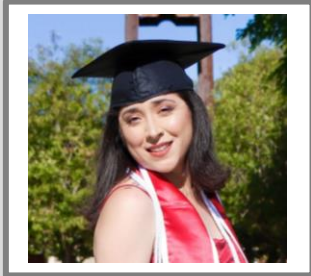


**November Branch Meeting**  
**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**  
**Meet Our Scholarship Recipients**  
**Harding Street Center, 3096 Harding Street Carlsbad 92008**



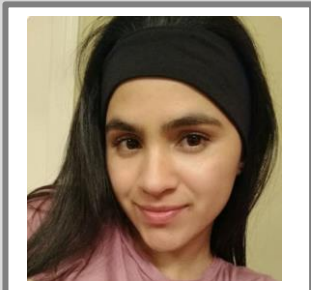
**Diana Perez** is a student at California State University San Marcos and is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year. She is studying Liberal Studies to the pathway of Elementary Education and minoring in Spanish and in English Literature and Writing. Her goal for the future is to end up teaching a classroom in an elementary school and hopefully writing her own children’s book.



**Criselda Martinez-Jimenez** is a student at Cal State San Marcos. She is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year junior majoring in Kinesiology Health Science. Her goal is to be a Physician Assistant.



**Alondra Herrera** is a first-gen college student and is currently attending Mira Costa Community college as a sophomore. She will attain her Associate Degree in Law, Public Policy and Society, and a Bachelors Degree in Urban Studies/Community Studies. Her goal for the future is to pursue a career in political work and create her own non-profit to help underrepresented communities.



**Leticia Avila** is a student at Mira Costa College who is also raising her 3-year-old daughter. Her plan as a student is to get into a nursing program to continue her education beyond an associate degree level and later transfer to a four-year university to get a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

## Co-Presidents' Message



Harding Center off of Carlsbad Village Drive has worked out beautifully for our branch meetings. Plenty of room and central to our three cities.

The October meeting informed our members about the concern and role AAUW California is taking over the religious rights effort to control our public schools. If you were unable to attend, and would like information on this topic, please email Seena.

November is going to be our annual presentation from our 2023 scholarship recipients and we will be making it special with a buffet luncheon. Within this newsletter is a form to submit with your donation/attendance supporting our local scholarship recipients.

There will be an opportunity to purchase beautiful photos of our coastal area donated by Sterling and Joyce King, as well as placing orders for See's holiday candies.

Please join us for this special event supporting our scholarship winners in 2024; mail check and registration form to Faye Capps, and we are taking donations for the event at the door.

To all our members, we wish you and your loved ones a joyful Thanksgiving!

*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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Tech Trek: FAYE CAPPS

Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG): ELE LAVENDER

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COV FACEBOOK: AAUW-COV

State Website: [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org)

National Website: [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)



## Interest Groups .....



## November

**CRUNCH BUNCH** – Will meet Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:edithrichman2@gmail.com).

**DRAMA DIVAS** – Will meet on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the home of Annemarie Whalen. We are reading a comedy: *Play On!* by Rick Abbot. All theatre lovers are welcome. For more information contact Annemarie Whalen: [aswhalen1@yahoo.com](mailto:aswhalen1@yahoo.com).

**EXPLORING CALIFORNIA** – Will meet Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the home of Debby Parks. Any questions: Contact Debby Parks at [bridgebud2@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgebud2@yahoo.com) or 760-505-0384.

**GREAT DECISIONS** – Will meet Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Anyone wishing to join contact Seena at [historiantrigas@gmail.com](mailto:historiantrigas@gmail.com).

**HAPPY HIKERS** – Will meet Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at UCSD Natural Reserve System (Elliott Chaparral Reserve). Please contact Denise Truett -[dstruett@icloud.com](mailto:dstruett@icloud.com) or text at 760-803-9683 if you have any questions.


**LUNCH BUNCH** – Will meet Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am at the Canyons at the Crossings. 5800 The Crossings Drive, Carlsbad. Questions notify Erica Heisler: [ericasheisler@gmail.com](mailto:ericasheisler@gmail.com) or 760-271-0612

**MOSTLY BOOKS** – Will not meet in November and will have one meeting to cover both November and December on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the home of Edith Richman. We will discuss *Queen Isabella*, an historical biography, in which author Alison Weir tackles the subject of Isabella of France, Edward II's French wife, and one of the more unusual queens in English history. Often portrayed as an evil, grasping, adulterous woman who becomes a corrupt tyrant, Weir turns her subject into a feminist hero who saves England from Edward II. New members and guests are always welcome. Please contact Leslie Clark [flt6585@gmail.com](mailto:flt6585@gmail.com).

**MYSTERY BOOKS** – Will meet on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at MJ Giotta's home. We will be discussing *Moonflower Murders* by Anthony Horowitz. For information, contact Sing Baker, 760-644-4732 or [singb@roadrunner.com](mailto:singb@roadrunner.com)

**SCRABBLE** – Will not meet until January 2024. Any questions notify Ele Lavender: 480-518-0428 or [eleruthlav@gmail.com](mailto:eleruthlav@gmail.com).

**WORLD LUNCH** – Will meet Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:edithrichman2@gmail.com).

Invite a friend to your Interest Group  
and ask her to join AAUW-COV. 

# MEMBERSHIP CORNER

**Happy Birthday!!**

Michelle Levy – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Esther Rodriguez – 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Denise Truett – 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Elaine Kelly – 20<sup>th</sup>

Carolyn Mills - 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Cynthia Giguere – 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Wanda Downer – 28<sup>th</sup>

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**Bring a friend to our next AAUW-COV meeting.**

**In Memoriam:** *Ruth Schneider*, honorary AAUW life member, passed away September 27<sup>th</sup>. She was active in our COV Branch and held several offices, including the presidency. Ruth was an elementary schoolteacher in Vista. She was a gifted musician - she played the piano and the handbells. Ruth was also an avid bridge player. She had a witty dry sense of humor. Those who knew Ruth will miss her.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fundraiser - Scholarship Committee- \$25 Holiday Garland/See's Candy Sales/Sterling Photos <b>REGISTRATION FORM IS ON PAGE 6.</b>	Lunch: Scholarship Comm.
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Luncheon - Shadowridge Golf Club: \$45	
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Insurance Fraud: Kim Scott, Asst DA	Food - Crunch Bunch
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation for Women Warriors Keisha Jarvis-Jones	Food - Drama Divas, Happy Hikers
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tea & Music - Fundraiser for Tech Trek	Lunch: \$50
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	AAUW Fund - Sally Cummins & Sharlene Bergart	Food - Lunch Bunch
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	CSSM Women's Studies Professor Pam Redela, UCSD/Mesa College	Food – Mystery Books, Mostly Books.
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Installation Luncheon @ Gregorio's, Carlsbad	No host lunch

## ***PUBLIC POLICY***

The AAUW Public Policy Priorities for 2023-2025 include the following:

Economic security for all women  
Equal access to quality public education for all students  
Social and racial justice for all members of society  
Increased representation of women in leadership roles

Our own Seena Trigas is working very hard to inform our AAUW California branches and members about how they can help stop book banning and curricula censorship. Attend your local School board meeting and let your voice be heard!

For anyone interested in participating in the AAUW Gov Trek project, and/or becoming a branch coordinator, go to [AAUW CA.org](http://AAUW CA.org).

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## ***TECH TREK***

Tech Trek! Thank you to the members that attended our September meeting. The 10 girls and our members Denise T., Joanna M., and Ele L. put on a great presentation. For those that missed, we are still collecting for next year's camp. Right now we only have \$5,000 available, residential camp costs \$1000 and virtual is \$600 for next year.

BTW, I just ran into a 2018 TTAG girl at Sky Zone this last month. She recognized my name and said that Tech Trek had a great impact on her. She will be attending UCSB this fall to major in Applied Mathematics.

We are in desperate need of donations this year. Please consider making a larger donation if you can or let me know of a business that might sponsor. We really need to raise about \$10,000. Make checks out to AAUW CA SPF and mail to 7111 El Fuerte St, Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Faye Capps, Tech Trek Chair

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## ***FUND***

Is there a chance you would know someone who would like some money? Women pursuing advanced studies or organizing community action projects can apply NOW for funding through AAUW's Fellowships and Grants program. Check out the opportunities and apply online at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). In 2022-23, AAUW dispersed \$6.3M! Deadline to apply is 11/15! In 2023-24 285 fellows and grantees will be receiving this award.

When you contribute to AAUW FUND this is one project among several where your money goes. We are \$250.00 short of reaching our goal of \$2250. This would provide special recognition to three deserving women from our branch. Donations can be taken until the end of the year. If you have not already contributed send your donation to Sally Cummins with a check made out to AAUW FUND 9110. Thanks to all of the generous donors that got us this far!

***Jeanne Gruenwald Scholarship Support Day Luncheon  
Harding Community Center Recreation Hall  
3096 Harding St. Carlsbad  
Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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  
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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](mailto:aauw.cov@gmail.com)**

***NOVEMBER 2023***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Happy Hikers 9:00 am @ UCSD Natural Reserve
5	6 Mystery Books 1:00 pm @ MJ's	7	8	9 Drama Divas 1:00 pm @ Annemarie's	10 Lunch Bunch 11:45 am @ the Canyons at the Crossings	11 Branch Meeting 9:30 am @ Harding Street Center
12	13	14 Great Decisions 6:30 pm via ZOOM	15	16	17 Crunch Bunch 9:00 am @ Edith Richman's	18
19	20 Exploring California 9:30 am @ Debby Parks'	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 World Lunch @ 10:30 am	29	30		