



December 2025

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AAUW COV December Holiday Luncheon
Friday December 5th @ 10:30 am
Shadowridge Golf Club
1980 Shadowridge Drive Vista 92081

AAUW COV Members and Friends: Come one, come ALL!

Let's celebrate the season together at the Shadowridge Golf Club where the chef always provides a wonderful custom meal.

Entertainment! Skibbereen will play Celtic (Irish and Scottish) waltzes and airs on fiddle, mandolin, and guitar. The musicians are Mardi and Steve Musick, Bill Bradbury, and Sue Grant

Everyone - let's make this an occasion of camaraderie and AAUW COV fellowship.

Come with a friend – carpooling available. Do not be left out. Mail in your check and lunch choice.

Reservation form on Page 7

"To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart."



Co-Presidents' Message



Seena and Belle wish you all a happy holiday season!

Mardi Musick and her Scholarship Committee did it again! The moving presentations by our four scholarship recipients were so inspiring; it made us proud to be part of AAUW as it supports and encourages such exceptional and deserving young women. It is notable that one of the scholarship recipients had been a participant in Tech Trek Camp as a 7th grader, and she spoke of her realization that despite her immigrant status, she could be successful in college and in her career aspirations. An amazing program, delicious brunch, and "game day" fun capped a wonderful way to spend a rainy Saturday.

We would like to thank all the members of our branch who have contributed to its success by supporting women in their educational and career pursuits. It has been an amazing year and you DO make a difference!

We will be celebrating the holiday season with our COV members on Friday, December 5th at Shadowridge Golf Club. Join in the fun by filling out the Holiday Luncheon registration form on Page 7 of this newsletter and send it with your check to our Treasurer, Dennis Capps - to be received by November 28th. Friends and family are welcome. We will have door prizes, wonderful live holiday music and a champagne toast to help us welcome in 2026!

Belle & 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

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State Website: aauw-ca.org

National Website: aauw.org



Interest Groups

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CRUNCH BUNCH – Will meet Wednesday, December 17th 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 resume in January. Any questions: Contact Debby Parks at bridgebud2@yahoo.com or 760-505-0384.

LUNCH BUNCH – Will resume in January. For Information: Ellie Burton 760-518-8825 or Janet Bryant 760-434-2116.

MOSTLY BOOKS – Will meet Tuesday, December 2nd at 1:00 pm at Belle Bohn's. We will discuss *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore, a psychological thriller about a teenager vanishing from her summer camp, which causes two time periods to collide. New members and guests are always welcome. Please contact Leslie Clark at flt6585@gmail.com

MYSTERY BOOKS - Will meet Monday, December 1st for an enjoyable holiday lunch in Little Italy. Our Christmas-themed mystery for the month is *I Am Half-Sick of Shadows* by Alan Bradley. For details, contact Sing Baker, 760-644-4732. or singb@roadrunner.com

WEDNESDAY WALKERS – Will resume in January. Any questions: Belle Johnson Bohn - bjbohn1@mac.com.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Life is not measured by the by the number of breaths we take but by the moments in life that take our breath away.

**BOARD ZOOM MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS.
NOTIFY BELLE BOHN IF YOU WANT THE ZOOM LINK.**

Next Board Meeting January 12th

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

**Happy
Birthday!!**

Aud Henderson – 7th
Ella Jarf – 10th
Debby Parks – 12th
Susan Duey – 13th
Michele McNeil – 21st

DECEMBER



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Meet our Newest Member



Alana Myles

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ALWAYS
matters

SCAM ALERT!!!

We have been advised by several CA-AAUW members that earlier this month, one or more scam emails were sent that some members may have thought came from AAUW (but did not). If you have any doubts about the legitimacy of an email delete it immediately.

Step 1: Check who it's really from

- You may need to **tap, click, or hover over the "From"** name to see the full address.
- Make sure the **domain** (the part after the "@") matches the actual organization.

Step 2: Scan for common red flags

- Urgent messages: "You must read this attachment/click this link right away!"
- Unexpected offers or prizes: "Click here to redeem."
- Requests for personal info or money, especially gift cards or wire transfers.

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

DECEMBER 5	FRIDAY-HOLIDAY LUNCHEON Shadowridge Golf Club <i>REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 7</i>	\$50
JANUARY 24	INTER-BRANCH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON Lomas Santa Fe Country Club	\$50
FEBRUARY 21	ALL ABOUT FRAUD-most recent Sr. scams	Lunch Bunch
MARCH 21	JOINT MEETING- DML @ HC COV Host-Suffragists of California	\$25 Gourmet Brunch Exploring CA
APRIL 11	AAUW FUND SPEAKER: TBA AAUW-COV Annual Meeting	Mystery Books
APRIL 18	ZOOM CA AAUW MEETING	N/A
MAY 16	THE ARTS AND ARTISTS	Mostly Books
JUNE 13	INSTALLATION LUNCHEON	\$ TBA

***Photos of all our events &
happenings are posted on our
Facebook account. "AAUW-COV"***

PUBLIC POLICY

2025 Legislative Session Ends with Some Big Wins and Tough Losses for AAUW California

By Amy Hom and Missy Maceyko, Co-chairs AAUW California Public Policy

The 2025 legislative session has closed in California.

Kathy Van Osten, AAUW California's Legislative Advocate, summarized the session this way: "In 2025, 917 bills were sent to the Governor, of which he signed 794 bills and vetoed 123 bills. The 2025 Legislative Session was tumultuous as policymakers worked to address the impacts of ravaging urban wildfires in Los Angeles, to pass a State Budget that closed a \$12 billion deficit, and to address a multitude of impacts created by the violent upheaval of federal funding and policies that have or will decimate services for Californians, that threaten existing or future projects in the State, and that threaten our educational institutions."

With these issues in mind, AAUW California put together our 2025 Legislative Agenda, taking a support position on 26 bills, and for the first time in our recent history, taking an opposition position on 7 bills. With the blessing of the Public Policy Committee and the AAUW California Board, we were proud to advance this agenda, which confronted some of the most pressing issues that we face as a state, and a nation, around gender equity and social justice. We were also proud to take strong opposition positions this year, given the large number of bills introduced at the start of the session that were antithetical to AAUW California's values and Public Policy Priorities.


While our A-priority support bills did not fare well this session, we are happy to report that we had a great deal of success with the rest of our support-bills as well as with stopping the opposition bills from advancing.

FUND

AAUW 2025 FUND FELLOWS AND GRANT RECIPIENTS: 18 inspiring California fellows and grant recipients are studying in California this year. These are made possible by your AAUW FUND contributions. We will be choosing the woman who will attend our April Meeting so you can get up close and personal with how your FUND money is spent. Here are some other issues we are happy to support. Education is a powerful catalyst for opportunity...but persistent barriers continue to hold women and girls back.

Some disparities persist. STUDENT DEBT AND AFFORDABILITY CHALLENGES; ESCALATING ATTACKS ON CIVIL RIGHTS; UNDERREPRESENTATION IN STEM AND LEADERSHIP FIELDS; UNDERREPRESENTATION IN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP; NON-TUITION BARRIERS.

AAUW is committed to breaking down these barriers through robust advocacy, targeted funding, steadfast support for the rights of all women and girls to pursue their education free from discrimination and financial hardship. Your FUND contributions support this commitment. Any contributions you may wish to make at the end of the year can be mailed to Sally Cummins and then sent on to National AAUW. Thank you to all of you who have contributed.



AAUW Annual Holiday Luncheon

Come and Celebrate the Season Together

Friday, Dec. 5, 2025 10:30 am – 2:00 pm.

Shadowridge Golf Club – The Ridge Room

1980 Gateway Drive, Vista 92081

COST: \$50. Deadline: Friday, November 28, 2025.

This deadline date is firm. No exceptions.

Make check payable to: AAUW-COV

Mail to: Dennis Capps

7111 El Fuerte Street , Carlsbad 92009

Reservations & Entrée Choice:

Name: (print) _____

Select One Entrée:

_____ **Herb Roasted Chicken**

_____ **Pan Seared Salmon**

_____ **Wild Mushroom Croquettes (vegan)**

- **Organic Mixed Greens**
 - **Dessert: Brownies & Cookies**
 - **Non-alcoholic Beverages Included**
 - **Alcoholic Beverages available for purchase**
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Mostly Books 1:00 pm @ Belle's	3	4	5 Holiday Luncheon 10:30 am @ Shadowridge Golf Club	6
7	8 Mystery Books Lunch in <i>Little Italy</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Crunch Bunch 9:30 am @ Edith Richman's	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			