

April Branch Meeting
Saturday, April 20th at 9:30 am - FUND Program
PAULA KIRYA, Engineering Studies UCSD
Subj: Breast Cancer Research



Paula Kirya is a master's student at UC San Diego studying Mechanical Engineering. She received a bachelor's degree in Bioengineering from UCSD in June 2024.

Paula delivered plenary talks during her undergraduate years at the Stanford Research Conference and Harvard's National Collegiate Conference. Since August 2021, Paula has worked in the Poulikakos Lab at UCSD studying and developing nature-inspired nanophotonic materials for detecting disease in biological tissue.

Her master's research is supported by the Optica Amplify Scholarship, Optica Women Scholarship, and the AAUW Selected Professions Fellowship.

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.

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Co-Presidents' Message



What an amazing day for a tea and entertainment! Saturday, March 16th with members from COV and DelMar/Leucadia and their guests. We entered Harding Center transformed with elegant china and teapots resting on white table clothes. A great big KUDO goes to Ele Lavender, the lady who proposed, organized and moderated an event that was enjoyed by all.

Kudos to Susan Dey, our head hostess and organizer of the volunteer TTAG girls and Kudos to Alison Buerger who made the fashion show happen. The food ladies prepared 5 different tea sandwiches, deviled eggs and a tray of brownies/cupcakes. Kudos goes to Maggie Wolfe-Johnson, Edith Richman and Seena for providing the food.

Mardi Musick receives kudos for the beautiful flowers on each table and kudos for Ellie Burton and Janet Bryant for putting together the Easter Baskets. TTAG girls were wonderful serving tea and participating in the fashion show that capped the event.

We also want to thank the wonderful music that was played throughout the day. Bach N All and the Woodwind Quintet provided us with music that created music to accompany our entire afternoon event.

And the numbers! Over 90 people attended and we are delighted to report that approximately \$4,000. was raised for next year's Tech Trek Campers. We will be adding to that through the summer and early fall, but this money translates to 4 girls attending STEM camp at UCSD in 2025. A great start and looking forward to sending more.

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 2022-2024: ELLIE BURTON & SEENA TRIGAS

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Scholarship: MARDI MUSICK

Sunshine: JOANNA MURPHY

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Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG): ELE LAVENDER

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COV FACEBOOK: AAUW-COV

State Website: aauw-ca.org

National Website: aauw.org

On Saturday, April 20th COV Fund Co-Chairs, Sharlene Bergart and Sally Cummins, will be presenting an exciting speaker who is currently working at a UCSD lab investigating possible alternative diagnosis procedures for breast cancer detection. Paula Kirya is an AAUW National Scholarship winner working towards a Master Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!

Ellie & Seena

Interest Groups



APRIL

CRUNCH BUNCH – Will meet Friday, April 19th 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 April 11th at 1:00 pm at the home of Annemarie Whalen. We are reading: *The Constant Wife* by Somerset Maugham. All theatre enthusiasts are welcome. Reply to Annemarie Whalen: aswhalen1@yahoo.com.

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

HAPPY HIKERS – Palm Springs Resort Retreat April 6-8. Questions please contact Denise Truett: dstruett@icloud.com or text at 760-803-9683.

LUNCH BUNCH – Will meet Friday, April 12th at 11:30 am at Ciao Ristorante Italiano, 2015 E. Vista Way, Vista. Questions notify Erica Heisler: ericasheisler@gmail.com or 760-271-0612

MOSTLY BOOKS – Will meet on Tuesday, April 23rd at 1:00 pm at the home of Martha Frazier. We will discuss *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. This is the story of thirty years of Afghan history, and a moving chronicle of family, friendship, faith, and the salvation found in love. New members and guests are always welcome. Contact Leslie Clark: fltc6585@gmail.com.

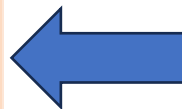
MYSTERY BOOKS – Will meet on Monday, April 1st at 1:00 pm at Aud Henderson's home. Book is *The Satapur Moonstone* by Sujata Massey; about the first woman lawyer in 1920's India. For information, contact Sing Baker 760-644-4732 or singb@roadrunner.com

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. Questions notify Edith Richman 760-855-1660 or email edithrichman2@gmail.com.



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February 2024

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

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Happy Birthday!!

Karen Vanderwerken – 3rd

Beth Urech – 19th

Nelle Hefner – 6th

Sharlene Bergart – 27th

Maggie Wolfe-Johnson – 8th

2024-25 AAUW COV BOARD SLATE OF OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS

Co-Presidents: Seena Trigas & Belle Bohn President Elect: VACANT

Co-Vice Presidents Program: Ele Lavender & Joanna Murphy

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Co-Vice Presidents AAUW FUND: Sally Cummins & Sharlene Bergart

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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AAUW National Elections 2024

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Beginning April 3rd and continuing until May 15, we are being asked to cast our vote on an amendment to the national bylaws recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee that would open membership to any individual who supports AAUW's important mission of advancing equity for women and girls.

You can review the proposed bylaw changes [here](#). The open membership toolkit can also be reviewed [here](#). Please take time to read the AAUW National statement on [civility and member responsibilities information](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20 th	AAUW Fund – Paula Kirya, UCSD Engineering	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

2023-2025



PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

The AAUW California Public Policy Program establishes policy directives that will guide our members, inform our legislative priorities, serve our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, and are consistent with our values of achieving fair and equitable opportunities for our diverse society. Toward that end, AAUW California advocates policies that promote, enhance and ensure:

Economic Security for All Women, including:

- Equity in the workplace
- Enforcement of workplace anti-discrimination statutes
- Security in retirement
- Access to job training for career development
- Work-life balance, including access to quality affordable childcare and paid sick and caregiving leave

Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society, including:

- Self-determination in reproductive health
- Equal access to quality affordable health care, housing and a healthy environment
- Freedom from violence in all its forms and wherever it occurs, including violence against historically marginalized groups, and support for policies that reduce or prevent gun violence.
- Guarantee of civil and constitutional rights for all, including all forms of gender identity and expression, and all family structures
- Protection and expansion of voting rights
- Support for United Nations sustainable development goals which address human rights and women's and girls' concerns

Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students, including:

- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX
- Adequate and equitable funding at all educational levels, including pre-school and post-secondary
- Removal of barriers for girls to access instruction in STEM fields
- Civics instruction in all CA high schools
- Access to diverse staff and curriculum that represents historically accurate information
- Funding adequate to support a strong infrastructure, and equitable access to resources, including technology
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic and charter schools that do not meet public school civil rights and accountability standards

Increased Representation of Women in Leadership Roles, including:

- Proportional appointment to publicly held corporate boards
- Access to leadership skills training
- Access to programs that promote participation in public service careers

HIGH TEA FUND-RAISER FOR TECH TREK: MARCH 16TH



THE MASTER CHEFS



EVENT & TECH TREK CHAIRS



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APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Mystery Books 1:00 pm @ Aud's	2	3	4	5	6 Happy Hikers @ Palm Springs Resort Retreat
7 Happy Hikers	8 Happy Hikers	9	10	11 Drama Divas 1:00 pm @ Annemarie's	12 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am @ Ciao Ristorante Italiano	13
14	15 Exploring California 9:30 am @ Ele Lavender's	16	17	18	19 Crunch Brunch 9:30 am at Edith Richman's	20 BRANCH MEETING 9:30 am @ Harding Center
21	22	23 Mostly Books 1:00 pm @ Martha Frazier's	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				