

May 15th @ 10:00am
Branch Meeting - Learn About Human Trafficking



Kim Berry Jones graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) in 1990 with a degree in Applied Communications. She earned a position as director of marketing for Sharp Healthcare and subsequently established Canopy Marketing. While raising two children Jones ran Canopy Marketing as a part-time job and in 10 years it has grown into full-time work. For many years, she volunteered at her kids' schools at Journey Community Church, and with PLNU's Alumni in Business Auxiliary as a leader and mentor to students.

Four years ago Jones attended Donald Miller's Storyline Conference at PLNU where she encountered Bob Goff, author and founder of *Love Does*; a memoir about his life as a Christian. The lecture was a "life-changer" for her.

Jones had always been drawn to serving people who were marginalized; however, she now felt a more specific calling to survivors of human trafficking. She began volunteering with Generate Hope, a nonprofit organization that provides housing, therapy, and education to trafficked women in San Diego. She also connected with Dr. Jamie Gates, director of PLNU's Center for Justice and Reconciliation (CJR) as well as co-chair for research and data of the San Diego Regional Human Trafficking and the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Advisory Council.

Thrilled that her alma mater cared about human trafficking as much as she did, Jones jumped in with both feet, leading the crowdfunding campaign to get the scholarship program off the ground and offering her marketing skills pro bono. Currently, the Beauty for Ashes Fund is supporting four students who are survivors of trafficking.

Jones has also now joined the CJR as program director, focusing on external relations development, while still maintaining her marketing firm. She is thrilled how PLNU is changing the present and future lives of these students.

The New Future !

President's Message



Times are changing. Things are getting better! Soon we will not have to have Zoom Board meetings and Zoom Branch meetings. Look for a joint Board Meeting on June 12th and a Branch Picnic on June 19th.

Last week we had the opportunity to attend the AAUW California Annual meeting on Zoom. It was an uplifting review of the constant work and dedication of many members throughout this state.

We heard from a State Senator; we heard from a Speech Trek girl; we reviewed the many accomplishments from Lobby Day; we heard about another branch that ran a successful shoe drive for the homeless.

It is time for the members from COV to think about what we want to accomplish for next year. We need YOUR input. This group needs every member's input. Do you have an innovative idea for a fundraising event? Increase membership? A topic for a program? Please email me with your ideas.

In June each committee will review three accomplishments from this last year and set up three goals for next year. Help us do that.

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HEADS UP!

TREASURE TABLE OPENS IN SEPTEMBER.
Please save your reusables/valuables.

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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National Website: aauw.org

NEXT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

MONDAY, MAY 10TH @ 9:30 am

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

SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday, June 19th 11am
Branch Spring Picnic

Interest Groups



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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, May 13th at 1:00 pm. We will read *Broken Glass* 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, May 17th at 10:00 am via Zoom. Email or text Debby Parks bridgebud2@yahoo.com or 760-505-0384 if any questions.

GREAT DECISIONS – Will meet on Tuesday, May 11th at 6:30 pm. Jill Swaim will lead us through a discussion about Emerging Great Power competition in the Arctic. If you are not currently signed up for our group but you would like to be part of this enlightening conversation and learn more, contact Kathi Harper. Location is pending (either in person or Zoom).

HAPPY HIKERS – Will meet on Saturday, May 1st at 8:00 am. We will be meeting at the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve in Murrieta. If you would like to join us, please RSVP to Crystal Stebbins, 619-804-3307 or crystalstebbins1015@outlook.com.

LUNCH BUNCH – Lunches in restaurants do not allow for the best social distancing or masks - we will remain ON HOLD until September. Stay safe and well! If you have favorite restaurants you would like to see on our itinerary for next year, please email ericasheisler@gmail.com.

MAH JONGG – Will meet Wednesday, May 12th at 1:00 pm. If you would like to attend or would like to learn about Mah Jongg please notify Nelle Hefner.

MOSTLY BOOKS – Will meet via Zoom Tuesday, May 25th at 1:00 pm. We will discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. The story traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives. 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 meet via Zoom on Monday, May 3rd at 1:00 pm. We will be discussing *The Tale Teller* by Anne Hillerman. The book selection for June will be *A Fatal Grace* by Louise Penny. For information and Zoom link, contact Sing Baker, singb@roadrunner.com or 760-804-9234.

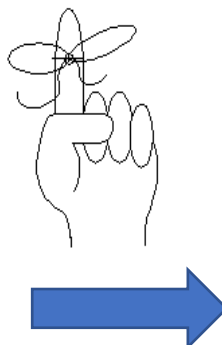
SCRABBLE – No scrabble in May. Prizes are awarded for *Bingos*. Notify Lynda Daniels if you want to join: lynda6367@yahoo.com.

Members' Corner

Happy Birthday!!



Zoraya de la Bastida – 3rd
Lorraine C. Wolfe – 4th
Carolyn Rodosta – 6th
Carol Hilton – 7th
Donna Rencsak – 9th
Faye Capps – 12th
Alison Herzer – 18th
Rochelle Blair – 26th



Membership renewal began March 16, 2021, for the 2021-2022 AAUW year. For any questions about payment options notify your Membership Team: Carol Hilton or Denise Truett or Belle Johnson Bohn.

Gratitude

We have received a letter of appreciation from Kimberly Churches, Chief Executive Officer of AAUW for our generous donation in support of the Greatest Needs Fund. We sent AAUW a check for \$1,020.00 thanks to the donations from you, our generous members. Congratulations!

AAUW COV Bylaw Change

No officer shall hold more than one voting office at a time, and no elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office unless agreed upon by the members of the board of directors.

COV 2021-2022 Officers:

President:	Eleonore Lavender
President-Elect:	Amy Shannon
Co-Vice Presidents, Program:	Janet Bryant, Crystal Stebbins
Co-Vice Presidents, Membership:	Lynda Daniels, Denise Truett
Co-Vice Presidents, AAUW Fund:	Sharlene Bergart, Sally Cummins
Secretary:	Ellie Burton
Financial Officer:	Belle Johnson Bohn

Public Policy-

Thanks for a Successful Lobby Day!

Sue Miller, State Public Policy Co-Chair

AAUW California's first Lobby Day with the California Legislature presented many challenges, such as contacting dozens of legislators' offices, registering and communicating with members wishing to participate, analyzing legislation to discuss...but the Public Policy Team made it happen successfully!

The day's activities were kicked off with inspiring speeches by Assembly Member Cristina Garcia, Chair of the Women's Legislative Caucus and Assembly Majority Leader Eloise Reyes, author of AB 92, which AAUW CA is co-sponsoring. Hearing from these two prominent legislators was empowering and it was also significant for them to learn about AAUW and our Public Policy Priorities.

Following the opening remarks, 33 teams of 3 or 4 AAUW members connected with individual legislators or their staff. Thanks to our Team Leaders – including President Ele Lavender and Lynda Daniels - who prepared their teams for their meetings! Every effort was made for members to meet with their Assembly Member or Senator, with some teams having as many as 3 meetings during the day, where they communicated information about AAUW CA, their branches and also the three bills which are high priority for AAUW in the current session.

- AB 92 Assembly Member Reyes *Child Care Family Fees*
- SB 62 Senator Durazo *Garment Worker Protection Act*
- AB 373 Assembly Member Min *Consumer Debt: Economic Abuse*

The results of these meetings are important in several ways. 59 legislators or their staff and the Governor (whose staff met with state Public Policy co-chairs Kathi Harper and Sue Miller) now know about AAUW and our commitment to improve the lives of women and girls in California. They'll remember us when we contact them again as our bills move through the legislative process. Several legislative staffers asked for more information about becoming members! The co-chairs also met with Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins staff and with Assembly Member Reyes, who is ecstatic that we are co-sponsoring AB 92 (her bill)! She made a point of telling us that AAUW is very well-known and respected in Sacramento! All of this will enable our lobbyist to better connect with legislators as our bills move through the legislative process from now through September.

Thanks to all of you who participated! Hopefully we can do this in person in 2022!

AAUW California Annual Meeting a Huge Success!

Kathi Harper, AAUW California Board Director

If you have ever wanted to know how your AAUW California dues are being spent, or what the AAUW California board does for its branches, for its members – for YOU – you should have tuned in to the AAUW California Annual Meeting held via Zoom on April 17th. 382 members from 106 branches did – including 11 members from COV – the 2nd highest turn-out of all the branches!

If you were not one of them here is what you missed, as we proved the meeting's theme of **“Anything is Possible!”**:

Public Policy- continued....

- An exciting innovative “Doodley” where we “painted a new canvas” for the year of Covid, highlighting the board’s accomplishments, including:
 - New Priorities, including: growth & sustainability; increased visibility; leadership expansion; and empowerment of young women
 - New Board Structure – new focus on team approach, more responsive to branch needs
 - Webinars – 23, attended by 500 members from 106 branches
 - Strengthened Communications, including introduction of the California Connection
 - 3 Major Social Media Campaigns, and
 - New Initiatives, including: a Tech Trek of the Future Task Force; “Ask Us First”; an Investment Committee; 3 new consultants (legal, advocacy, marketing); working toward 5-Star recognition; and developing a marketing strategy
- Awarding of 3 State Project Grants (\$500 each)
 - “Brave Resilient Women and Their Contributions,” video – Alhambra-San Gabriel Valley
 - “A Legacy of the Women’s Suffrage Movement”, program for high school girls to instill importance of voting – La Palma-Cerritos (“borrowed” from our GovTrek)
 - “The Change Makers,” highlighting contributions from women of color in official positions – Lompoc-Vandenberg
- Announcement of Fund contributions, led by Marin with \$58,880 contribution (\$372 ave/pp)
- Speech Trek videos from top 3 finalists and announcement of winners – topic was “Has Social Media helped or hindered the breaking down of barriers for women and girls?”
 - 2 San Diego branches had finalists – La Mesa-EI Cajon and Del Mar-Leucadia
- A report from the AAUW California Public Policy Co-Chairs Kathi Harper and Sue Miller
 - Awarding of 1st ever “Equity Champion” award to former Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
 - An update of Public Policy work for the year
 - Details of our bills from our new Legislative Advocate Kathy Von Osten
- (New) Activity of the Year Award, for novel, inspirational, reproducible program
 - Fremont: “A Step in the Right Direction” – shoe drive for homeless women
 - Marin: A year-long focus on Racism and Inequality
- National Update from National Board Chair Julia Brown – “Embodying Equity”
 - Important statistics, like 180,000 women trained in Work Smart/Start Smart
 - Equity Wish List for legislative priorities: Women’s Economic Security and Education Equity
 - New Research: “Factory Flaw” (women in manufacturing), “The Power Gap” (top earners in higher education)
 - Bylaws Change (ending the degree requirement) – voting from 4/7-5/17
- California Elections
 - 4/16-5/7
 - President-Elect, CFO, 2 Directors
 - Adoption of Public Policy Priorities for 2021-23
 - Bylaw change – reducing the number of directors from 12 to 11

Important links for more information:

- A recording of the entire annual meeting: aauw-ca.org/2021-aauw-california-state-annual-meeting
- The bills the AAUW California is supporting: aauw-ca.org, under Public Policy/Legislative Advocacy/Bill Tracking
- AAUW California candidates and new Public Policy Priorities: aauw-ca.org, under Nominations and Elections



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MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy Hikers 8 am @ Santa Rosa Plateau Ecol. Reserve
2	3 Mystery Books 1 pm via ZOOM Bridge ON HOLD	4	5	6 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD	7 Lunch Bunch 11:45 am ON HOLD	8
9	10 Board Mtg. 9:30 am via ZOOM	11 No Scrabble Great Decisions 6:30 pm via ZOOM	12 Mah Jongg 1 pm @ Nelle's	13 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD Drama Divas 1 pm via ZOOM	14	15 BRANCH MEETING 10 am via ZOOM
16	17 Exploring California 10 am via ZOOM	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25 Mostly Books 1 pm via ZOOM	26	27	28	29