



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.

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

January 2018 Edition

Join Us – Annual Interbranch Luncheon Jan. 27, 2018

**AAUW San Diego Interbranch Council Presents:
“AAUW and the Future”**

**Speaker: Kimberly Churches, Chief Executive Officer
American Association University Women**



Date: Jan. 27, 2018

Time: 11:30am – 2pm

Location: Carmel Mountain Ranch Country Club Rancho Bernardo 12050 Carmel Ridge Rd., San Diego, CA 92128

Cost: \$42 (includes meal choice, dessert and non-alcoholic beverage).

RSVP forms came November 15, 2017, please submit with payment ASAP to reserve your seat.

Questions? Call 619-855-4071



President's Report: Lynne Batchelor

I hope everyone had the happiest of holidays and that the new year holds great promise for you.

We had such a lovely time at our December tea at Cathy Burciaga's home. If you were not able to join us you were missed and you missed a wonderful event. The tea was catered by the French Gourmet and served to each table by our member volunteers. Cathy had removed her downstairs furniture in order to put up lovely white rented chairs and tables and had her home decked out for the holidays. To further put us in the spirit we had a quartet of Victorian carolers. Besides enjoying the lovely food and comradery, our hearts and minds were opened by the story of our fellow which inspired us to open our wallets as well. If you didn't have an opportunity to attend, it is not too late to send your contribution to the Fund via Cathy.

We are hoping to have many San Diego members at the IBC luncheon in January as we welcome to California the new national AAUW leader, Kimberly Churches.

I am sending a big thank you to Julie McKane who hosted our mid-year review meeting in January. Thank you to the members who attended and shared your thoughts with us.

Daily we are hearing more and more about issues affecting women and girls and we must keep AAUW in the forefront in this campaign for changing the climate for women and girls. I urge you to visit both the California and national AAUW websites and to sign up to receive emails which provide education and suggested actions to make your voice for equity heard.

AAUW San Diego is still seeking someone to chair the scholarship committee. There is a committee to review the applications and others have committed to doing part of the job, so please consider stepping up to head scholarships.

My final appeal is for someone to help Cathy with membership and to transition in to taking on the job. As you know attracting, inviting, nurturing, encouraging and seeking new members is the job of every branch member, so you are not alone in accepting this position.

Happy Valentine's Day! Lynne

*La Mesa-El Cajon
AAUW Fund Meeting*



AAUW San Diego Members, You're Invited!

La Mesa-El Cajon AAUW Funds Meeting - Feb. 10, 2018

The La Mesa-El Cajon Branch of AAUW would like to invite the San Diego Branch members to attend its AAUW Fund meeting.

Featured Speaker: AAUW Funds recipient: Kerstern Malama, Major: Manufacturing Systems Engineering, Cal. State University, Northridge

Date: February 10, 2018

Time: 10am – 12pm

Location: Foothills United Methodist Church, 4031 Avocado Blvd., El Cajon.

Refreshments will be served! Contact Jane Niemeier, 619-925-8451, if you have questions.

Key Dates January 2018



AAUW Art Contest Opens

Once again AAUW artists will be able to submit their entries to be voted on by other AAUW members!

Entry period for 2018 is January 4–February 4 and voting begins February 6.

Enter here: <https://www.aauw.org/contests/>

The six winning entries will be featured in a collection of note cards mailed to AAUW members in the spring.

*National Conference for College
Women Student Leaders*



National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) Early-Bird Registration Ends – Jan. 31, 2018

Let the college students in your life know that now is the time to take advantage of early-bird registration prices for the conference of the year here: <https://www.nccwsl.org/>

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be held at the University of Maryland from Wednesday, May 30 through Saturday, June 2, 2018

The Women's Journey Foundation Proudly Presents: Making HERstory Mar. 10, 2018

We will be honoring historical women change-makers through a re-enactment and lively discussion, as well as doing an awards ceremony for present day women who are on the front lines and paving the way for future generations. This event is taking place on **March 10th from 5 to 8:30 pm** **3400 Michelson Drive, Irvine, CA 92614** Get tickets at bit.ly/HERstory2018 or call (877) 657-8464

Our goal is to educate girls and women (and men) about the individual and collective journeys of women historically to the present day. It is also to recognize and celebrate the contributions of women and to recognize the opportunities we have in front of us.

Save the Date – 17th Annual Authors Luncheon April 14, 2018

April in Paris
Featuring Michelle Gable

Brought to you by AAUW La Mesa/El Cajon Branch

Date: Apr. 14, 2018

Time: 11am – 2pm

Location: Jacobs Center 404 Euclid Ave., San Diego, CA

Cost: \$55 (\$15 is tax deductible)

Questions (619) 925-8451 or make checks payable to: AAUW, La Mesa-El Cajon California Foundation c/o Jane Niemeier 1459 Everview Road San Diego, CA 92110

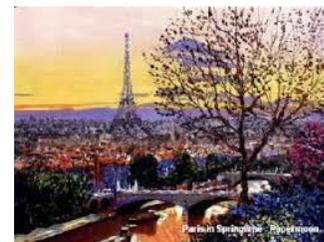
AAUW San Diego Fund Holiday Luncheon

A great time was had by all at our annual holiday fundraiser for The AAUW Fund on December 3. Cathy Burciaga's home was transformed into a tearoom for high tea at two o'clock, complete with white linen, bone china teacups donated by several members, catered by the French Gourmet with sweets and savories, and a variety of teas served at table by our warm and friendly member volunteers. Holiday entertainment was provided by the Full Measure Carolers who were bedecked in Victorian attire. The highlight of the day was our speaker, AAUW American Fellow and PhD candidate, Irma Ortiz, who captivated us with stories of her life and the progress of her work at UC Riverside in microbiology. This and other San Diego Branch events during the year have raised over \$7,000 for the AAUW Fund, all of which supports deserving graduate-level scholars like Irma through the awarding of Fellowships and Grants.

*Celebrating women's
contributions of the past and
today*



*April in Paris – Author's
Luncheon*



*Warm memories at the
AAUW San Diego Holiday
Luncheon*





Welcome New Member: Pat Stilwell

Interview by Donna Lilly

Pat and I met at the Coronado Library because it is close to her new home in Imperial Beach where she recently moved to be close to her daughter.

Pat's first introduction to AAUW was when her now 49 year-old daughter was 18 months old. After graduation from UCLA, her first branch was San Fernando Valley. When she moved to Sacramento she joined the Sacramento branch and served as Executive Secretary where she collected and deposited monies, mailed the newsletter and served in other capacities she cannot remember!

Employed as the first AAUW California state Office Manager, for ten years Pat collected funds for state

conventions, created member databases and printed, mailed and proofed the state directory, answered frequently asked questions from members and the public, including a multitude of other duties. She served at the state level as Assistant to the AAUW California State President. Approximately 20 years ago when Tech Trek Math and Science Camp for Girls was organized on the state level, Pat was an important member of the Special Projects Fund Board of Directors. She was the "go to person" who knew branch members across the state, politicians in Sacramento and had her own brand of organizational skills to accomplish all the requests from state presidents who served during her 10 years as AAUW California Office Manager.

Welcome New Member: Shannon O'Neill

Interview by Donna Lilly

Full-time grad student, Client Services Lead and volunteer, currently occupies Shannon's daily life. She begins her second semester at University of San Diego this month pursuing her Masters Degree to prepare her for the non-profit management world. During her fall semester she completed a very challenging but rewarding course entitled Leadership. Adaptive leadership styles were explored by the students in an unstructured class setting where students learned ways to handle race and gender diversity as data points, create ways to work together and how intersectionality in our own life helps us understand differences in people and society. Shannon was happy when the unstructured all-day Saturday leadership course ended because she welcomes organization.

For the past 7 years, Shannon has been employed as the Client Services Lead at E. L. Achieve, a fast-growing

nationwide educational materials company, located initially in San Juan Capistrano, and then moved to Rancho Santa Margarita. She welcomed the change in roles and duties over the years that influenced her to hone her organizational skills as well as her ability to listen and present ideas.

Her employer appointed Shannon last year to the Implementation Team on the newly organized non-profit arm of E. L. Achieve, giving Shannon the opportunity to see first-hand the positive influence of scholarship and technology awards and recognition to diverse students in elementary school. After volunteering on the Implementation Team, Shannon realized she must change her professional career from psychology to non-profit management.

Graduating from Saddleback College with an AA degree in Communications in 2014 was a highlight in Shannon's



life. Graduating from UC Irvine in 2016 with a BA degree in Psychology and Social Behavior was another grand moment. Shannon is looking forward this semester to Finance for Non-Profits and Developing Human Capital—two in-depth courses on her journey to an M.A. Degree in Non-Profit Management at USD.

How did Shannon get her job as Client Services Lead? She volunteered to help a young high school friend collate educational cards in his garage that evolved into part-time employment for Shannon at E. L. Achieve. Shannon giggled when she said that is how Apple started—an idea started in a garage.

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



Kathleen Slayton creates legacy and local scholarship for female students

Kathleen Slayton Creates Local Scholarship Legacy

Kathleen Slayton announced that she has created a local scholarship legacy in her family trust through the AAUW San Diego branch 501-c-3 entity for female students graduating from public and private high schools in San Diego County who attend a 4-year college or university in San Diego County.

Kathleen joins the AAUW San Diego branch legacy in addition to other members who have created a legacy, namely The Gladys Krasniewicz Beit-Ishoo Scholarship and Marlene and Pamela Pommerenke Memorial Scholarship.

Welcome New Member: Mary Doan

Interview by Donna Lilly

Mary Doan's first day of her first class in her Ph.D. program her professor, Dr. Ochoa, asked Mary and fellow students two questions: "What is your passion?" "What social injustice are you concerned about?" These two questions helped Mary formalize her dissertation topic: Case Studies of Changes in Military Mothers Practicing Transcendental Meditation in Scores of PTSD Parenting Stress, Sleep Disorders and Life Satisfaction. Mary felt honored that Dr. Carl Cohen, Superintendent of San Diego Unified School District and one who served on her dissertation committee suggested that she present her findings in action to wives of PTSD military. She became a teacher of Transcendental Meditation practiced by military mothers for

more than 100 hours.

Mary chose the case study format not the statistical study format for her dissertation because case study action research is based on learn as you go to the next step. The process is a collaborative experience, sometimes a messy one Mary admits.

Mary began her Joint Doctoral Program in 2006 at San Diego State University and Clairemont Grad University pursuing a Ph. D. in Education. Both of these institutions are frequently quoted in the national news because of the innovative approaches to Ph. D. programs. Mary reflected that innovative approaches to social justice have been replaced on college campuses by innovative approaches to leadership.

One can see the same innovative

approaches to MA degrees at institutes of higher learning as experienced by Shannon O'Neill, another new member of the AAUW San Diego branch whose brief bio is in this newsletter. Leadership and social justice issues are a large part of the advanced degree curriculum today.

Bilingual Mary enjoyed her 3 years as grad assistant in Family Studies and Child Development at SDSU after graduating from the University of Texas in Austin. In mid 1990's Mary worked as a Director of Head Start in Palo Verde then transitioned to In-Home Resource specialist at Home Start empowering clients to self-sufficiency. For more than 15 years Mary enjoyed teaching Child Development classes to students at San Diego Community Colleges and Southwestern College.



Tech Trek Update from Gillian Simcox

My name is Gillian Simcox, and I recently took over the position of Tech Trek Chair for the San Diego Branch. I have been involved with Tech Trek as a Dorm Mom since 2010, so I'm excited to take on this position and do more to help this amazing cause.

Tech Trek camp at UCSD will be held during the week of June 24th-30th. The San Diego Branch will send two girls to camp this year. I have contacted all the middle schools in the San Diego Unified School District to ask math and science teachers to nominate 7th grade girls for camp. Once I receive those back, I'll send the application packet to our nominees. I'm planning camper interviews to be held in mid-March, so look for a call for volunteers in next month's sphere. Here are some interesting Tech Trek facts:

- 2018 marks the 20th anniversary of Tech Trek. The camp was started by Marie Wolbach in 1998. Back then, camp was held on the campus at Stanford University. In the 20 years since its inception, Tech Trek has grown to provide wonderful Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math ("STEM") experiences for young ladies at 22 sites across the United States.
- A luncheon featuring Tech Trek Alumni who are now working in STEM fields and a Tech Trek reunion will be held at the AAUW State Convention in Irvine this April. I have contacted the young women from the Tech Trek UCSD alumni list to invite them to the reunion.
- 918 girls attended camp across California in 2017, with 112 at UCSD.
- The UCSD camp will have two Camp Directors-in-Training this year. They are both Tech Trek alumni who have also served as Senior Counselors at the UCSD camp.
- We are excited to get more Tech Trek alumni involved, so one of my goals as Tech Trek Chair for our branch is to keep in touch with the alumni our branch sponsored for camp and to encourage them to stay involved with Tech Trek as Junior or Senior Counselors and, when they're old enough, as Dorm Moms and Camp Directors. I also plan to invite past Tech Trekkers who were sponsored by the San Diego branch to our camp recap in September so we can hear what they've been up to in the years since they attended camp.

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The advertisement features a gold gradient background at the top with the name 'Cathy BURCIAGA' in a script font, followed by 'REAL ESTATE' in a smaller, sans-serif font. Below this is a black horizontal bar. Underneath the bar is the Century 21 logo, which includes the text 'Century 21' and '1st CHOICE REALTY' with a small house icon. To the right of the logo, the text reads: 'Cathy Burciaga, VA Pro, ABR, REALTOR', '858.449.5096', 'Cathy.Burciaga@Century21.com', and '3091 Clairemont Drive | San Diego, CA 92117'. At the bottom left of the ad, it says 'Cal BRE Lic # 01838626'.