



Equity: The Path Forward →
A More Diverse & Inclusive Society

DML AAUW Programs - June

In our final meeting of the year on June 11, we will be celebrating our year of working to promote Equity; the Installation of our New Board and the Presentation of Named Honorees.

As you glance through this Coastline, you will see we have a lot to celebrate!

Zoom Link for our meetings

Members, no registration needed. The Zoom link will be sent to you prior to the meeting. Guests, please RSVP to membership@aauwdml.org to receive the Zoom link.

NEW Social time at the start of every monthly meeting

This year we plan to have a half-hour social time at the start of each monthly branch meeting. The Zoom room will open at 10:00 for a 30-minute social/chat time followed by the program at 10:30.

AAUW FUND - Annual AAUW FUND

Michele McNeil

Thank you for supporting AAUW's mission by donating. We are grateful for your contributions to AAUW Fund during January-December 2021. Your efforts helped us raise \$4,622 from our branch and \$494,020 in California to fund scholarships, grants, leadership programs, and other activities to ensure equity for women and girls.

Message from the Co-Presidents

Sallie Piccorillo and Pat Moran

As the fiscal year draws to a close, we reflect on our achievements and goals for next year. We are sending more campers to Tech Trek this year than ever before. Congratulations to Lorraine Pfahl for leading this extraordinary team, the talent pool is impressive.

Our branch Speech Trek winner went on to win 3rd Place at the state level. Congratulations to our winner, Sanjana Kumar, and Speech Trek Chair, Sharon Corbett-Parry for her outstanding work with the contestants.

The goals for next year include establishing a *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)* Committee. Our branch continues to implement the National AAUW focus on DEI. Several members participated in the DEI Workshop sponsored by the San Diego Interbranch Council. We encourage you to create an awareness of what DEI is and establish an action plan to personally implement it. We also encourage the Special Interest Groups to see how DEI can be applied to their topics. There is nothing to lose and so much to be gained by being aware of and acting on DEI issues. DEI is about recognizing and valuing our differences and then acting to be inclusive to all who share AAUW's mission. Contact a board member for more information.

Our branch's new slate of Directors and Committee Chairs will be installed at the June 11, 2022, General Meeting. We still need to fill Tech Trek, Programs, and E-blast positions. Please contact Pat or Sallie if you can contribute your expertise to any of these vital positions.

The board will have two workshops this summer which will focus on bringing the By-Laws, Policies, and Procedures up to date.

Finally, we are looking forward to working with this outstanding team and to an exciting year.

Your Co-Presidents,

Sallie Seymour Piccorillo and Pat Moran, Co-Presidents



SPEECH TREK

The AAUW California organization conducted the 15th annual Speech Trek semi-finals contest in April. **Sanjana Kumar**, branch Speech Trek 1st place winner was ranked in the top five contestants. Final judging was held and the videos for the top three contestants were shown at the annual state virtual business meeting and program on April 30th.

Marlene Cain, Speech Trek Program Director announced the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners.

- **Sanjana Kumar** - Del Mar-Leucadia Branch won third place and will receive \$500.
- Second place winner is **Rhea Jain** - Fremont Branch. She will receive \$1,000
- First place winner **Kristine Sy** - Poway Penasquitos Branch will receive \$1,500

The videos may be viewed at <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2022-speech-trek-results>

Sanjana Kumar spoke about her experiences with STEM studies and public speaking at our May 15th program "*Celebrating Future STEM and Speech Trek Leaders.*"




Sanjana is quite the accomplished young woman. She was recently awarded the title of *Miss San Diego's Outstanding Teen 2022* under the Miss America Scholarship Competition. She will be competing for the title of *Miss California's Outstanding Teen* in June.

👏 **Congratulations Sanjana!** 🌸

If you would like to volunteer for the 2023 Speech Trek committee please contact:

Sharon Corbett-Parry
Branch Speech Trek
Coordinator
speechtrek@aauwdml.org



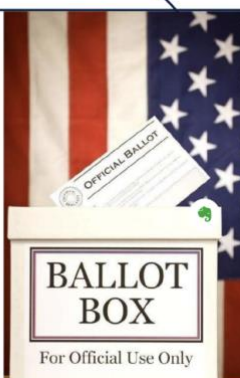
AAUW California
Speech Trek

2023 Topic

To guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse and inclusive society, AAUW California advocates protection and expansion of voting rights.*

How can communities, organizations and citizens of all ages help protect and expand voting rights?

*Note: this statement comes directly from our 2021-2023 public policy priorities.



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Visit our branch YouTube channel to view the speeches Speech Trek 2022
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSKOTPAryfcqqKUSEdilyA/playlists>

Congratulations to Rochelle Smarr!

Rochelle is a member of our Branch and leads College/University Relations, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

Lead California awarded Rochelle the 2022 Richard E. Cone Award for Emerging Leaders.

Lead California hopes the award will inspire higher education institutions to increase community-campus partnerships.

2022 Richard E. Cone Award for Emerging Leaders

LEAD California is pleased to announce that **Rochelle Smarr, Director, Department of Service Learning and Civic Engagement, CSU San Marcos**, has been selected as the recipient of the LEAD California 2022 Richard E. Cone Award for Emerging Leaders in Community Engagement. The Richard E. Cone Award recognizes an exemplary early-career individual who is an emerging leader in the field of community engagement, whose work has had a positive impact on campus and in the community, and who is guided by the best practices of community-campus partnerships. [Click here](#) to read more.



Congratulations Rochelle!

To learn more about the Richard E. Cone Award for Emerging Leaders check out <https://leadcalifornia.org/2022-richard-e-cone-award-for-emerging-leaders-recipient/>

Congratulations to Karen Vanderwerken (Vandy)

DML AAUW member, Karen was voted onto the AAUW California Board of Directors -2022-2024.
[Congratulations Karen!](#)

Karen is a Dual Member of Carlsbad Oceanside Vista and Del Mar Leucadia Branches and a former Board Director of Tarrant County, TX 2010-2015

Awards:

AAUW Named Gift Award, Del Mar Leucadia 2021
AAUW Named Gift Award, Tarrant County, TX 2015
24 National Leadership Awards, American Institute of Banking 1984-2002
Volunteer of the Year Award, League of Women Voters, Tarrant County TX 2014

Community Service:

Volunteer, SafeHaven Women's Shelter, Ft. Worth, TX
Coordinated AAUW and TCU Women's Studies Events
United Way Community Speaker
Leadership Coordinator, SafeHaven Resale Shop
TCU Women Faculty Community Speaker for United Way SafeHaven Resale Store Advisory Committee 1996-2006

Endorsements:

Donna Lilly, Dual Member San Diego and Del Mar Leucadia
Elenore Lavender, President Carlsbad Oceanside Vista AAUW
Sallie Piccorillo and Patrie Moran, Co-Presidents Del Mar Leucadia AAUW



Tech Trek

Lorraine Pfahl

On Sunday May 15th, our branch meeting was dedicated to Tech Trek and Speech Trek. In addition to our branch members, all girls accepted to the camp and their parents were invited as well as our donors and volunteers. We had a great turnout for the meeting and feedback suggests that attendees found it valuable and learned more about AAUW, Tech Trek and Sallie Piccorillo, who made a presentation. The May meeting's video is now published on YouTube and can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/AHU9GGB0Y24>

DML AAUW Branch is sponsoring 23 girls to attend the Tech Trek Camp virtual camp. There are 2 virtual camps scheduled in the weeks of June 19-24 and July 24-29. All five of our local schools are participating, Earl Warren Middle School, Diegueno Middle School, Pacific Trails Middle School, Oak Crest Middle School and Carmel Valley Middle School.



Thank you to our Donors for
allowing us to sponsor 23
girls to attend this year's
Virtual Camp.

Public Policy News

Norelynn Pion-Goureau

AAUW California is focusing on important issues in the state government bills it is supporting, notably bills dealing with a woman's right to choice over her own body, protections against assault, and support for student mothers and families requiring assistance in childcare. Please contact your Assembly and State Senate representatives to urge them to support these important bills.

AB 92—creates an equitable sliding scale for family childcare fees

AB 1666—enables persons from outside CA to obtain abortions

AB 1968—mandates websites at CSU/UC campuses to assist sexual assault survivors

AB 2881—gives priority to student parents in CA colleges

SB 523—expands health plans' contraceptive coverage

SB 1375—allows nurse practitioners to practice under standard protocols to provide first-trimester abortion care

Remember also to use the 5 Calls app on your phone to demand that your representatives in Congress support legislation to prevent gun violence, support abortion access, and support working families with parental leave; scripts and direct access to your congresspersons' office phones are just a button away.

New Instructions for Renewing Your Membership with Del Mar-Leucadia AAUW

Jess Gadsby

Spring has Sprung! Spring is the time of new beginnings and new growth. It's also the time that we ask our Del Mar – Leucadia, CA AAUW Members to renew for another year. The membership year of AAUW runs from July 1st to June 30th.

In past years we have been able to send you an e-mail that contains a link to renew on-line. This year that is not possible. AAUW National has been installing new membership software that functions differently than the past system we were using. You are expected to renew yourself on-line. If you feel comfortable navigating through a new system, then please give it a try. The new site's login page is: <https://my.aauw.org>

If you had a previous on-line account with National, it will ask you to reset your password. Your username is your e-mail. If you didn't have an account, it will ask you to create one. Then you can navigate to your membership and renew on-line following the prompts.

If you would like to pay your dues without trying the new system, then just make out a check to Del Mar – Leucadia AAUW and mail it to me: **Jess Gadsby, 1121 Santa Madera Ct., Solana Beach, CA 02075**. Then I will enter it into the system.

The Dues this year are a total of **\$110** for regular members and **\$43** for those who are National Lifetime Members. The details are: \$67 (\$64 is tax-deductible) for AAUW National Association, \$20 for AAUW California, and \$23 for Del Mar – Leucadia Branch Membership.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Karen Dorney, Membership, or myself, Jess Gadsby, Membership Dues Treasurer.

Membership - Introducing our New Members

Karen Dorney



Carol Waltz

Carol began life as a Texan, but will end her days as a SoCal gal. In between she lived in Denver for most of her adult life, earning an MA in Linguistics from Colorado State University and an MA in Organizational Psychology from the University of Colorado. Colorado led her down several career pursuits, including college instructor and fundraiser. She arrived in California in 2010 to live with her daughter, and they both relocated to Encinitas in 2021.

Interests include cooking, music and theater performances, tennis, reading and laughing. Carol became a member this March and immediately signed up for the Bridge and Out-to-Lunch groups. She also plans to join one of the book groups and Fun, Food, And Friends.



Carol Pletcher

My husband and I moved to Solana Beach in 2014 to be near our children. In 1983 with Ph.D. in hand and two small children in tow, I joined Cargill for what turned out to be a 25-year fabulous career including research scientist, technical director, vice president, global travel, and a first-rate business education. I would say, "You cannot get through the day without eating something that Cargill has touched."

Juniata College B.S. Chemistry. minors in physics & math
U of Michigan M.S. Physical Chemistry
U of Minnesota Ph. D. Biochemistry

2022 Commitments and Activities include:
Juniata College Board of Trustees
Friends of Solana Beach Library volunteer
President of my HOA
Dickens Universe UC Santa Cruz participant

I belong to Torrey Pine Needlers, AAUW, Book Club, Jazzercise. And enjoy making quilts, strawberry jam and being grandmother to Alex, Cain and Finn.

Special Interest Groups Meeting Now

New and seasoned members and friends are invited to become a part of one or more of these fun and informative groups!

😊 – Groups meeting over summer

Bridge Group: We are playing the 1st and 4th Tuesday of each month at **10:00 a.m.**, at Morgan Run Club in Rancho Santa Fe. Our Bridge group is always looking for new substitute players. Interested?

😊 **Novel Lovers Book Group:** Novel Lovers will be **continuing through the summer**. Same times: 4:00pm on Zoom. 4th Monday of each month. New people welcome.

June 27- A Conspiracy of Mothers-Colleen van Niekerk (Norelynn)
July 25-The Daughters of Yalta-Catherine Grace Katz (Nancy)
August 22-The Bohemians-Jasmine Darznik (Judy)

Contact: Nancy L. Kohrs, nancykohrs1@gmail.com, 858-220-1951

😊. **Great Decisions:** We will be meeting on Zoom at 7pm the first Thursday of the month this spring to discuss the following subjects:

June - No Great Decisions meeting
July 7th - Quad Alliance
August 4th - Drug Policy in Latin America

We would love to have you join us in our journey to learn about global current events.
Contact Kathy Adams, bri2kath@gmail.com, 281 704 1495.

Fun, Food & Friends: Fun Food and Friends Groups are ongoing. If there are more members who want to participate, please contact Nancy Kohrs. Groups consist of 6 (members + spouses/partners, or we'll pair you with another single) and meet for three events over 3-4 months. Groups are then shuffled – giving you a chance to meet and get acquainted with several members and spouses in small group settings.

Contact Nancy L. Kohrs: nancykohrs1@gmail.com, 858-220-1951

😊 **Morning Literature:** Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Meetings are via zoom and occasionally in person with masks and social distancing. Books discussed alternate between a selection of a Great Books series, novels and short stories. Our June long short story is "The Bridge of Dreams" by Junichiro Tanizaki. July is our poetry reading and August is a social.
Contact Arlene Lighthall at alight23@gmail.com.

😊 **Cloak and Dagger Murder Mystery Book Group:** meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. currently at outdoor lunch venues. Members with "mystery on the mind," select books from lists that include the New York Times, British Literature, Best Sellers, and literature prize winners. If you are intrigued by murder, mystery and suspense and like a lively discussion, join us.

Special Interest Groups Meeting Now ... cont.

Next up:

June 7	The Long Bright River, by Liz Moore
July 5	The Red Lotus, by Chris Bohjalian
August	vacation
September 6	Book Selection Luncheon

Contact: Marlene Gerber Gale, mgerbm@aol.com 858-775-4722

☺ **Out to Lunch Bunch: Meets** on 3rd Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m., in outdoor settings only. All welcome.

Out to Lunch venues for June to August.

June 21 Poseidon 1670 Coast Blvd Del Mar 858.755.9345	July 19 Claire's 246 N Cedros Solana Beach 858.259.8597	Aug 16 Jakes 1660 Coast Blvd Del Mar 858.755.2002
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RSVP and questions: Karen Vanderwerken, karenvtx@gmail.com, 817 371 3833



Going left to right around the table: Carol Pletcher, Michele McNeil, Charlotte Gumbrell, Karen Vanderwerken, Bobbi Karnes, Karen Dorney, Linda Quinby, Jane Sanders, Carol Waltz.

All are members of our branch. with Carol Pletcher and Carol Waltz being the two newest ones

'How AAUW Fund helps women achieve equity in education and the workplace' topic at AAUW virtual event

AAUW Fund programs that help women achieve equity in education and the workplace will be discussed at the Del Mar-Leucadia Branch of the American Association of University Women virtual program to be held on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to noon. The Zoom room opens at 10 a.m. for a 30-minute social/chat time followed by the program at 10:30 a.m.

The public is invited to this seventh program in "Equity, The Path Forward," the 2021-2022 branch theme. Guests must send their name and email address to membership@aauidml.org to receive a Zoom link to the meeting and for their name to be recognized when they enter the Zoom Waiting Room.

Carol Fletcher, Ph.D., a past AAUW Fellowship recipient, will answer the question, "Did AAUW make a sound investment?" as she tells how she progressed

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Donna Lilly

WALTER LILLY



GRISOLA GONZÁLEZ

Grisel Cabrera



COURTESY

Carol Fletcher, Ph.D.,

FROM EQUITY, B2

from a graduate student with a fellowship to a member of the board of trustees of her college. Grisela Cabrera, a California State University San Marcos student who was chosen to attend the National Conference for College Student Leaders (NCCWSL), will share what she learned about leadership.

Donna Lilly, AAUW California College/University chair, will speak on two AAUW programs, Start Smart and WorkSmart, which help women have success in the workplace. Past branch president Michele McNeil will explain how she received an AAUW

Community Grant to start a STEM project for teenage girls in Kentucky. The project is still running and takes advantage of a local university Space Science Center.

AAUW is a national organization that advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Membership is open to all college graduates with an associate or higher degree. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

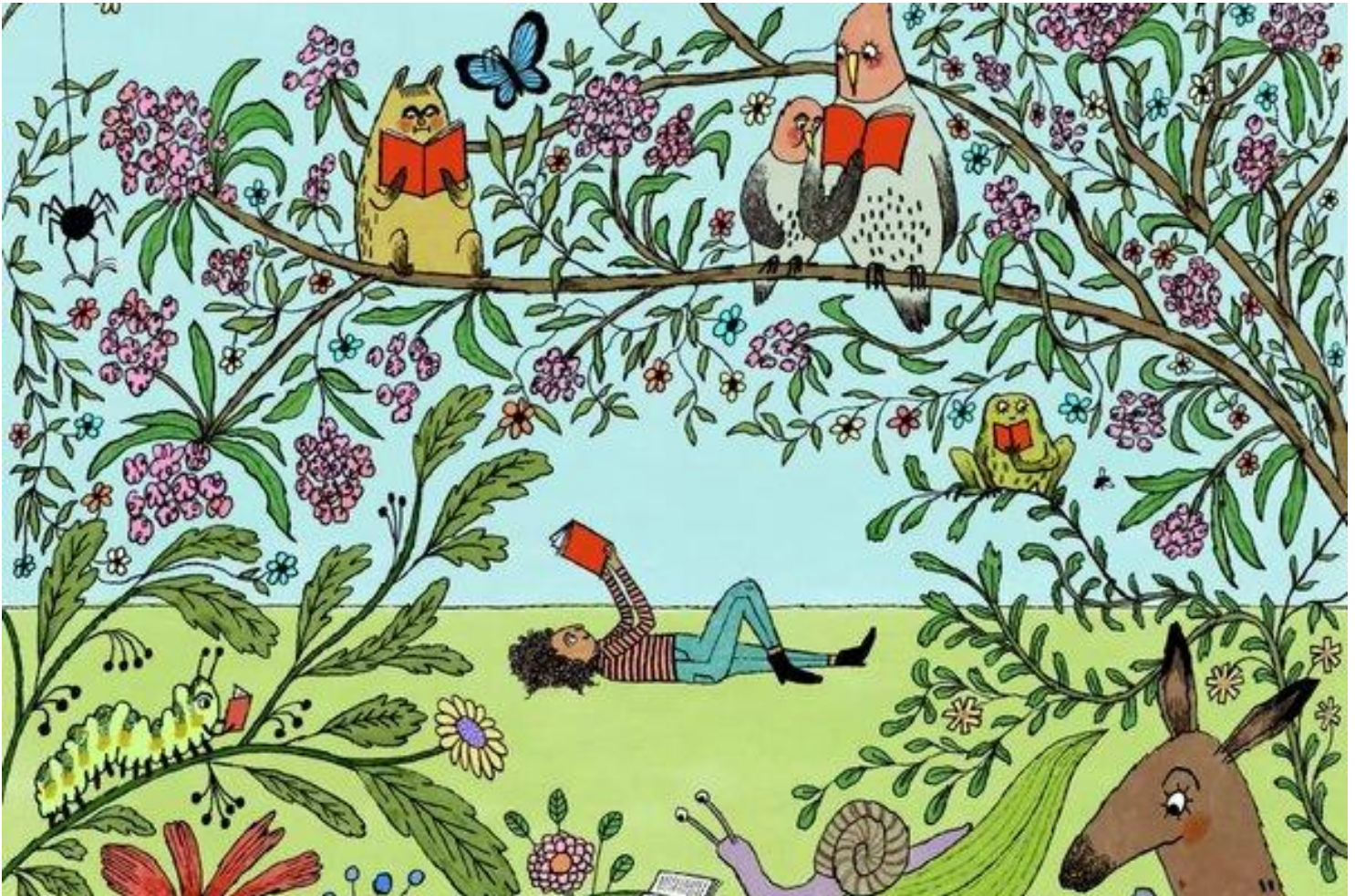
The Del Mar-Leucadia Branch serves coastal San Diego communities and reflects the varied interests of its members with monthly meetings

(open to the public) and special interest groups such as Great Decisions, dining, book, movie, and bridge groups. The branch welcomes new members.

The local AAUW branch raises money for scholarships for local college students and for local middle school girls who are chosen to attend AAUW's Tech Trek, a STEM camp for girls. The branch also supports Speech Trek for local high school students and the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund.

For more information, visit delmarleucadia-ca.aauidml.org or contact Karen Dorney, membership@aauidml.org

Happy Summer to all !



AmazonSmile customers can now support AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia California Branch in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device
2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'

Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process. If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app, update your app. Click [here](#) for instructions