



May 2020

Number 401

IT'S RENEWAL TIME!! (NO BRANCH MEETING)

Your Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista Branch of AAUW has accomplished a lot this year:

- Putting on a fabulous Suffragists' Tea that raised money for Tech Trek girls to go to science camp while at the same time honoring and celebrating the trail blazers.
- Providing scholarships for talented women to attend college.
- Educating future leaders through Gov Trek on how to become the female movers and shakers of tomorrow.
- Providing legal advocacy for women who have been discriminated against in the workplace.
- Finally, we've had the opportunity to cultivate unique friendships and enjoy lively companionship through our Interest Groups, and to advance our knowledge and understanding of the world through our educational branch meetings.

You will be receiving a personal renewal letter from AAUW National shortly. We encourage you to use the unique-to-you link provided in that letter to renew securely, quickly and easily by credit card. Please note that you need **NOT** donate to the AAUW "mission", since COV collects these "mission" funds during the year.

If you do not wish to use your credit card, ignore the AAUW link and please utilize the AAUW- COV Membership Renewal form on Page 7.

If you don't receive your emailed renewal letter within the next week, please notify Belle Johnson Bohn, Treasurer, after checking your "Junk" folder. **Renewals are due by June 30, 2020.**

Thank you for your valued participation in all our activities this last year. Your AAUW-COV membership is truly of great value, and it's time to renew your commitment to yourself and others!

The votes have been tallied and by unanimous decision of a Branch quorum the following Officers and Nominating Committee are duly elected for 2020-2021.

President Ele Lavender	Treasurer Belle Johnson Bohn
Co-VP's of Program Crystal Stebbins Janet Bryant	Co-Secretaries Ellie Burton Amy Shannon
Co-VP's of Membership Lynda Daniels Denise Truett	Co-VP's of Fund Sharlene Bergart Sally Cummins
Nominating Committee Members: Karen Johnson, Debby Parks, Carol Hilton	

Year of the Woman!

President's Message

SOMETHING LOVELY



**And people stayed home
and read books and listened
and rested and exercised
and made art and played
and learned new ways of being
and were still
and listened more deeply
someone meditated
someone prayed
someone danced
someone met their own shadow
and people started thinking differently----**

**And people healed...
And in the absence of people who lived in
ignorant ways
dangerous, mindless, and heartless....
The earth began to heal---**

**And when the danger ended
and people found themselves...
They grieved for the dead
and they made new choices
and dreamed of new visions
and created new ways to live
and heal the earth fully
just as they had been healed.**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING IS A MATTER OF LIFE OR
DEATH.**

**PER THE CDC: AS MANY AS 25% OF COVID-19
CARRIERS DO NOT FEEL SICK AND CAN
BLINDLY INFECT OTHERS.**

**ONE MORE MONTH INSIDE CAN HELP – AND
YOU CAN LEARN TO MEDITATE AND LEARN TO
BE STILL. ENJOY YOUR HOME, YOUR GARDEN,
YOUR OWN SPACE.**

Heed our San Diego Motto:

**Stay in place, maintain space, cover
your face!**

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
President 2019-2020: LYNDA DANIELS - 619-708-8748
President Elect: ELE LAVENDER

Elected Board Members:
Program VPs: SALLY CUMMINS & GLEA GOLD
Membership VPs: JANET SHANNON & DENISE TRUETT
AAUW Fund VPs: ELLIE BURTON & SHARLENE BERGART
Co-Secretaries: JANET BRYANT
Treasurer: BELLE JOHNSON BOHN

Appointed Board Members and Committee Chairs:
Communications: ANNETTE O'BRIEN & NANCY HACKERT
Public Policy: KATHI HARPER
Membership Treasurer: SUE MITCHELL
Parliamentarian: RITA KOOR
Auditor: RITA KOOR & SANDRA HOLTZ
Bylaws: ELVA VOLLBRECHT
California Drama Exchange: CAROL WANAT
Historian: CAROLYN RODOSTA
Scholarship: MARDI MUSICK & WANDA DOWNER
Sunshine: MARY LOU HENRY
Tech Trek: FAYE CAPPS

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State Website: aauw-ca.org
National Website: aauw.org

NOTEWORTHY:

**AAUW-COV won special awards for
two of our mission-based programs:
Women in Athletics & Equal-i-Tea.**

**May Board Meeting:
Meeting will ZOOM.**

Interest Groups

MAY

BRIDGE GROUPS - We are "On Hold" until we are free to resume our usual activities rather than sheltering at home. I hope you are all well and managing okay.

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 - It looks like we will have to put our Dining about dinners on hold for a while until things start to settle down. If things change within the next two months and I think we can go out I will contact everyone. Stay safe and healthy. Sue Howe. suehowe@sbcglobal.net.

DRAMA DIVAS – Our last meeting of the season will be on Thursday, May 14th at 1:00 pm at Ele's home and we are reading "Raisin in the Sun" by Lorraine Hansbury. Please RSVP to Ele.

EXPLORING CALIFORNIA – Cancelled in May. Reading guidelines sent previously. Contact Debby Parks at 760-505-0384 or Bridgebud2@yahoo.com for questions.

GREAT DECISIONS - Great Decisions met via Zoom on Aril 15th to discuss the Red Sea Region. Led by Joyce King with presenters Kathi Harper and Annemarie Whalen, we discussed the complex relationships among the Gulf states players with each other, with their neighbors across the Sea in the north of Africa, and with "outsiders" in the U.S., China and Russia. Next month we look at the problem of "Human Trafficking" across the globe, which we will do once again via Zoom, on May 20th at 7:00 p.m. Let Kathi Harper know if you want to be invited.

HAPPY HIKERS – Hike temporarily curtailed during May. Questions: to Crystal Stebbins at csimpson7016@pointloma.edu or call/text 760-405-5352. We normally meet the first Saturday of the month.

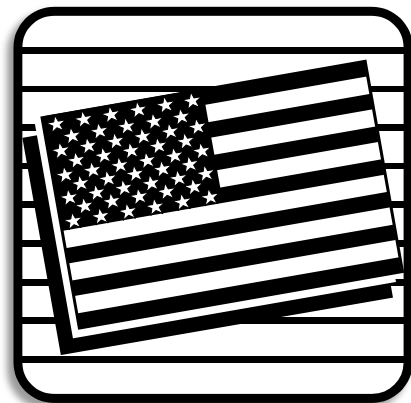
LUNCH BUNCH – Our next Lunch Bunch scheduled for Friday, May 8th at 11:45 a.m. at *Mimi's* in Oceanside has been cancelled due to continued need for social distancing.

MAHJONG - Will meet at Nelle's house Wednesday, May 13th at 1:00 pm. Please let her know if you want to attend.

MOSTLY BOOKS - Next session will be Tuesday, May 26^h at 1:00 pm at the home of Nancy Hackert. The book is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. *This* novel is an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming -of -age story and a surprising tale of possible murder. RSVP to Nancy at penjgolf@roadrunner.com.

MYSTERY BOOKS – Enjoy reading Mystery Groups book for May: *Louisiana Longshot* by Jana DeLeon. The May meeting is cancelled.

SCRABBLE – Will meet Tuesday, May 12th 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.



**Remember Our Country's
Heroes on MEMORIAL DAY**

Members' Corner

Happy Birthday!!



Zoraya de la Bastida – 3rd
Lorraine C. Wolfe – 4th
Jean Steinemann – 5th
Carolyn Rodosta – 6th
Carol Hilton – 7th
Donna Rencsak – 9th
Sandra Holtz – 10th
Faye Capps – 12th
Alison Herzer – 18th
Eleanor Baldwin – 22nd
Rochelle Blair – 26th

Member Kudos:

AAUW-COV Seamstresses are making hygiene masks. Their efforts are greatly appreciated in our world with a "new norm".

Thanks!

A Picture is Worth....



Young Ele



M.J. Denise

Janet Denise Lynda Kathi



Belle Ele M.J. Jane



Belle



March 14th - Joint Meeting in Fallbrook

At Your Service

Celebrating Women in the Military.....



Brigadier General Anna Mae Violet Hays was an American military officer who served as the 13th Chief of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. In 1970 she was the first woman in the U.S. Armed Forces to be promoted to a General Officer rank. June 11, 1970, she was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. Hays paved the way for equal treatment of women, countering occupational sexism. Many of her recommendations were accepted into military policy. She was a front-line nurse who served in three wars — in the jungles of India during World War II, in Korea and in Vietnam. She died in 2018 at the age of 97.

Public Policy

GovTrek and Equal Pay Day Fall Victim to Coronavirus

The Public Policy Team is sad to announce that GovTrek, our fledgling program to encourage young women to become engaged in political careers, has been terminated for the balance of this year due to social distancing requirements. Although only half the sessions were completed, we feel confident our attendees got a lot out of the program, as evidenced by this e-mail sent by one of our students:

Thank you and your team for investing your valuable time into our futures. My experience has been positive and I wish you luck for next year's program. We appreciate all your efforts to make learning about the government amusing through speeches and exercises. Take care!

Respectfully, Jezneel Yusi

Assuming this scourge has spent itself by the Fall, we definitely plan to try again next year...stay tuned! And special thanks to all our helpers: Lynda Daniels, Belle Bohn, Amy Shannon, Molly Redifer, Mardi Musick, Lee Whipple and Janis Musante.

On a Positive Note: We are thrilled to announce that COV's GovTrek was honored to receive AAUW California's Community Project Grant for a new and innovative outstanding mission-based project that can be replicated by other branches. The award, in the amount of \$500, was one of 2 grants chosen from 5 applications.

We are also sorry to report that we had to cancel planned Equal Pay Day activities at Palomar and Mira Costa.

Public Policy continued

UPDATES FROM AAUW-CA PUBLIC POLICY TEAM

By Kathi Harper, Public Policy Committee Co-Chair

With the coronavirus starting to show itself in California (but before the Governor's shelter-in-place orders), the AAUW-CA Public Policy team decided to exercise caution and improvised our annual legislative meeting with our Advocate in Sacramento. Co-Chairs Kathi Harper and Sue Miller, along with AAUW-CA president Jane Neimeier, did meet with Advocate Magaly Zaval at her office on March 13th; however, we communicated with all other committee members via e-mails throughout the day.

Although challenging, the meeting was productive. We reviewed 44 bills with the following resolutions:

- Co-Sponsor 1 bill (SB973)
- Support 26 Bills in the following categories:
 - Product Regulation – 3
 - Family Planning – 5
 - Education – 6
 - Labor/Wages – 2
 - Gender Equity/Discrimination – 4
 - Family Protection – 3
 - Sexual Assault and Sex Education – 2
- 8 Bills will be “watched” for further developments
- 10 Bills were dropped

For more information on these bills, click here:

<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/publish.aspx?session=19&id=920d3c91-39f9-4e59-a017-b2d993254aef>

We have also learned that the Legislature will not reconvene until May 4th. We are not sure what impact that will have on this legislative session; we are advised that their focus is going to be on coronavirus bills, housing and wildfires. The state budget must be approved by June 15th, so this, too, will be an area of focus. We will keep members updated as we learn more. Finally, we have learned that our long-time Advocate Shannon Smith-Crowley is still healing from the concussion she sustained in an accident last year. Please keep her in your thoughts for a successful recovery.

TechTrek

Eleven girls were selected to attend the June TechTrek Camp at UCSD. The camp has been officially canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We will hold a day camp in August for these campers and they will be invited to be present at the September Branch meeting in some capacity.



**American Association of University Women
Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista Branch**

Membership/Renewal Application July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

NEW MEMBERS ONLY - PLEASE COMPLETE ENTIRE FORM

Renewals-if no changes, just complete your name and skip to the boxes below

NAME _____ **Birthdate: (MM) (DD)** _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE: Home _____ **Cell** _____ **E-mail** _____

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE _____ **DEGREE/MAJOR** _____ **DATE** _____

Were you ever an AAUW Member elsewhere? What branch and when? _____

MOB	Member of Branch Pays Nat'l(\$59), State(\$20), Branch(\$21) \$46 Tax Deductible	DUES \$100.00	AMOUNT
MBL	Paid Life Member Pays State(\$20), Branch(\$21)	\$41.00	
DUAL	Dual Member: Primary Branch Name _____ Pays COV Branch Dues only (\$21)	\$21.00	
MBHL	Honorary (50-Year) Life Member	\$0.00	
Donation	Angel Fund Provides dues assistance		
Donation	Branch Operations Supports discretionary branch expenses		
TOTAL	Total Amount Submitted		

For renewals – please pay by June 30, 2020

Please note: Use this form if you are a new member or a renewing member paying by check. You may also use this form to donate to the Angel Fund and/or Branch Operations. If you are a new member and want to pay by credit card, please go to AAUW.org and follow the prompts for new members.

To pay by check, please make your check payable to AAUW-COV and mail with this form to:

AAUW-COV P O Box 443 Carlsbad, CA 92018 Attn: Belle Bohn



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MAY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Happy Hikers cancelled
3	4 Bridge On Hold Mystery Books cancelled.	5	6	7 Bridge On Hold	8 Lunch Bunch: cancelled	9
10	11 Bd. Mtg 9:30 am @ ZOOM	12 Scrabble 1 pm @ Lynda's	13 Mahjong 1 pm @ Nelle's	14 Bridge On Hold Drama Divas 1 pm @ Ele's	15	16 Branch Meeting cancelled
17	18 Exploring CA cancelled	19	20 Great Decisions 7:00 pm @ ZOOM	21	22	23
24	25	26 Mostly Books 1 pm @ Nancy's	27	28	29	30
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ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS PENDING !!!						