



October 2023

Number 435

October Branch Meeting
Saturday, October 21st at 9:30 am
Guest Speaker: Co-President Seena Trigas

NEW Location: *

Harding Street Center, 3096 Harding Street Carlsbad 92008

Seena Trigas moved to Carlsbad in 1978. In 2019 Seena bought a home near her daughter's home in Temecula and also retired from teaching at Palomar College (Adjunct Professor of U.S. History) in 2021. She is currently Co-President of Carlsbad, Oceanside, Vista (COV) AAUW branch and a dual member of the Fallbrook AAUW branch. Seena has served on a number of local boards/commissions, and while raising her children, became active as a political consultant for candidates running for local, non-partisan races.

Past positions: Palomar College Adjunct Professor; Vista Unified School District: Social Science Department Chair/teacher IB and AP History classes at Vista High School; San Marcos Unified School District: Board member/President; San Diego School Boards Association: Board member/President; Carlsbad Planning Commission Member/Chair; Carlsbad Library Board: Trustee/President.

She will be speaking on the school board takeover by the religious right in the nation and within California. AAUW California has made this a priority for our Public Policy Committee. Seena is on the subcommittee addressing this issue. Her presentation will include the impact it is having on San Diego County and Riverside County schools, while addressing the role for our local branch's Input and how input from branch members will be vital as we approach the 2024 school board elections.

*** BRANCH MEETING - NEW LOCATION Directions:**

Take Carlsbad Village Drive Exit from the I-5 or El Camino Real and GO West.
Turn Left on Harding Street (1st Traffic Light West of the Freeway)
Harding Center is 1st Structure on the Left. 3096 Harding Street.
Parking lot is across the street or park on the street.

Co-Presidents' Message



The branch members who attended our September branch meeting were in for a wonderful presentation by our Tech Trek young ladies, their moms, and our branch members who participated in the summer program (Ele Lavender, Joanna Murphy and Denise Truett).

Faye organized the event and nine girls delighted us with their enthusiasm and appreciation as they described their camp experience. Moms joined the group and thanked our branch members for giving their daughters the opportunity to expand their knowledge on the opportunities women have in STEM and by providing a college environment.

Saturday's branch meeting reaffirmed the reason why we are members of AAUW with our mission to "promote equity, education, and development of opportunities for women and girls that enable them to realize their full potential."

For branch members who were unable to attend September's meeting, please consider supporting Tech Trek for the summer of 2024 by sending a donation to **Faye Capps: 7111 El Fuerte Street Carlsbad 92009. Make the check out to: AAUW-CA SPF.**

You may indicate at the bottom left Tech Trek donation. The cost for each camper that we send to UCSD is \$1,000 and for our virtual campers \$500, and this year we lack any money carried over.

Unfortunately, Faye must submit the number requested by November for the 2024 summer campers.

Ellie & Seena

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT:

AAUW advances 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:

Co-Presidents 2022-2023: ELLIE BURTON & SEENA TRIGAS

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Sunshine: JOANNA MURPHY

Tech Trek: FAYE CAPPS

Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG): ELE LAVENDER

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COV E-mail: aauw.cov@gmail.com

COV FACEBOOK: AAUW-COV

State Website: aauw-ca.org

National Website: aauw.org

Membership VP needed. Contact the Co-Presidents if you are interested.

Interest Groups



October

CRUNCH BUNCH – Will meet Friday, October 20th at 9:00 am at Edith Richman's home. It is a Vegan Cooking Class. Please notify Edith Richman if you have questions: 760-855-1660 or email edithrichman2@gmail.com.

DRAMA DIVAS – Will meet Thursday October 12th at 1:00 pm at the home of Annemarie Whalen. We are reading: *The Little Foxes* by Lillian Hellman. All lovers of theatre are welcome. Annemarie Whalen: aswhalen1@yahoo.com

EXPLORING CALIFORNIA – Will meet Monday, October 16th at 9:30 am at the home of Ele Lavender. Any questions: Contact Debby Parks at bridgebud2@yahoo.com or 760-505-0384.

GREAT DECISIONS – Will meet Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Anyone wishing to join contact Seena at historiantrigas@gmail.com.

HAPPY HIKERS – Will meet Saturday, October 7th at 9:00 am. We will hike the Guajome Regional Park Trail. Please contact Denise Truett - dstruett@icloud.com or text at 760-803-9683 if you have any questions.

LUNCH BUNCH – Will meet Friday, October 13th at 11:45 am at the Broiler, 1325 N. Harbor Drive, Oceanside. The purpose of this group is to enjoy good food while we visit and meet new friends. Questions notify Erica Heisler: ericasheisler@gmail.com or 760-271-0612

MOSTLY BOOKS – Will meet on Tuesday, October 24th at 1:00 pm at the home of Ele Lavender, to discuss the novel *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris. This book tells of reconstruction in Georgia as seen in the lives of two formerly enslaved men and the couple that employs them. New members and guests are always welcome. Please contact Leslie Clark fltc6585@gmail.com

MYSTERY BOOKS – Will meet Monday, October 2nd at 1:00 pm at Ella Jarf's home. *A Share in Death* by Deborah Crombie is our book for the month. For further information, contact Sing Baker, singb@roadrunner.com, 760-644-4732.

SCRABBLE – Will meet October 19th at 1:00 pm. We will meet at the home of Martha Frazier. RSVP: 480-518-0428 or eleruthlav@gmail.com.

WORLD LUNCH – Will meet Tuesday, October 24th at 10:30 am. The group travels to out of area restaurants which offer exotic cuisine. International grocery stores are close by to purchase international foods. We carpool from the Park & Ride at La Costa Avenue. Please notify Edith Richman if you have questions: 760-855-1660 or email edithrichman2@gmail.com.

OUR MOST POPULAR "INTEREST GROUP" IS THE MONTHLY BRANCH MEETING. SEPTEMBER DREW TWENTY-EIGHT MEMBERS. LET'S WORK TOGETHER AND GET THAT NUMBER TO FORTY. THERE ARE MANY INTERESTING PROGRAMS, SPEAKERS AND LOTS OF GOOD FOOD !

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Happy Birthday!!

Joyce King – 1st
Barbara Odling – 17th

Jackie Stone – 3rd
Ele Lavender – 31st

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

- AAUW is offering new & renewing members a one year subscription to *Ms. Magazine* (four print issues) for FREE! Sign up [here](#) today!
- Co-founded in 1971 by Gloria Steinem, *Ms. Magazine* is the first nationally distributed American feminist magazine publication. AAUW National website has plenty of interesting & educational webinars for our membership.
 - The most recent offering is *A Mom's Equal Pay Day Conversation* and is available on the [AAUW Webinars](#) page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 21 st	Activism, Separation of Church & State	Food - Exploring CA
November 21 st	Fundraiser - Scholarship Committee- \$25 Holiday Garland/See's Candy Sales/Sterling Photos REGISTRATION FORM IS ON PAGE 7.	Lunch: Scholarship Comm.
December 16 th	Holiday Luncheon - Shadowridge Golf Club: \$45	
January 20 th	Insurance Fraud: Kim Scott, Asst DA	Food - Crunch Bunch
February 16 th	Foundation for Women Warriors Keisha Jarvis-Jones	Food - Drama Divas, Happy Hikers
March 16 th	Tea & Music - Fundraiser for Tech Trek	Lunch: \$50
April 20 th	AAUW Fund - Sally Cummins & Sharlene Bergart	Food - Lunch Bunch
May 18 th	CSSM Women's Studies (Women's Gender & Sexuality Studies)	Food - Mystery Books. Mostly Books
June 8 th	Installation Luncheon TBA	

PUBLIC POLICY

GET EXCITED ABOUT PUBLIC POLICY!

More than 50 years have elapsed since the passage of **Title IX**, which protected generations of women against sex-based discrimination in education. Thanks to equity advocates like you, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has played a critical role in shaping the law that changed the face of education. But recent developments have brought this issue back in focus, as protections against sexual harassment against women at schools have been dropped, and support for LGBTQ+ and pregnant/parenting students are being greatly reduced, if not dropped entirely. AAUW is supporting a Biden administration set of rules that will restore these protections and supports.

AAUW also supports the *Gender Equity in Education Act (GEEA)*, which includes provisions for more resources, training and technical assistance to support Title IX's full implementation.

The California Public Policy Committee presented the webinar *Book Banning and Curricula Censorship in California? AAUW to the Rescue!* On September 21st, and it attracted a huge audience from around the country! Our own Seena Trigas will give a follow-up presentation, *Activism and Separation of Church and State*, at our next Branch Meeting on October 21, so don't miss it!

The California Public Policy committee is making plans for other core projects: setting our next Legislative Agenda, planning Lobby Days and creating a new Action and Education Outreach campaign. Stay tuned! More information and details about these projects will be shared in future ACTION Newsletters.

FUND

As of September 1st, our branch has contributed very close to \$2000.00 to FUND. These are contributions that go directly to National and are used for the various things that we love AAUW for...the many ways we support women and girls. For every \$750.00 we contribute, we are awarded the opportunity to give an honorary gift to a woman in our group who has served us well during the last year. For just \$250.00 more, we will be able to honor three women this year. Donations can be made until the end of December. Mail to Sally Cummins made out to AAUW FUND #9110.

One of the ways this fund supports women is through the Legal Advocacy Fund. This supports women who have been unfairly discriminated against in the workplace or Title IX. A recent case AAUW is supporting is as follows: JOHN DOE V. JANE DOE Jane was a college student who reported sexual misconduct by a fellow student to her school. The college conducted a formal Title IX investigation process and hearing and ultimately found the respondent responsible for sexual misconduct in violation of its Title IX policy. He was removed from the college. The Respondent brought a defamation suit against Jane, which is still pending in court. Case Adopted by AAUW January 2023.

September Branch Meeting



**Jeanne Gruenwald Scholarship Support Day Luncheon
Harding Community Center Recreation Hall
3096 Harding St. Carlsbad
Saturday, November 11th 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Our November Branch Meeting (remember Game Day?) has traditionally been our only fundraising source for the scholarships we provide to local college students. Many of our members have contributed generously in the past. In 2023 we were able to give four \$1,500 scholarships to deserving women. Unfortunately, Game Day has become too expensive to continue with the cost of the catered lunch and raffle gift cards. In place of Game Day, we are asking you to contribute before or at the November 11th Scholarship Support Luncheon at a level of your choice in order to keep our scholarship program going. The \$25 minimum donation is required in order to attend the meeting and luncheon.

Scholarship Support Day will begin at 9:30 AM with sign-in time, coffee or tea and pastries. From 10:00 until 10:30 we will have our branch business meeting. Beginning at 10:30 our scholarship winners will speak. From 11:30 to 12:30 we will have a luncheon of salads, sandwiches, and home-baked desserts provided by the Scholarship Committee. During lunch, you will have the opportunity to bid on local photographs donated by Joyce and Sterling King and to order See's candy for the holidays.

Please use the tear-off registration below to indicate if you plan to attend Scholarship Support Day and to donate before the date. Of course you may also donate at the door!



I plan to attend Scholarship Support Day. YES _____ NO _____

I plan to bring (indicate number) _____ friend/ friends.

Here is my contribution for the 2024 Jeanne Gruenwald Scholarship Fund:

\$ 25 _____
\$ 50 _____
\$75 _____
\$100 _____
\$+100 _____

Please make checks payable to **AAUW CA SPF** (tax deductible)

My name _____

Address: (if not a member of AAUW-COV

Mail registration and checks to: **Faye Capps, 7111 El Fuerte St.
Carlsbad, CA 92009 ATT: Scholarship**



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Email: aauw.cov@gmail.com

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