



# THE SPHERE

May-June 2011 Edition

San Diego Branch, Founded 1911

## Greetings from the President's Desk...

### MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, 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-CALIFORNIA

Promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

### 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

We break through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

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*Advancing Gender Equity through Advocacy, Education, Philanthropy and Research.*

Ladies, after 4½ years of writing letters on the front page of this, our wonderful, *The Sphere*, newsletter, only a few words remain.

These pictures of Kathleen Slayton, from 1999, and Linda Dial (top photo) 2011, both on the campus of San Diego State University - recruiting and advocating for AAUW - show the longevity of our intent.

Our Branch completes its 99th year this June. It is imperative that we not forget the 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.*

In the picture to the right you see me listening to Anne Hoiberg speak at the August 2010, **Women's Equality Day Celebration of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution**, guaranteeing women the right to vote.

The on-purpose face denotes why our AAUW San Diego Branch will not fade nor lose heart during the coming century.

To some degree we each share in the solemn commitment to advance quality of life for women and girls.



That commitment is why we belong to AAUW, now — and for as long as we have breath.

Warmest Regards,  
*Eunis Christensen*  
President



## Calendar Dates of Interest



### PLAYREADERS 2010-11 SCHEDULE

Meets 1st Tuesdays, monthly  
9:30 am-noon at Wesley Palms  
2404 Loring, 5th Floor Solarium

Off for the Summer!

Contact: Judy Seerey, Chair  
Ph: 858-270-9140  
or [jaseerey@gmail.com](mailto:jaseerey@gmail.com)

### UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

Saturday, June 11, 11:30am

#### All-Members Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon

2011 College Scholarship Winners  
Installation of 2012 Officers  
(See all the details on page 3)

Saturday, July 23, 2011

9:45 am -1:30 pm

Annual All-Members

#### Strategic Planning brunch

Mission Valley Library  
2123 Fenton Pkwy, San Diego

### REGIONAL, STATE, NATIONAL EVENTS

June 16-19

2011 AAUW National Convention  
Washington, DC

**“Breaking Through Barriers—  
Advocating For Change”**  
(details at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org))

### CORONADO- IMPERIAL BEACH LUNCH BUNCH

Meets at noon monthly for fun,  
food & conversation  
in Coronado or IB

Tuesday, June 7

*Mei Jo*

600 Palm Ave, Imperial Beach

Wednesday, July 13

*Miguel's*

980 Orange Avenue, Coronado

Tuesday, August 16

*The Tin Fish*

Imperial Beach Pier

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

### Daytime Book Club

Meets 2nd Wednesdays, monthly  
10:00am at various homes

Hosted by

June 8

Lee

*“Half the Sky”*

By Nicholas Kristof

On June 8th, we will also meet at  
**MaryBeth's for a potluck and to  
select books for the coming year.**



Contact:  
Julie McKane  
(619) 275-1195  
[JMckane38@gmail.com](mailto:JMckane38@gmail.com)

### Mystery Readers Book Club

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
1:30pm at various homes



June 21

**Meet at Julie's to select books  
for the coming year.**

Contact: Julie McKane

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*Celebrating  
100 Years*

1911-2011

**AAUW San Diego  
Board Members  
2010-2011**

**ELECTED OFFICERS**

**President**

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**Tech Trek**

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**Local Scholarships**

Dali Collins

**100th Anniversary**

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**Women's Health & Wellness**

Genny Deutsch

**Hospitality**

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**Sphere Newsletter Editor**

Cathy Burciaga



**Annual San Diego Branch  
Members Meeting & Luncheon**

Saturday  
June 11, 2011  
11:00am - 1:45pm

**A Delicious  
Luncheon Menu**

*Your Choice of entrée:*

**Chicken Marsala :**

*Chicken breasts in Marsala  
wine sauce with  
mushrooms, wild rice,  
seasonal vegetable  
or*

**Grilled Vegetables:**

*Fresh marinated vegetables  
platter with jasmine rice.*

Both entrees served with  
fresh garden salad, bread  
rolls, dessert, iced tea &  
coffee.

Luncheon Cost \$30

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Celebrate our Award Winning  
Scholarship Recipients  
Who Will Make the World  
a Better Place!

**Share in the Joy of  
Completing our 99th Year  
advancing Gender Equity  
for Women and Girls**

**Meet your new Branch Officers  
being installed for 2011-12**

*R.S.V.P. Before June 5, 2011  
For information call: 619-299-0778*

Please mail your luncheon check  
with choice of entrée to  
AAUW San Diego, P.O. Box 262012  
San Diego, CA 92196



*This Year  
Only!*

**Arrive at  
11:00am**

for our  
**100th Anniversary  
GROUP PHOTO**

*To be presented at our Centennial Celebration on October 15, 2011*



## San Diego Wins “Breaking Through Barriers” Award

Congratulations to Public Policy VP, Stormy Miller and the branch’s “*Power at the Polls: Women Running in the Direction of Election*” program. The innovative program (presented last October) will be awarded an AAUW Breaking through Barriers Awards Honorable Mention at the national convention in June.

In a congratulatory letter from AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman, the branch was notified that “*Power at the Polls*” was selected from among many exemplary AAUW programs reviewed by the selection panel. San Diego’s program will be recognized “for the ways in which [it] is fulfilling the AAUW mission.”



Members gathered on May 7 at the Point Loma Library to celebrate women’s health and well-being, hear fascinating and inspiring speakers and learn the art of flower arranging.

Thanks and congratulations to Genny Deutsch, our Health and Wellness Chair, for coordinating the very successful day, developing and implementing the program and securing our presenters.

*Welcome  
New Members!*

**Sharon Marshall  
Eileen Sheridan  
Wibbeke**

## Don’t forget . . . Renew Your Membership

Membership VP, Linda Dial, reminds us all to be sure to send in your membership renewal before June 10.

As always, one lucky member will win a free membership at a drawing to be held at our annual all-members meeting & luncheon on June 11. You must be fully-paid up to win.

## 2011 COLLEGE AWARDS to honor GRACE B. CUDNEY

*by Dali Collins, College Scholarships Chair*

Thank you to all of our generous members and friends who contributed to our annual local scholarship program this year. Thanks to you, we will award a total of \$5,500 to five students who attend San Diego area universities. We raised \$3,000 from our annual UnTea Party fundraiser and an additional \$1030.56 came from AAUW San Diego’s general fund. Also this year, \$1,469.44 was bequeathed to the program by our late member, Grace B. Cudney, who was a staunch supporter of equal education for women and girls. The scholarship committee feels it appropriate to honor Grace by awarding all of this year’s scholarships in her name.

I would also like to recognize and thank Scholarship Committee members Stella Borik, Dawna Bratten, Janet Enright, Kathleen Slayton and Eileen Ward for their hard work which helped us realize this year’s scholarship goals. And we look forward to seeing all of you at the Scholarship Luncheon on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

*(For a preview of this year’s scholarship winners, please go to Page 5)*

## Barbara Bry Named Local Hero

KPBS Public Broadcasting, in partnership with Union Bank, named AAUW San Diego member Barbara Bry a San Diego Local Hero in celebration of Women’s History Month in March. Barbara was honored for using her passion and business savvy to level the playing field for women and girls, especially in conventionally male fields. Also cited were her truly inspiring contributions to non-profit organizations and the San Diego community.



Outside of her professional life as COO of Blackbird Ventures, Barbara also works to promote gender equity in health care and in politics. She is responsible for the foundation of San Diego Athena, the leading organization for local women in the technology and life sciences fields. Barbara is also the founding editor of Voice of San Diego, and lends considerable time and support to CON-NECT, Run Women Run, Planned Parenthood, San Diego’s Jewish Women’s and Community foundations, Rotary Club 33 and Women Give San Diego.

Putting the well-deserved recognition into perspective for other would-be community activists, Barbara advises “I don’t think it matters what you pick, it’s that you pick something you feel passionate about. My husband and I are long time entrepreneurs . . . .We believe that today everyone has to think like an entrepreneur; whether it’s in your own business, a large organization or a non-profit.”

Congratulations Barbara!

## Lillian Payn Rising Star in College District

Congratulations go to AAUW San Diego’s Technology Outreach Chair, Professor Lillian Payn, on her appointment as Academic Technology Coordinator for the Palomar College District. Palomar is one of the largest districts in the state, with over 30,000 students.



As Coordinator, Lillian will be planning and delivering teacher training through workshops, seminars, and tech camps. At the same time she will conduct research and development to promote a vision and strategy for Palomar’s pedagogy vis a vis emerging technologies.

Lillian will also be involved with policy-making on campus as it pertains to instructional technology, as well as comply with Accreditation and California’s Education Code requirements.

With all of her new responsibilities, we are hopeful Lillian will have time to repeat her outstanding social media presentation that was previewed earlier this year by a few lucky members.

## 2011 COLLEGE AWARD WINNERS *(continued from page 4)*



Amanda Goodman is a Third Year student at UC San Diego on her way to completing a major in Literature of the World with a minor in Law and Society.

Amanda aspires to be a lawyer, specializing in civil rights for women and for LGBTQ. Amanda wrote in her essay that she will strive to contribute toward the betterment of women’s lives.

Alexandra Larcher is a senior at San Diego State University majoring in Liberal Studies.

Alexandra’s career goal is to be an elementary or middle school teacher. Toward that end, she is pursuing a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential because she has a true passion for education and loves kids.



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## \$TART \$MART *Up & Running*

by Eunis Christensen, President

AAUW San Diego Branch can be so proud of itself! In March, after two years of planning, development and training, AAUW San Diego conducted its first \$tart \$mart—an innovative (and much needed) salary negotiation workshop for graduating college students at SDSU, with plans to expand to other campuses across the county.

The branch's interest in \$tart \$mart started when our AAUW Funds VP, Kelly Nilsson, CFP® went to AAUW's national convention two years ago to accept national recognition for another Branch AAUW Funds/Educational Foundation program, "*Women in the Military*", developed by Judy Schmude and the AAUW Funds Committee. At that same 2009 convention, the \$tart \$mart program was introduced by AAUW National. States and branches were encouraged to



recruit their own \$tart \$mart workshop facilitators from among Branch members and San Diego took up the challenge.

Now here we are two years later, after some administrative work, a modest financial commitment, and a beta-test \$tart \$mart workshop conducted at UCSD on May 16, 2010, able to carry the "work for what you are worth" message to other campuses. Congratulations go to Erin Lovette-Colyer, Director of the USD Women's Center, as well, for attending the UCSD training and taking \$tart \$mart to USD.

Many of you will recognize that this program continues our core mission. It is at the heart of why AAUW exists—to promote gender equity throughout life. Over the years, we've gained much ground in the classroom, but the workplace salary gap remains a challenge for women and girls. To become a \$tart \$mart workshop facilitator, please call me at 619-299-0778.

## 2011 COLLEGE AWARD WINNERS *(continued from page 5)*



Salima Sadiq is a junior at San Diego State University, majoring in Liberal Studies. Salima intends to obtain a Nursing degree and would ultimately like to teach nursing.

By getting a college degree, she wants to set a good example for her siblings and her young son.

Michelle Tran is a senior at San Diego State University, majoring in Liberal Studies. Her career goal is to become an elementary school teacher.

Michelle intends to earn a teaching credential so that she can teach young students in particular, and provide them with an equal opportunity education.



Beth Saltzman is a senior at San Diego State University and her major is Liberal Studies. Beth intends to go on to obtain a K-8 Multiple Subjects Credential.

After a long absence from school work, Beth returned to college in order to become a classroom teacher.



From the Editor . . . This being the time of year **when change happens in our Branch, I'll be taking** this opportunity to move onto another board position that has been tantalizing me for a number of years—Public Policy. Responsibility for producing the Sphere newsletter will be assumed by our talented outgoing President Eunis Christensen who, I am sure will produce beautiful, newsy issues to keep **you all up to date. It's been a pleasure serving you** as Editor the past several years and getting to know you all just a little better with each issue.—CB



**Happy Birthday to You!**



**March**

- Nancy Amstadt
- Stella Borik
- Kris Downey
- Joan Hall
- Julie McKane
- Adrienne Samuels
- Judy Schmude
- Terin Smith
- Jane Snyder
- Kathleen White

**April**

- Barbara Bry
- Dali Collins
- Linda Dial
- Shanti Gurumurthy
- Donna Keenan
- Sharon Marshall
- Marlene Pommerenke
- Judy Seerey
- Mary Beth Selz
- Violet Wagener

**May**



- Beth Coleman
- Janet Enright
- Virginia Gengor
- Vita Gray
- Susan Holko
- Eileen Lussier
- Carole Renstrom
- Pat Washington

**June**

- Betty Jennings
- Donna Lilly
- Marcella Marrinan
- Fryda Nicoloff
- Eileen Ward

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**2011-13 Officer Nominees**

At the June 11 Annual Members Meeting, the branch will elect and install the following slate of new officers and/or any members nominated from the floor for any open position. Current slate of nominees:

- Co-Presidents: Stormy Miller and Lynne Batchelor
- Finance VP/Treasurer: Eunis Christensen
- Public Policy VP: Cathy Burciaga
- Recording Secretary: vacant

We are still seeking a Recording Secretary candidate for the 2011-2013 term. This is a great entry-level position for members with limited time to give.

**VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE**

The outreach recruiting and fundraising video we have been producing in honor of the Branch's 100th Anniversary is now online . . . and it is terrific!! We have already received congratulatory feedback from AAUW California and AAUW national.

Thanks again to our video "stars" Kelly Nilsson, Donna Keenan and Yana Mohanty for their immediate "Yes" when asked if they would be willing to appear in the video, and to Anne Hoiberg for graciously providing her home as the "set".

To see the video, just go to our website [www.AAUWSanDiego.org](http://www.AAUWSanDiego.org) to see the finished product. Then, be sure to share it with friends and family so they can understand why you so appreciate your personal membership in AAUW!

**Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Update**

Case Support—The Title IX case *Mansourian v. Regents of the University of California* began in federal court in Sacramento on May 23, for a trial to last three weeks. Local AAUW members are encouraged to attend the trial to show their support. Contact [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org) for details.



## Mark Your Calendars:

# Annual All-Members Meeting & Luncheon

- ★ 2011 College Scholarship Winners ★
- ★ Installation of Officers ★
- ★ Be part of historic Group Photo ★

### When:

**Saturday, June 11  
11:00am**

### Where:

**Ramada Inn Conference Center  
5550 Kearny Mesa Road**

**See all the details inside on page 3**

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