

**CONCERT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Saturday, February 15th - 9:30 am  
Harding Street Center  
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**IRISH DUO**

## *Co-Presidents' Message*



Our hearts go out to our neighbors to the north of us who are suffering from the devastating fires all over the Los Angeles area! The shocking images of entire neighborhoods and towns burned to the ground touch our souls and cause us to think upon our fragility in the face of Mother Nature.

It is hopeful to see the outpouring of outside aid extended to these folks, and their own ability to join together to support one another in the face of such a calamity! This is the best part of Human Nature!

With most of January behind us, we now look to our own coming together in support of needy women seeking to further their education in search of a better future. These women have faced challenges and hardships in their lives, and it warms our hearts to be able to encourage and support their efforts.

We hope all of you will join us at our Concert for Scholarships fundraiser on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>! There is a flier and information in this publication, so please come and bring friends and relatives!

The nominating committee is meeting to discuss the 2025-26 slate. We encourage members to consider stepping up if you receive a phone call seeking to fill vacant positions!

### **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

President Elect: VACANT

Program VPs: ELEANORE LAVENDER/JOANNA MURPHY

Membership VPs: JANET BRYANT/ELLIE BURTON

AAUW Fund VPs: SHARLENE BERGART/SALLY CUMMINS

Co-Secretary: JOYCE KING/MARDI MUSICK

Financial Officer: DENNIS CAPPS

#### Appointed Officers:

Communications: NANCY HACKERT

Public Policy: VACANT

Membership Treasurer: FAYE CAPPS

Parliamentarian: NELLE HEFNER

#### Appointed Committee Chairs:

Auditor: MARTHA FRAZIER

Governance: NELLE HEFNER

Historian: ELE LAVENDER

Scholarship: MARDI MUSICK

Sunshine: DEBORAH PARKS

Tech Trek: FAYE CAPPS

Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG): ELE LAVENDER

COV Website: [cov-ca.aauw.net](http://cov-ca.aauw.net)

COV E-mail: [aauw.cov@gmail.com](mailto:aauw.cov@gmail.com)

COV FACEBOOK: AAUW-COV

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

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

Not only will you be helping to move us forward as we seek to support all women, you will gain the joy of working with a dedicated group of ladies working to make it all happen!

Better yet, please contact a member of the nominating committee or your presidents if you are interested in serving!

*Belle & Seena*

# Interest Groups

## FEBRUARY



**CRUNCH BUNCH** – Will meet Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 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, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at TBD Any questions: Contact Debby Parks at bridgebud2@yahoo.com or 760-505-0384.

**LET'S WALK** – Will meet Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Buena Vista Park Trail, 1601 Shadowridge Drive, Vista. Any questions: Belle Johnson Bohn - bjbohn1@mac.com or Ele Lavender - eleruthlav@gmail.com

**LUNCH BUNCH** – Will not meet this month. Questions: Erica Heisler: ericasheisler@gmail.com or 760-271-0612

**MOSTLY BOOKS** – Will meet Tuesday, February 25 at 1:00 pm at the home of Leslie Clark. We will discuss *Welcome Home, Stranger* by Kate Christensen, a novel about grief, love, growing older, and the complications of a dysfunctional family that is told from the point of view of a fifty-something woman journalist who goes back—reluctantly—to Maine after the death of her mother. New members and guests are always welcome. Please contact Leslie Clark at fltc6585@gmail.com

**MYSTERY BOOKS** – Will meet Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm at Aud Henderson's home. Our book for the month is *The Witch Elm* by Tana French. For information contact Sing Baker: 760-644-4732 or singb@roadrunner.com.

## MEXICAN EXCURSION

- Take a scenic and fun trip down the Baja coast!
- Day Tripper Mexico: Rosarito & Puerto Nuevo with a delicious Lobster Lunch
- Saturday, April 26, 2025, \$185 p/p
- Call 619-334-3394, and mention The Four Seasons and AAUW COV groups.
- Bus pick up point is University City, 6245 Kantor St. Let Belle know if you want to carpool. You will need your passport in hand to make a reservation.

Photos of our events and happenings are all posted on our Facebook account. AAUW-COV

## **MEMBERSHIP CORNER**

**Happy  
Birthday!!**

Jacqueline Trischman – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Erica Heisler – 12<sup>th</sup>  
Kathleen LeMieux – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Sally Cummins – 28<sup>th</sup>



### **IN MEMORIAM**

*Charlene Williamson*  
*December 3, 1937 - December 19, 1924*

*Forever in our hearts.*



### **FUND :**

This month we are happy to report that all of the 31 recipients of the Fellowships and Grants, made possible by women like you, are now available to view on [AAUW-CA.ORG](http://AAUW-CA.ORG). More videos will be added daily. We encourage you to watch and see such a wealth of talent...watch...learn...enjoy! You won't be able to see all the speakers in person, but you can share the wealth of knowledge and learn something new from these amazing Fellowship and Grant recipients.

As your FUND VP'S, we will be watching and searching for just the right speaker to come to our April meeting. If you see one you think would be perfect, please let us know.

We are looking forward to April when we can meet one of these outstanding women.

# ***PUBLIC POLICY***

## **Why AAUW Public Policy Priorities Matter**

**by Nancy Major, Member AAUW California Public Policy Committee**

**Why do AAUW's Public Policy Priorities matter? They shape the actions that we take as an organization, socially and legally.**

**AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls. Our Public Policy Priorities guide how we encourage active citizenship toward the goal of advancing our mission. There are four branches to our Public Policy Priorities: Economic Security, Equal Access to Quality Public Education, Social and Racial Justice, and Increased representation of Women in Leadership roles. Each of these priorities is further broken down into several action-oriented subcategories, such as enforcement of Title IX and passage of the ERA. Our 2023-25 priorities can be found at <https://www.aauw-ca.org/public-policy-priorities-ppp-revised/>.**

**As active participants in society we can help shape the laws and society that govern us, such as healthcare, environmental policies, sex education, curriculum and book banning, housing, childcare, voting rights, immigrants' rights, sexual harassment, domestic violence, racial and LGBTQ discrimination, and Title IX enforcement. We "advocate" or promote our mission through research, education and lobbying for legislation on the international, national, state, and local levels.**

**History has shown that our advocacy has made a big impact on national, state and local laws. In California alone, you can see the laws that AAUW sponsored, authored, and/or promoted, including those that were passed in the most recent session by going to [AAUW California Bill Tracking Report 2024 - Google Sheets](#). AAUW is also doing impactful work internationally, working to curtail human trafficking and promote civil and human rights for all immigrants, including through participation in the UN Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Over the next four years, there will be a lot of opportunities to use this legislative advocacy to push back against attempts to overturn long standing human rights and civil rights protections.**

**Our Public Policy Priorities also shape our efforts to push forward programs that break through educational and economic barriers for women such as speaker programs, scholarships, oversight of local school boards, leadership and salary training, STEM opportunities for students, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) programs.**

**Why do our Public Policy Priorities matter? They make us the most effective advocates for our collective mission to protect and expand gender equity. At the branch and individual levels, we can take advantage of as many opportunities as possible to operationalize our Public Policy Priorities, and through this work to actively promote AAUW's mission. AAUW as an organization relies on the branches to stay informed and to keep track of where our Public Policy Priorities may fall short, to form coalitions with local allies who have similar missions, and to assign branch members to focus where we can have the most impact.**

## ***PUBLIC POLICY continued....***



Please join us for Lobby Days 2025! The event will be held on April 8th and 9th and is a wonderful opportunity to meet with state legislative offices and advocate for AAUW California's priority bills.

Meetings will be held in person at the Capitol on Tuesday, April 8th, and virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, April 9th. We encourage all AAUW California members to participate. A mandatory training webinar will be held on Monday, March 31st to equip you with everything you need to know for a successful meeting.

For more information about Lobby Days 2025, see the article [HERE](#). If you are interested in participating, please complete **BOTH** of the following steps:

**Step 1** - Register for the Lobby Days event by February 21st. Register for Lobby Days [HERE](#).

**Step 2** - Register for the mandatory training which will be held on Monday, March 31st, 7-8 pm Pacific. Register for the training webinar [HERE](#).

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS.....***

FEBRUARY 15 <sup>th</sup>	SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER <i>Concert for Scholarships</i> Harding Center <b><i>FLYER ON PAGE 7</i></b>	FOOD: Scholarship Comm
MARCH 15 <sup>th</sup>	JOINT MEETING WITH Del Mar-Leucadia Encinitas Senior Center <b><i>FLYER ON PAGE 8</i></b>	
APRIL 19 <sup>th</sup>	AAUW FUND SPEAKER: TBA Harding Center	FOOD: Book Clubs
MAY 17 <sup>th</sup>	PANEL OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN Harding Center	FOOD: Lunch Bunch & Walkers
JUNE 14 <sup>th</sup>	INDUCTION LUNCHEON Fish House Vera Cruz, San Marcos	NO HOST

**ALL TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO EVENT.**



# Concert for Scholarships!



The Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista branch of the American Association of University Woman presents a post-Valentine's Day concert to benefit students at Mira Costa College, Palomar College, and Cal State San Marcos.

**February 15, 2025**  
**9:30 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Harding Center Recreation Hall**  
**3096 Harding St. Carlsbad**  
**\$45.00 (includes a light lunch)**

The concert will begin at 10:00. Please arrive before then to sign in and find a seat!

**Irish Traditional Music**  
**on fiddle and guitar**



**Old Standard Songs and**  
**some Original Compositions**  
**by the trio NOW & THEN**



**Tunes on mandolin**  
**and bass with**  
**MANDOBASSO**



Enclosed is my \$45 check payable to **AAUW-COV** (please write Scholarship on memo line)

Mail to: **AAUW-COV 7111 El Fuerte Dr. Carlsbad, CA 92009**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Text: \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW member?  Yes  No

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_



**Open to the Public!**  
Bring friends & students!

*American Association of University Women  
Del Mar-Leucadia and Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista Branches  
Present a joint Women's History Month Event*

## *Music, the Brain, and Spycraft*

A Learning Experience by Meryll Goldberg, Ed.D.  
Professor of Music & Arts Integration, California State University San Marcos

**Saturday, March 15, 2025, 10 am-Noon**

10-10:30 Social, refreshments, & raffle/silent auction  
10:30-Noon Program

**Encinitas Community Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Drive, Encinitas**

Professor Goldberg teaches classes on learning through the arts, where students create songs for math problems, use puppet shows for literature, rap for events in history, and learn how memory and learning are affected by music. She will also share how she wrote secret information into a music score for a trip to the Soviet Union.

Raffle and silent auction items available! Bring cash or checks.  
Proceeds benefit local college scholarships.

For more information, contact Jane Sanders, [programs@aauwdml.org](mailto:programs@aauwdml.org)



“I revel in playing a role in education so that all kids have a chance to have arts fused into their daily lives.”

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**Deadline for reservations: March 5, 2025**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization (circle) DML COV Other \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 per ticket = Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia**. Send this reservation form and check to:

**AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia, P.O. Box 543, Solana Beach, CA 92075**





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## ***FEBRUARY 2025***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Mystery Books 1:00 pm @ Aud's	4	5	6	7	8 Let's Walk 10:00 am @ Buena Vista Park Trail
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Concert for Scholarships 9:30 @ Harding Center
16	17 Exploring California 9:30 am @ TBD	18	19 Crunch Brunch 9:30 am @ Edith Richman's	20	14	22
23	24	25 Mostly Books 1:00 pm @ Leslie Clark's	26	27	28	