



February 2018 Edition

“Meet the Author” Inaugural Event – March 31, 2018

Speaker: Edith Hope Fine

“Award Winning Author for Young Readers”

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.

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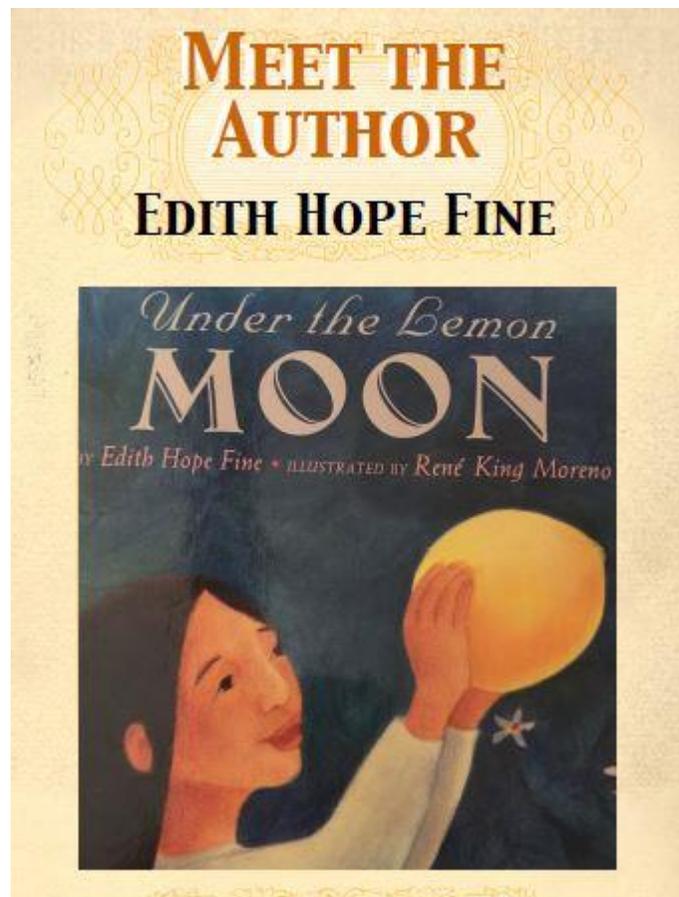
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AAUW provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

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.

AAUW San Diego is a tax-exempt not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization.



Date: Saturday March 31, 2018

Time: 10am – 12pm

Location: Women’s Museum of California, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd. #103, San Diego, CA 92106



President's Report: Lynne Batchelor

What a privilege it was to hear our new AAUW CEO speak at the inter-branch luncheon. It was wonderful to see so many of our San Diego members in attendance (we even filled more than one table). Ms. Churches spoke about the changes which have occurred under her 6 months at the helm which included making the organization more efficient by streamlining the hierarchy and making each staff member accountable for meeting goals each quarter. She has also been strengthening our networking with like-minded organizations and working closely with public policy. She informed us about the new strategic plan which will be unveiled in the spring after getting local and state input. The bottom line of our plan will be to strengthen our voice for women and girls by broadening our base of cooperating agencies/businesses/organizations and by narrowing our focus to those topics which are immediately concerned with our mission. The vision for AAUW is that we are recognized and acknowledged throughout the nation as the premier organization promoting equity for women and girls.

Because our book clubs are so active and vital, the board decided to provide a series of meetings about books and authors at 6-8 week intervals. The first of these will be held on March 31 at 10am at the Women's Museum of California in Liberty Station. It will feature the prize winning author of children's literature, Edith Hope Fine, who will discuss her life as a writer and how she uses the characters in her books to promote diversity and empowerment for girls. The event is free and light refreshments will be served. Edith will have copies of her latest book for sale. There is also a great bakery/café across the street where those who wish may enjoy sandwiches, soup, salads, pastries and great company following the meeting.

Our scholarship application has been updated and is on the website. Please reach out to your circle of friends to encourage applications.

Don't forget that our branch is still in need of a membership chair. If you are at all interested please contact Cathy Burciaga who has been doing the job. She can provide information about the position duties, encouragement, and advice.

Happy St Patrick's Day! Lynne.

*Tech Trek Science
Camp for Girls*



Tech Trek Update – 19 Student Applications!

We received a total of 19 student nominations for Tech Trek at UCSD this June. The student applications have been sent to all 19 nominees and replies are due to me by February 28th. Tech Trek interviews will be held beginning at 10:00am on March 17th at the Mission Valley Library. Please let me know if you would like to help with interviews (contact information below).

Tech Trek camp will be held the week of June 24th-30th. Our branch will send two girls to camp this year. The branch is working on fundraising so we can send more girls to Tech Trek in 2019.

The Tech Trek Camp Coordinators for camp at UCSD are looking for some Dorm Moms. I have volunteered as a Dorm Mom for Tech Trek at UCSD every summer since 2010, and I can assure you it is a very rewarding experience. Exhausting, but rewarding! Please contact me if you are interested, or if you'd like more information about the experience and requirements.

Thank you for all your support of this wonderful program for young women!

Gillian Simcox, Tech Trek Branch Coordinator
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*Work Smart & Start
Smart Workshops in
San Diego*



Work Smart & Start Smart Update

Donna Lilly, AAUW College/University Co-Chair

Seventeen thousand people learned critical salary negotiation skills through an AAUW Start Smart or Work Smart workshop across the nation in 2017. Donna Lilly was invited to present an introduction to Start Smart workshop at the Greater Whittier Area AAUW branch general meeting at the DoubleTree Hilton.

Sixty members and guests learned how to negotiate a salary and benefits in an interactive hour of PowerPoint slides and answering questions. The purpose of the event was to convince Whittier College faculty to renew their AAUW college/university partner membership and understand the importance of purchasing a license to present Start Smart workshops on campus.

Earlyne Clemons, Program Chair for the branch, introduced Mikaela Malsy who is a Junior studying at Whittier College and a runner-up to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland in June 2018. Whittier College is also 1 of 10 Tech Trek campus sites in the state.

San Diego Interbranch Council Welcomed AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches to San Diego

San Diego County Interbranch Council welcomed AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches at a luncheon on January 27th held at the Carmel Mountain Ranch Country Club. AAUW members and guests from Temecula Valley and San Clemente-Capistrano Bay joined 120 San Diego County members to hear Ms. Churches' thoughts about the future of AAUW. She suggested that we not fear change, but pivot and focus on issues affecting women and girls today.



AAUW San Diego Scholarship Deadline: Sunday April 15, 2018

Scholarships available for female students pursuing a baccalaureate degree at a 4-year San Diego College or University.

Do you know a girl, have a daughter, niece or grand-daughter? Please share the information!

See additional application requirements and apply here:

<http://www.aauwsandiego.org/localscholarships.html>



AAUW California Biennial Convention: April 27-28, 2018

AAUW California's biennial convention will be April 27-29, 2018 at the Irvine Marriott (18000 Von Karman Avenue in Irvine). The convention theme is "Educated. Reasoned. Active.", a counterpoint to today's social media driven hysteria. There has never been a time in which we have been more challenged to advance our mission, nor has there ever been a greater opportunity.

Come celebrate the advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research we do to achieve equity for women and girls! Meet state and national leaders. Attend informative and revitalizing workshops. Hear inspiring and entertaining speakers, including plenary sessions on grassroots advocacy, women peacebuilders, advancing equity for all, and this year's Speech Trek competition: "How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?" The convention's grand finale will be a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Tech Trek! Additional details and registration materials are in the winter issue of the California Perspective and on our state website. Register now for reduced registration and hotel rates.

Register for AAUW California biennial convention

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/register-aauw-california-convention-2018/>



La Mesa/El Cajon AAUW Branch General Meeting: March 10th, 2018

Our speaker at our general meeting at the Healthcare Center on Saturday, March 10 at 10 am will be Lora Cicalo. She is the managing editor of the U-T San Diego. The title of her talk will be "Media Ethics in the #Me Too Era". This is very timely since we have been bombarded with this topic since the end of last year. In fact, the Courier is interested in getting the word out to several of their own newspapers about our speaker before the event. Plan on bringing a friend or fellow member!

This meeting will be open to the public so come early to find a parking space. Contact cindy.rittershofer@gmail.com with questions.



Department of Education Rejects Transgender Complaints under Title IX

February 12, 2018

WASHINGTON — American Association of University Women (AAUW) Chief Executive Officer Kim Churches issued the following statement in response to the U.S. Department of Education's announcement concerning transgender student bathroom complaints.

"AAUW has supported upholding Title IX since its passage 45 years ago. Today's announcement by the Trump administration that it will reject transgender student bathroom complaints is a direct dismissal of civil rights protections for transgender students.

The Department of Education is making a misguided decision at the expense of our nation's students. Schools have an obligation to ensure that all students—including transgender students—receive an education free of sex discrimination. Title IX is critical for students who are experiencing sex discrimination on a regular basis to be able to attend school and continue their education.

We've said it before and we'll say it again: transgender rights are civil rights. The Trump administration's rejection of these complaints under Title IX is just another step to rescind and undermine vital civil rights protections."



Lunch Bunch 2018 Schedule



To RSVP each month, call Gladys 424-5958 (after 10 am) or hostess of the event. Mates, dates, members from other groups and friends are cordially invited too.

Date	Day	Place	Town
Jan 10	Wednesday	Coronado Marriott Tides Restaurant 2000 Second St	Coronado
Feb 13	Tuesday	Filippis 285 Palm Ave	Imperial Beach
Mar 14	Wednesday	Mc P's Irish Pub 1107 Palm Avenue	Coronado
Apr 10	Tuesday	The IB Forum 1079 Seacoast Drive	Imperial Beach
May 16	Wednesday	Crown Bistro 520 Orange Avenue	Coronado
Jun 19	Tuesday	Coronado Golf Bayside Grill 2000 Visalia Row (off Glorietta Blvd)	Coronado
Jul 11	Wednesday	Tin Fish At the end of the IB Pier (call for Jitney)	Imperial Beach
Aug 14	Tuesday	IB Siam 226 Palm Ave	Imperial Beach
Sep 5	Wednesday	Il Fornaio 1333 First Street Near Ferry Landing	Coronado
Oct 30	Tuesday	Calypso Café 505 Grand Caribe Causeway	Coronado Cays
Nov 28	Wednesday	Imperial Beach Brigantine 919 Seacoast Drive	Imperial Beach
Dec 18	Tuesday	Sea 180 in Pier South Hotel 631-4949 (Pirate Grab-bag – White elephant gift)	Imperial Beach

Happy Birthday to Our Members!



If you know of anyone's birthday that has been missed please let us know!

January

Ginny Doughton
Jane Niemeier

February

Gladys Beit-Ishoo
Nancy Cuddy
Sherry Ludwig
Lee Marsolais
Stormy Miller
Kelly Nilsson

5 Ways You Can Take Action for Gender Equity - Look What We've Accomplished!

270,000

MESSAGES WERE SENT TO LAWMAKERS IN 2017
BY AAUW MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS.



Over the past year, AAUW members came together to remind elected officials at every level of government that “women’s rights are human rights.” Our members and supporters weighed in on at least 325 state bills and submitted more than 10,000 comments to the U.S. Department of Education in support of [strengthening and protecting Title IX](#). Our supporters sent over 270,000 messages to lawmakers through our [AAUW Action Network](#). These efforts paid off: in 2017, 42 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico introduced [equal pay](#) bills, and five states and Puerto Rico [passed new equal pay laws](#).

The [gender pay gap](#) is dominating headlines, from [Hollywood](#) to the [corporate world](#). One way we’re taking action is by providing solutions for working women. In 2017 we trained more than 17,000 people to negotiate their salaries through 600 [AAUW Work Smart and AAUW Start Smart workshops](#) hosted across 45 states. We are setting our ambitions high — we plan to train 20,000 women by 2020 [in San Francisco alone](#) through a [new partnership](#) launched in December 2017. There’s still more to be done to help [close the gender pay gap](#), and we intend to keep working until that goal is achieved.

17,000

PEOPLE LEARNED TO NEGOTIATE THEIR SALARY
THROUGH AAUW WORKSHOPS IN 2017.



We are proud to serve as one of the world’s [leading supporters of graduate women’s education](#). This past year, we awarded \$3.7 million in funding to [our 2017–18 fellows and grantees](#), who compose our 129th class of distinguished alumnae. These 250 recipients represent diverse backgrounds, locations, and areas of study but have one thing in common: They all aim to promote equity for women and girls. Recipients join the ranks of past awardees including Nobel Prize-winning scientist [Marie Curie](#), journalist [Melissa Harris-Perry](#), Ph.D., and astronaut [Judith Resnik](#), Ph.D., to name a few. We also celebrated 100 years of awarding [International Fellowships](#) to more than 3,600 women representing more than 140 countries. Our funding and grants change lives, and our alumna change the world.

\$3.7 MILLION

WAS AWARDED TO WOMEN AND COMMUNITY
PROJECTS IN 2017.



It is imperative that we close the gender leadership gap, and our programming and advocacy is helping do just that. In 2017 we hosted our first [EmpoWer event](#), a professional development event that enabled women to network and gain valuable career skills. Our student organizations also expanded: We approved 41 new [AAUW student organizations](#) last year and awarded [Campus Action Project grants](#) for activism projects in the spring of 2017. The [National Conference for College Women Student Leaders](#) (NCCWSL) equipped an additional 800 students from around the world with the skills they need to become the leaders of tomorrow.

8,000

STUDENTS BROUGHT AAUW PROGRAMS
TO THEIR CAMPUSES IN 2017.



35 STATES

HELD AAUW STEM PROGRAMS IN 2017.



Since AAUW’s founding in 1881 we’ve been opening doors for women and girls in STEM. Through our hands-on STEMpacks, member-run community programs, innovative research, and meaningful advocacy, we’ve helped many women unleash their potential and achieve great things. Our new *Playbook on Best Practices: Gender Equity in Tech* offers strategies and actions to increase the representation of women in engineering and computing fields. A product of a partnership between AAUW and Dell, the Playbook equips advocates and employers with actions and strategies to promote gender equity in tech.

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