



January 2024

Number 438

January Branch Meeting Saturday, January 20th at 9:30 am

Insurance Fraud - Guest Speaker: Kimberly W. Scott, DDA**



Co-Presidents' Message - 2024



Seena and Ellie send New Year's wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2024 to all our members and their families. The celebration of the New Year includes the reflection on the past year, 2023. As an organization, membership donations and fundraising programs have raised funds in support of our mission to advance equity for women and girls.

We have sent middle school girls to Tech Trek camp, provided college scholarships to deserving young women, and raised money for FUNDS to assist our National AAUW for graduate women scholarships. We thank our Scholarship Chair Mardi Musik for providing us with a wonderful program celebrating our Scholarship winners, Faye Capps (also Membership Treasurer) for an outstanding program with our Tech Trek campers, and Sally Cummins and Sharlene Bergart, FUND Vice Presidents, for arranging a fascinating program with one of the FUNDS Scholarship winners. We applaud Program Vice Presidents Joyce King and Debby Parks for their creativity and resourcefulness in providing 2023 and into 2024 programs and locations for our monthly meetings. Joyce and Debby, we thank you so much for your energy and commitment to AAUW-COV.

COV gives many Kudos to the time and support given by key members. We would like to thank: Secretary Belle Johnson for her expert branch and board minutes, Financial Officer Dennis Capps for collecting funds and keeping our financial records, Rita Koor, our auditor, Joanna Murphy for her "Sunshine" cards, Governance Officer Nelle Hefner for providing parliamentary guidance and TTAG Chair and Historian Ele Lavender whose commitment to our Tech Trek program helped to create a statewide program for TTAG girls. A special acknowledgement of thanks to our Communications Chair, Nancy Hackert. The Newsletter keeps us apprised of future activities, recent events and AAUW positions. She provides branch news on our web page and to outside media. Her expertise is much appreciated!

The above ladies were honored at our December 16th branch Holiday Celebration. We were entertained with Holiday Music by a Clarinet Quartet and enjoyed a holiday luncheon, with a champagne toast to a healthy and prosperous 2024 for all!

Ellie & Seena



Kimberley W. Scott has been a prosecutor with San Diego County District Attorney's Office for approximately 20 years. For the past 11 years she has been in the Insurance Fraud Division, and, for the past 6 years, she has been the Team Leader for the Disability and Healthcare Insurance Fraud team which prosecutes Medical Insurance Fraud, Disability Fraud and Prescription Fraud throughout San Diego County.

In the Insurance Fraud arena, she has also prosecuted cases involving Auto Insurance Fraud, Workers' Compensation Fraud, Wage Theft and Embezzlement. In 2016, Kim and her co-counsel obtained what is believed to be the first jury conviction in California for Wage Theft about which Kim has a published article with the National District Attorneys Association.

Kim has presented trainings for the California District Attorneys Association, National Healthcare Anti-Fraud Association and she also presented at the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators California Chapter Training in 2019 and 2023. Kim received her Juris Doctor from California Western School of Law, San Diego, and her B.A. in Mathematics from California State University, Long Beach.

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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Co-Presidents 2022-2023: ELLIE BURTON & SEENA TRIGAS
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State Website: aauw-ca.org
National Website: aauw.org



Interest Groups



January

CRUNCH BUNCH – Will meet Friday, January 19th at 9:00 am. It is a Vegan Cooking Class. Notify Edith Richman if you have questions: 760-855-1660 or email edithrichman2@gmail.com.

DRAMA DIVAS – Will meet on Thursday, January 11th at 1:00 pm at TBD. All theatre lovers are welcome. For more information contact Annemarie Whalen: aswhalen1@yahoo.com.

EXPLORING CALIFORNIA – Will meet Monday January 15th at 9:30 am at Mardi Musick's Any questions: Contact Debby Parks at bridgebud2@yahoo.com or 760-505-0384.

GREAT DECISIONS – TBD. For any information contact Seena at historiantrigas@gmail.com.

HAPPY HIKERS – Will meet Saturday, January 6th at 9:00 am to hike at Batiquitos Lagoon. Please contact Denise Truett -dstruett@icloud.com or text at 760-803-9683 if you have any questions.

LUNCH BUNCH – Will meet Friday, January 12th at 11:30 am at Felix's BBQ With Soul, 3613 Ocean Ranch Blvd., Oceanside. Questions notify Erica Heisler: ericasheisler@gmail.com or 760-271-0612

MOSTLY BOOKS – Will meet Tuesday, January 23rd at 1:00 pm at the Oceana Mission IV clubhouse, 4282 Spoon Bill Way in Oceanside. We will discuss *Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver. This novel weaves together three stories of family love within a larger tapestry of lives inhabiting the forested mountains and struggling small farms of southern Appalachia. New members and guests are always welcome. Please contact Leslie Clark at fltc6585@gmail.com

MYSTERY BOOKS – Will meet Monday, January 8th at 1:00 pm at the home of Sing Baker. Book for the month is *Clark & Division* by Naomi Hirahara. For info, contact Sing Baker, 760-644-4732, singb@roadrunner.com

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

WORLD LUNCH – Will meet Tuesday, January 23rd 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. Please notify Edith Richman if you have questions: 760-855-1660 or email edithrichman2@gmail.com.



NOVEMBER
2023
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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Happy Birthday!!

Priya Bhat-Patel – 3rd
 Beth Premo – 6th
 Nancy Telford – 7th
 Kimberly Cummins – 12th

Mardi Musick – 18th
 Edith Richman – 24th
 Jane Schatt – 30th

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Support Day was a huge success! It was wonderful to meet the scholarship winners and their families and friends. Thank you to everyone who contributed to Scholarship and to those who purchased Evergreens and See's candy. Thanks especially to the members who helped organize the November 11th event and the fundraisers. *Mardi Musick*



Log onto AAUW-COV Facebook to view PHOTOS of our events and happenings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20 th	Insurance Fraud: Kim Scott, DDA	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 INFORMATION FLYER ON PAGE 6	Lunch: \$40
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

IBC Meeting: Saturday, January 27th

PUBLIC POLICY

SAVE THE DATE! LOBBY DAYS 2024 WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2nd & 3rd

We encourage all AAUW California members to participate in this act of advocacy that is essential for achievement of our legislative priorities. In addition to our members, we plan to invite college students to join the event. Their participation will enable us to reach more legislative offices, and we hope that this introduction to our organization will inspire these advocacy-minded young people who share our values to join AAUW.

We are planning a hybrid event with meetings scheduled virtually over Zoom as well as in person at the Capitol. Members who live in and around Sacramento will have the option to participate in person. Legislative offices are willing to meet virtually or in person, and the virtual option makes it easier for AAUW members around the state to participate.

Training materials on the bills and the event will be posted on the state website in mid-March, and a mandatory training webinar will be held on March 25th.

Lobby Days provide a wonderful opportunity to meet with your legislators and advocate for legislation to promote gender equity and improve the lives of women and girls. We hope that you will join us in this important activity to advance our values.

FUND

The donations so far this year to the AAUW FUND have reached \$231,804.00. Our branch donations have reached \$2,240.00...THANK YOU! Donations can still be made until December 31st. Harvard University economics professor, Claudia Goldin PHD, was recently rewarded the Nobel Prize in economic sciences for her extensive work on gender differences in earnings. Closing the gender pay gap is stubborn. For example, Native American women are earning only 55 cents per dollar paid to the average white man. AAUW stood in support of students devastatingly impacted by Trump Title IX rule which undermined civil rights protection for student survivors. New Title IX rules will be finalized in March.

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT LONG OVERDUE! The U.S. is the only modern democracy that does not include sex equality in its constitution. This amendment will be introduced again in Congress this month. It has been 100 years attempting to pass this amendment. AAUW FUND has been supporting an active advocate for the passage of this amendment!

In 2023 there are 34 inspiring California women studying with help from AAUW FUND's Fellowships and Grants. What incredible topics are these women studying? You can view their brief synopsis at AAUW.ca.org.

One of these women will be our featured guest in April.



AAUW-COV

Musical Tea

Saturday, March 16th, 2024 from 1:00-3:00pm
Harding Community Center
3096 Harding St, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Join us for a high tea, fashion show, jewelry sale, baskets,
and more! Special musical guests: Bach-N-All &
WINDSPRING Woodwind Quintet.

\$40 per adult

ALL funds raised will send campers to
Tech Trek. To reserve a seat: mail your
\$40 check, payable to AAUW-COV,
by March 10th to Dennis Capps
7111 El Fuerte St., Carlsbad, CA 92009.





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JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Happy Hikers 9:00 am @ Batiquitos Lagoon
7	8 Mystery Books 1:00 pm @ Sing's	9	10	11 Drama Divas 1:00 pm @ TBD	12 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am @ Felix's With Soul	13
14	15 Exploring California 9:30 am @ Mardi's	16 Great Decisions: TBD	17	18	19 Crunch Brunch 9:00 am at Edith Richman's	20 Branch Meeting 9:30 am @ Harding Center
21	22	23 Mostly Books 1:00 pm @ Leslie's Clubhouse World Lunch	24	25	26	27 IBC Meeting San Diego
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