



September 2024

Number 01-24

**September Branch Meeting
Saturday, September 21ST
Meet our Tech Trek Campers
3096 Harding Street Carlsbad 92008**

COV sent nine girls to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) camp this past summer. Five attended on site at USCD and four attended the Virtual camp. We also had 5 alumni as counselors or coaches and 2 of our members, Ele Lavendar and Joanna Murphy as counselors. Faye Capps puts her heart and soul into this wonderful project. Thank you, Fay!! Thanks to all the interviewers and volunteers who make this happen. Below is a summary of what Tech Trek is all about:

- **WHY TECH TREK?** Only 28% of the STEM workforce are women. Girls need to have confidence in their potential. Girls need to see a future career in STEM.
- **WHAT HAPPENS AT TECH TREK?** Students meet and interact with women role models and like-minded girls. Hands-on learning activities may include: Using STEM skills to solve community problems. Building balloon-powered race cars. Writing code for robots. Creating hats with moving parts. Learning CSI-type forensics.
- **HOW ARE THE GIRLS SELECTED?** Teachers **NOMINATE**. Students **APPLY**. Branch **INTERVIEWS** and **SELECTS**.

PLEASE JOIN YOUR AAUW SISTERS AT OUR SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING AND MEET THESE EXCITING YOUNG WOMEN. THEY WILL SHARE THEIR CAMPER EXPERIENCES BOTH ON SITE AND VIRTUAL. YOUR SUPPORT AND ENTHUSIASM WILL MEAN THE WORLD TO THEM.

Co-Presidents' Message



Welcome back to our branch members. We hope you had a great summer and are ready for the wonderful programs scheduled for this coming year.

Before we look ahead, we would like to acknowledge the 2023-2024 Board and thank them for their expertise and hard work in providing exciting programs and raising funds supporting girls and women in their academic endeavors.

Our first branch meeting for 2024-25 will be at Harding Center on September 21st - and it is with our Tech Trek summer campers, now graduates of the program. They will share with us their experiences at camp and the impact it has had on their lives. Thank you, Faye, for organizing our Tech Trek program, allowing us to support middle school girls through our STEM program.

The Board has seen some changes in positions held, and that information is included in our newsletter.

Seena would like to acknowledge her Co-President Belle Johnson Bohn. Belle has been a very active member of the Board serving in the past as Secretary, Program Chair, Treasurer and "organizer of interest groups." We look forward to working together with our exceptional Board in providing an exciting year for COV.

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 2024-25: BELLE JOHNSON BOHN/SEENA TRIGAS

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Scholarship: MARDI MUSICK

Sunshine: DEBORAH PARKS

Tech Trek: FAYE CAPPS

Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG): ELE LAVENDER

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COV FACEBOOK: AAUW-COV

State Website: aauw-ca.org

National Website: aauw.org

Finally, we extend the invitation to all our members to join committees and be part of the interest groups offered by COV.

Belle & Seena

Interest Groups



SEPTEMBER

CRUNCH BUNCH – Will meet Friday, September 20th at 10:00 am at the home of Edith Richman. It is a Vegan Cooking Class. Notify Edith Richman if you have questions: 760-855-1660 or email edithrichman2@gmail.com.

EXPLORING CALIFORNIA – Will meet Monday, September 16th at the home of Sally Cummins. Any questions: Contact Debby Parks at bridgebud2@yahoo.com or 760-505-0384.

LET'S WALK – Will meet Saturday, September 14th at 10:00 am at the Buena Vista Lagoon, 2202 S. Coast Highway, Oceanside. Any questions call Ele Lavender, 480-518-0428.

LUNCH BUNCH – Will meet Friday, September 13th at 11:45 am at *Toasted Gastrobrunch*, 339 N. Cleveland Street, Oceanside. Questions: Erica Heisler: ericasheisler@gmail.com or 760-271-0612

MOSTLY BOOKS – Will meet Tuesday, September 24th at 1:00 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. Leslie Clark at fltc6585@gmail.com

MYSTERY BOOKS – Will meet Monday, September 9th at 1:00 pm at Aud Henderson's home. We will be reading *The Last Devil to Die* by Richard Osman, more exploits in the Thursday Murder Club series. For information contact Sing Baker, 760-644-4732 or singb@roadrunner.com

Feel like going to the Rose Parade 2025?

Join fellow AAUW COV members for a 6-day adventure with *Road Scholars!* Just Google *Road Scholars* and search Rose Parade. Sign up for the “A Heritage to Celebrate, program #10515RJ,” and select the Hilton Hotel Woodland Hills. Let Jill Swaim or Belle Johnson Bohn know your registration number. Sign up soon, slots fill up quickly!

HELP!!! Anyone with a Facebook account: Please notify Co-President Belle Johnson Bohn if you will help maintain our Facebook site.

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

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

**Happy
Birthday!!**

Autumn Chapman – 3rd
Martha Frazier – 4th
Jill Swaim – 8th
Julie Mack – 14th
Nancy Hackert – 16th

Linda Bennett – 18th
Paula Ogden – 19th
Sue Mitchell – 20th
Barbara Launspach - 23rd
Nan Munn-Fess – 25th

IN MEMORIAM



On June 26th of our beloved
COV member and auditor,
Rita Koor, passed
peacefully in her sleep.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

SPREAD THE WORD TO YOUR FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES:

Why join AAUW?

***Your membership makes our powerful voice even louder on
critical issues affecting women and girls.***

- ***Help break down barriers for women.***
- ***Interact with like-minded people.***
- ***Impact your community with programs that make a difference.***
- ***Network and learn from people with varied backgrounds and skills.***
- ***Share common interests in social groups.***
- ***Make career connections.***
- ***Exercise your mind.***

PUBLIC POLICY

2024 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA Our Lobbying Work Pays Off!

Although the 2024 legislative session won't end until this fall, the governor has already started to sign bills. We are excited to let you know that three bills on our agenda have already been signed, AB 1955, AB1790, and AB2608. Hooray!

AB 1955 will prohibit school districts from requiring staff to notify parents if a student uses a different name or pronouns or identifies as a different gender than what is on their birth certificate. California is the first state in the nation to ban forced outings of transgender students.

AB 1790 will strengthen protections against sexual assault and harassment at California State University (CSU) campuses by requiring two reports from CSU on the status of their implementation of the State Auditor recommendations.

AB 2608 will require the California Community Colleges and the CSUs, and request the University of California, to provide educational and preventive information on sexual violence and harassment, including how to recognize if someone is at risk of drug-facilitated sexual assault.

Bill AB2326 is pending in the Senate Appropriations committee and was up for vote August 16.

Welcome to another presidential election year in the United States! We have you covered with **ALL THE RESOURCES**. In mid-September the Public Policy Committee will present a webinar on Get Out the Vote. More details to follow soon. In the September issue of Public Policy News, we will include an article on the California ballot initiatives we are supporting. In the next few issues of Public Policy News, we will include an overview of the Public Policy Priorities that are front and center in the upcoming election. In late September the Public Policy Committee will provide Candidate Comparison Guides for competitive Congressional races in California.

The Candidate comparison guides will focus on the races where an incumbent whose values are consistent with our public policy priorities is in danger of losing their seat, and where an incumbent whose values are not consistent with our priorities is being challenged by a candidate whose values align with ours. The guides will serve to educate voters on the candidates' positions on AAUW-supported issues. The competitive districts we have identified thus far are Districts 13, 22, 27, 45, 47, 49, 41.

FUND

We are still feeling appreciation for our FUND speaker in April. Paula Kirya is a Masters student in Mechanical Engineering at UCSD and a recipient of a grant funded by the AAUW FUND! We were delighted to learn that she was a TECH TREK girl.

Recently, she was a guest speaker at TECH TREK camp and received accolades from the director for how well she was received by the girls. She is contributing to a study on how to diagnose breast cancer in a much less costly way that would be available to many more women.

AAUW is providing more than \$6 million in funding to 285 fellows and grantees such as Paula in the 2023-24 year. Thank you to all of you who contributed to the FUND that makes this possible. We were able to add \$1,290.00 to this FUND because of you!

2024-2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT. 21 st	TECH TREK GIRLS TTAG Pizza Party Harding Center	FOOD: COV BOARD
OCT. 12 th	LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS SPONSORED BY AAUW DEL MAR-Leucadia Encinitas Senior Center	FOOD: Board & ExplCalif
NOV. 9 th	SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS Harding Center	FOOD: Scholarship Comm.
DEC. 21 st	HOLIDAY LUNCHEON Shadowridge Golf Club	NO HOST: \$45
JAN. 25 th	INTERBRANCH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING Rancho Santa Fe Country Club Speaker: MY SAFE PLACE Staff Members	
FEB. 15 th	SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER <i>Music and Valentines</i> Harding Center	FOOD: Scholarship Comm
MARCH 8 th	JOINT MEETING WITH DEL MAR-Leucadia Encinitas Senior Center	
APRIL 19 th	AAUW FUND SPEAKER: TBA Harding Center	FOOD: Book Clubs
MAY 17 th	PANEL OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN Harding Center	FOOD: Lunch Bunch & Walkers
JUNE 14 th	INDUCTION LUNCHEON-TBD	

ALL TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO EVENT.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Mystery Books 1:00 pm @ Aud's	10	11	12	13 Lunch Bunch 11:45 am @ <i>Toasted Gastrobrunch</i>	14 Let's Walk 10:00 am @ Buena Vista Lagoon
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29	30					