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AAUW Poway Penasquitos Affiliate

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President's Message by Michelle Blasberg

Welcome to Women's History Month

Designated by joint resolutions of the United States House of Representatives and Senate and proclaimed by the American president, National Women's History Month is an opportunity to honor and celebrate women's lives and historic achievements. Each year, National Women's History Month employs a unifying theme and recognizes national honorees whose work and lives testify to that theme. The 2024 theme is "Women who advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion," which I believe is exactly what AAUW is all about. The theme recognizes women throughout the country who understand that for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions.

Speech Trek

A big thank you to the Speech Trek committee, led by Karen McGurk, for another successful Speech Trek competition. There were five participants this year. Great job Karen!!!!

Board Positions Still Available

There are still some key Board positions available for the next fiscal year. As you know, AAUW is a volunteer organization where each member is key to our success. Unfortunately, as in many volunteer organizations, there is a small group of members who rotate leadership positions and many members don't feel they have the skills or ability to take a

leadership role. Let me tell you that you do have the skills to do any of the jobs on the Board. I ask that you think about volunteering for one of the open positions. There are many of us who would more than willingly mentor you in the new role. Please reach out to Joan Thompson or Harriet Gerza for more information about the open positions. We really do need you to ensure the affiliate remains strong and viable.

Phishing Scam

In January I sent a membership wide email advising you of a phishing scam using my name asking the recipient to purchase gift cards. I will never ask you or any member of AAUW P-P to purchase gift cards for me. Please do not respond to the email in any way and if you receive the email, report it to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.IC3.gov. The Programs committee is working to have an FBI special agent speak at the April meeting to discuss cybersecurity and identify protection. I know many of you may have had issues along these lines and it will be good to hear from the experts on this topic.

March 13 General Meeting by Ellie Slade

Robin Douglas, professor and visual artist, will present "The Genius of Female Artists," highlighting trailblazing female artists who changed the course of art history. This presentation will be held at the Eastview Community Center, 17520 Drayton Hall Way, San Diego, CA 92128 at 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to auwboard@gmail.com. Friends and family are invited, and the event is open to the public.

Speech Trek has a Winner! by Karen McGurk

We have a winner! Our branch awarded \$750.00 to first place Speech Trek winner, Shree Patel from Del Norte High School. The second-place winner, Kelly Wu from Mark Keppel High School, was awarded \$500.00. The third-place winner, Elizabeth Vuong from Mark Keppel High School, was awarded \$250.00.



The 5 competitors created 5–6-minute speeches on the public policy topic “How can we ensure a robust public school curriculum that is accessible to all and teaches historically accurate information”? Shree will represent our branch in the state semi-final contest in April. State finals’ top 3 videos will be showcased at the AAUW California Annual Event on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 9 a.m. The event will be virtual. Winners will be announced at this meeting. Stay tuned for the results!

Thanks to the Speech Trek judges who gave up their Saturday morning to participate in this contest: AAUW Members Honorine Nocon and Harriet Gerza, and Community Members Lindsay Ball and Wendi Brick.

Thanks to the following Speech Trek Committee Members for helping with this event: Jeanni Harrison and Rene de Charon for photographing and videotaping the program; Miriam Lauff for being the student coordinator and greeter; Joan Thompson, for being the speech contest timer; and Sheila Walker and Joan Thompson for tabulating the ballots.

Special Thanks to the AAUW Poway-Peñasquitos Membership for your support of this event. We couldn’t award our generous prizes without your financial contributions.



Proposed Slate of Officers for 2024-2025 by Joan Thompson

The hard-working nominating committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2024-2025:

President

Open *

Programs – 1st Vice President

Karen McGurk

Joie Nolasco

Deborah Boyd

Membership- 2nd Vice President

Pam Ames

Secretary

Deborah Dutilly

Treasurer

Kathy Moore

*Please consider running for president. The role can be shared. Past Presidents Cathy Burciaga and Joan Thompson are willing to mentor the President(s).

Nominating Committee members include Cathy Burciaga, Debby Dutilly, Harriet Gerza, Karen McGurk, and Joan Thompson.

Tech Trek Update by Heidi Dalvie, Ellen Dillon, Debbie Lewis, AAUW Poway-Penasquitos Affiliate Tech Trek Co-Coordinators

We have now received camper nominations from the school liaisons, and paperwork has been sent to parents for application permission for the girls. We will soon begin collecting applications from those girls and we have set interviews for mid-March. It's so good to realize the eagerness these girls have for Tech Trek!



Want to get involved? Volunteer Opportunities for YOU!

It may still be early, but keep in mind that we will likely need several volunteers this year, both for the residential camp and for the virtual camp. All coaches from last year will be contacted to see if they want to return to camp this year. Please consider this opportunity for yourself this summer!

In-person camp at UCSD: June 23 – 28, 2024

Virtual camp: July 21 – 27, 2024

Volunteers will be needed for:

- Build Coach
- Social Coach
- Workshop Coach
- Dorm Moms
- Morning Volunteers to help out during staff meetings
- Check-in/Registration team at UCSD first day of in-person camp

For volunteer job descriptions and to apply, please go to the volunteer interest form at:

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/tech-trek-volunteer/> To become a volunteer, you will apply online through our CampDoc program.

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.

Finance Report by Sheila Walker

January 31, 2024, Operating Account Balance \$4573.37

The membership dues that you pay to AAUW make up the bulk of our operating income: \$72 goes to National, \$20 to State and \$23 to our Affiliate, making a total of \$115. You are probably aware that our expenses cover the cost of renting the venue for our monthly meetings and hospitality for the September and June meetings. This account also covers other expenses including insurance, Zoom fees, software fees, directory printing and office supplies. If you ever have questions about income and expenses, please contact the one of the Board members.

January 31, 2024, Fundraising Account Balance \$9287.56

We have paid two deposits to the Heights Country Club for **Cover to Cover** and will have one final deposit to pay. We hope the date is on your calendar, **Saturday, May 11**. The proceeds from this event, in addition to the funds raised from the Fall Campaign, will be utilized to fund our philanthropic projects for 2024-2025. Please support our projects with your ticket purchases and donations.

Announcing the 2024 Cover to Cover Authors Luncheon! by Cathy Burciaga

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, May 11! We are very excited about this year's Cover to Cover Authors Luncheon because, in addition to a delicious lunch, book signings and a chance to bid on wonderful auction items, you will meet in person two acclaimed authors, Tammy Leitner and T. Jefferson Parker.

Tammy is a Peabody Award and multiple Emmy Award winning investigative journalist who has just completed "Don't Say a Thing," a riveting account of her eight-year investigation into a serial criminal and his many victims. Jeff is a three-time Edgar Award winner, a recipient of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize, and New York Times bestselling author of twenty-eight suspense and mystery novels; the latest, "The Rescue," was inspired by his own rescue dog, Jasper. Doors will open at 10 a.m. at the beautiful Bernardo Heights Golf Club.

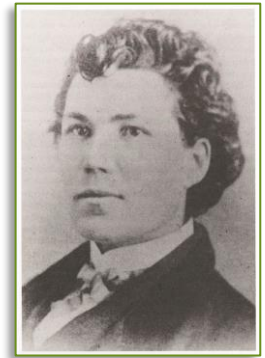
Pre-registration for the event begins April 1 on Eventbrite. Watch your Adelante for more details.

Did You Know? Notable Women in History by Joie Nolasco

Canadian born Sarah Emma Edmonds Seelye (her married name) worked as a spy and nurse after enlisting in the Union army disguised as a man and calling herself Franklin Thompson. In 1886 and again in 1889, Sarah became the first and only woman to be recognized as a veteran of the Civil War with an honorable discharge and to receive a pension and back pay for her service.

If you might be interested in joining a traveling troop of Women in History characters to present to local schools, contact Joie Nolasco at joienolasco@gmail.com.

Emma's portrait as Frank; public domain <https://www.geneseehistory.org/sarah-edmonds.html>



School Board Project (AAUW California Connection February 2024) shared by Janice Heather

Apparently bragging is not an admirable thing to do. But we'll do it anyway. Because we are contrarian. Our state Public Policy team's School Board Project to combat regressive school board policies, such as book banning, is so impressive that they were asked to share it with other states. <https://www.aauw-ca.org/school-board-project-toolkit/> Project chair Kathi Harper presented a nationwide webinar School Boards: The Battleground for the Education Culture Wars. Nationwide! That's like going to the Super Bowl. Except for the cleats. (Go Niners!)

If you'd like to get involved in the School Board project, contact our affiliate's Public Policy coordinator Janice Heather at janiceheather@hotmail.com.

AAUW P-P Members at the January Interbranch Council Meeting

shared by Marie Dye



Enjoying “Beyond the Stars and the Names You Already Know!” Presented by Dr. Neil Farber, MD, NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador, and Docent for the San Diego Air & Space Museum shared by Debbie Boyd



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POWAY PENASQUITOS
AFFILIATE**

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

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Presidents: Karen McGurk, Joie Nolasco, Ellie Slade

Membership/2nd Vice

Presidents: Harriet Gerza, Linda Johnston

Secretary: Joan Natoli

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Happy Healthy Hikers by Mary Alice Rudelich and Jo Beneke

In January, the Happy Healthy Hikers visited Kit Carson Park for a hike around the park. We were able to visit with a docent at Queen Califia's Magical Circle (below), which is a sculpture garden created by Niki de Saint Phalle, an artist who was born in France, 1930-2002. The garden consists of nine large mosaic sculptures and a circular "snake wall" which opens onto a maze. The docent shared many interesting facts about the art and the artist. If you visit this amazing exhibit, look for the artist's signature on one of the sculptures.

Our February hike was to Lake Poway to view the birds and the lovely landscape.

On March 16, we will be hiking Raptor Ridge at 8:30 a.m. Please join us for a "walk in the woods" of San Diego.

We hope you will join us for this hike. Please RSVP to mary.rudelich@aol.com.



Grape Expectations Checks Out Two New Wineries in February and March by Janice Heather

On Saturday, February 24, our wine tasters' group heads to Bastian's Vineyards, a boutique winery on Bandy Canyon Road, in the Highland Valley of Escondido. Bastian's grape varieties range from Cabernet Sauvignon to Syrah to Grenache and more information on the winery is available at <https://Bastiansvineyards.com/>.

Then on Friday, March 22, we head to Ramona to check out Turtle Rock Ridge Vineyard Winery, whose name was inspired by the granite monolith that towers above the vineyard. <https://www.turtlerockridge.com/>.

Both wineries are new to us, and we'll be at both from 3-5 pm.

If you'd like to join us, please reply to janiceheather@hotmail.com so I can make appropriate reservations. And, as always, please feel free to bring friends who might be interested in AAUW.

Travel Group by Pam Ames

On Saturday, March 23, the Travel Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Spiro's Mediterranean at the Coronado Ferry Landing, 1201 1st St in Coronado.

The carpool will meet at 11 a.m. at the Park-and-Ride by Yanni's restaurant off Scripps Poway Parkway. RSVP to Pam Ames at pamames123@gmail.com. All are welcome!

AAUW POWAY-PENASQUITOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2024

Date	Group	Topic	Group Leader	Meeting Details	Good to Know
Mar 7	Great Decisions	Global Trade and Green Energy	Marie Dye, mdye@san.rr.com	We will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Alice Rudelich, 17746 Bellechase Circle. Please RSVP to Mary Alice at mary.rudelich@aol.com .	Meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. No meeting in Dec., Jan., July, and Aug. Interested in joining? Marie Dye at mdye@san.rr.com .
Mar 11	Games Group	N/A	Aresa Toukdarian, atoukdar@gmail.com	Meet at the home of Joie Nolasco, 13083 Old West Avenue, from 1-3 p.m. RSVP to Joie at joienolasco@gmail.com .	Group meets once a month to play board games. Contact Aresa if you want to be added to the distribution list.
Mar 11	Page Turners	Trust, by Herman Diaz	Pam Ames, pamames123@gmail.com	Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Miriam Lauff, 11883 Glenhope Road. RSVP to Pam Ames.	Meets the second Tuesday of every month at a member's home at 1:30 p.m. Contact Pam Ames if you wish to be added to the distribution list.
Mar 13	General Meeting	"The genius of female artists" presented by Robin Douglas, Professor and Visual Artist	Karen McGurk, kmcgurkrn@sbcglobal.net Ellie Slade, elliehs10.4.1582@gmail.com Joie Nolasco, joienolasco@gmail.com	The meeting is from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Eastview Community Center located at 17520 Drayton Hall Way. RSVP to aauwboard@gmail.com .	Bring a friend!
Mar 16	Happy Healthy Hikers	N/A	Mary Alice Rudelich, mary.rudelich@aol.com	Join us at 8:30 a.m. for a hike at Raptor Ridge. RSVP to Mary Alice at mary.rudelich@aol.com .	Hikes are once a month ranging from easy to moderate levels. Contact Mary Alice to be added to the distribution list.
Mar 22	Grape Expectations	N/A	Janice Heather, janiceheather@gmail.com	We will meet from 3-5 p.m. at Turtle Rock Ridge Vineyard, 18351 Woods Hill Lane in Ramona. https://www.turtlerockridge.com/ RSVP to Janice Heather at janiceheather@gmail.com .	We meet monthly for either wine or beer tasting. Please contact Janice to be added to the distribution list.
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<p>Mar 25</p>	<p>Monday Mysteries Book Group</p>	<p>The Shadow Murders, by Jussi Adler Olsen</p>	<p>Pam Meyer, pamela.me4@gmail.com</p>	<p>Meet at 1:30 at the home of Debby Dutilly, 17470-85 Plaza Cerado. RSVP to Debby at rdeb@san.rr.com</p>	<p>Meets the fourth Monday of every month. Want to join the discussion? Email Pam Meyer.</p>
<p>Mar 28</p>	<p>Evening Book Group</p>	<p>Hamnet, by Maggie O'Farrell</p>	<p>Ann Morgan, annmorgansd@yahoo.com; Marilyn Scheininger, marilyn.scheininger@gmail.com</p>	<p>Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lyn Johnston, 9330 Chabola Road. RSVP to Lyn at lynjohn@san.rr.com.</p>	<p>Meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. If you want to join the discussion, please email Ann or Marilyn.</p>



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Robin Douglas, Artist and Professor

Save the Date



The Poway-Penasquitos Branch presents

COVER TO COVER AUTHORS LUNCHEON

A Fundraiser for Re-entry Women Scholarships



MAY 11



10:00AM

**Bernardo Heights
Golf Club**



Meet Tammy Leitner, Peabody Award and
Emmy Award Winning Investigative Journalist



Meet T. Jefferson Parker, Edgar Award Winner
and NY Times Best-Selling Author of 28 novels

