

**OCTOBER BRANCH MEETING: 10:00 am the 17<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM**  
**Topic: BORDER ISSUES**



Dr. Donna Rencsak is a psychotherapist who assists individuals, couples, and families in defining relationships and gaining the emotional skills necessary for the care and maintenance of peaceful interactions. She works with clients experiencing a vast array of crises, psychosocial, and mental health issues that are often barriers to well-being and good emotional health.

She provides counseling services to ethnically and socially diverse individuals and families. Services include communication and relationship issues, intervention and treatment of Crisis Issues such as Family Violence, Depression and Suicide, Eating Disorders, Substance Abuse and other Addictions, Anxiety, Anger Management, Grief and Loss, Gender, Identity, and Sexual Issues.

Dr. Rencsak has a Doctorate degree in Human Sexuality.

Her lecture about **Border Issues** will focus on the conditions in which our immigrant children are being held in at the Border Retention Facility and how this results in a form of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder which is not unlike what our military personnel may experience while deployed overseas, She will delve into the lasting effect these child trauma sufferers may experience in their lifetime.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> - Branch Meeting:

Black Lives Matter

Learning Hour: Inclusion

DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> - Branch Holiday Event

# The New Future!

## President's Message



### TRICK OR TREAT

Halloween is my birthday and I was thinking about tricks and treats for this year. No one knows if any kids will go trick or treating and it has certainly been a year of tricks so far: COVID-19, fires, floods and hurricanes.

We have been tricked into wearing masks, so it is Halloween every day.

We have been tricked into holding meetings on a computer screen, by Zoom.

We have been tricked into delivering your directories in person (hope you have yours) AND worst of all we have been tricked out of our social events.

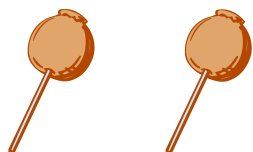
But there are some treats. We have 93 paid full members of COV. Please stick with us during these challenging times. We are trying.

The Board of Directors is a Treat to work with, on Zoom, on the phone, by email and text, and many of us have friends in AAUW-COV that are TREATS!

If you have any questions about how to direct your COV Donation please notify Kathi Harper.

If you have any problems logging onto our Branch Zoom meetings please notify Belle Johnson Bohn or Nancy Hackert.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN EVERYONE!  
Have some chocolate!



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### 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.

### CARLSBAD-OCEANSIDE-VISTA BRANCH

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### FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

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**HELP! We need a place to stow our  
Drama Diva Plays: stacked in plastic boxes.  
12" (deep) X 50" (tall) X 72" (wide)**

**October Board Meeting:  
October 12<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM.**

# Interest Groups .....



## OCTOBER

**BRIDGE GROUPS** - On hold. 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. Please contact Wanda Downer, Bridge Coordinator, at 760-941-2841 or [bwdowner@cox.net](mailto:bwdowner@cox.net) for more information.

**DINING ABOUT** - On hold. Stay safe and healthy. Sue Howe. [suehowe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suehowe@sbcglobal.net).

**DRAMA DIVAS** – Will meet Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. This month we will read *The Man From Earth* by Jerome Bixby. We get together and read a play out loud. If you are interested in the theater, please join us. It is a fun way to make new friends. All are welcome. Annemarie Whalen. [aswhalen1@yahoo.com](mailto:aswhalen1@yahoo.com).

**EXPLORING CALIFORNIA** – Exploring CA is Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> via Zoom at 10:00 am. The agenda, Romantic story, and roster will be emailed the week before to Exploring CA members. Questions: Debby Parks-[bridgebud2@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgebud2@yahoo.com) or call 760-505-0384.

**GREAT DECISIONS** – Great Decisions will resume on October 21<sup>st</sup> via Zoom, to discuss Chapter 7 “The Phillipines.” The discussion will be led by Joyce King and her team of Annemarie Whalen and Kathi Harper. The Zoom link will be sent shortly before the meeting.

**HAPPY HIKERS** –. On hold. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 9:00 am for a fun and challenging hike. If you would like to join us, please contact Crystal Stebbins at [crystalstebbins1015@outlook.com](mailto:crystalstebbins1015@outlook.com) or text/call 619-804-3307.

**LUNCH BUNCH** – On hold. We gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 11:45 am to enjoy good food while we visit, make new friends and discover interesting local places to eat. Questions contact: Erica Heisler, [ericasheisler@gmail.com](mailto:ericasheisler@gmail.com).

**MAH JONGG** - Will meet Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Please let Nelle Hefner know if you want to attend.

**MOSTLY BOOKS** – Will meet via Zoom Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. We are reading *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. This is the story of a brother and sister over the course of 5 decades. Belle will be sending Zoom invitations to Mostly Books participants. Ele Lavender will be the reviewer. Interested others should contact Belle Johnson Bohn, [bjbohn1@mac.com](mailto:bjbohn1@mac.com).

**MYSTERY BOOKS** – Will meet via Zoom on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Our mystery novel for the month is *The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey. Introducing the 1st female lawyer in 1920's Bombay, India, the story gives insight into the rigid laws & cultural mores against women, & especially widows, at that time. To join us, contact Sing Baker, [singb@roadrunner.com](mailto:singb@roadrunner.com).

**SCRABBLE** – Will meet Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at Lynda's. Prizes will be awarded for *Bingos*. Plenty of table room for Scrabble competitors. Please notify Lynda Daniels if you plan to attend. [lynda6367@yahoo.com](mailto:lynda6367@yahoo.com).



Jan Boysen Scholarship Luncheon: August 22, 2020

# Members' Corner

## Happy Birthday!!



Joyce King – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jackie Stone – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Maureen Schneider – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Barbara Odling – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Ruth Plotkin – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Carol Rattray Wanat – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Ele Lavender – 31<sup>st</sup>

## FUND CONTRIBUTIONS:



## TECH TREK VIRTUAL STEM CAMP: 3-7 August 2020

### STEMINISTS MAKING CHANGE



Charlie

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GIRLS



Ruby

# Public Policy

## AAUW CALIFORNIA TAKES POSITIONS ON NOVEMBER BALLOT MEASURES

In November, voters will make decisions on 12 state ballot propositions. The Public Policy Committee reviewed the ballot measures to see which ones are relevant to our Public Policy Priorities and to our mission and decided to support the following 7. AAUW policies that apply are listed in parentheses. Those that do not address issues relating to our Priorities and mission are listed as “No Position.”

### **Prop 14 Stem Cell Research** (*access to quality health care*)

Asks voters to approve a bond for \$5.5 billion to support continued stem cell research, as past bond money is now used up.

*Sponsor:* Robert Klein, a real estate investor and activist.

*Pro:* American Assoc. for Cancer Research, American Diabetes Assoc./LA

*Con:* Center for Genetics & Society

### **Prop 15 Property Taxes/Split Roll** (*funding for education*)

Changes the property tax structure to assess large commercial properties worth more than \$3 million at current market value. Money generated goes to public schools and services provided by local jurisdictions.

*Sponsor:* Schools and Communities First Coalition

*Pro:* ACLU, CTA, CFT

*Con:* Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Assoc., AMVETS

### **Prop 16 Affirmative Action** (*educational opportunity*)

Reinstates race, ethnicity and country of origin as considerations for school admittance and government employment.

*Sponsor:* California State Legislature

*Pro:* California State Student Assoc., CTA, CFT

*Con:* American Freedom Alliance, American Civil Rights Institute

### **P17 Voting for Parolees** (*expansion of voting rights*)

Allows people on parole to vote once their prison sentence has been completed and they are re-entering the community under parole.

*Sponsor:* California State Legislature

*Pro:* ACLU, LWV California

*Con:* Crime Victims United of Calif., Election Integrity Project

### **P18 Voting at 17** (*encouraging voting*)

Allows 17-year-olds to register and vote in a primary election and any ensuing special elections if they will be 18 by the general election, thereby experiencing a full election cycle.

*Sponsor:* California State Legislature

*Pro:* Alex Padilla (SOS), California Assoc. of Student Councils

*Con:* Election Integrity Project of California, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assoc.

### **P21 Rent Control** (*affordable housing*)

Authorizes local governments to place rent control measures on housing that is more than 15 years old. Single family homes are exempt if no more than 2 properties are owned. Landlords are guaranteed fair financial returns.

*Sponsor:* Aids Healthcare Foundation/Housing is a Human Right

*Pro:* ACLU So Cal., Dolores Huerta Foundation

*Con:* Congress of Calif. Seniors, Prometheus Real Estate Group, Inc.

### **P25 Cash Bail:** (*social and economic justice; equality/impact on minorities*)

Voters decide to keep or reject SB 10 which ends the use of cash bail in determining whether a suspect is released or kept in jail while awaiting trial, and instead uses risk assessment as a way for judges to decide about releasing jailed suspects awaiting trial.

YES vote – Keep SB 10 and the new risk assessment for jail release

NO vote – Continue cash bail system

*Sponsor:* American Bail Coalition

*Pro:* Calif. Democratic Party, SEIU

*Con:* Howard Jarvis Tax Assoc., Calif. State Conference of the NAACP

## **The 2020 Election: Responsibilities and Opportunities**

Nancy Mahr, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

*Responsibility:* Vote and help others vote.

First you have to register. You can check your registration status online at the CA Secretary of State's website.

Then you have to vote. All registered voters in California will receive a Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballot in early October. You have choices for using that ballot:

1) Complete it and mail it in – if you do this, mail early. Ballots must be postmarked by Nov 3. They have 17 days after that date to reach the Registrar's office, but the postmark must be by Nov 3. If you put it in a mailbox on Nov 3 it will not be postmarked in time. Be early!

2) Complete the ballot and drop it in an official drop box. Your Registrar of Voters will post locations of drop boxes. The Registrar regularly collects the ballots from the boxes.

3) Take your completed ballot to a Vote Center and hand it in.

You don't have to use the VBM ballot. You can vote in person and just hand in your unused ballot at a Vote Center.

*Opportunity:* Candidates - Black women and other women of color

This election gives all of us an opportunity to expand our thinking and vision by making a conscious commitment to AAUW's work for racial justice and societal change.

The coronavirus pandemic has disproportionately impacted Black Americans. We are seeing a call to address police brutality. In the face of these historic challenges a record number of Black women are running for Congress determined to work for change.

The Center of Women and Politics (CAWP) reports that black women are nearly 8% of the U.S. population, but 4.3% of Congress – only 22 out of 435 Representatives and 1 out of 100 Senators. They are underrepresented in statewide executive's jobs and among mayors and city councils.

This November, in addition to federal, state and county elections, local elections are on the ballot – cities, school districts, and water districts. There may be black women or women of other ethnicities on the ballot in your area. You can support women of color who are running for office in your community, state and nation. Be aware. Create an environment of inclusion. Make an effort to meet and talk with these candidates. Commend them for stepping up. Listen to their stories and their goals. Ensure they are included in election discussions and activities.

AAUW has a long tradition of advocating for positive societal change and political activism. Change is underway, and AAUW can be a part of that.

- Read our statement on racism on the AAUW website

Sources: The Washington Post, Reuters, Higher Heights for America.

## **Do Not Forget to Register for AAUW California's Exciting and Informative Webinars**

AAUW California board members and guest panelists will be conducting two webinars a month for the rest of the year on a wide variety of topics. Just go to the website at [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org), click on "Webinars" on the top menu bar, find the webinar(s) that interest you, and click on "register." Once you are registered a Zoom link will be sent to you automatically. Here are the upcoming topics through the end of 2020 (additional information can be found on the website), all webinars are at 7:00 pm.

10/10 Increasing Gender Diversity on the Boards of Nonprofits (CA Board President Diane Owens)

10/28 Why Public Policy Matters (CA Board Public Policy Chair Kathi Harper)

11/9 Keeping in Touch with Your Tech Trekkers (CA Board Member Carol Holzgrafe)

11/18 Work Smarter not Harder – Building Coalitions (CA Board Member Michelle Miller-Galaz)

12/14 Mentoring Women for Career Advancement (CA Board Member Crystal Stebbins)

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### ***FUNDS INFORMATION***

We have 21 AAUW Fellows/Grant recipients studying in California this year. They are being invited to one of 2 virtual luncheons on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm.

These are free via Zoom to members and guests.

You may register at [aauw-ca.org/2020-2021webinars](http://aauw-ca.org/2020-2021webinars).

Please let Sally Cummins know if you are interested or planning to link in.



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## OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD	2	3 Happy Hikers 9 am ON HOLD
4	5 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD Mystery Books 1 pm via ZOOM	6	7	8 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD Drama Divas 1 pm @ pending	9 Lunch Bunch 11:45 am ON HOLD	10
11	12 Board Meeting 9:30 am via ZOOM	13 Scrabble 1 pm @ Lynda's	14 Mah Jongg 1 pm @ pending	15	16	17 Branch Mtg 10 am via ZOOM
18	19 Exploring California 10:00 am via ZOOM	20	21 Great Decisions 7 pm via ZOOM	22	23	24
25	26	27 Mostly Books 1 pm via ZOOM	28	29	30	31