

**March Branch Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**  
**HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER FOR TECH TREK**  
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*Enjoy the music, tea, food,  
fashion show, gift baskets  
and camaraderie with your  
AAUW sisters and friends.*



**WINDSPRING** Woodwind Quintet



**BACH-N-ALL** Duet

## Co-Presidents' Message



Another wonderful program provided for COV members as Keisha Jarvis-Jones advocated for "The Foundation for Women Warriors." The non-profit foundation provides vital services to our female veterans as they transition to civilian life. Keisha noted that women veterans are often overshadowed by their male counterparts. AAUW has been focused on many of the same issues, and our membership expressed their support. We thank our female veterans for their service!

Our March 16<sup>th</sup> joint meeting with Leucadia/Del Mar will be the long anticipated "Musical Tea," with high tea, fashion show, music, and an opportunity to bid on baskets and jewelry. Kudos goes to Ele Lavender for developing and organizing our important fundraising event, with all monies going to the Tech Trek camp. Please join us at the Harding Community Center for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment and food in support of our Tech Trek campers. A flyer is included in the Newsletter with all the information needed. Please note that the \$40 ticket must be received by March 10<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

The Nominating Committee for Board Officers are encouraging our members to think about volunteering for Elected and Appointed positions. Please consider this important opportunity to advocate for women and working with an amazing group of ladies. The chair of the committee, Belle Johnson Bohn, would love to hear from you: [bjbohn1@mac.com](mailto:bjbohn1@mac.com)

*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  
President Elect: VACANT  
Program VPs: JOYCE KING & DEBBY PARKS  
Membership VP: VACANT  
AAUW Fund VPs: SHARLENE BERGART & SALLY CUMMINS  
Secretary: BELLE JOHNSON BOHN  
Financial Officer: DENNIS CAPPS

#### Appointed Officers:

Communications: NANCY HACKERT  
Public Policy: AUTUMN CHAPMAN  
Membership Treasurer: FAYE CAPPS  
Parliamentarian: NELLE HEFNER

#### Appointed Committee Chairs:

Auditor: RITA KOOR  
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Historian: ELE LAVENDER  
Scholarship: MARDI MUSICK  
Sunshine: JOANNA MURPHY  
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Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG): ELE LAVENDER

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



**TUESDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> !!**

# Interest Groups .....



## March

**CRUNCH BUNCH** – Will meet Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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 March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at Edith Richman's home. The play is a comedy: *Lunch Hour* by Jean Kerr. Opening night was in 1980. All theatre enthusiasts are welcome. Reply to Annemarie Whalen: aswhalen1@yahoo.com.

**EXPLORING CALIFORNIA** – Will meet Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at Edith Richman's home. Any questions: Contact Debby Parks at bridgebud2@yahoo.com or 760-505-0384.

**HAPPY HIKERS** – Will NOT meet Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Denise Truett: dstruett@icloud.com or text at 760-803-9683.

**NEW APRIL EXCURSION DETAILS BELOW.** \*\*\*


**LUNCH BUNCH** – Will meet Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 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, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at Edith Richman's. We will discuss *Save Me the Plums* by Ruth Reichl. This is the story of a former Berkeley hippie entering the corporate world when restaurants became an important part of popular culture - a time when the rise of the farm-to-table movement changed forever the way we eat. New members and guests are always welcome. Contact Leslie Clark at fltc6585@gmail.com for more information.

**MYSTERY BOOKS** – Will meet on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at Martha Frazier's home. Book for the month is *The Sacred Bridge* by Anne Hillerman. For information, contact Sing Baker 760-644-4732/ singb@roadrunner.com

**SCRABBLE** – “ON HOLD” until further notice. 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. Please notify Edith Richman if you have questions: 760-855-1660 or email edithrichman2@gmail.com.

*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.* 

**\*\*\*** *A Palm Springs hiking retreat has been scheduled April 6-8. If you are attending you will share the costs of the AirBNB, Desert Museum, Palm Springs Tram, etc. Text Denise Truett at 760-803-9683 if you are interested in this event. (This is in addition to the AAUW retreat scheduled the week after.)*



# MEMBERSHIP CORNER

**Happy Birthday!!**

Jackie Russell – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Susan Howe – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Annemarie Whalen – 13<sup>th</sup>

Karen Frisch – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Leslie Clark – 29<sup>th</sup>

## TECH TREK

The Tech Trek camp directors for UCSD and Virtual camp need volunteers to cover various positions. If you are able to volunteer, please go to the link below. The website will provide you with a description of the various positions. You will also need to be available for the full week. The camp dates are:

UCSD Camp is June 23-28

Virtual Camp is July 21-28



<https://www.aauw-ca.org/tech-trek-volunteer/>

Every year in the past 10 years we have sent 10-20 girls to camp. As a branch we need to support the camp by doing our part in volunteering.

Please call Faye if you have any questions.

Faye Capps  
Cell 760-310-9607  
[fcappstc@gmail.com](mailto:fcappstc@gmail.com)

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tea & Music - Fundraiser for Tech Trek <b>INFORMATION FLYER ON PAGE 6</b>	Lunch: \$40
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	AAUW Fund – Paula Kirya, UCSD Engineering Studies	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***

## **Is There a Hidden Agenda Behind the “Parents’ Rights” Movement?**

Kathi Harper, Chair AAUW California Public Policy School Board Project Committee

We members of the AAUW California Public Policy School Board Project sub-committee frequently come across materials from groups advocating for book-banning, curriculum censorship, and policies which negatively impact the lives of LGBTQ+ students, in the name of “Parent’s Rights.” For example, the House of Representatives recently passed H.R. 5, the “Parents Bill of Rights Act.” Eight governors have signed legislation with similar titles.

H.R. 5 establishes the rights of parents to, among other things: review curriculum; inspect the books and other reading materials in the school library; be advised of policies that permit transgender girls to compete on female athletic teams or use bathrooms or lockers designated for females; and provide consent before a school may use their child’s chosen name or pronouns on forms, or change the child’s sex-based accommodations. Many of the state laws noted above require the removal of “inappropriate” materials upon the objection of a single person.

AAUW California recognizes that not all our members will find these policies objectionable. And to be sure, most of our members would agree with this statement from PEN America, a human rights and free expression organization: “There is no question that parents deserve a say in shaping their children’s educations; that they have a moral and legal responsibility for their children, and the freedom to make fundamental decisions for their families.” (Suzanne Nossel, PEN America CEO, [Time Sept. 20, 2022.](#)) However, legitimate questions are raised when one parent’s “right” to control what *their* child reads and learns collides with another parent’s right to ensure their child has access to a broad and diverse range of educational materials. Or when a parent’s “right” to know if their child confides to a teacher regarding a sexual identity unknown to the parent collides with the student’s right to privacy. Or when one parent’s “right” to ensure her daughter doesn’t play on the same team as a transgender girl collides with that girl’s right to partake in all the same activities as other girls, or to feel safe in the campus environment.

AAUW California advocates for a diverse curriculum in our schools, as well as the protection of all forms of gender identity and expression. It is a cause of concern when the rallying cry of “parents’ rights” is, as stated by PEN America, “wielded to do far more than give parents their rightful voice; it is turning public schools into political battle grounds, fracturing communities, and diverting time and energy away from teaching and learning.” Additionally, according to the National Education Association (NEA), H.R. 5 “ignores the breadth of parental engagement” that already exists, “disregards educator experience and expertise” and “inserts the government into local decisions.”

PEN America worries that the current emphasis on working with schools for the betterment of the child has been replaced with a parental focus on wanting to impose their personal beliefs – moral, religious, and/or political – on the entire education system. As an organization founded on the principal of expanding educational opportunities, we might all heed Suzanne Nossel’s final words in her *Time* article: “The phrase ‘parents’ rights’ may have a nice ring to it, but the agenda now afoot in its name should sound alarms for all those who care about the future of public education.”

Read more at: [Pen.org](#), [Nea.org](#)



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## *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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***MARCH 2024***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Mystery Books 1:00 pm @ Martha Frazier's	5	6	7	8 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am @ the Panda Garden	9
10	11	12	13	14 Drama Divas 1:00 pm @ Edith Richman's	15 Crunch Brunch 9:30 am at Edith Richman's	16 Tech Trek High Tea 1:00 pm @ Harding Center
17	18 Exploring California 9:30 am @ Edith Richman's	19	20	21	22	23 IBC Meeting via ZOOM
24/31	25	26 Mostly Books @ Edith Richman's	27	28	29	30