

**DECEMBER HOLIDAY BRANCH PARTY: 10:00 am the 12<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM - MEETING & AUCTION**

<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Branch Meeting</b>	<b>Ele Lavender</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Let's Party</b>	
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Traditions:</b>	<b>Members</b>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Live AUCTION:</b>	<b>Ele Lavender</b>
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Holiday Trivial Pursuit:</b>	<b>Janet Bryant</b>
<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Holiday Stories:</b>	<b>Malinda Whitelaw</b>

**AUCTION RULES**

1. You can bid on an item via email between Dec. 6 -11 (until 6 pm).
2. All items starting bid is \$5.00.
3. Bidding will be in at least \$1.00 increments.
4. Send your bid by email to [eleruthlav@gmail.com](mailto:eleruthlav@gmail.com).
5. State item, your bid and name.
6. On Dec 12th, on Zoom, each item will open with the email bid.
7. Bidding will be on Zoom "chat" Saturday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.
8. Instructions on "chat" and how to place a bid will be provided.
9. You will be notified if you won the bid after the meeting.
10. Arrangements will be made to pick up the item.
11. Make checks payable to AAUW-COV and mail to:  
AAUW-COV, P.O. Box 443, Carlsbad CA 92018



**AUCTION ITEMS (pictured on pages 6 & 7)**

- Large multicolored vase
- Set of 3 gingerbread tree ornaments
- Set of 4 coffee mugs with spoons
- Womens Suffrage teapot, 2 cups/2 saucers
- Set of 5 new bud vases
- Martha Stewart 5-piece teapot set
- Three-tier cookie plate
- Black and white picture - Oregon scene
- Cake plate w/server
- Holiday wreath - handmade
- Photograph of New York City Times Square
- Bath/Shower set



# The New Future !

## President's Message



Unpack your ornaments and choose your tree! Get out the menorah and find the candles. Start writing out those cards and choosing the presents; and planning menus.

The holidays are coming. It is not a normal year and it will not be a normal holiday, but we can try!!

Donate to the food bank or donate a pie and spread some cheer to the many people who are struggling this holiday season.

As for AAUW-COV, attend our Zoom Holiday Party on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> and participate in our Holiday Auction and Trivial Pursuit; wear a fancy hat or fascinator, share some traditions and make your own lunch.

This very strange year is coming to an end. That means we are thinking about our 2020 taxes and contributions for the year.

This is the last chance for you to make your contribution to our fundraising efforts for the year. Please DO SO NOW!

Send your check to the AAUW-COV  
P.O. Box.

**SEE YOU IN 2021 !!**



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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

#### Elected Officers:

President 2020-2021: ELEONORE LAVENDER - 480-518-0428  
President Elect: VACANT

Program VPs: JANET BRYANT & CRYSTAL STEBBINS  
Membership VPs: CAROL HILTON & DENISE TRUETT  
AAUW Fund VPs: SHARLENE BERGART & SALLY CUMMINS  
Co-Secretaries: ELLIE BURTON & AMY SHANNON  
Treasurer: BELLE JOHNSON BOHN

#### Appointed Officers and Committee Chairs:

Communications: NANCY HACKERT & ANNETTE O'BRIEN  
Public Policy: KATHI HARPER  
Membership Treasurer: SUE MITCHELL

Parliamentarian: VACANT

Auditor: RITA KOOR  
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Governance: ELVA VOLLBRECHT  
Historian: CAROLYN RODOSTA  
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State Website: [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org)  
National Website: [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **MAIL TO:**

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Carlsbad CA 92018**

# Interest Groups .....



## DECEMBER

**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 via Zoom Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. This month we will read *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling. Every theater lover is welcome. Notify Annemarie Whalen: [aswhalen1@yahoo.com](mailto:aswhalen1@yahoo.com) if you want the Zoom link and also receive a copy of the play.

**EXPLORING CALIFORNIA** – No Exploring CA in December. Questions: Debby Parks-[bridgetbud2@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgetbud2@yahoo.com) or call 760-505-0384.

**GREAT DECISIONS** – Great Decisions will meet in December since we missed our September session. We will meet on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm via Zoom. The discussion will be on Chapter 6, “China in Latin America” – China’s just popping up everywhere, isn’t it?! If you are not a regular member and would like to sit in, contact Kathi Harper to be included in the Zoom invitation.

**HAPPY HIKERS** –. On hold. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 9:00 am for a fun and challenging hikes. 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 and make new friends. Questions contact: Erica Heisler, [ericasheisler@gmail.com](mailto:ericasheisler@gmail.com).

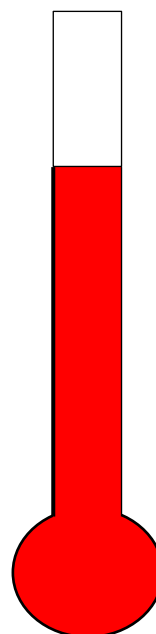
**MAH JONGG** - Will meet Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Please let Nelle Hefner know if you want to attend.

**MOSTLY BOOKS** – Will meet via Zoom Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm. We will discuss *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. Mostly Books members will automatically receive a Zoom invitation. Interested others should contact Belle Johnson Bohn, [bjbohn1@mac.com](mailto:bjbohn1@mac.com).

**MYSTERY BOOKS** – Will meet on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Book for the month is *Blanche on the Lam* by Barbara Neely. This book about a black female amateur detective won the Agatha, Anthony & Macavity Awards for best first mystery novel. For information & the Zoom link, contact Sing Baker, [singb@roadrunner.com](mailto:singb@roadrunner.com), 760-804-9234.

**SCRABBLE** – No scrabble in December. Prizes are awarded for *Bingos*. Notify Lynda Daniels if you want to join: [lynda6367@yahoo.com](mailto:lynda6367@yahoo.com).

### AAUW COV FUNDING



**GOAL:**  
**\$10,000**

**Contributions  
TO DATE:**  
**\$7,120**

# Members' Corner

## Happy Birthday!!



**Ruth Robinson – 1st**  
**Charlene Williamson – 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Aud Henderson – 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ella Jarf – 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Debby Parks – 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Renny Dowling – 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Susan Duey – 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Rose Atayde – 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rita Koor – 29<sup>th</sup>**

## DUES:

At its October 16, 2020, meeting, the AAUW National Board of Directors voted to increase National Individual Member dues for the next three years. The dues will rise by \$3 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22, \$5 for FY 2022-23 and \$5 for FY 2023-24, making the total dues amount to National for those years \$62, \$67 and \$72, respectively. All but \$3 of your annual dues remains tax deductible.

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP!** Sue Alderson, Director, Justice League.

Immigrant Justice League is raising money to reunite stolen children with their lost parents. We are having a clearance sale on our famous T-shirts - only \$5.00 and if you live in North County we will arrange for a curbside sale at your location of choice. 100% of the money raised will be sent to the ACLU because they have volunteers going door to door in Guatemala and Honduras looking for the lost parents who were probably deported without their children. We still have all sizes S-2XL. Message me if you want one or 10! (Special sale: 5 for \$20.) We take cash or Venmo. Salli Hunt : 760-453-3460.

Please notify Lynda Daniels if you have any questions related to *Border Issues*.

## A BIT OF TRIVIA ..... VOTING AND SUFFRAGE

This year marked the 100-year anniversary of Women's Suffrage. The tradition to place an "I Voted" sticker on Susan B. Anthony's gravesite in Rochester, New York, lives on. Women arrived from all over the country to put their sticker on her gravestone.

On Election Day 2016, as many as 12,000 people made the trek to Susan B. Anthony's final resting place to honor the work she did to win women the right to vote, and to mark the first time people could cast a vote for a female major-party presidential candidate. That is when the *sticker trend* really picked up steam.

# Public Policy

A lot has happened in the past month. The appointment of Amy Coney Barrett to the United States Supreme Court was opposed by AAUW and AAUW California, as a review of her past writings and decisions led to concerns that her thinking is not aligned with AAUW values. The court now has a 6-3 conservative majority, and healthcare and women's reproductive freedom are both on the line. Her decision in California v. Texas, challenging the Affordable Care Act, may give us more insight on what to expect in the future.

We also have the results of the November 3rd election, and we will have a new Administration as of January 20th. Our country is horribly divided right now, and the election bore that out. It is hoped by all people of good will that we can find ways to come together, get beyond the rancor, and heal our nation as we move into 2021. No matter who you voted for, I hope we can all heed the words of AAUW's CEO Kim Churches:

**“The nation’s voters have spoken, and a historic election is over: Despite the challenges of a global pandemic, Americans cast their ballots in record numbers and elected Joe Biden and Kamala Harris to lead our nation forward. All of us at AAUW are honored to have witnessed — and participated in — the power of our democracy, with impressive numbers of women, people of color and young Americans joining in with their voices and their votes.**

**AAUW is particularly heartened and inspired by the election of so many women to positions of power. Most notably, we celebrate the fact that Vice President-elect Kamala Harris has shattered barriers, becoming the first Black American, Indian and South Asian American to assume the second highest office in the land. The daughter of immigrants and a graduate of Howard University, she gives us hope for a future where women can reach the highest heights.**

**We are also encouraged by President-elect Biden’s promise to unite our sorely divided country and to find common ground and common good. Yet we are mindful of the challenges and the work that lie ahead. In 2021, AAUW will turn 140 years old, and as we have in every year prior, we will work tirelessly on behalf of women and girls to advance laws, policies and practices that ensure equity in education, employment and economic security — and equal justice for all.”**

## News from State

What an exciting time for AAUW California! Our new President, Dianne Owens, has a vision to make AAUW the “premier go-to Women’s organization in California.” Toward that end, the AAUW California board has hired a marketing consultant, Dowitcher Designs based in Santa Barbara, to help us develop strategies for greater exposure and long-term sustainability.

Simultaneously, the AAUW California Public Policy committee has made a change in advocacy representation. We have terminated our relationship with Shannon Smith Crowley and hired the firm of MVM Strategies to increase our presence in Sacramento. We are working on creating a niche for AAUW California among all the women’s and equal rights organizations vying for legislators’ attention, which is even more challenging as the Legislature remains focused on Covid-related issues for the foreseeable future.

*Holiday ZOOM Auction Items*



VASE



HOLIDAY DECORATIONS



MUGS



SUFFRAGE TEA POT



STEM VASES

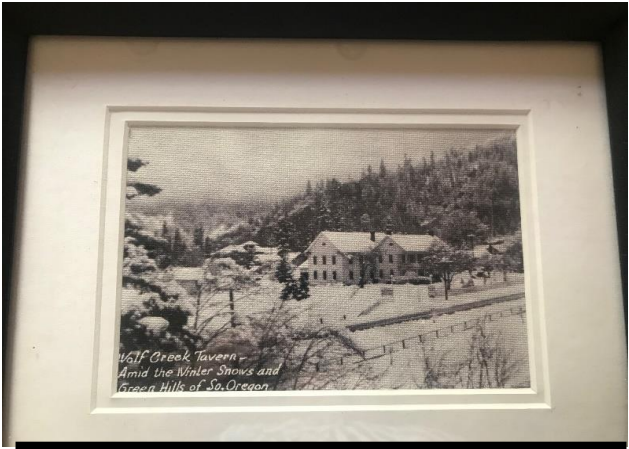


TEA SET

*Holiday ZOOM Auction Items Cont'd.*



3-TIER COOKIE PLATE



OREGON PHOTOGRAPH



CAKE PLATE W/SERVER



HOLIDAY WREATH



NEW YORK CITY TIMES SQUARE PHOTO



BATH/SHOWER SET



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## **DECEMBER 2020**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mostly Books 1pm via ZOOM	2	3 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD	4	5 Happy Hikers 9 am ON HOLD
6	7 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD  Mystery Books 1 pm via ZOOM	8 No Scrabble	9 Mah Jongg 1 pm @ pending	10 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD  Drama Divas 1 pm via ZOOM	11 Lunch Bunch 11:45 am ON HOLD	12 Branch HOLIDAY PARTY 10 am via ZOOM
13	14 Board Meeting 9:30 am via ZOOM	15	16 Great Decisions 7 pm via ZOOM	17	18	19
20	21 No Exploring California	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		