



November 2017 Edition

Join us for the Red Sock Tea Dec. 3, 2017



Wear Something Festive & Join Us for our
26th Annual Holiday Party
High Tea ~ ~ Sunday,
December 3, 2:00pm

Guest Speaker: Irma Ortiz, AAUW American Fellow and
Doctoral Candidate in Plant Molecular Biology at UC Riverside

Catered by: The French Gourmet

Carolers: The Full Measure Carolers

Cost: None ~ ~ We are celebrating our Members! But your
donations support the AAUW Fund.

Where: Home of Cathy Burciaga, 11689 Petenwell Road, San
Diego (Scripps Ranch) 92131

**RSVPs are a Must! See your personal invitation in
the mail soon.**

**Questions? Need a Ride? Call or text Cathy at (858) 449-5096, or e-
mail cburciaga@san.rr.com**

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

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

*In principle and
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diverse
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*AAUW provides
funds to advance
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development for
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*By joining AAUW
we belong to a
community that
breaks through
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so all women have
a fair chance.*

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Lynne Batchelor, President's Report

Thank you so much for renewing your membership in AAUW San Diego which will allow us to continue our 106 year legacy of advocacy for women and girls. With your support we will accomplish much this year. A big thank you to our members who have stepped up into leadership positions: Cathy Burciaga (AAUW Fund), Rachel McDonald (treasurer), Rosemarie Mallory (recording secretary and archivist), Dawna Bratten (parliamentarian and corresponding secretary), Linda Dial (hospitality), Donna Lilly (college-university), Shauna Ruyle (Sphere editor), Lily Payn (Tech Outreach) and Anne Hoiberg (international interests). In addition we are so grateful to Cathy Burciaga for producing our member directory and for temporarily taking over the membership duties. I also want to thank Donna Lilly for temporarily taking over branch communications, and to Julie McKane who opened her home for our summer meeting.

We have a need for additional members to step up to leadership positions, so please consider taking one of these chairmanships: program, membership, local scholarships, tech trek. You might consider co-chairing one of these positions and you will find information on the website plus previous chairs and committee members who will be available to help you. Now that Shauna has agreed to edit the Sphere, in the future you will receive a monthly edition. I am using this issue as a year in review for those who have not been able to join us. Our year started in June with Donna Lilly, Jane Niemeier, Shirley Stowers and I attending the national convention in Washington, DC. As always, this event was truly inspirational, particularly the opportunity to hear Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor who moved through the room shaking hands with members as she answered questions. We met with our representatives to provide them with information and to request their support on two issues: student debt and full funding for Title IX. We received the latest information from AAUW national, toured our headquarters and met most of the new national leadership.

Also in June, about 30 members from San Diego and other branches around the county gathered at an InterBranch meeting to discuss plans to co-sponsor branch events together throughout this year. Our first such two-branch event was held in October (see below).

I contacted all members and ask for their ideas for branch programs and policies. We had a summer planning meeting at Julie McKane's home which was attended by 15 members. In August Donna Lilly, Shirley Stowers, Jane Niemeier and I had lunch with the new national AAUW CEO Kim Churches. She and Mark Hopkins were on a "listening tour" and were interested in our thoughts about the organization. In August Donna Lilly, Jane Niemeier and I participated in the Suffrage Parade in Balboa Park. Anne Hoiberg was one of the organizers of the event and provided an excellent program describing the contributions of some of San Diego's women leaders. Afterwards we enjoyed a super meal at the Prado.

In September, Cathy, Donna, Rachel and I attended the IBC meeting which was a presentation on Speech Trek by the state Speech Trek Chair Marlene Cain. I hope that next year we can find a member to spearhead this very worthwhile project. The AAUW tool kit makes it very easy to organize and if we can find a toastmaster's club to co-sponsor the event that would be ideal.

In October our branch co-sponsored an event with the La Mesa-El Cajon Branch, hosting U.S. House of Representative member, Scott Peters. We were also invited to participate with the La Mesa-El Cajon branch in a program featuring the founder of Run Women Run. Rachel McDonald served as our representative and several other members attended. On the same day the Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista branch invited our members to attend a presentation with two research scientists and their attorney who have filed suit against the Salk Institute. Cathy Burciaga and Donna Lilly reported to the board on this interesting event. Cathy, Jane, Donna and I attended the annual AAUW Fund luncheon in Seal Beach and watched awardees of research grants and fellowships.

November AAUW events began with my attendance at the Tech Trek coordinator's meeting in Murietta. We are looking for volunteer/s for a Tech Trek coordinator.

UPCOMING EVENTS: On November 16, there was a walking tour of the downtown Gaslamp district led by Anne Hoiberg. If you missed this one, Anne is conducting more tours in the Spring. I am delighted that we will be having a Red Sock holiday tea at Cathy Burciaga's home on December 3rd. Please bring your favorite tea cup to use not only for your tea but for "show and tell" about it. Dress in holiday attire and join fellow members for this festive occasion. Although there is no cost to you for the food or the entertainment or to hear our speaker, we hope that you will fill your red sock with a generous contribution to the AAUW Fund which supports research, fellowships, graduate-level scholarships and legal advocacy.

Our lunch bunch and several book clubs have been meeting regularly and are always open to new members. Our board meetings are open to all members. Anyone interested is invited to join us on December 9th at 9:45 at the Serra Mesa Library. And finally, please mark your calendars for our Annual San Diego County InterBranch Council (all eight branches) Luncheon on January 27, 11:30am at the Carmel Mountain Ranch Country Club.

As you can see, there have been and will continue to be so many rich opportunities for you to participate, have fun and educate yourselves by being an active branch member in the coming year.

~~ Best wishes for a bountiful Thanksgiving and for the beginning of a wonderful holiday season.



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



*AAUW San Diego
Half year in Review*



Attend a WorkSmart Salary Negotiation Workshop

Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 **Time:** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Where: San Diego Mesa College, 7250 Mesa College Cr., San Diego, SB Building, Room 215

Sign up: <https://nov28sdmesa.eventbrite.com>

Hosted by: AAUW, LUNA and AAUW San Diego Branch, Donna Lilly, Facilitator 619-200-2720

Save the Date – Annual Interbranch Luncheon Jan. 27, 2018

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

Date: Jan. 27, 2018 **Time:** 11:30am – 2pm

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

Cost: \$40 (includes meal choice, dessert and non-alcoholic beverage)

RSVP forms will be coming November 15, 2017

Questions? Call 619-855-4071

Equality Day Was Celebrated in Balboa Park Aug. 26, 2017

Equality Day was celebrated on August 26 in Balboa Park when AAUW members marched in the Suffrage Parade throughout the Prado. Jane Niemeyer, Donna Lilly, Joan Thompson, Anne Hoiberg and Lynne Batchelor met people from League of Women Voters, NOW, YWCA San Diego, Women’s Museum of California, and marchers interested in women’s rights. A local TV station aired a short interview with Anne Hoiberg, the writer of the recreated speeches of famous and influential women in the U.S. and San Diego.

San Diego branch was chartered in 1911 as an AAUW branch, the same year that women got the right to vote in California on October 10, 1911. Nine years later in 1920, women were guaranteed the right to vote by the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution which is the year all 48 states ratified the Amendment. A little history of California women suffrage is available at sos.ca.gov

AAUW San Diego Members Meet with Representatives

U.S. Senate Building was the gathering spot for 125 women and men from California who attended the AAUW national convention in Washington DC in mid-June. Senator Dianne Feinstein waved to us from the third-level balcony as she hurried to a meeting. Both Senator Feinstein and Senator Kamala Harris arranged two assistants to speak with us.

Visiting the offices of our House of Representatives Darrell Issa (CA 49), Duncan Hunter (CA 50), Juan Vargas (CA 51), Scott Peters (CA 52), and Susan Davis (CA 53) were the following women from San Diego and Orange Counties: (L-R) Donna Lilly and Lynne Batchelor from the San Diego branch, Kathi Harper from the Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista branch, a national member from Rancho Santa Fe, Linda Quinby from Del Mar-Leucadia branch, Reggie Sharp from the San Clemente-Capistrano Bay branch, and Jane Niemeier from the La Mesa-El Cajon and San Diego branches.

We discussed the benefits of Title IX and Pell Grants, the value of passing the Paycheck Fairness Act and other important issues affecting women and girls.

AAUW San Diego at the Latino Film Festival

Donna Lilly was delighted to represent AAUW San Diego branch members at the week-long 24th San Diego Latino Film Festival at the AMC Theater in Fashion Valley where she watched the screening of the Dolores Huerta film. Dolores was the co-organizer of the California Farmworkers Union with Cesar Chavez and worked for women's rights.

Marlene and Pamela Pommerenke Scholar

Stacie Rodriguez was honored as the first scholar to receive a Marlene & Pamela Pommerenke Scholarship to help with her college expenses at Point Loma Nazarene University. She transferred from Grossmont/Cuyamaca College District and is currently a senior majoring in Sociology with plans to receive a B.S. degree in May 2018.

The Pommerenke Scholarship requires the recipient to be a re-entry mother studying full-time at a four-year college or university. Stacie certainly meets these requirements and decided to return to school to finish her degree because she feels that education is the key to her success. Stacie wants to be a role model to her four girls. She shared during our interview with Donna Lilly that "college learning is more important than life learning without college."



AAUW San Diego Attends Laura Fink Event

Laura Fink - *Strategic Communications & Public Relations | Political Analyst | Speechwriter*

A sought after speaker, writer, instructor and strategist, her event was well attended and the audience was engaged. Laura spoke eloquently and there was a lot of Q&A after. mostly about how to engage younger women in politics and how to get them to communicate by enabling them to successfully tell their stories.

Sips & Civility: Fighting Fake News

Fighting Fake News was the scene in September of 200 + people meeting and discussing what is fake news, which news sources are most trustworthy, how can a news reader hold news outlets accountable.

Anne Hoiberg, pictured to the right, Ann McDonald, Rachel McDonald

and Donna Lilly represented our AAUW members and participated in lively table dialogues on the 9th Floor of the San Diego Public Library. League of Women Voters sponsored this event.



The most trusted news source is Economist and Public Television and allsides.org

San Diego Branch visit from Kimberly Churches

San Diego branch was honored by a visit from Kimberly Churches, CEO of AAUW, and Mark Hopkins, CSO of AAUW, in the fall as part of their listening tour. Kim and Mark visited branches across the nation to determine a strategy to move the vision of AAUW to maximize our impact. They heard “rebellious” founders were risk-takers. They asked, “Who are we today?”

Lynne Batchelor, Shirley Stowers, Jane Niemeier, and Donna Lilly contributed suggestions on how to narrow the focus of AAUW to increase our impact.

Donna Lilly as AAUW College/University Relations Co-Chair participated in a national committee chairs telecom this month that focused on strategic planning. Access this link to read more aauw.org/who-we-are/leadership-and-staff/

AAUW Fund October Luncheon

AAUW Fund October Luncheon in Seal Beach at the Old Ranch Country Club was the gathering spot for more than 100 women, men and guests to meet and hear how AAUW has influenced three American Fellows, one International Fellow and two Grant Recipients. Currently studying on California campuses are sixteen Fellows and nine Grant Recipients are doing projects in their communities.

(L-R) Cathy Burciaga, AAUWSD Fund Chair, Lynne Batchelor, AAUWSD Branch President, Colby Lenz, Fellow at USC studying women life prisoners, Jane Niemeier, AAUW California President Elect, Donna Lilly, AAUW College/University Relations Co-Chair



AAUW Funds Major Lawsuit Against Salk Institute

By Cathy Burciaga, The AAUW Fund (San Diego)

On October 21, members attended a standing-room only presentation on gender discrimination in the workplace which the **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund** is supporting. Two full professors and researchers, Vicki Lundblad (a molecular cell biologist) and Katherine Jones (a biologist) and their attorney, Deborah Dixon, recently filed suit against the **Salk Institute** for gender

and wage discrimination. This lawsuit quickly gained national recognition because the Salk Institute, a storied hub of biology research founded 57 years ago in San Diego by polio vaccine pioneer Jonas Salk, is flatly denying that any innate or implicit biases exist at the institute. The women aim to show that, in fact, there exists systemic and damaging disparities in funding, promotions, lab

personnel assignments, publications being accepted and more. The lawsuit has the potential to affect a huge number of female scientists in other institutions, as they begin to examine their own situations. It has also prompted a flurry of articles and discussion in support of the litigants. We will keep you updated on the lawsuit's progress.



Dr. Lundblad



Dr. Jones

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 @ 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

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Eileen Wibbeke, In Memoriam

San Diego members were saddened to hear about the passing of Eileen Wibbeke in August. Eileen was a highly educated, accomplished researcher and scholar whose light burned brightly for too short a time. During her years with AAUW San Diego, Eileen stepped up to serve as our branch president when her leadership was needed, but her greatest energies were devoted to Tech Trek. Eileen knew how important it was to send as many promising young girls as possible to AAUW's science and math camp at UC San Diego each summer and she was a fearless fundraiser for that cause.



For those of us who had the privilege of knowing Eileen as a friend, she will always be remembered as a bright star -- energetic, funny, kind, caring and generous to a fault. She will be greatly missed.

Pamela Pommerenke, In Memoriam

San Diego members were saddened to hear about the passing of Pamela Pommerenke, Ph.D. (Carey) in September. She was born in San Diego, graduated from UC Santa Barbara and received her doctorate from Stanford University. She was an accomplished pianist as was her mother, Marlene Pommerenke. Her colleagues at Lansing Community College, Michigan, where Pamela taught sociology remember her excitement, passion, kindness, enthusiasm and love that brightened the lives of her family, friends, faculty and students. Pamela and her mother, Marlene, were both Life Members of AAUW. Contributions in memory of Pamela can be made to the Marlene and Pamela Pommerenke Memorial Scholarship Fund, AAUW San Diego Branch.



Jorge Ordonez, In Memoriam

Jorge Ordonez, husband of Jean, recently passed away. Jorge often accompanied Jean to AAUW functions for several years. We considered him our 'brother' member of AAUW. He always had a smile and warm welcome for everyone. Jean served many years as treasurer of our branch. Our sympathy and love to Jean.

It is time to vote "YES".

Recently our membership was asked to vote to change the designation of AAUW California from Mutual Benefit to Public Benefit. Although 3134 voted "yes", 26 members voted "no". According to the law, 100% of the voting members must vote "yes". If we have just one "no" vote, the measure fails. And one of those "no" votes came from our San Diego Branch.

issue. He explained it very simply. A mutual benefit organization raises money for itself. He gave an example of some families who set up such a group to fund scholarships for the family. A public benefit organization raises money to benefit the public: we raise money for Tech Trek, local scholarships and AAUW Fund. It is money that we raise for others, not for ourselves.

this issue, please contact me since there will be a second vote after Thanksgiving. We are hoping that every member will vote "yes". AAUW CA has already spent \$10,000 and 250 volunteer hours on this issue. This is money we could have spent to help the branches.

Jane Niemeier, AAUW CA Co-President Elect, San Diego Branch Member
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Vote to change the designation of AAUW California from Mutual Benefit to Public Benefit

I have talked to a lawyer about this very

If you have any questions about

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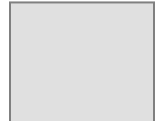
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