

BRANCH ZOOM MEETING: TECH TREK- January 16th @ 10:00am
Learning Hour: Meet a Scientist

GUEST SPEAKERS ARE TECH TREK GRADUATES



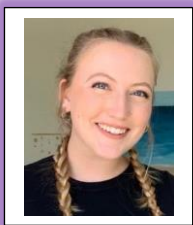
Jinyoung Choi is a Quality Engineer at Thermo Fisher Scientific. She attended Tech Trek in 2007 at Whittier College, having been selected from Bert Lynn Middle School, Torrance Unified School District.

Tech Trek was a life changing experience for her, so much so that she returned in 2012 to UCI to serve as a Camp Counselor, and then became a Senior Camp Counselor at UCSD in 2016.

She attended UCSD and majored in Chemical Engineering and minored in Music.

She recently accepted an offer to attend Johns Hopkins University to obtain a Master of Engineering Management.

Jinyoung hopes “to inspire more young women to pursue a career in STEM,” and also hopes “to be inspired by the women who are part of AAUW.” She is our newest member and is now a valuable asset to our COV Tech Trek/TTAG Team.



Anna O'Brien graduated from Mission Vista High School in Oceanside in 2018 and attended Tech Trek at UCI in 2013.

She is currently a junior at UCLA - pursuing a B.S. in Human Biology, with a concentration in Medicine and Public Health.

She is currently involved in evolutionary anthropology research at UCLA and a health club that focuses on sexual health peer education. Anna's career ambition is to be an OBGYN physician assistant and participate in community outreach regarding women's health.

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENT

IBC Meeting: Special Guest Speakers - Saturday, January 23rd. Flyer on Page 6.

The New Future !

President's Message



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

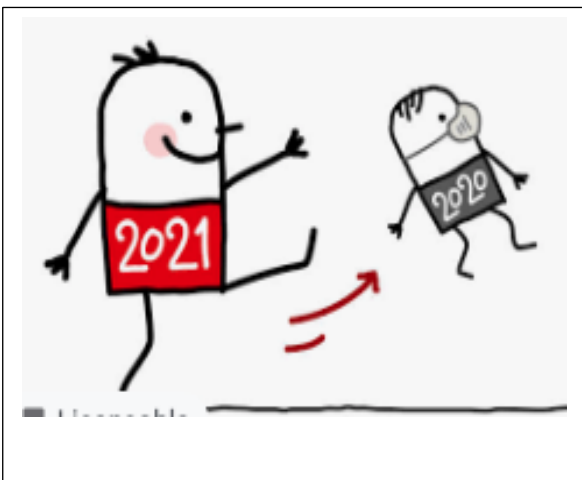
2020 is finally over. Here's to an active-filled 2021, and a wonderful luncheon at the Country Club in the summer.

In the meantime we have lined up some interesting monthly programs on Zoom for you: Tech Trek, Scholarship Winners, DACA and more.

Please stay involved with your interest groups during this challenging period. They are holding us together!!

"SEE" you soon on Zoom.

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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.

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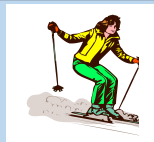
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Interest Groups



JANUARY

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 at 760-941-2841 or bwdowner@cox.net for more information.

DINING ABOUT - On hold. Stay safe and healthy. Sue Howe. suehowe@sbcglobal.net.

DRAMA DIVAS – Will meet via Zoom Thursday, January 14th at 1:00 pm. We will read *A View From the Bridge* by Arthur Miller. Every theater lover is welcome. Notify Annemarie Whalen: aswhalen1@yahoo.com if you want the Zoom link. Play “pick-up” details will be provided later.

EXPLORING CALIFORNIA – Will meet Monday, January 18th at 10:00 am via Zoom. Reminder email with agenda and Romantic Story will be sent out the first week in January to all Exploring CA members. Questions: Debby Parks-bridgebud2@yahoo.com or call 760-505-0384.

GREAT DECISIONS – This Foreign Policy discussion group will meet at 7:00 pm, January 20th via Zoom for the orientation session. We will welcome new members, sign up for leadership teams, and discuss modifications to our structure. Current members will receive a Zoom link via email; if you would like to join, email Kathi Harper and she will include you in the Zoom invite.

HAPPY HIKERS – On hold. We meet the 1st Saturday of the month at 9:00 am for fun and challenging hikes. If you would like to join us, please contact Crystal Stebbins at crystalstebbins1015@outlook.com or text/call 619-804-3307.

LUNCH BUNCH – On hold. We gather on the 2nd Friday of each month at 11:45 am. Questions: contact: Erica Heisler, ericasheisler@gmail.com.

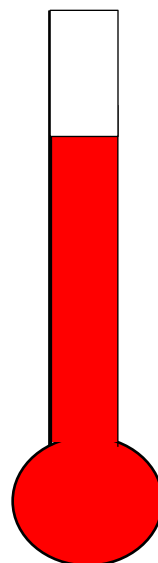
MAH JONGG – Pending: January 13th at 1:00 pm. Questions: please notify Nelle Hefner.

MOSTLY BOOKS – Will meet via Zoom, Tuesday, January 26th at 1:00 pm to discuss *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules* by Catharina Ingleman-Sundberg. This is a light- hearted story of a 79-year-old woman and four accomplices who want a more exciting life. Mostly Books members will automatically receive a Zoom Meeting Invitation. Interested others are welcome and should contact Belle Johnson Bohn, bjbohn1@mac.com.

MYSTERY BOOKS – Will be meeting via Zoom, Monday, January 4th at 1:00 pm. We will be discussing *Tangled Roots* by our local author Taffy Cannon. Ms. Cannon is not only a well-known author of mysteries, but also an active volunteer with Friends of the Carlsbad Library. For the Zoom link, please contact Sing Baker: singb@roadrunner.com , 760-804-9234.

SCRABBLE – No scrabble in January. Prizes are awarded for *Bingos*. Notify Lynda Daniels if you want to join: lynda6367@yahoo.com.

AAUW COV FUNDING



GOAL:
\$10,000

**Contributions
TO DATE:**
\$7,375

Members' Corner

Happy Birthday!!



Beth Premo – 6th

Pat Knox – 9th

Kathi Harper – 14th

Elva Vollbrecht – 16th

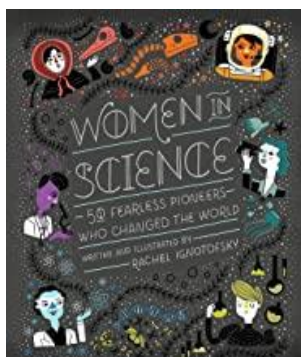
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Jinyoung Choi – 29th

Our dear friend and mentor, Elva Vollbrecht, has moved to New York. To say the least - her guidance, kindness and patience with all of us will be dearly missed. A Life Member of AAUW, her contributions would fill this Newsletter. Her recent position as the COV Governance and her involvement with the California Legal Advocacy Fund Committee will be difficult to fill. All of us at AAUW COV wish her "warmth", happiness and good health in her new home.

The California Drama Exchange (CDE) business operation has been transferred to the San Clemente-Capo Bay AAUW Branch. After four years, attrition has made it difficult and time consuming for COV to run this enterprise successfully. San Clemente-Capo Bay has a much larger membership base and greater resources to maintain such an operation. The good news is that the COV CDE group has been able to contribute nearly \$1,000 in proceeds to our Scholarship Fund and we are actively recruiting new members for our Drama Diva Interest Group. If you love the theatre you will enjoy reading and discussing plays once a month.

ELEVEN TECH TREK SELECTEES MISSED OUT ON THE IN-PERSON UCSD CAMP LAST SUMMER DUE TO THE PANDEMIC. BELOW IS THE AWESOME "GIFT" THEY RECEIVED FROM OUR COV TECH TREK/TTAG TEAM. WOW!!!



THE BOOK



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Public Policy

Human Trafficking

By Kit Hein, AAUW California Public Policy Committee

January 11, 2021 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. AAUW California supports efforts to combat Human Trafficking, as noted in our Public Policy Priorities: “Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including ...human trafficking...in homes, schools, workplaces and communities...”

Human Trafficking is the third largest organized criminal activity in the world. Human Trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery, with an estimated number of victims in the millions. Whether for labor or sex, men, women, and children are manipulated through force, fraud and coercion.

Research shows that people of color, especially the Black community, are more likely to experience some form of sex trafficking. Racial and economic biases drive both social and legal presumptions of “victims” having chosen their situation.

Law enforcement efforts against human trafficking are stronger today than in 2017, but still inadequate. Globally, definitions of human trafficking vary from country to country. Even using the term “slavery” is met with opposition in cases of forced marriages and cross border smuggling.

In California, legislation in the past few years includes support for victims, updating school health curriculum, and addressing hospitality industry training. But legislation is not the key unless the public is educated as to the enormity of the issues, both locally and globally. Local branches of AAUW continue to provide community awareness events to educate the public. Please join Santa Cruz County Branch on January 11, 2021 at 1:00 pm for a Zoom webinar to learn more. Access the branch website <https://santacruz-ca.aauw.net/> for more information and an invitation to this event.

News from State

On March 24, 2021, the AAUW California Public Policy Committee, in conjunction with our advocacy firm MVM Strategy Group, will be hosting a virtual Lobby Day. This event is our opportunity to meet (via Zoom this time) with our legislators and/or their staff, to introduce them to AAUW, AAUW California, and our local branches. More importantly, it's our chance to talk to them about the bills we are supporting or opposing in the new legislative season. You don't need to part of the public policy team or have any special experience or knowledge to participate. We will conduct a full training on March 22, 2021, which will cover a discussion of the bills we will be pushing (we will select 3 or 4 for discussion from the 30 or so we will actually be supporting), a tutorial on how to talk to your legislators, and a full and detailed explanation of the process and logistics for the day.

There are 80 Assembly and 40 Senate districts in California and we hope to touch bases with all of them. We hope COV members will join with other branches from all over the state to make sure we have enough voices to be heard loud and clear – AAUW IS IN THE HOUSE!

If you want to be part of this important and exciting event, you need to register by January 8, 2021. Pull up your California Connection e-mail from 12/8; under item #5, “Elf on the Shelf”, you will find the link – registration is just a click away! To register for the training webinar on 3/22, go to AAUW California website, click on the “Webinars” tab, and scroll down to the “How to Talk to Your Legislators” event.

Let Kathi Harper know if you have any questions.



San Diego Interbranch Council Presents

Saturday, January 23 @ 10:00 am

Check-in & Zoom Social Chat @ 9:45 am

"Mental Health and Wellness During COVID-19"

Speakers:

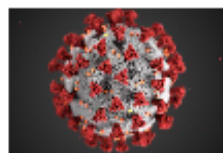


Pam Smith, San Diego County Health and Human Services (HHSA) Live Well Schools Director

Coordinates with all schools in San Diego County to improve the health and wellness of students, staff and community. Former Director of Aging and Independence Services for San Diego County. She was also the former Deputy Director of Health and Human Services at the County. She is a current board member of San Diego Seniors Community Foundation.



Dr. Lissa Lim, Licensed psychologist at California State University San Marcos. She earned her BA and MA in psychology at California State University San Marcos, and her PhD in Counseling Psychology from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She has practiced for 11 years and worked at a variety of setting including community mental health, university counseling centers, wellness centers, career centers, and private practice.



Watch for the Zoom Link which will be sent to all branches in January!



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JANUARY 2021

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3	4 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD Mystery Books 1 pm via ZOOM	5	6	7 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD	8 Lunch Bunch 11:45 am ON HOLD	9
10	11 Board Meeting 9:30 am via ZOOM	12 No Scrabble	13 Mah Jongg 1 pm @ pending	14 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD Drama Divas 1 pm via ZOOM	15	16 BRANCH Meeting 10:00 am via ZOOM
17	18 Exploring California 10 am via ZOOM	19	20 Great Decisions 7 pm via ZOOM	21	22	23 IBC Meeting 9:45 am via ZOOM
24/31	25	26 Mostly Books 1 pm via ZOOM	27	28	29	30