity protection"
 - o 2 "voting rights"

AB1394 – This is our co-sponsored bill. It would allow victims of child sexual exploitation and trafficking to sue a social media platform for between \$1 million and \$5 million if the victim can prove the platform design knowingly, recklessly or negligently facilitated the use of code words for sexual predators to describe the type of child and the type of sexual activity that resulted in the act of exploitation.

SB287 - Would prohibit a social media platform from using a design, algorithm, or feature that the platform knows, or should know, causes child users to: purchase fentanyl; inflict harm on themselves or others; develop an eating disorder or engage in dangerous dieting; purposely take their own lives; and/or experience addiction to the social media platform. A victim of any of these consequences can sue the platform for up to \$250,000 for each violation.

AB549 - Requires all state agencies to conduct an evaluation of all their departments to ensure the state does not discriminate against women and report their findings every 2 years.

Visit the Public Policy website to learn more: <u>https://www.aauw-ca.org/public-policy/</u>.

March Meeting: International Day of Women by Joie Nolasco

Celebrating International Day of Women, our branch teamed up with AAUW La Mesa-El Cajon to present the Women in History program that their branch promotes throughout east county schools during March. To quote Susan B. Anthony, "Failure is Impossible!" We need to continue to tell women's stories as we promote equity and education. If you are interested in forming a Women in History Special Interest Group, contact Joie Nolasco at joienolasco@gmail.com. A big, heartfelt THANK YOU to dual member Marycay Densmore for donating lunch at our March 8 meeting.



L-R Joan Anderson as Kate Sessions, Dr. Carol Perkins as Susan B. Anthony, Joie Nolasco as Sybil Ludington, and Debbie Boyd as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Membership by Harriet Gerza

New Membership: Time is running out for anyone who wants to join our branch before the dues go up! I did not realize that National and now our Branch fee increases will be effective for new members starting April 1. So, if you know of anyone contemplating membership, the introductory new member price is \$70.50 until March 30. Effective April 1 (that's no joke) it will be \$79! The new Application will be posted on our website.

Current Members: For all renewing members and current members from other branches, the increase will go into effect July 1 at \$115.00. We will start our renewal process from April through June 30. More information and reminders will be coming soon.

Welcome New Members!

Joan Stern is a former member of the RB branch and has officially become active again at our branch. She's camera shy so no picture but you can't miss the smile that has graced us at the last few meetings. She currently lives in Casa de Campanas and was a VP at the National American Cancer Society. She graduated from Hunter College in Anthropology. If you see her, usually with her pal Pat Dellios, please introduce yourself and welcome her to our branch.

Sandra Ribble was born and raised just south of San Francisco. She attended California State University, Sacramento, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. She then attended Golden Gate University in San Francisco earning a MBA in Finance and went on to become a licensed CPA in both AZ and CA. Her career included several senior positions at a CPA firm, Arthur Anderson, and then CFO at both public and private companies in AZ and CA. During the last 12 years she was a partner at Tatum by Randstad performing interim Controller and CFO positions focusing on Mergers and Acquisitions, SEC compliance, and manufacturing.

We still need to add four more to our membership to make our goal of 10 new members for the year, so keep on inviting your friends and family to attend meetings and interest groups to "test drive" our branch. Bonus: if you get a New Member to join, there is a special reward waiting for you! Applications are on our website or they can contact me at <u>aauwboard@gmail.com</u>.

Travel Group by Pam Ames

This month's lunch will be at Gonzo Ramen on Saturday, April 15th. In the news recently, <u>Gonzo Ramen</u> was one of only four restaurants in San Diego to be selected for Yelp's Top 100 list. They serve Japanese food and are in Carlsbad at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive. The carpool meeting point will be at Scripps Poway Parkway Park & Ride (next to Yanni's) at 11 a.m. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. Contact Pam Ames at <u>pamames123@gmail.com</u> if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

Our February lunch was at Cafe Athena in Pacific Beach.





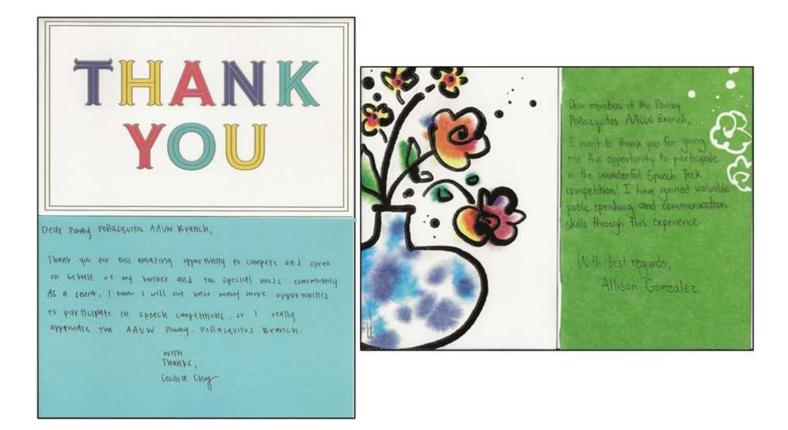


Speech Trek Update by Karen McGurk

Our Speech Trek Competition winner, Cecilia Choy, will compete in the AAUW State Semi-final virtual competition. The top three videos will be showcased at the Saturday, April 30th Annual meeting. You can register for this event at <u>www.aauw-ca.org</u>.

We received lovely thank you cards from Cecilia Choy and Allison Gonzalez who competed in our branch competition. It is apparent from their words that your support makes quite a difference for them.

I am grateful for your donations that help provide this opportunity for our high school students. This year we had freshmen through senior year participants from multiple high schools. With your help, we continue to reach more students and encourage their ability to be effective communicators.



Tech Trek by Heidi Dalvie, Ellen Dillon, Debbie Lewis, Poway-Penasquitos Branch Tech Trek Co-Coordinators

We have received applications from 12 girls for the in-person camp at UCSD. We completed interviews with girls at Black Mountain Middle School and have scheduled interviews for later in March at our other two middle schools. We will be sending eight girls to the in-person camp at UCSD this year.

Volunteering

You are invited to apply for various positions available during the 2023 Tech Trek camp season. You will need to enter some information in our online program, CampDoc. The CampDoc site is

secure, encrypted, and password protected. Only authorized participants from our organization can access participant records.

2023 Camps

The following are the known camp dates: San Diego: In-person June 25-30 Virtual: July 23-28





Roles Available at Camps

Camp Directors typically start recruiting and contacting prior years' staff early, focusing on teachers, dorm monitors (dorm moms), and medical staff, followed by counselors, workshop presenters, coaches, and others. See a summary at <u>https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2023/02/tech-trek-volunteer-roles-no.pdf/</u> for more information about available roles. All roles are not necessarily available at all camps.

Completing Your Application

Please complete your application as soon as possible but no later than April 15. You cannot be assigned to a session until you have completed the required forms in CampDoc.

- Detailed instructions to log in to our camp software, CampDoc, and apply to be a volunteer are here: https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2023/02/instructions-to-apply-to-volunteer-at-tech-trek.pdf/
- You will be registering as a Tech Trek Camp Volunteer.

If you need help:

- For help using CampDoc (logins, passwords, finding forms, etc.) visit <u>support.campdoc.com</u>, email <u>support@campdoc.com</u>, or call 734-636-1000.
- For technical difficulties send an email to <u>techtrek@aauw-ca.org</u>.

We will be reaching out to you with more information about volunteering as we get closer to the camp dates, but feel free to contact us if you'd like to learn more.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion by Harriet Gerza

Here are upcoming opportunities from AAUW-CA to learn more about JABEID, diversity, and intersectionality.

Centering in Solidarity by Stormy Miller Sabia, Director, DEI Committee Chair, <u>diversity@aauw-ca.org</u> DEI STATEWIDE CHAT: WHAT IS JABEID? AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO AAUW?



How can we co-create spaces and embody Justice, Accessibility, Belonging, Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity (JABEID)? We often hear these terms but may struggle with ways we can put them into practice in our branch meetings, programs, and outreach. Join us for a rich conversation led by Dr. Lata Muri, Co-President of the Santa Maria Branch. Dr. Murti is Associate Professor of Sociology for the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Global and author of *With and Without the White Coat: The Racialization of Southern California's Indian Physicians*.

You won't want to miss this conversation on Monday, March 27th at 6 p.m.! Click <u>HERE</u> to register. Individuals with access or accommodation needs can reach out to <u>diversity@aauw-ca.org</u> prior to the event.

Celebrating Diversity Month

Thursday, April 6 at 2 p.m. ET

Please join the national Inclusion & Equity Committee's virtual webinar on Thursday, April 6 from 2 - 3 p.m. ET. The webinar is designed to aid local branches and states as they prepare to celebrate Diversity Month in April and World Day for Cultural Diversity on May 21. The webinar will be interactive, with ample opportunities for participants to make suggestions and ask questions. Click <u>HERE</u> to register.

Workshop: Diversity and Intersectionality

Wednesday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. ET

The national Inclusion and Equity Committee invites all AAUW members to participate in a virtual workshop on Wednesday, May 10 from 7:30 – 9 p.m. ET in preparation for World Day for Cultural Diversity (observed on Sunday, May 21). This workshop provides a hands-on learning opportunity for AAUW members to explore aspects of diversity and intersectionality. Click <u>HERE</u> to register.

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 www.powayareaca.aauw.net aauwboard@gmail.co

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Gov Trek Finale by Marie Dye

March 25 is the final session of Gov Trek for this year. All branch members are invited to listen in to see student teams compete for the best campaign simulation package. The program is from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and begins with inspiring remarks from Senator Toni Atkins. You will be able to vote your choice for the winning team, but the final awards will be awarded by a panel of judges. Register here <u>https://www.aauw-ca.org/gov-trek-finale-competition/</u> to attend.

Grape Expectations by Janice Heather

Grape Expectations, our branch wine tasting interest group, continues to explore new wineries in 2023, enjoying lots of good company, good times, and some good wines, too!

On March 24, we're going to visit Charlie & Echo, an urban winery in Mira Mesa. <u>https://charlieandecho.com/</u> They open a bit later than most other wineries, so we'll plan to be there from 4 - 6 p.m. Carpoolers will meet at 3:30 p.m. Please RSVP to janiceheather@hotmail.com for details.



Then, on April 21 from 4 - 6 p.m., we'll head north to Forgotten Barrel Winery in Escondido. <u>https://www.forgottenbarrel.com/</u>. They have beautiful grounds as well as some interesting wines so don't miss this one! Again, to save a spot and get carpool information, email janiceheather@hotmail.com.



Cheers! Wishing everyone a wonderful spring! 🎡

Communications Update: New Branch Logo by Marie Dye



You may have noticed we have a new logo that has been created for us by National. You can see it in this newsletter, on our Facebook page, and soon, on our website!

AAUW POWAY-PENASQUITOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS April 2023

Date	Group	Торіс	Group Leader	Meeting Details	Good to Know
March 25	Gov Trek	Gov Trek Finale and Campaign Competition	N/A	Branch members are invited to see student teams compete for the best campaign simulation package. 10 a.m 12:30 p.m. Register here <u>https://www.aauw-</u> <u>ca.org/gov-trek-finale-</u> <u>competition/</u>	This is the final session of Gov Trek this year and a good opportunity to see what the students have been doing.
April 6	Great Decisions	China and the U.S.	Joan Natoli, <u>itolanj@sbcglobal.net</u>	Meet at the home of Michelle Blasberg, 12509 Montero Court in Rancho Bernardo at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Joan Natoli at <u>itolanj@sbcglobal.net</u>	Meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. No meeting in Dec, Jan, Jul, and Aug.
April 8	Happy Healthy Hikers	Lake Poway	Mary Alice Rudelich, mary.rudelich@aol.com	Meet at the Ed Brown Senior Center, 18402 W Bernardo Drive (Rancho Bernardo Community Park) at 8:30 a.m. for an easy walk to the waterfall and beyond.	Hikes are once a month ranging from easy to moderate levels.
April 11	Page Turners	" Violeta" by Isabel Allende	Pam Ames, <u>pamames123@gmail.com</u>	1:30 p.m. meeting. Host is Ellie Slade, 18494 Paseo Pantera in Ramona. RSVP to Pam Ames at <u>pamames123@gmail.com</u>	Meets monthly the second Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. If you want to join the discussion, email Pam Ames.
April 12	General Meeting	" Banned Books" is the subject of the presentation by our newsletter editor and Rancho Penasquitos Library Branch Manager, Adrianne Peterson along with fellow librarian, Maureen Meadows	Karen McGurk, <u>kmcgurkrn@sbcglobal.net</u> Ellie Slade, <u>elliehs10.4.1582@gmail.com</u> Joie Nolasco, <u>joienolasco@gmail.com</u>	Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis Club, 16955 Bernardo Oaks Drive. 6:30 – 7 p.m. is social time followed by the program. RSVP to <u>aauwboard@gmail.com</u>	This is an open meeting. Bring your friends!
April 15	Travel Group	Gonzo Ramen	Pam Ames, pamames123@gmail.com	Meet at Gonzo Ramen, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive at 11:30 a.m. Carpool leaves Scripps Poway Parkway Park and Ride at 11 a.m. RSVP to Pam Ames at pamames123@gmail.com	Meets monthly at various local restaurants.

April 17	Games Group	N/A	Debbie Boyd, <u>travelstardebbie@yahoo.com</u>	We will meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Jennet Lijenquist, 16836 Bernardo Oaks Drive in Rancho Bernardo. RSVP to Debbie if you plan to attend. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Debbie Boyd at travelstardebbie@yahoo.com	Play board games once a month at a member's home.
April 21	Grape Expectations	N/A	Janice Heather, janiceheather@hotmail.com	From 4-6 p.m. we will meet at Forgotten Barrel Winery in Escondido, <u>www.forgottenbarrel.com</u> . Carpool meets at 3:30 p.m. RSVP to Janice at janiceheather@hotmail.com	Forgotten Barrel Winery has beautiful grounds as well as some interesting wines.
April 24	Mystery Book Group	"Northern Spy" by Flynn Berry	Pam Meyer, <u>pamela.me4@gmail.com</u>	Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Georgia Chagala, 12857 Rockwell Court in Poway. RSVP to Pam if you are able to attend. <u>pamela.me4@gmail.com</u>	Meets fourth Monday of every month. Want to join the discussion? Email Pam Meyer.
April 27	Evening Book Group	" Madame Secretary" by Madeleine Albright	Ann Morgan, <u>annmmorgansd@yahoo.com</u> Marilyn Scheininger, <u>marilyn.scheininger@gmail.com</u>	Meet at the home of Julie Hoyle, 13840 Riverhead Court in Rancho Penasquitos at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Julie at thehoyles@sbcglobal.net	Group meets the fourth Thursday every month. If you want to join the discussion, please email Ann or Marilyn.

APRIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 Social Time: 6:30 - 7 p.m. Program: 7 - 8:30 p.m.



What is book banning? Why does it matter? How can you be an ally against censorship? Learn more with Adrianne Peterson, Branch Manager, and Maureen Meadows, Youth Services Librarian, from Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library.

Light snacks will be provided.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to aauwboard@gmail.com This is an open meeting, please invite your friends and family.

> Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club 16955 Bernardo Oaks Drive



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Our annual fundraiser supporting women and girls as they reach for the stars



Elizabeth Cobbs is a prizewinning historian, novelist, and documentary filmmaker. She is a Stanford PhD, a native San Diegan and currently holds the Melbern Glasscock Chair at Texas A&M in Humanities. She is the author of nine books including The Hamilton Affair, The Hello Girls and her new book just released on March 7, Fearless Women: From Abigail Adams to Beyonce.



With an M.A. in Art History and Anthropology, novelist and publisher Cornelia Feye combines her art history background with years of world travel to write her award-winning books including Spring of Tears, Death of a Zen Master and Magic, Mystery and Murder. In 2016 she founded Konstellation Press, for genre fiction to create a supportive community for local authors. Ms. Feye lives in Ocean Beach.



Liz Fenton and Lisa Steinke have been best friends for over thirty years and survived high school and college together. They've co-authored seven novels, including bestseller The Good Widow, Girls Night Out and The Year We Turned Forty (which is in development for a TV series). They also host the popular podcast "We Fight So You Don't Have To". Both reside in San Diego with their families and several rescue dogs.

Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Maderas Golf Club, 17750 Old Coach Road, Poway 92064

For more information visit AAUW-PP at https://www.facebook.com/AAUWPowayPQ or https://powayarea-ca.aauw.net Gift Cards-Wine Bag Surprise \$65 includes Luncheon & Program





23rd Annual Cover to Cover Authors Luncheon Sunday, May 21, 2023

Our annual fundraiser supporting women and girls as they reach for the stars

Check-in: 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Program: 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Maderas Golf Club, 17750 Old Coach Road, Poway 92064

\$65 includes Luncheon & Program

Reservation deadline is Friday, May 12th Reservations received after May 12th will be \$70 per person Make checks payable to: PP/AAUW (NO REFUNDS) Mail this form & check to: Michelle Blasberg, 12509 Montero Ct., San Diego, CA 92128

Tables of 10 will be guaranteed seating at the same table. PLEASE SEND NAMES AND CHECKS TOGETHER IN THE SAME ENVELOPE (One check for \$650 for the whole table would be most appreciated!)

Smaller groups will be combined with another group at a table.

Questions? Email aauwboard@gmail.com or call 858 774-2474

Entrée choices

~Grilled Salmon: Sun Dried Tomato Basil Sauce, Toasted Almond Couscous, Grilled Vegetables ~Chicken Cordon Bleu: Breaded Chicken Breast, Ham, Smoked Gouda, Sauce Supreme, Roasted Red Potatoes ~Strawberry & Goat Cheese Salad w/Chicken: Mixed Greens, Sliced Chicken Breast, Driscoll Strawberries, Whipped Goat Cheese, Red Onions, Candied Almonds, Local Honey & Champagne Vinaigrette ~Vegetarian Option - Strawberry & Goat Cheese Salad: Indicate NC for your choice in the Salad column ~Dessert: Raspberry Swirl Cheesecake and Tea or Coffee

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PRINT CLEARLY the attendee names and indicate their entrée choice:

PRINT CLEARLY the contact information for table confirmation:

Name____

Email______ All communication will be through email.

Any special needs? (wheelchair, walker) Please explain

I am unable to attend but have enclosed a donation for Speech Trek and scholarships

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