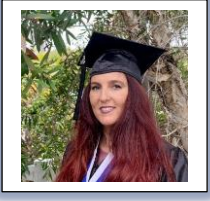


**BRANCH ZOOM MEETING: February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am  
MEET OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**



**Cristy Landry** is currently working on a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Human Behavior at Cal State San Marcos. Jeanne Gruenwald scholarship recipient.

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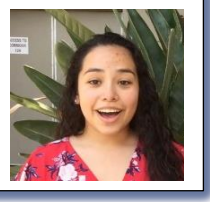
**Helen Lopez** completed her undergraduate degrees in Sociology and Criminal Justice at Cal State San Marcos. She is currently working toward a Masters Degree in Human Behavior at National University. Jeanne Gruenwald scholarship recipient

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**Esther Nair** will be graduating with a Bachelors Degree in Biomanufacturing from Mira Costa College this spring. She has a full-time position as a Quality Analyst at a local biotech startup called Native Microbials. Jeanne Gruenwald scholarship recipient.

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**Loreli Peña** is attending the University of California San Diego, and is majoring in Ecology, an environmental branch of biology. Jan Boysen scholarship recipient.

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**Samantha (Hopkins) Smith** is enrolled in school full-time at Cal State San Marcos. She will graduate this Spring with a Bachelors Degree in Sociology. Jeanne Gruenwald scholarship recipient.

# The New Future !

## President's Message



We are in a New Year and hopefully by Fall we can have a kick-off luncheon, restart some interest groups and start meeting monthly at the Church.

Meanwhile we are still going to meet by ZOOM.

Please be sure to join us for our Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Branch meeting , where we will get a chance to meet our last year's scholarship recipients. The young women we chose last year all have interesting and different stories to tell us about their journey to get an education and the challenges they encountered to do so.

Our scholarships help them toward their goals.

TUNE IN..ZOOM IN..

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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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**NEXT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> @ 9:30 am**

**PLEASE LET ELE LAVENDER KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND.**

## Interest Groups .....



## FEBRUARY

**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](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, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. We will read *The Miser & George Dandin* by Moliere. Every theater lover is welcome. Notify Annemarie Whalen: [aswhalen1@yahoo.com](mailto:aswhalen1@yahoo.com) if you want the Zoom link. Play “pick-up” details will be provided later.

**EXPLORING CALIFORNIA** – The next meeting is Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am via Zoom. More information will be sent to members via email the first week in February. Phone, text, or email Debby Parks with any questions: [bridgebud2@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgebud2@yahoo.com) or call 760-505-0384.

**GREAT DECISIONS** – The foreign policy study group has made a change in our meeting times for 2021. We will switch from our 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7:00 pm. time slot to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Our first session, via Zoom, will be on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm to discuss “Global Supply Chains.” If you are interested in joining, contact Kathi Harper.

**HAPPY HIKERS** –. On hold. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](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. Questions: contact: Erica Heisler, [ericasheisler@gmail.com](mailto:ericasheisler@gmail.com).

**MAH JONGG** – Pending: February 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Questions: please notify Nelle Hefner.

**MOSTLY BOOKS** – Will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm. We will discuss *The Art Forger* by Barbara Shapiro. This is a fictional account of a copy artist who is hired to duplicate the Degas painting, *The Bath*, one of 13 paintings actually stolen from the Gardner Museum of Boston in the 1990's. Mostly Books members will automatically receive a Zoom Meeting Invitation. Interested others are welcomed and should contact Belle Johnson Bohn, [bjbohn1@mac.com](mailto:bjbohn1@mac.com).

**MYSTERY BOOKS** – Will be meeting via Zoom on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm. Our mystery for the month is the thriller, *The English Assassin* by Daniel Silva. For Zoom link contact Sing Baker: 760-644-4732 or [singb@roadrunner.com](mailto:singb@roadrunner.com).

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

# Members' Corner

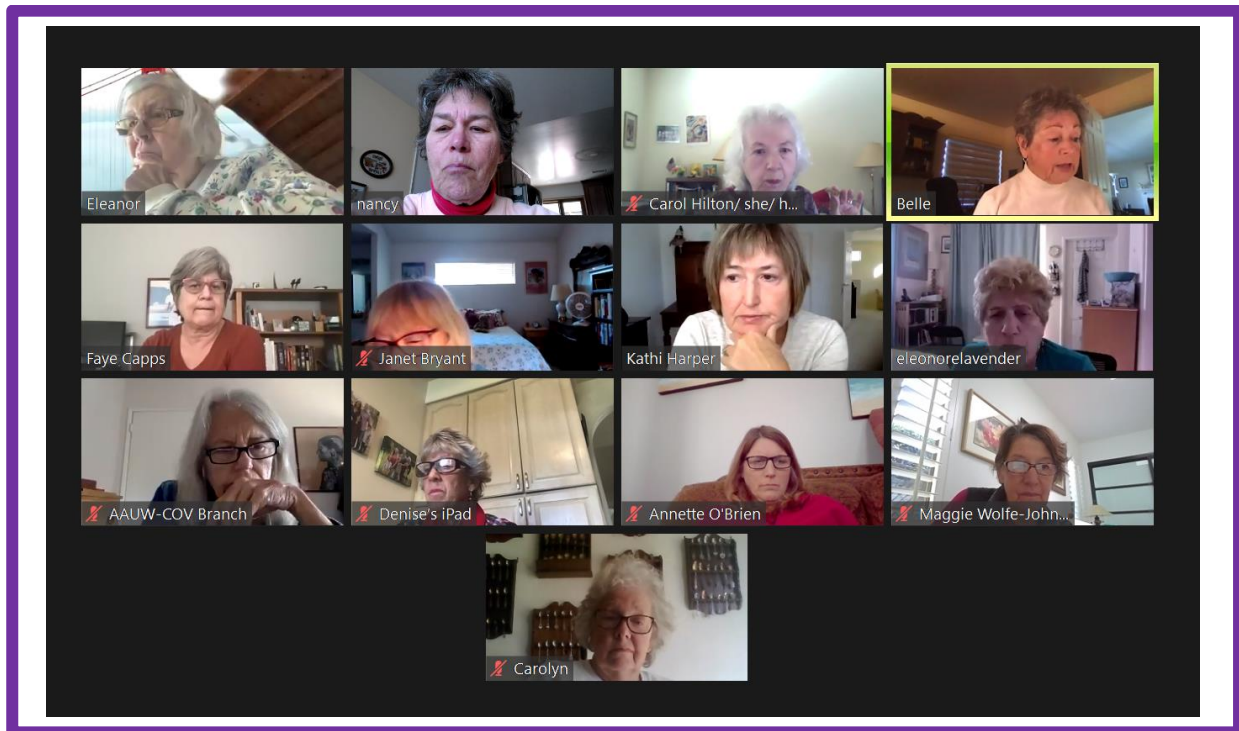
**Happy Birthday!!**



Karen Johnson – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Erica Heisler – 12<sup>th</sup>  
Kathlene LeMieux – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Pat Rugg – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Rae Fanta – 27<sup>th</sup>  
Sally Cummins – 28<sup>th</sup>



## YOUR BOARD - "HARD AT WORK": JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup> MEETING



Ellie Nancy Carol Belle Faye Janet Kathi Ele Mardi Denise Annette Maggie Carolyn

# Public Policy

Wow, January was quite a month! On January 6<sup>th</sup>, we witnessed an attack on our very democracy as thousands of rioters swarmed our Capitol building, sent congressmen and women into hiding, and disrupted the electoral college vote certification jeopardizing the orderly transfer of power.

Two weeks later, on January 20<sup>th</sup>, a new President was peacefully sworn in, proving our democracy is resilient. Still, it was sad and unnerving to see fences with barbed wire surrounding our beloved Washington institutions and keeping the people from celebrating the new President's inauguration. Grover Cleveland once said, "The ship of democracy, which has weathered all storms, may sink through the mutiny of those on board."

Let us hope that our new President's optimism – that we can overcome our differences and unite for the good of our country – is warranted; but let us continue to be vigilant of the mutineers. To quote from Martin Luther King Jr., whose birthday we also celebrated in January: "We must learn to live together as brothers [and sisters] or perish together as fools."

And here's something we can all unite around – the inauguration of the first female Vice-President, Kamala Harris! The President's Cabinet also includes 12 women, the most ever selected for such high positions, including 8 women of color and the first Native American, Deb Haaland (Interior). Put on your tennis shoes ladies, there's glass everywhere!

Other important January events: Former First Lady Michelle Obama is born 1/17/64; women are allowed to sit on juries, 1/21/75; and *Roe v. Wade* legalizes abortion, 1/22/73.

## News from State

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, AAUW California will hold its first Lobby Day with our legislators in Sacramento. All members are invited to join us for an exciting day of [virtually] visiting with your state representatives, to introduce them to AAUW, to let them know what AAUW COV is doing for women and girls in their districts and help the AAUW California Public Policy team lobby for support on our most important bills. All participants will be given a complete training via Zoom on March 22<sup>nd</sup>; registration can be found on the AAUW California website under "Webinars." On-line registration for the actual Lobby Day event has closed, but if you would like to participate contact Kathi Harper.

Also mark your calendars for April 17<sup>th</sup>, when AAUW California will hold its Annual Meeting (again, virtually). Highlights will include - presentation of what State is doing on behalf of our members and branches; presentation of "Equity Champion" award to out-going Senator Hannah Beth Jackson; presentation of "Outstanding Program" awards; and presentation of our Speech Trek top 3 winning speeches. Since there are no costs involved, this is a great opportunity for all members to tune check out all the exciting things we are doing for you!

**Please note:** To allow all COV members to attend the Annual Meeting, our regularly-scheduled branch meeting will be held one week early, on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **BRANCH MEETING - Saturday, January 16th**

It was a very special branch meeting of AAUW-COV on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Fifteen young ladies from Tech Trek 2020 and Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG) joined the meeting and shared many great stories of their experiences as former Tech Trek campers- and now as part of TTAG.

The program began when TTAG member Anna O'Brien, who attended Tech Trek at UC Irvine, shared her experiences, her successful time in high school and then described her current collegiate life at UCLA. Jinyoung Choi, current AAUW member, shared her experience as a Tech Trek camper and then two times as a counselor; her UCSD studies as a major in Chemical Engineering, and then about her current employment at a major biotech company. Many questions were asked, and the enthusiasm from the young and "older" audience was clear!

We heard from our current Tech Trek girls who could not physically attend Tech Trek camp in 2020 - but each shared their experiences at a virtual robotics camp. They also described their experience with an AAUW COV "science box" that provided some "hands-on" science experiments.

Several current TTAG were introduced and shared their camp experiences and what they were doing now in high school as they look to college and the future.

There were many questions from our young guests about staying involved with TTAG and being able to not only just get together, but to offer mentorship to newer Tech Trek campers.

It was certainly an inspiring 90 minutes. Jinyoung and Maggie, as co-chairs of TTAG, will be holding scheduled Zoom meetings with some interesting presentations, and hope to have some physical get-togethers and tours of local institutions before too long!

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### **SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENT**

#### **MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>: JOINT MEETING WITH DEL MAR/LEUCADIA**

As part of its March Trailblazers Celebration, AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia is hosting three Navy fighter pilots and ships' Captains. They will share their stories of being *firsts* in their fields, and what it took to get there. These women exemplify the diversity and high level skills that young women require to achieve excellence in STEM and other fields.



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## ***FEBRUARY 2021***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD  Mystery Books 1 pm via ZOOM	2	3	4 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD	5	6 Happy Hikers 9 am ON HOLD
7	8 Board Meeting 9:30 am via ZOOM	9 No Scrabble  Great Decisions 6:30 pm via ZOOM	10 Mah Jongg 1 pm @ pending	11 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD  Drama Divas 1 pm via ZOOM	12 Lunch Bunch 11:45 am ON HOLD	13
14	15 Exploring California 10 am via ZOOM	16	17	18	19	20 BRANCH Meeting 10:00 am via ZOOM
21	22	23 Mostly Books 1 pm via ZOOM	24	25	26	27
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