

February Branch Meeting Saturday, February 17th at 9:30 am

Foundation for Women Warriors: Speaker - Keisha Jarvis-Jones



Keisha Jarvis-Jones is currently the Director of Community Partnerships at Foundation for Women Warriors (FFWW), leading all FFWW community partnerships and professional development education.

Before this role, Keshia was an integral volunteer and ambassador for FFWW. In these roles, Keshia raised significant funds and assisted in advocacy efforts to garner support for the 688th Congressional Gold Medal.

Keshia previously worked as an Administrative Director of Education Programs, Outreach Director, and Director of Operations in the veteran nonprofit sector. Keshia began her career in the United States Marine Corps where for ten years she served as an administrator and reserve career planner. In addition to her formal specialties, Keshia worked as Funeral Honors Coordinator, Toys for Tots Coordinator and Female Search Team Advisor.

Keshia is a 2020 alumni of LEAD San Diego, currently serves on the City of San Diego Veterans, Military, and Families Council, and is an advisor to the KPBS GI Film Festival. Keshia believes the most rewarding aspect of her work is that she is able to use her leadership and personal experience to advocate for the women veteran community and directly impact the success of transitioning veterans.

BREAKING NEWS!!!

The March Tea - Tech Trek fundraiser is approaching. We need teacups and saucers for each table. Notify Ele Lavender if you can contribute. Also, space is limited. Please mail your reservation check to Dennis Capps as soon as possible. Flyer on Page 6.

Co-Presidents' Message



Our Program Vice Presidents have done it again! AAUW COV has put out another program that was not only relevant to all members but was presented by an informative and engaging speaker. Kim Scott, San Diego Deputy District Attorney spoke about Insurance Fraud.

We look forward to another exciting branch program February 17th when Keisha Jarvis-Jones will discuss the Foundation for Women Warriors (FFWW). The organization supports women veterans as they transition to civilian life. AAUW's mission to support women and girls in their career choices and economic equality spotlights for us a unique community of women who need organizations like the FFFW. Please attend to learn more about their issues.

COV's Joint Meeting with Del Mar/Leucadia will be in March this year with a formal Tea, 2 music ensembles, and a fashion show. There will be an opportunity to bid on baskets and jewelry - all proceeds will go to Tech Trek.

The nominating committee will be meeting soon to discuss the 2024-25 slate. We encourage our members to think about volunteering for Elected and Appointed positions. As a member of our COV Board, you would be taking us forward as we advocate and provide educational goals for all women. Most of all, you will also gain the friendship and support of an amazing group of ladies!!!

Please contact your presidents if you are interested.

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.

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COMING SOON !

Interest Groups



February

CRUNCH BUNCH – Will meet Friday, February 16th at 9:30 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 Thursday February 8th at 1:00 pm at the home of Beth Urech. We are reading the new, highly acclaimed play: *What the Constitution Means to Me* by Heidi Schreck. All theatre enthusiasts are welcome. Reply to Annemarie Whalen: aswhalen1@yahoo.com.

EXPLORING CALIFORNIA – Will meet Monday February 19th at 9:30 am at TBD. Any questions: Contact Debby Parks at bridgebud2@yahoo.com or 760-505-0384.

HAPPY HIKERS – Will meet Saturday, February 3rd at 9:00 am to hike Lake Calavera Loop. Please contact Denise Truett: dstruett@icloud.com or text at 760-803-9683 if you have any questions.

LUNCH BUNCH – Will meet Friday, February 9th at 11:30 am at the Panda Garden, 742 Rancho Santa Fe Rd., San Marcos. Questions notify Erica Heisler: ericasheisler@gmail.com or 760-271-0612

MOSTLY BOOKS – Will meet on Tuesday, February 27th at 1:00 pm. Location: TBD. We will discuss *Motherkind* by Jayne Anne Phillips, a novel that explores a character's transition from child, to mother, to caretaker of her mother. New members and guests are always welcome. Contact Leslie Clark at fltc6585@gmail.com for more information.

MYSTERY BOOKS – Will meet on Monday, February 5th at 1:00 pm at Cindy Giguere's home. *All the Devils Are Here* by Louise Penny is our book for the month. For information, contact Sing Baker 760-644-4732/ singb@roadrunner.com

SCRABBLE – Will meet Thursday, February 22nd at 1:00 pm at Ele Lavender's home. Any questions notify Ele Lavender: 480-518-0428 or eleruthlav@gmail.com.

WORLD LUNCH – “ON HOLD” until further notice. 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.



Happy Hikers January 6th

Belle Bohn and Denise Truett are starting a BUNCO interest group. They need at least 8 people who want to play BUNCO. The group will meet from 3:00-5:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Please let either of them know if you are interested by texting Belle at 619-895-7678 or Denise at 760-803-9683.



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Happy Birthday!!

Alison Buerger – 2nd
Erica Heisler – 12th
Kathleen LeMieux – 16th

Mary Rae Fanta – 27th
Sally Cummins – 28th

AAUW COV Travel Group

Excursion April 7-10 to Palm Springs/Indio area. Please notify Jill Swaim for details and more information: jswaim1@aol.com.

Trip Highlights: Living desert wildlife park, Tram from visitors center up the mountain, Wind turbine tour, Joshua Tree National Park drive through, Pioneer Town, Sunny Lands Tour (the old Annenberg Estate), Mid-Century Modern Driving Tour, Palm Springs Art Museum, Architecture Museum....

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| February 17 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 – Paul Kirya, UCSD Engineering Studies | 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

IT'S A NEW LEGISLATIVE SEASON—GET READY TO TAKE ACTION!

In January and February, the Public Policy Committee will be hard at work evaluating new bills for our 2024 Legislative Agenda. Everyone is invited in January and February to reach out and let the State know of any proposed California legislation that you think the committee should review.

At the end of the review period, in early March, the committee will select 30 bills to prioritize. You will be able to review and follow these bills via our [online bill tracker](#), which will be updated for our 2024 agenda in mid-March. These bills will be the basis for our ongoing education and advocacy work throughout 2024. An important part of this advocacy work includes Lobby Days, our annual event at which three of the 30 priority bills are pitched by YOU in pre-arranged visits with legislators in person or online.

Lobby Days will be held largely virtually on April 2 and 3, 2024. Be sure to register by February 15, 2024 in order to participate. The registration form will be emailed to all members on January 12th, but it is available now [HERE](#). 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 25, 2024.

We encourage all AAUW California members to reach out to suggest legislation and participate in Lobby Days as your efforts are essential for the achievement of our legislative priorities: to promote gender equity and improve the lives of women and girls.

FUND

For over 140 years AAUW has been at the forefront of advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. We are proud to introduce you to our Women's Economic Empowerment Initiative, a comprehensive program dedicated to equipping women with essential skills to thrive financially and build strong futures. Here are some of the programs that this initiative offers:

AAUW WORK SMART: Know your value and get paid. Training for early and mid-career professionals on negotiating for fair salaries, better benefits and advancement opportunities.

AAUW START SMART: This is particularly designed for college women entering the job market teaching effective salary negotiation techniques to boost your confidence and negotiation skills.

AAUW MONEY SMART: This program is aimed at providing all women with the personal finance information they need to ensure their own financial security.

These programs have already impacted over 190,000 women across the U.S., empowering them with confidence, knowledge and skills. You may wonder where your contributions to AAUW FUND goes. Your funds support these programs and others that we will share information about in the coming NEWLETTERS!

Thank you to all of you that have contributed generously to the FUND this year. Because of you we were able to contribute \$2,240.00 to the AAUW FUND.



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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FEBRUARY 2024

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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Crunch Brunch 9:30 am at Edith Richman's | 17 Branch Meeting 9:30 am @ Harding Center |
| 18 | 19 Exploring California 9:30 am @ TBD | 20 | 21 | 22 Scrabble 1:00 pm @ Ele's | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 Mostly Books @ TBD | 28 | 29 | | |