



June 2021

Number 412

**June 19th @ 11:00am
Branch Meeting - Luncheon in the Park**

If you plan to attend the Branch picnic - directions to the venue are on Page 6. Catered box lunches will be available upon request. If you would like to order a box lunch the food order form is also on Page 6. Amy Shannon will take all food orders and deliver your entrees.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

After 14 months of Zooming the COV Branch completed many outstanding programs for our membership. Below are the highlights of our *YEAR IN ZOOM!*

- Donna Rencsak relayed the horrific Border conditions involving children
- Ele created a successful auction and we all loved Janet's Trivial Pursuit
- Tech Trek Alumni attended and each one summarized their present accomplishments with respect to their STEM experiences
- The 2020 scholarship recipients attended – each with a personal presentation on their current academic goals and achievements
- Our DACA guest speaker provided us with a complete understanding of its meaning and importance to minority children and their roles in our society
- Our speaker on Human Trafficking certainly “opened our eyes” to the harsh world of trafficking in our own backyards

As one of our Members passed along to the Editor... ***“It takes a village.”***

It is impossible to thank everyone who contributed to making all this work - but you know who you are and all of you deserve a huge ***“Thanks for all you do!”***

The New Future !

President's Message

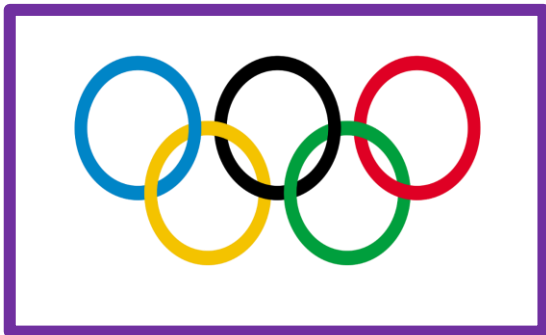


Finally, we are able to have a face-to-face event. Please come to our end of the year PICNIC on Saturday, June 19th at Alga Norte Park in Carlsbad. We gather to celebrate a year of challenges and accomplishments.

Now we look forward to a year of new beginnings. We need to mobilize our Committees into action and kick off our interest groups with exciting and intriguing activities.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy watching the Olympics!

Ele



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
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State Website: aauw-ca.org
National Website: aauw.org

JUNE JOINT BOARD MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH @ 11:00 am

in Faye Capps's yard - BYO picnic lunch.

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

Interest Groups



June

BRIDGE GROUPS - On hold until September. We have three AAUW Bridge Groups and always welcome new members. We meet at 12:30 pm on the first Monday, and first and second Thursdays. Point of contact: Wanda Downer at 760-941-2841 or bwdowner@cox.net.

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

DRAMA DIVAS – Will resume in October. Notify Annemarie Whalen: aswhalen1@yahoo.com if you are interested.

EXPLORING CALIFORNIA – Will meet Monday, June 28th at 10:00 am via Zoom. (One week later than usual). We are dark during July and August. Email or text Debby Parks bridgebud2@yahoo.com or 760-505-0384 for any questions.

GREAT DECISIONS – Last meeting before summer break will be Tuesday, June 8th at 6:30 pm via Zoom. We will be discussing “China in Africa”, led by Belle Johnson Bohn. If you are not participating in the discussion group but would like to sit in to learn more, contact Kathi Harper for the Zoom link. The group will resume meeting on September 14th to talk about “The Two Koreas”.

HAPPY HIKERS – Will meet on Saturday, June 5th at 9:00 am. We will be meeting at the San Clemente Coast Trail. If you would like to join us, please RSVP to Crystal Stebbins, 619-804-3307 or crystalstebbins1015@outlook.com.

LUNCH BUNCH – 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, June 9th 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 at the home of Karen Frisch Tuesday, June 22nd at 1:00 pm. We will discuss *The Masterpiece* by Fiona Davis. The book takes readers into the glamorous lost art school within NYC Grand Central Terminal, where two very different women, 50 years apart, strive to make their mark on a world set against them. If you are interested in joining contact Belle Johnson Bohn, bjbohn1@mac.com.

MYSTERY BOOKS – Will meet via Zoom Monday, June 7th at 1:00 pm. Our mystery for the month is *A Fatal Grace* by Louise Penny. Monday, July 5th at 1:00 pm will be our final Zoom meeting. The mystery for July is *Boar Island* by Nevada Barr, which takes place in Acadia National Park, Maine. Our book group meetings will resume in October in-person. For information & Zoom link, contact Sing Baker, singb@roadrunner.com, 760-804-9234.

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



Members' Corner

Happy Birthday!!



Amy Shannon - 2nd
Lynda Daniels - 10th
Glea Gold - 14th
Seena Trigas - 17th
Terry Houle - 18th
Liz Warren - 22nd



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.

Dear Friends,

When I became a member of the COV Branch some 34 years ago, Ruth Schneider was president. I knew I would find friends who shared my values and world view and that's exactly what happened! Ruth welcomed me and from that moment on, you have nurtured me and provided leadership opportunities. For your friendship and encouragement over all these years, I thank you. As I transfer my membership to the Ithaca New York Branch where my AAUW life began, know that I will miss you and wish you well as you move forward.

*In Friendship and Sisterhood,
Elva Vollbrecht*

INTEREST GROUPS

It was very apparent this past year that our Interest Groups “held” us together as a Branch. The next Branch meetings will afford everyone the chance to learn more about the Groups and hopefully this will generate some additional interest.

The Interest Group chairs are listed on Page 4 of our Directory. They are also listed on our Web Site. Please stay involved and enjoy the amazing comraderie.

Public Policy-

AAUW California Decries Discrimination Against Black Transgender and Gender Non-conforming People

Archana Maniar, AAUW California Public Policy Committee Member

AAUW California supports “freedom in definition of self-identity” as critical to ensuring justice for a diverse and inclusive society. One group that is consistently denied this freedom is black transgender and gender non-conforming individuals.

Over the past several years, increasing attention has been focused on the multitude of ways in which these individuals encounter marginalization and discrimination. A recent study by the National Center for Transgender Equality addressed these forms of discrimination through the National Transgender Discrimination Survey.

The study highlighted a variety of economic, safety, and physical and mental health challenges faced by transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. Black transgender people had unemployment rates four times the rate of the general population and twice the rate of transgender people at large.

A startling 41% of black transgender or gender non-conforming individuals said they had experienced being unsheltered. Black transgender individuals suffered extreme poverty at a rate of 31% which is twice that of transgender individuals of all races and eight times the general US population.

Furthermore, 50% of black respondents who attended school while expressing their transgender identity or gender non-conformity reported harassment in the survey. Nearly half of black respondents to the survey had attempted to commit suicide and more than 20% were living with HIV compared to 0.60% of the general population.

The findings highlight the profound challenges faced by black transgender and gender non-conforming individuals and point to the need for social justice advocates and government officials to address the intersection between race and gender identity to assure equity of transgender or gender non-conforming citizens.

AAUW members can address the challenges faced by black transgender and gender non-conforming individuals by advocating for legislation that assures an even playing field and addresses the unique housing and healthcare challenges faced by this population.

These will help us achieve AAUW-California’s public policy goals of equality, inclusiveness and financial security for all women.

<https://www.thetaskforce.org/new-analysis-shows-startling-levels-of-discrimination-against-black-transgender-people/>

AAUW COV BRANCH MEETING/PICNIC

Saturday, June 19th at 11:00 am

Alga Norte Park, Carlsbad

Directions: From El Camino Real South – Past Palomar Airport Road – Left on Town Garden Road .4 miles - Right on Alicante Road .6 miles to the park.

Directions: From Melrose Road South – Past Palomar Airport Road - Right on Poinsettia 1.5 miles - Right on Alicante Road .2 miles to the park.

Catered box lunches will be provided at a cost of \$10. Food order form is below. Food questions please notify Amy Shannon.

If you are not ordering food RSVP to Belle Johnson Bohn: 619-895-7678



Please choose one sandwich from below and send \$10 check payable to AAUW-COV. Mail to:

AAUW-COV, PO Box 443, Carlsbad, CA 92018

Name: _____

_____ Turkey on Squaw with lettuce, tomato, and mayo

_____ Ham & Swiss on Rye with lettuce, tomato, and mayo

_____ Veggie on White or Wheat Pita (circle one), choice of cheese (circle one: jack, swiss, cheddar, provolone, pepper jack), avocado, carrots, sprouts, tomato, red onions, and mayo.

Sandwiches come with homemade chips, a pickle and a cookie.

Iced tea and water will be provided.

ORDERS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 12TH.



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JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD	4	5 Happy Hikers 9 am @ The San Clemente Coast Trail
6	7 Mystery Books 1 pm via ZOOM Bridge ON HOLD	8 No Scrabble Great Decisions 6:30 pm via ZOOM	9 Mah Jongg 1 pm @ Nelle's	10 Bridge 12:30 pm ON HOLD	11 Lunch Bunch 11:45 am ON HOLD	12 Board Mtg. 11 am @ Faye Capps' BYO picnic lunch
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 BRANCH MEETING 11 am @ Alga Norte Park Carlsbad
20	21	22 Mostly Books 1 pm @ Karen Frisch's	23	24	25	26 IBC Meeting via ZOOM
27	28 Exploring California 10 am via ZOOM	29	30			