



## MISSION STATEMENT

*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.*

## 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, disability or class.*

## AAUW FUNDS MISSION STATEMENT

*AAUW provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.*

## AAUW VALUE PROMISE

*By joining AAUW we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.*

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## *AAUW San Diego Branch Invites You to A Sunday Afternoon Tea and Tour of San Diego's New Central Library Sunday, March 2, 2014*



Library Location:  
330 Park Ave.  
San Diego, CA 92101

2 Hours Free Parking under Library

***"Afternoon Bliss"***  
***Catered English Tea***  
*with Introduction to AAUWSD  
Mission and Programs*

***2:00 to 4:00 p.m.***

*in the 1st Floor*

*Mary Hollis Clark Conference Center*

Optional Private AAUWSD  
Library Tours available at  
Your Choice of 1 p.m. or 4 p.m.

**FREE** for **Guests** and  
**New AAUWSD Members** (Since 1/1/2013)

**\$15 AAUWSD and other AAUW Members**

Your \$15 will help defray Branch hosting costs. Please mail your check to AAUW San Diego, P.O. Box 262012, San Diego, CA 92196

**Come enjoy San Diego's new Architectural Jewel  
in the welcoming company of  
AAUW San Diego Branch Members.**

**RSVP: [membership@aauwsandiego.org](mailto:membership@aauwsandiego.org)  
or Call: 619-299-0778. Car pool available.**



## Calendar Dates of Interest



### PLAYREADERS

Meets 1st Tuesday Each Month  
 March 6: Laughter on the 23rd Floor  
 April 8: Pieces of the Sky  
 May 6: Odd Couple  
 Wesley Palms, 5th Floor Solarium  
 2404 Loring, Pacific Beach  
 Contact: Judy Seerey (858)-270-9140  
 jaseerey@gmail.com

### CORONADO-IMPERIAL BEACH LUNCH BUNCH

Meets at noon monthly for fun,  
food & conversation

RSVP: Gladys Beit-Ishoo  
 at [gladysbw@earthlink.net](mailto:gladysbw@earthlink.net)  
 Ph: 619-424-5958

March 19 - Aroma Thai  
 757 Seacoast Dr., Imperial Beach

April 8 - Tartine  
 1106 First St, Coronado

Alternates monthly on  
Tuesday and Wednesday.

### UPCOMING AAUW San Diego Events

*Sunday*

*Afternoon*

*March 2, 2014*

**"Afternoon Bliss"**

*Welcome Tea &  
Library Tours. See Cover Page.*



### AAUW CA Convention April 11-13, 2014

*Energizing  
AAUW CA!*



**E<sup>3</sup> = ENGAGE, EDUCATE, EMPOWER**  
*...a Formula for Success.*

**Geena Davis Keynote Speech  
Gender Equity in the Media**  
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### NOTICE

AAUWSD Board meetings  
 Saturday, March 8, 9:30-noon.  
 Wednesday, April 30, 6:00 p.m.

Meetings at Mission Valley Library  
 2123 Fenton Pkway, SD, 92108

### Other AFFILIATE Events

**March 8, 2014**



Lawyers Club of San Diego  
 2nd Annual International  
 Women of Color Day Reception  
**Thursday, 2/27/14**

Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch  
 LLP, 525 B Street, Suite 2200,  
 San Diego, 92101 5:30 p.m.  
[http://www.lawyersclubsandiego.com/  
displaycommon.cfm?an=1](http://www.lawyersclubsandiego.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=1)

UCSD Multiple Events  
 March 3-8

[http://iwd.ucsd.edu/events/  
index.html](http://iwd.ucsd.edu/events/index.html) - Price Center

USD International  
**Women's Day Breakfast,**  
 March 20, 2014

Institute for Peace & Justice  
[http://www.sandiego.edu/  
peacestudies/institutes/ipj/](http://www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/institutes/ipj/)

SDSU March 7 - 7 p.m.

Common Experience Colloquium:  
**"Water, Sovereignty, and  
 Social Justice: Honoring  
 International Women's Day"**  
 Theater of Aztec Student Union

**UNA's Women's Equity Council  
 March 8, 4:00 p.m.**

*Strengthening the Sisterhood:  
 Shared Stories of Palestinian and  
 Israeli Women,*

, Women's Museum of California, 2730  
 Historic Decatur Road, Barracks 16,  
 Liberty Station, San Diego, 92106.

### Mystery Book Club Readers

3rd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

March 18 - The Beautiful Mystery

April 15 - I, Richard

Contact: Beth Colman, (619) 397-1400  
 or [baccnm@aol.com](mailto:baccnm@aol.com)



Daytime Book Club-10:00a.m.  
 2nd Wednesday each month.

Various Members' Homes.

March 12 - Glass Castle

April 9 - Major Pettigrew

Contact Julie McKane,  
 619-275-1195  
[jmckane38@gmail.com](mailto:jmckane38@gmail.com)



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**AAUW San Diego  
Board Members  
2013—2014**

**ELECTED OFFICERS**

**President**

**Eunis Christensen**

*president@aauwsandiego.org*

**AAUW Funds VP**

Jean Ordoñez

**Membership VP**

Kris Downey

**Finance VP/Treasurer**

Kelly Nilsson

**Public Policy VP**

Stormy Miller

**Recording Secretary**

Sherry Eberling

**APPOINTED**

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Corresponding Secretary**

Dawna Bratten

**Parliamentarian**

Donna Lilly

**International Interests**

Anne Hoiberg

**Technology Outreach**

Lillian Payn

**Tech Trek**

Eileen Wibbeke

**Local Scholarships**

Dali Collins

**Fundraising**

Kelly Nilsson

**College/University Liaison**

**Available**

**Branch Historian**

Rosemarie Mallory

**Women's Health & Wellness**

Linda Dial

**Hospitality**

Ramona Miranda

**The Sphere Newsletter Editor**

**Available**

**IntraBranch Liaison**

Lynne Batchelor

**Yearbook Editor**

Cathy Burciaga

***From the President's Desk...***

In the spirit of events and people acknowledged and celebrated during February, March and April you will find this issue of *The Sphere* replete with information on activities in which you may wish to participate.

First for your attention is that the early registration discount for the April 11 - 13, 2014, AAUW California Convention at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott has been extended to Friday, February 28, 2014. A convention registration form should have been received by all but our newest members in the AAUW *California Perspective* newsletter mailed to you. You also can register online by going to [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) and clicking on the home page [Registration](#) link.

A number of our AAUW San Diego primary and dual members actively are involved in AAUW CA Convention creation and program delivery. Many thanks in advance to Jane Niemeier-Convention Manager, Janet Enright-State Meetings and Convention Planner and Anne Hoiberg-*Ending Violence Against Women and Girls* workshop facilitator, for their front line service. Donna Lilly, Lynne Batchelor and myself also will be in service at convention.

My attendance at an AAUW California convention early in AAUWSD membership set the direction for participation in our phenomenal organization. It was April of 2006 and AAUW California President Kathleen Cha made a call from the podium for

volunteers. She said "It doesn't matter if you don't have the skills now, simply stepping up will assure that **you grow into them.**"

I have developed multiple skills since then, but [saving grace](#) of the 2006 Convention, was energized focus in the worth and work of our organization. My life partner passed away three months before that Convention. Renewed purpose received from dedicated AAUW members and emotional support of AAUWSD Branch Board Members sustained me during grief years after his passing.

The second gift from AAUW is an [articulate voice](#) for the [gender equity imperative](#). Finally, and sometimes painfully, due to my occasionally surfacing bull-in-the-China shop characteristics, AAUW service guides me in the leadership trait of [seeking wisdom and building consensus](#) among our strong AAUWSD Board as we chart a sustainable future for the Branch.

AAUWSD Board is priceless because each one believes to her core that all women deserve to live self-determined economically viable lives. To join our AAUWSD leadership cadre, see page 6.

I look forward to visiting with many of **you on March 2nd at San Diego's wonderful new Central Library**.

Warmest Regards,

*Eunis Christensen*

Phone: 619-299-0778



Eunis Christensen



AAUWSD Technology Outreach Chair Lillian Sophia Payn, Ph.D., describes AAUW CA Tech Trek program to multi-generation attendees.

**2nd Successful AAUWSD  
High Tech=High Pay For Women Event**

February 1, 2014. Lily Payn superbly orchestrated our 2nd AAUWSD technology skills career event to an appreciative audience. AAUWSD members Rosemarie Mallory, Linda Dial, Sherry Eberling, Cathy Burciaga, Dawna Bratten, Donna Lilly, Dali Collins, Eunis Christensen and Carol Harlow well represented the Branch.

## AAUW San Diego Call for Education and Advocacy

The Economic Status of Women of Color: A Snapshot by Stormy Miller, AAUWSD Public Policy VP

**The U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau's most recent publication release provides insight on the status of** women of color in the workforce. Again, we see the disparity and inequities among women through lower wages, greater poverty, and less security for their family and for themselves, even greater so for Black, Hispanic, and Asian women. The report highlights the shift in the US population reflecting a more diverse ethnic and racial mix, noting that from 2000 to 2010, Hispanics made up more than half of the growth.

Fifty-seven percent of women ages 16 and over participate in the labor force with 67 million women making a contribution to the US economy. Forty-Five percent of black families have women as head of household, with 25 percent of Hispanic households having women as head. Asian women make up 16 percent of head of household among Asian families.



When we think about the responsibility these women carry for their families, and the economic sustainability of the family unit, I shudder to think that a

**black woman only makes 90% of Black men's** earnings, Asian women earn 73%, and Hispanic women come in at **88%**. As some of these women lead their households with families reliant on their wages for support, it's disappointing to see the numbers still lacking compared to their male counterparts. Now, if we compare it to white men, the cost to Hispanic women is 41 cents, Black women 32 cents, and more than 12 cents for Asian women. The fact sheet goes on to talk about how these numbers impact women of color into retirement, with women having longer life expectancies than men.

**There is light at the end of the tunnel. Statistics show that the level of education significantly impacts a woman's** earnings, with wages more than doubling when women earn a high school diploma. The numbers also show that a higher likelihood of employment and less unemployment occurs with higher levels of education. The publication also notes that **fifty-six percent of Asian women have a bachelor's degree, with 29 percent of Black women, and 20 percent of Hispanic women.**

As we reflect on the significant contributions of Black Americans during Black History Month and celebrate the success of women in March, let us not forget that we must continue to wave the flag through the mission of AAUW, promoting education and advocating for equity for all women and girls in hopes that future generations of women and women of color experience a brighter, more equitable future.

For more information and to review the publication, visit: [http://www.dol.gov/wb/media/reports/WB\\_WomenColorFactSheet.pdf](http://www.dol.gov/wb/media/reports/WB_WomenColorFactSheet.pdf)

AAUWSD  
Welcomes  
New Member

Zelekha Amirzada  
Attorney



AAUW San Diego Members Share during February Heart Health month  
AAUW San Diego Branch President Eunis Christensen brought \$400 in contributions from her Zumba Gold® dance fitness class to Mary Ostrander Beed, **Director of the American Heart Association's San Diego Go Red for Women** campaign .

Donations were all the more relevant and poignant because the heart attack victim featured on the Go Red contribution box was Lonica Santillán Even, daughter of our own Lily Payn. We thank Lily for her graciousness in sharing photo and details of **Lonica's life for prevention of heart disease.**



Mary Beed(L) & Eunis Christensen

# Other Organization March Events

*On May 31, 2009, Dr. Tiller was shot and killed by anti-abortion activist Scott Roeder, as Tiller served as an usher during the Sunday morning service.*



AFTER  
TILLER

Tuesday, March 11th, 2014, 6 p.m.. The Make A Difference Fund and the First Unitarian Universalist Church Reproductive Justice Group will host a 2013 Sundance Film Festival documentary **"After Tiller"**; an eye opening documentary that gets to know, very personally, the four most controversial abortion doctors in America

Dr. Susan Robinson, one of the four doctors featured in the movie, personally will host the Q&A discussion after the movie. Dr. Robinson is board-certified in obstetrics/gynecology. She has worked in private abortion clinics and for Planned Parenthood in several affiliates, and has taught abortion care to doctors, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants. From 2005 to 2009 she worked with and learned from Dr. George Tiller at Women's Health Care Services in Wichita. Dr. Robinson now is doing late abortion care with Dr. Shelley Sella, working at Southwestern Women's Options in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which is owned by Curtis Boyd, MD and Glenna Halverson Boyd.

There is no charge for the event. Please RSVP to 858-736-7733 or [klamphere@cox.net](mailto:klamphere@cox.net) for food and beverage planning. First Universal Unitarian Church (Bard Hall) is located at 4190 Front St, San Diego, CA 92103.



## 13TH ANNUAL SAN DIEGO COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY AND DINNER

March 28th, 2014 - 5:00 p.m. at the McMillin Conference Center in Liberty Station. Five San Diego leaders will be honored.

<http://womensmuseumca.org/hall-of-fame/events>.

*Call (619) 299-0778 by 3/7/14 if you would like to sit at an AAUW table.*

# AAUW San Diego Branch Business Update

## AAUWSD ELECTED OFFICER and APPOINTED CHAIR OPENINGS AVAILABLE

As you may remember, AAUW San Diego Branch alternates elections for our elected Board Members, so we do not have to fill every office during each two-year election season.

For Fiscal Years 2014-2016 three officers will be voted in at the June Annual Election/Installation of Officers Luncheon: **Recording Secretary, AAUWSD Funds VP and AAUWSD Membership VP.**

We are delighted to announce that current Recording Secretary **Sherry Eberling** has volunteered to serve for another term. However, **Jean Ordoñez**, AAUW Funds VP, who successfully has led the AAUW Funds *Red Sock Holiday Luncheon* Committee for the past two years, will not be seeking re-election.



AAUWSD Funds VP is an ideal temporary duties-during-the-year position for a newer member of the Branch or **for someone who ardently believes in AAUW national's** financial commitment toward women and girls. During this 2013-2014 fiscal year AAUW national is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 245 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and non-profit organizations. <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>

Each local AAUW Branch throughout the country **makes AAUW national's largesse possible.** **Plenty of support** is available to the woman who wishes to raise her hand to serve as AAUWSD Funds VP, whose one focus is the December AAUWSD member event.

Please contact Nominating Committee Chair **Cathy Burciaga** at **858-586-1339** or **cburciaga@san.rr.com**, to have your questions answered regarding serving as AAUWSD Funds VP.

The Membership VP position, currently held by **Kris Downey**, is open for election. Kris has travel obligations and we are not sure yet if she will run for another term.

If you have an outgoing personality and can see **yourself attending civic and women's organization events as AAUWSD's membership representative**, Membership VP may be calling you. The position is critical for continuation of a viable AAUW San Diego **Branch. You'll have opportunity to meet amazing people** throughout the community. Please contact Cathy Burciaga regarding your Membership VP interest.

### Open Appointed Chair Positions

Appointed Chair positions are filled by recommendation of the President to the Board for approval. Term limits do not occur for Appointed Chairs.

- (1) If you would like to develop personal leadership skills while becoming acquainted with administrators and executive assistants of San Diego's universities and community colleges, you might find **AAUW San Diego Branch's** College/University Liaison Appointed Chair position an ideal growth and networking opportunity.
- (2) If editorial and software proficiency appeal to you, the Newsletter Editor Appointed Chair position may be your calling. Guidance is provided for creating *The Sphere* newsletter. Please e-mail [president@aauwsandiego.org](mailto:president@aauwsandiego.org), or call 619-299-0778 regarding either leadership office.

*FLASH...Any new AAUWSD member (since Jan. 2013) who volunteers for one of the above offices may have at least half her AAUW California Convention Costs covered by the Branch, subject to Board approval!*



**Wonderful  
AAUWSD Branch  
Members!**

February

- Gladys Beit Ishoo
- Nancy Cuddy
- Sherry Ludwig
- Lee Marsolais
- Stormy Miller
- Ramona Miranda
- Kelly Nilsson
- Rhonda Schwartz
- Joan Tammadge

March

- Megan Bailiff
- Stella Borik
- Francine Busby
- Kris Downey
- Julie McKane Adrienne Samuels
- Judy Schmude
- Jane Snyder

April

- Barbara Bry
  - Dali Collins
  - Linda Dial
  - Donna Keenan
  - Kate Seal
  - Christine King
  - Carmela Kramer
  - Marlene Pommerenke
  - Judy Seerey
  - Mary Beth Selz
  - Violet Wagener
- (If you were not listed during your birthday month, please contact Eunis at 619-299-0778)

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*In Memoriam*

Howard Keenan -70+Years  
Husband to Donna Keenan



*A heartfelt Thank You from Donna to the AAUW San Diego Branch Book Club and other Members who attended  
**Howard's Memorial Luncheon Service.***

**CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH - SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014**

**AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia Branch Meeting**

10:00 AM, **Cardiff Library**, 2081 Newcastle Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA 92007  
*U.S. Women in the Political Arena* - Anne Hoiberg presenting.

**AAUW Cabrillo Diego Branch**

10:30 AM San Carlos Library, 7265 Jackson Dr, San Diego, CA 92119  
**A celebration of notable women from America's history**-Branch Members



**Saturday, March 29, 2014**  
Courtyard by Marriott at Liberty Station  
(just off North Harbor Dr)  
2592 Laning Rd, San Diego 92106  
\$45 (\$17 is tax deductible)  
11:00 am -- 2:30 pm

Laurel Corona is our guest speaker. She says "My goal as a historical novelist is to provide the reader with high-quality fiction about women and the forgotten and undervalued roles they played in their societies." Her latest book, "The Four Seasons" describes life in Venice in the 1700s, including Vivaldi's fascinating lifestyle when he composed the "Four Seasons." She is also a professor at San Diego City College

**Proceeds Fund Scholarships for Women and Girls**  
Questions: Contact 619-593-1528  
<http://lamesaelcajon-ca.aauw.net>

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### AAUW SAN DIEGO Afterword. *Inside was too full!*

#### Tech Trek Interviews-March ♦ Local Scholarship UnTea Party-April

- ♦ April 8, 2014 - Equal Pay Day. More to Come!

- ♦ May 10, 2014 - **Women's Wholistic Health**

Tai Chi Participation Demo. Mission Valley Library. 9:45 a.m.



- ♦ June 14, 2014 - Annual AAUWSD Local College Scholarship Awards and Election/Installation of Officers Luncheon



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