



December 2023

Number 437

December Branch Meeting/HOLIDAY PARTY
Saturday, December 16th at 10:30 am
REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 6.

SHADOWRIDGE GOLF CLUB, 1980 Shadowridge Drive Vista 92081

AAUW COV Members and Friends:

Come one, come ALL!

Our membership numbers are down but our spirits are forever high!

Let's celebrate the season together at the Shadowridge Golf Club where the chef always provides a wonderful custom meal.

Entertainment – The Coastal Communities Concert Band Clarinet Quartet will provide soothing Holiday music for our enjoyment.

Everyone - let's make this an occasion of camaraderie and AAUW COV fellowship.

Come with a friend – carpooling available. Do not be left out. Fill out and mail in your reservation form on Page 6 right away!

The Editor always gets in the last word.....

Be the woman who fixes another woman's crown without telling the world that (it) is crooked. ...

Co-Presidents' Message



Seena and Ellie wish you all a joyous holiday season with your family and friends.

We would like to thank all of our members who have contributed to the success of our branch as we support woman in their educational and career pursuits. It has been an amazing 2023 with our Tech Trek middle school girls' presentation in September, and our COV College Scholarship winners' presentation at our November branch meeting.

Three of our scholarship winners attended and they remind us of why we are members of AAUW.

They are women who are first generation college students, overcoming many obstacles to attend college. Our scholarship meant not only financial assistance, but it also signified our support for the future generation of young women that will follow us.

We will be celebrating our success December 16th at Shadowridge Golf Club. Please join us and fill out the enclosed registration form selecting your choice for the luncheon. We will have wonderful music and a champagne toast for the coming New Year 2024!

We would like to close 2023 reminding our members why we are part of the AAUW COV family.

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

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

Our Public Policy Priorities for 2023-25 says it all:

- 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

Warmest Regards for the Holiday Season!!

Ellie & Seena

Interest Groups



December

CRUNCH BUNCH – Will not meet in December. 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 on Thursday, December 14th at 1:00 pm at Jill Swaim's. The play is *Marjorie Prime* by Jordan Harrison. All theatre lovers are welcome. For more information contact Annemarie Whalen: aswhalen1@yahoo.com. Contact Annemarie or Jill for directions.

EXPLORING CALIFORNIA – Will not meet in December. Any questions: Contact Debby Parks at bridgebud2@yahoo.com or 760-505-0384.

GREAT DECISIONS – Will meet Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Anyone wishing to join contact Seena at historiantrigas@gmail.com.

HAPPY HIKERS – Will meet Saturday, December 2nd at 9:30 am to hike at Dripping Springs. Carpooling is available. Please contact Denise Truett -dstruett@icloud.com or text at 760-803-9683 if you have any questions.

LUNCH BUNCH – Will not meet in December. Questions notify Erica Heisler: ericasheisler@gmail.com or 760-271-0612

MOSTLY BOOKS – Will meet Tuesday, December 5th 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 fltc6585@gmail.com.

MYSTERY BOOKS – Will meet Monday, December 4th at 11:30 am at the Cheesecake Factory. Book for the month is Agatha Christie's *Hercule Poirot's Christmas*. For information, contact Sing Baker, 760-644-4732, singb@roadrunner.com

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

WORLD LUNCH – Will not meet in December. The group travels to out of area restaurants which offer exotic cuisine. International grocery stores are close by to purchase international foods. Please notify Edith Richman if you have questions: 760-855-1660 or email edithrichman2@gmail.com.



World Lunch @ Burma Place in RB



Happy Hikers @ Elliott Chaparral Reserve

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Happy Birthday!!

Ruth Robinson – 1st
 Ella Jarf – 10th
 Susan Duey – 13th

Aud Henderson – 7th
 Debby Parks – 12th
 Rita Koor – 29th

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Alumnae Recognition Award

Since 2013, this special award has been a testament to the extraordinary accomplishments of our alumnae; women who inspire & empower others in their respective fields. AAUW is thrilled to announce the honoree of this year's prestigious AAUW Alumnae Recognition Award: Barbara Smith.

An AAUW American Fellowship alumna, Smith is a beacon in the fight for gender equity, embodying AAUW's mission through her work in research, education, and advocacy. She was honored at a special event on November 2, 2023.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 16 th	Holiday Luncheon - Shadowridge Golf Club: \$45 REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 6	
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 Professor Pam Redela, UCSD/Mesa College	Food – Mystery Books, Mostly Books.
June 8 th	Installation Luncheon @ Gregorio's, Carlsbad	No host lunch

PUBLIC POLICY

A FINAL SCORECARD FOR THE 2023 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

September 14, 2023, was a tense day in Sacramento: the last day for each House to pass bills that could be sent on to the governor. After at least nine months of writing, researching, amending, and lobbying, the legislative session drew to a close. This left us one final month—until October 14, 2023—to lobby Governor Newsom’s office to get our bills signed into law.

So how did AAUW California’s priority legislation fare? Pretty well, overall!

AAUW California’s legislative advocacy efforts paid off with 19 of 22 priority bills making it to the governor’s desk and signed into law.

Of our 40 pieces of priority legislation, 19 were signed into law, 3 were vetoed, and 18 were transitioned into two-year bills (meaning they will be raised again in 2024).

Twenty-two pieces of our priority legislation made it to the governor’s desk. With 19 out of those 22 pieces of legislation signed into law, we achieved an 86.3% success rate.

One of our highest priority level bills (level A), which we co-sponsored, was signed into law: AB 1394. This bill seeks to help child sex abuse survivors remove their images from social media platforms, holding big tech accountable for design features that knowingly, recklessly or negligently facilitate, aid or abet child exploitation.

Two of our second-tier priority level bills (level B) were also signed into law: AB 1071 and AB 1078.


AB 1071 encourages school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to provide teen dating violence prevention (TDV) education to all pupils in grades 7-12. AB 1078 requires instruction in social sciences to include a study of the role and contributions of people of all genders, Latino Americans, LGBTQ+ Americans, and other ethnic cultural, religious, and socioeconomic status groups.

AB 1078 is particularly important to advancing our ongoing School Board Project, as we work to identify and promote school board candidates who share AAUW's values and who respect the laws that require adherence to the State Board of Education's academic standards, including keeping historically accurate and inclusive books and lessons in the curricula.

Hurrah for Women!

One of AAUW California’s Public Policy Priorities is to promote women in Leadership positions so it is a pleasure to report that Claudia Goldin, 77, is the first woman to win the Nobel Prize in Economics without men as collaborators and the third woman to win overall. She was also the first woman to be offered tenure in Harvard’s economics department, in 1989.

Dr. Goldin’s Nobel-winning study focuses on causes of the gender wage gap, the evolution of women’s participation in the job market over the past 200 years, and the implications for the future of the labor force. In a paper in the National Bureau of Economic Research, Goldin writes that, “the golden era of American women’s rights lasted from 1963 to 1973.” Of the 155 important moments for advancement of women, 45% took place in those years during which women changed from having jobs to pursuing careers. This one factor is “among the grandest advances in society”, according to Dr. Goldin.



AAUW Annual Holiday Luncheon

Come and Celebrate the Season Together

Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023 10:30 am – 2:00 pm.

Shadowridge Golf Club – The Ridge Room

1980 Gateway Drive, Vista 92081

Entertainment: Coastal Communities Clarinet Quartet

COST: \$45. Deadline: Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023.

This deadline date is firm. No exceptions.

Make check payable to: AAUW-COV

**Mail to: Dennis Capps
7111 El Fuerte Street , Carlsbad 92009**

Reservations & Entrée Choice:

Name: (print) _____

Select One Entrée:

_____ **Artichoke Chicken**
_____ **Mustard Dill Salmon**
_____ **3 Cheese Tortellini (vegetarian)**
_____ **Stuffed Acorn Squash (vegan)**

- **Dessert: Brownies & Cookies**
 - **Champagne Toast Included**
 - **Non-alcoholic Beverages Included**
 - **Alcoholic Beverages available for purchase**
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Email: aauw.cov@gmail.com

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Happy Hikers 9:00 am @ Santa Fe Valley Trail
3	4 Mystery Books 11:30 am @ The Cheesecake Factory	5 Mostly Books 1:00 pm @ Edith Richman's	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Great Decisions 6:30 pm via ZOOM	13	14 Drama Divas 1:00 pm @ Jill Swaim's	15	16 Holiday Party/Branch Meeting 10:30 am @ Shadowridge Golf Club
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30