

**BRANCH MEETING: APRIL 18TH, 9:30 am, 1ST Presbyterian Church
Guest Speaker Is "On Top" of the Financial Community**



Layla S. Torres began her financial services career in 2008 as a life & health Insurance agent for American Income Life. Working with families and discussing their long-term financial goals led to an interest in investments and a traditional banking environment. In 2009, she joined Chase as a relationship banker.

Layla completed a joint BS in Business Administration & International Business at USC, a program that included overseas study at Copenhagen Business School in Denmark. She joined Partners Retirement and Wealth Management in 2015, providing client support for advisor Stuart Ng.

Layla will finish her MBA at USC in August 2020. She has also completed her Certified Financial Planner education and plans to sit for the certification exam once she graduates from her MBA program.

Her journey of raising two children (one adopted from Honduras) has made her aspire to provide financial knowledge to everyone willing to get ahead in their lives. It is through experiencing the strength of her daughter she desired to continue her education to provide not only a better opportunity for her, but hopefully to all other females that have been part of the foster system.

Her goal as a Wealth Advisor is to help families reach their financial dreams of independence and prosperity. Layla is our featured **Women in Business** for the month of April.

BRANCH ELECTION - April 18th Meeting

Our monthly Branch meeting, scheduled for April 18, 2020, is not only honoring a speaker found by AAUW FUND VP's Sharlene Bergart and Ellie Burton, it is our Annual Meeting where we vote on our slate of officers. We need a quorum to validate the vote and elect the slate. Please attend this very important meeting and if you cannot, ask for a Proxy from Lynda in order to vote. Complete the Proxy and mail it to Kathi Harper, Nominating Committee Chair. I know we are worried about the coronavirus and if National states we should not meet, we will postpone the meeting until May. An E-Blast will go out to membership concerning the decision. Lynda Daniels, President AAUW-COV. Slate on Page 5.

Year of the Woman !



President's Message

CDC CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Clean your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Clean and disinfect

- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

To disinfect:

Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work.

In compliance with the 15-day self-isolation, we will decide in April what activities should take place or not. (Website: CDC.GOV).

Reminder: 6-foot *Social Distancing*. Stay healthy!

Lynda

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW's Mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. AAUW DIVERSITY STATEMENT In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (EO Fund)

AAUW Educational Opportunities provides funds to advance self- development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF)

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sexual discrimination.

CARLSBAD-OCEANSIDE-VISTA BRANCH

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National Website: aauw.org

April Board Meeting:

April 13th 9:30 am @ Beth Mason's

Refreshments: Carolyn Rodosta

Interest Groups...



APRIL

BRIDGE GROUPS - We have three AAUW Bridge Groups and always welcome new members to fill openings. We meet at 12:30 pm on the first Monday, and first and second Thursdays. We welcome subs for all the groups. Please contact Wanda Downer, Bridge Coordinator, at 760-941-2841 or bwdowner@cox.net for more information.

DINING ABOUT - Because of concerns about the possible spread of the Coronavirus I have decided to cancel our scheduled *Dining About* dinner for March 29th. Hopefully by the end of April things will have settled down and we can plan another one. I will keep everyone informed by e-mail as to when we can have our next dinner.

DRAMA DIVAS - Will meet Thursday, April 9th at 1:00 pm, at the home of Joanna Murphy. We will be reading *Clybourne Park* by Bruce Norris. All are welcome; please RSVP to Joanna.

EXPLORING CALIFORNIA - Monday, April 20th at 9:30 am at the home of Carol Hilton. Please RSVP Carol or call, text, or email Debby Parks at 760-505-0384 or Bridgebud2@yahoo.com.

GREAT DECISIONS - TBD as events unfold.

HAPPY HIKERS - On March 7th we hiked from Lakeview Park to the top of Double Peak; for a round trip of 4.1 miles with a 977 ft. elevation gain. Our next hike will be on Saturday, April 4th at Lake Hodges. Meet at 9:00 am. If you would like to join us for a fun hike, please RSVP to Crystal Stebbins at crystal.stebbins@compass-usa.com or call/text 760-405-5352.

LUNCH BUNCH - Will meet on Friday, April 10th at 11:45 am at the *Sublime Ale House*, 1020 W. San Marcos Blvd, San Marcos. This restaurant is in Restaurant Row. *Sublime* offers a huge variety of gourmet comfort foods and craft beers. It features hamburgers, mac n' cheese, pizza, salads, and sandwiches, with prices ranging from \$5 for a house salad to \$15. There is plenty of free parking. RSVP to Belle Johnson Bohn, bjohn1@mac.com.

MAHJONG - Will meet at Nelle's house Wednesday, April 8th at 1:00 pm. Please let her know if you want to attend. Reminder: it's time to order new Mahjong cards.

MOSTLY BOOKS - Next book discussion will be held on Tuesday, April 28th at 1:00 pm at the home of Belle Johnson Bohn. The selected book is *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson (2004), will be reviewed by Kathi Harper. This novel delves into the history of Gilead, Iowa, as seen through the eyes of its characters. Winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for fiction. Please RSVP.

MYSTERY BOOKS - Cancelled this month.

SCRABBLE - Will meet Tuesday, April 14th at 1:00 pm at Lynda's. Plenty of table room for Scrabble competitors. Please notify Lynda if you plan to attend. lynda6367@yahoo.com.

RANCHO CARRILLO GARAGE SALE

Saturday, April 25th, 7:00 am-Noon

At Ele's:

6146 Citracado Circle Carlsbad 92009

Please bring items to Ele during April
(No clothes or shoes)

Proceeds Go to Tech Trek



Crystal Liz Ella Joanna Alison Belle Denise

Members' Corner

Happy Birthday!!



Bonnie Bethal – 4th
Nelle Hefner – 6th
Molly Redifer – 6th
Maggie Wolfe-Johnson – 8th
Mary Ellen Jones – 13th
Malinda Whitelaw – 17th
Jeanne Gruenwald – 21st
Mary Lou Henry – 23rd
Sharlene Bergart – 27th

JUST A GOOD THING TO RECITE.....

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW believes that together we can transform society for the better. Our vision is simple — we bring people together united behind the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.

AT YOUR SERVICE ...

Public Policy

NOTE: Palomar and Mira Costa campuses are closed for at least the month of March due to the Coronavirus; therefore, Equal Pay Day events scheduled for March 31st are postponed until further notice.

News from State

Due to Coronavirus concerns, the State Convention scheduled for April 16th -18th has been cancelled. The state board is currently considering a new date.



Cori Tasha

GovTrek had two exciting sessions in March, with Carlsbad City Councilwoman Cori Schumacher presenting on “How City Government Really Works” and 76th District California Assemblywoman Tasha Boerner Horvath helping the girls understand “How State Government Really Works.” The students were very creative in solving problems presented on their islands, such as “Where does everyone go to the bathroom?” and “How to ensure fair distribution of food and water?”



Gov Trek Girls

Public Policy...

Reproductive Health for All in 2020 by Claire Noonan, AAUW Public Policy Committee

One of AAUW's Public Policy Priorities is advocacy to ensure "self-determination of one's reproductive health decisions." This right, guaranteed to all American women under *Roe v Wade*, is under attack like never before. As we face this challenge, it is useful to recall that in the 17th and 18th centuries pregnancy termination was legal under common law before 'quickening' (fetal movement) that occurs approximately 16 weeks after conception.

By 1900 in accord with the Comstock Act of 1873 most states had passed laws restricting termination and contraception. As a consequence, by the 1930s one report estimated that 681 thousand abortions led to 8 to 10 thousand maternal deaths.

It took a decision by the Supreme Court in 1973 to change the numbers, but the struggle continues. On Friday, January 24, 2020, at the March for Life rally, the president threatened to take away California's federal funding in accord with the Weldon Amendment because of California law that ensures private insurers provide abortion and contraception coverage. The HHS department gave the state 30 days to lift the regulation, saying that the state is not compliant with the amendment.

After the February 4th President's State of the Union speech there is no doubt women must continue to advocate for reproductive health rights. Your state Public Policy Committee is keeping track of the U.S. Senate vote on two bills: 1) to institute a 20-week abortion ban and 2) to require medical care be delivered to infants that survive abortions, a misleading bill given that infanticide is already a crime. 100 years ago, women got the right to vote. Let's use it to *keep* the right to have control over our own bodies.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES...!!! (Re: Suffragists' Tea)

Dear Mrs. Kathi Harper,

I wanted to thank you for offering me the opportunity to volunteer at this lovely event! I am so glad I did. I thoroughly enjoyed the event, especially the panel of inspiring women. I am learning about many of the women (Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, Ida B. Wells) in AP U.S History, but others such as Victoria Woodhull I had never heard of despite her impressive feats! I so enjoyed learning all about women's long journey on the road to suffrage (and it was a great recap for the upcoming APUSH AP Exam). If there are ever any AAUW activities you need help with or if you're ever looking for a student representative, please do not hesitate to let me know! I found this event extremely empowering, so thank you again and I look forward to seeing you at the next Gov Trek meeting!

Sincerely, Kendal Furman

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APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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19	20 Exploring CA 9:30 am @ Carol Hilton's	21	22	23	24	25 Rancho Carrillo Garage Sale 7 am - Noon
26	27	28 Mostly Books 1 pm @ Belle's	29	30		
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