

# Adelante



AAUW Poway Penasquitos Affiliate

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### Don't miss these May events & announcements:

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- May 13: Games Group meets at PQ Library
- May 17: Hike Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve with Happy Healthy Hikers
- May 24: Visit Cheval Winery with Grape Expectations

## President's Message by Michelle Blasberg

### Welcome to May

**Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** (as of 2009, officially changed from Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month)<sup>[1]</sup> is observed in the United States during the month of May, and recognizes the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. (Wikipedia)

### Phishing Scam

It happened again in April; an email was sent to a few members asking for their time to do "me" a favor. I will never ask you or any member of AAUW-PP 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](http://www.IC3.gov). Please stay vigilant in protecting yourself against scams.

### Fiscal Year 2025

The AAUW fiscal year is fast approaching and runs from July 1 through June 30. There will be some new members joining the leadership team. There will be opportunities to volunteer to lead some of the interest groups. Please think about the groups you enjoy and consider volunteering to lead or co-lead the group. More information will be

provided as we move into the new fiscal year.

### Renewals – Reminder

The renewal process for most of our members continues. For members who joined prior to 2022, the renewal period is July 1 through June 30. For new members who joined after March 2022, your renewal date is 12 months after your initial membership date. Dues will not change for this next membership period. The dues amount includes membership to AAUW National, AAUW-CA, and Affiliate dues. This year the total amount will be \$115.00: AAUW National dues \$72.00; AAUW-CA dues \$20.00; and Poway Penasquitos Affiliate dues \$23.00. You will receive an email from AAUW National to notify you to renew.

**May Affiliate Meeting** – Please join us on Saturday, May 11 for **Cover to Cover**. The luncheon will be held at Bernardo Heights Golf Club from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. We have two great authors, Tammy Leitner and T. Jefferson Parker, and it is sure to be a fantastic event. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Proceeds benefit the branch fundraising account which supports Re-entry Scholarships and Speech Trek.

### Upcoming Events

- **June Affiliate Meeting** – The End of Year Brunch will be held on Saturday, June 8. More details to come.

## Cover to Cover Authors Luncheon on May 11: *Still Time to Register!* by Cathy Burciaga

May 3 is your deadline to register for our once-a-year gala luncheon, author meet & greet, and book signing with our two bestselling authors, Tammy Leitner and T. Jefferson Parker. Tables are filling up fast but there is still time to reserve your seat!

Doors open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 11 at the beautiful Bernardo Heights Golf Club in Rancho Bernardo for check-in, book sales & signing, and plenty of time to browse the silent auction items and other goodies for sale before enjoying the first author's talk at 11 a.m.

This lovely event is traditionally a fundraiser for our re-entry women college scholarships and, more recently, our annual highschooler Speech Trek competition, which are two of our affiliate's most successful programs.

To register, see the "WhoDunnit Under the Sun?" flyer and the registration form at the end of this newsletter. As always, you are encouraged to bring friends, especially those who might be interested in joining our wonderful affiliate.

## **Finance Report** by Sheila Walker

### **OPERATING ACCOUNT, March 31, 2024: \$4,261.39**

Normal operating expenses this month! Do you know we spend \$15.99 per month on our Zoom account which is used by members of book groups who join the discussions remotely?

### **FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT, March 31, 2024: \$7,662.56**

We are looking forward to adding to our fundraising coffers this month with tickets sales from Cover to Cover. And, of course, you will have the opportunity to add to our fundraising total at the event with some special purchases.

## **Tech Trek Update** by Heidi Dalvie, Ellen Dillon, Debbie Lewis, Linda Groeling, Pat Armstrong, AAUW Poway-Penasquitos Affiliate Tech Trek Co-Coordinators

### **Applications**

We received 23 applications from seven different PUSD middle schools for camp this year, and we were *very* busy interviewing the girls the first week of March. It is always encouraging to see how much enthusiasm these young women have for Tech Trek.

We chose 12 girls to attend in-person camp and sent out the "Congratulations!" letters. There is still a lot of paperwork for families to complete before the camp dates of June 23 – 28, 2024.

### **Volunteering**

Looking for an opportunity to learn more about Tech Trek camp on the UCSD campus? Volunteers are needed for camp "check-in" registration and for supervision in a classroom allowing a dorm mom to attend a daily camp meeting. This is a great way to observe a teacher directed lesson and "take in" the campers' enthusiasm and engagement with a STEM activity.

If you have an interest in one or both volunteer opportunities, now is the time to reach out! Contact us at [powaypqtechtrek@gmail.com](mailto:powaypqtechtrek@gmail.com).



## **Gov Trek Update** by Marie Dye

Gov Trek had 37 young women (none from San Diego County) graduate from the program this year. Over seven Saturday sessions, the girls learned from various female legislators, consultants, and staffers about the political process on both local and national levels. The purpose is to help high school juniors and seniors learn about career opportunities in public service.

The participants are formed into teams which then compete in creating and presenting a campaign simulation. An esteemed group of judges are on hand to provide feedback and award prizes in different categories.

This was the second year for this AAUW-California program and the Gov Trek team is looking for more ways to attract young women into this program and hopefully public service.

The campaign competition can be viewed on YouTube at [2024 Gov Trek Finale and Awards – YouTube](#).

For more information about Gov Trek, visit [Gov Trek - AAUW California](#).

### Speech Trek Update by Karen McGurk

Good Luck Shreeya! Our Speech Trek Competition winner, Shreeya Patel, is one of 3 semi-finalists who will compete in the AAUW State Finals virtual competition. The winner's video will be showcased at the California Annual Event on Saturday, April 27. You can register for this event at: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/aauw-annual-event-back-to-school/>.



### Bet You Didn't Know This About Amelia Earhart! Notable Women in History by Joie Nolasco

What most people don't know is that in 1933, Amelia Earhart released Amelia Fashions, "for the woman who lives actively." Earhart didn't just lend her name to the label, she approved every step of the process and helped sew some of the garments, too. Many of the designs incorporated aviation materials, such as buttons and buckles made of ball bearings, oil cups, and bolts. Some shirts were made from parachute silk and included tails, which were strictly for men's shirts. She also designed hats, which she used as prizes for flying contests with the Ninety-Nines, an all-woman aviation society she helped establish. The clothing line didn't last long, however, since it took her away from flying. (<https://historyfacts.com/famous-figures/fact/amelia-earhart-had-her-own-clothing-line/>)



(Photo National Archives <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6708609>)

## AAUW California Public Policy Committee Sets 2024 Legislative Agenda by Amy Hom and Missy Maceyko, Co-chairs AAUW California Public Policy Committee

The Public Policy Committee met virtually over a weekend in early March to set AAUW California's 2024 Legislative Agenda. Through a day and a half of discussions, we reviewed 67 bills, considering their merits and potential costs as well as their alignment with our public policy priorities. Then, we went through a voting/ranking process to select the top bills that we will advance as our Legislative Agenda.

Our legislative agenda consists of three "A" priority bills, four "B" priority bills, twenty-nine "C" priority bills, and twelve spot bills that we are watching. Seven of the bills on our legislative agenda are 2-year bills that carried over from last year. All of the bills on our agenda fall under at least one of our four Public Policy Priority pillars; one bill - AB 2349 - falls under three pillars.

Excitingly, our signature "A" priority bill AB 2843 "Health Care Coverage for Rape and Sexual Assault Survivors" was authored by AAUW California. The bill is sponsored by AAUW California and falls under two of our Public Policy Priorities, "Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society" and "Economic Security for All Women." The bill eliminates cost-sharing, including deductibles, from being imposed on any rape survivor seeking medical care following a rape. Insurers will be required to cover the cost of medical care with no copay. AB 2843 ensures that those individuals who wish to report a rape and file charges will have the benefit of a rape kit test and forensic exam to provide evidence to secure more convictions for acts of sexual violence. In addition, they can receive the care they need following a traumatic sexual attack. (See the [Lobby Days Talking Points](#) and [Bill Text](#) for more details.)

Our second "A" priority bill, AB 2326 "Title IX Oversight and Compliance Act" is also sponsored by AAUW California. This bill falls under our Public Policy Priorities pillar "Equal Access to Quality Education for All Students" and champions something that AAUW California has long supported: Title IX enforcement. AB 2326 requires the Chancellors of the Community Colleges and State Universities and the President of the University of California to provide an annual report of their compliance with Title IX, with the report to be presented publicly and orally to the Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees on Higher Education Finance, a move to hold the systems, and their leaders, more publicly accountable.

While we are listing AB 2326 as an "A" priority bill, a large number of Title IX related bills were introduced this year, likely prompted by the 2023 State Auditor's [Report 2022-109 \(ca.gov\)](#) which concluded that the CSU system's handling of Title IX-related complaints has not adequately addressed allegations of inequity, harassment, and sexual harassment. While a great deal of the introduced Title IX legislation has not yet fully taken shape, we are watching them, as they will potentially become priority bills. In addition, one of the more fully-formed bills, AB 1790, is listed as a "B" priority bill on our agenda.

Our third "A" priority bill is AB 2099, "Protecting Reproductive Health Clinics." This bill falls under our Public Policy Priorities pillar "Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society." The bill makes it possible for the D.A. to file a felony charge for sharing personal information or images of individuals such as reproductive health care providers or patients, with the intent of causing harm or violence against them, if the posting and subsequent action results in bodily injury. With [violence against abortion providers continuing to rise following the reversal of Roe](#), the protection of providers and patients is now more important than ever.

To see our full 2024 Legislative Agenda, please go to our [Bill Tracking Report](#). This report will continue to be updated as the bills move through the legislative process, so you will always be able to see the latest status.

Sign up for CA Legislative Action Alerts [HERE!](#)



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ASSOCIATION OF  
UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
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](http://www.aauw.org)

**California AAUW**

[www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)

**PowayPenasquitos  
AAUW**

[www.powayarea-](http://www.powayarea-)

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**Presidents:** Harriet Gerza, Linda Johnston

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**Happy Healthy Hikers** by Mary Alice Rudelich and Jo Beneke

On Friday, May 17, we will be hiking the Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve. Details TBD. [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=657](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=657)

Did you know you can check out a California State Library Parks Pass from your San Diego Public Library? The Parks Pass allows entry of one passenger vehicle with capacity of nine people or less at over 200 participating state parks, including Torrey Pines North Beach and South Beach parking lots. Passes check out for 14 days and are first-come, first-served. Check the catalog first, then call the library location to confirm availability: <https://sandiego.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S161C1690437>.

We hope you will join us for this hike. Please RSVP to [mary.rudelich@aol.com](mailto:mary.rudelich@aol.com).

**Grape Expectations Wine Lovers Plan Busy Spring** by Janice Heather

Our Grape Expectations wine tasters have a busy spring planned, returning to Mia Marie Vineyards on Friday, April 19 at 3-5 p.m. and exploring Cheval Winery on Friday, May 24 at 4-6 p.m.

Mia Marie, which has panoramic views, is located at 15036 Highland Valley Road and is showcasing some exclusive releases that you can read more about at <https://miamarie.com>.

Cheval Winery is located at 2919 Hill Valley Drive in Escondido. It's a newer winery and, as the name suggests, has a horse theme with champion show horses on the property. <https://chevalwinery.com/>

If you can join us, please rsvp to [janiceheather@hotmail.com](mailto:janiceheather@hotmail.com) and include if you'd like to carpool. These are great opportunities to visit new places, enjoy our spring weather and green hillsides, and connect with fellow AAUW members. They're also great opportunities to bring friends who might be interested in AAUW. Cheers! 🍷

**March General Meeting featuring Robin Douglas Presenting "The Genius of Female Artists"** by Ellie Slade



# AAUW POWAY-PENASQUITOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## May 2024

Date	Group	Topic	Group Leader	Meeting Details	Good to Know
May 2	<b>Great Decisions</b>	Technology denial and Sino-American Rivalry	Marie Dye, <a href="mailto:mdye@san.rr.com">mdye@san.rr.com</a>	We will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Karen McGurk, 14905 Derringer Road in Poway. Please RSVP to Karen at <a href="mailto:kmcgurkrn@sbcglobal.net">kmcgurkrn@sbcglobal.net</a> .	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 <a href="mailto:mdye@san.rr.com">mdye@san.rr.com</a> .
May 11	<b>Cover to Cover</b>	Authors Luncheon	Cathy Burciaga, <a href="mailto:cburciaga@san.rr.com">cburciaga@san.rr.com</a>	The annual authors luncheon will be held at the Heights Golf Club, 16066 Bernardo Heights Parkway from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mail your registration form and check to Pam Meyer – details in flyer.	Bring a friend!
May 13	<b>Games Group</b>	N/A	Aresa Toukdarian, <a href="mailto:atoukdar@gmail.com">atoukdar@gmail.com</a>	Meet from 1-3 p.m. at Rancho Penasquitos Branch Library's Community Room, 13330 Salmon River Road.	Group meets once a month to play board games. Contact Aresa if you want to be added to the distribution list.
May 14	<b>Page Turners</b>	<b>Love of My Life</b> , by Rosie Walsh	Pam Ames, <a href="mailto:pamames123@gmail.com">pamames123@gmail.com</a>	Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Cathy Burciaga, 11689 Petenwell Road. RSVP to Pam if you can attend.	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.
May 17	<b>Happy Healthy Hikers</b>	N/A	Mary Alice Rudelich, <a href="mailto:mary.rudelich@aol.com">mary.rudelich@aol.com</a>	Join us for a hike at Torrey Pines. Time and meeting place will be provided at a later date. Please RSVP to Mary Alice if you are planning to attend. <a href="mailto:mary.rudelich@aol.com">mary.rudelich@aol.com</a> .	Hikes are once a month ranging from easy to moderate levels. Contact Mary Alice to be added to the distribution list.
May 20	<b>Monday Mysteries Book Group</b>	<b>A Suitable Vengeance</b> , by Elizabeth George	Pam Meyer, <a href="mailto:pamela.me4@gmail.com">pamela.me4@gmail.com</a>	Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Honorine Nocon, 9587 Paseo Montril. RSVP to Honorine at <a href="mailto:honorinenococon@gmail.com">honorinenococon@gmail.com</a> .	Meets the fourth Monday of every month. Please email Pam Meyer to be added to the distribution list.
May 23	<b>Thursday Book Group</b>	<b>Finding the Mother Tree</b> , by Suzanne Simard	Ann Morgan, <a href="mailto:annmorgansd@yahoo.com">annmorgansd@yahoo.com</a> ; Marilyn Scheininger, <a href="mailto:marilyn.scheininger@gmail.com">marilyn.scheininger@gmail.com</a>	Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara Fisher, 13217 Deron Ave, RSVP to Barbara at <a href="mailto:afisherjr@aol.com">afisherjr@aol.com</a> .	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><b>May 24</b></p>	<p><b>Grape Expectations</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Janice Heather,  <a href="mailto:janiceheather@gmail.com">janiceheather@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>We will meet at the Cheval winery in Escondido from 4-6 p.m.  <a href="https://chevalwinery.com">https://chevalwinery.com</a>                      RSVP to Janice Heather at <a href="mailto:janiceheather@gmail.com">janiceheather@gmail.com</a>.</p>	<p>We meet monthly for either wine or beer tasting. Please contact Janice to be added to the distribution list.</p>
	<p><b>Travel Group</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Pam Ames,  <a href="mailto:pamames123@gmail.com">pamames123@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>No meeting this month.</p>	<p>Meets monthly at various local restaurants. Contact Pam Ames to be added to the distribution list.</p>

# 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**







*24<sup>th</sup> Annual Cover to Cover Authors Luncheon*  
*Saturday, May 11, 2024 10AM-2PM*

**The Heights Golf Club, 16066 Bernardo Heights Pkwy, San Diego 92128**

**Check-In: 10:00-10:45 a.m.      Program: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Reservation deadline is Friday, May 3. \$75 Includes Luncheon & Program**

**Make checks payable to "AAUW/PP" and mail this form and check to:  
 Pamela Meyer-C2C, 18755 W. Bernardo Drive, Apt. 1107, San Diego 92127**

**Tables of 10** will be guaranteed seating at the same table. (One check for the whole table would be most appreciated!) Smaller groups will be combined with another group at a table.

**Questions? Email [aauwboard@gmail.com](mailto:aauwboard@gmail.com), or call/text Pam (619) 855-4071 or Cathy (858) 449-5096**

**Entree Choices**

➤ *Chicken with Sun-Dried Tomato & Artichoke Sauce*

➤ *Pan Seared Salmon in Lemon Caper Sauce*

*(Both Entrees are served with Salad, Roasted Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables)*

➤ *Vegetarian Option: Butternut Squash Risotto, Salad, Swiss Chard, Maple Gastrique*

*Dessert: The Heights Seasonal Berry Cobbler*

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PRINT CLEARLY the contact information for table confirmation:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special needs (wheelchair, walker)? Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to attend but am enclosing a \$\_\_\_\_\_ donation for Re-Entry Women Scholarships

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