



Upcoming Branch Events

Join us for our in-person events through August, including our Summer Social in Barbara’s Garden!

Most events are held on the **second Saturday of the month from 10 am- Noon**. Locations not stated will be announced later.

Date	Location	Event
June 8, 2024	ECC	Installation & Awards Celebration
July 13, 2024		🌻 Summer Social in Barbara’s Garden 🌻

ECC = Encinitas Community Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Drive, Encinitas

Installation & Awards Celebration

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2024

Time: 10:00 - Noon

(Social time 10-10:30; Program 10:30-Noon)

Place: Encinitas Community Center
(1140 Oakcrest Park Drive, Encinitas)

Celebrate our branch accomplishments,
including college scholarships!

Recognize members, leaders, & award
recipients, including Named Gift Honoree!

Show your support for our incoming board
as it is installed!

Share personal adventures
and milestones!

Enjoy Refreshments
and socialize with AAUW friends!

July 13 - Summer Social in Barbara's Garden

Date: Saturday, July 13th

Time: 10am – Noon

Where: 1327 La Sobrina Ct., Solana Beach - Barbara Jenkins-Lee's Garden
(Parking and entrance are on San Andres Drive. Look for the authentic Japanese gate with a tile roof.)

Please Bring: Some savory or sweet finger foods/hors d'oeuvres to share.

RSVP with # of attendees to:

programs@aauwdml.org



- ✓ Bring your spouse, significant other or friend to our garden party and a hat as there is very little shade!
- ✓ Relax, refresh, and renew in Barbara's award-winning Asian garden.
- ✓ Learn about the beautiful plantings & koi.
- ✓ Socialize with AAUW friends!

The President's Buzz

Linda Quinby



What a challenging and awesome year we've had! After 2½ years of virtual programming, we've been feeling our way back into the real world – restoring and rethinking and experimenting, remembering what we did BC (Before Covid) and moving *Forward Together* to what we wanted to do now and in the future. I hope you've enjoyed our branch events, from our September kickoff to our May Tech Trek Celebration, as well as our wonderful special interest groups.

Through the generosity of members and friends, we have touched the future – awarding two college scholarships (including the Fran Miller Memorial Scholarship, funded by Fran's family); sponsoring one young woman to attend AAUW's National Convention for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland the end of May; and sponsoring 13 middle school girls to attend Tech Trek science camp (10 in person at UCSD in June and 3 for virtual camp). Our ability to sponsor so many Tech Trekkers is largely due to the generosity of the Doris Adrian Charitable Trust. Doris was a long-time active member of our branch who believed in the power of education and Tech Trek to change lives, and she left behind this amazing legacy.

"It Takes a Village." So many of you have contributed to our branch accomplishments this year – arranging for venues, coordinating speakers, and leading programs; providing refreshments, supplies, and decorations; publicizing our events through newspapers, flyers, branch website and social media, Coastline, and eblasts; and organizing and contributing to our fundraisers. A huge THANK YOU to all of you and especially to our hard-working and creative board for all they've done to make it happen. And of course, it wouldn't be the same without all of you who have attended events, donated, shared AAUW with friends, and warmly welcomed our guests and new members.

Join us at our upcoming events to honor our members and leaders, celebrate our accomplishments, socialize with friends, and renew our commitment to equity and education for all women and girls.

Linda

National Vote on Open Membership Results

AAUW Board of Directors & Linda Quinby DML President

The initiative to open AAUW's membership did not pass.

Changes to AAUW's bylaws require 2/3 majority (66.6%) to pass. AAUW members voted 65.1% to approve the measure, just shy of passing.

On behalf of the AAUW Board of Directors, we are disappointed that the initiative to open AAUW's membership did not pass.

We understand that this outcome may feel exclusionary to some. But AAUW's history is one of continual change and growth, even in the face of challenges. That same resilient spirit must guide us now as we seek to fulfill AAUW's purpose to advance equity for women and girls.

There are many ways to engage with AAUW and support our mission beyond membership. Please encourage members and non-members alike to engage with us — to become [Two-Minute Activists](#), to attend our webinars and events, to apply for a [fellowship or grant](#), and to share the information and resources from our [website](#), which support women's economic empowerment.

The AAUW Board of Directors is committed to AAUW's future and to strengthening the connection with all our members and our community of branch and state organizations. We can all do more to support AAUW's efforts — and we won't stop working for an equitable future for women and girls.

Julia T. Brown, Esq.
Board Chair, 2017-2024

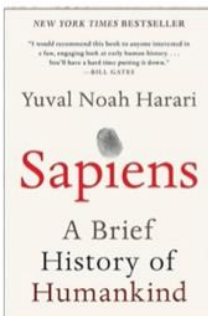
Cheryl Sorokin
Board Chair, 2024-2025

To access the full election results and FAQ (including the potential to vote on this issue again in the future), please visit the [AAUW Election page](#).

Open Book Group Meeting for 2025

Linda Quinby and Carol Pletcher

What Other Book is Worthy of Serious Discussion?



The attendees at the Sapiens discussion were enthusiastic about that discussion and about doing a similar program next year.

Help us find a worthy book for a serious discussion next year!

If you haven't already given book suggestions in our recent branch survey, please send your ideas to Carol Pletcher: pletcher.carol@gmail.com

It's Membership Renewal Time!

Rebecca Hill, Membership Director, and Jess Gadsby, Directory Chair

Recently most members received an **email from AAUW National about renewing our memberships and paying dues online**, including dues payable to the national organization, the state organization, and our local branch:

National	\$72
State	20
DML	23
Total	\$115

The website allows you to pay your dues with a credit card or debit card. Just be sure to indicate CA for the state dues and select Del Mar-Leucadia for the branch. The dues are then distributed to the state organization and our branch.

If you prefer to pay by check, you can send your check for \$115 to our Dues Treasurer:

Jessamine Gadsby
1121 Santa Madera Ct.
Solana Beach, CA 92075-1620

Jess will handle getting the money and dues renewal to National and State.

Note that if you did not receive a renewal notice, it is probably because your membership expires at a different time of year. Newer memberships now expire one year from whenever a member joins.

Questions? Contact Jess Gadsby, jessg1121@sbcglobal.net or 858-755-6693

College Scholarships

Jane Sanders

Congratulations Aamina Usmani and Daniela Ruiz Lopez

This year we have awarded two college scholarships to women who are graduating in May 2024. I am proud to share their backgrounds with you. Thank You for your generous support of our college scholarships.

Aamina Usmani

Awarded a \$1000 scholarship + NCCWSL sponsorship.

Mira Costa College - degree in Biomanufacturing, aspiring to receive her PhD in Biomedical Science and pursue a career in pharmaceutical industry.

Aamina is the first in her family to attend college in the U.S. She had very little guidance from her family and with much determination and no car, she took three bus routes to and from college every day. She attended to her father who had lost his job after being diagnosed with diabetes and an eye condition. She was the oldest of the children and felt responsible for her family. The family was affected by COVID and during that struggle she recognized her desire to learn more about the medical field.



From her application she says, "From learning about cutting-edge research and various bioprocess techniques, I plan on making meaningful influences in understanding, preventing, and managing health conditions."

Aamina is also our branch recipient of an award to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland the end of May. We hope to have Aamina as a guest speaker at a future Branch meeting.

Dear Jane Sanders and the AAUW scholarship committee,

I wanted to thank all of you with a heartfelt gratitude for selecting me as the recipient of the AAUW scholarship. I am both joyful and appreciative that I was awarded this prestigious scholarship. This scholarship serves as my financial support, validation of my hard work and manages to lift a significant burden off my shoulders while pursuing my bachelor's degree in Biomanufacturing.

Your generosity and belief in me have allowed me to strive for excellence and further my education in my field of study. Now more than ever I am motivated to excel academically, work towards my career aspirations and contribute to my community.

Being recognized by an esteemed organization like AAUW is an honor and I will carry it with pride throughout both my academic and professional journey and I can assure you that I will make a positive impact in my current and future pharmaceutical/biotechnology work.

Thank you once again!!!

*Sincerely a grateful student,
Aamina Usmani*

College Scholarships Cont...

Jane Sanders

Daniela Ruiz Lopez

Awarded the \$2000 Fran Miller Memorial Scholarship.

Daniela attends California State University San Marcos - graduating in May 2024, in elementary education. She plans to go on to get her Master's in Education.

Daniela is a first-generation college student in her family. She struggled throughout her school years and was determined to make the classroom a place where everyone has opportunities and feels included in the education process. Daniela was on the Dean's List every semester at CSUSM. She tutors youth who have been emancipated from foster care.

We honored Daniela with the Fran Miller scholarship because of Fran's deep devotion to supporting women in the field of education. (Fran was a past President of our Branch.)

If scheduling works out, Daniela will also speak at a future branch meeting.



Congratulations Daniela

A Musical Tea With COV

On March 16th we continued our tradition of a joint meeting with Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista (COV) Branch for Women's History Month.

This year was COV's turn to host, and they pulled out all the stops for non-stop fun at their Musical Tea.

In addition to high tea, entertainment included: two musical groups, and a fashion show featuring their Tech Trek girls and members modeling clothes representing schooldays to graduation to professional life. The Assistance League Thrift Shop in Encinitas supported by providing appropriate clothes for our models.



A Musical Tea with COV Cont...

About 100 attendees from both branches filled the Harding Center, with many donning hats and fascinators. Ticket sales and silent auction items raised \$4000 for COV's Tech Trek scholarships, and DML's silent auction items brought in \$710 for our college scholarship fund.



Patricia Johnson-Khalifa & Linda Quinby. Lynette Ohlson & her 2 guests, Sallie Piccorillo, 2nd from left: Donna Lilly, Front: Barbara Bladen, Karen Gallagher, Jane Sanders (all 3 are past presidents of our branch) Rear: Jess Gadsby, Carol Pletcher, Bobbi Karnes, Far right: Kathy LeMieux-Savastio, The Teapot, DML Silent Auction, Seated: Lori Graham, Lorraine Pfahl, Patricia Johnson-Khalifa Back: Sallie Piccorillo, Linda Quinby, Jane Sanders, Gina Allicotti, Lynette Ohlson, Sharlene Bergart with her mother.

Branch Silent Auction Held at COV Tea

**Sincere thanks to all who donated to, solicited for,
or bid upon the prizes at our silent auction.
We appreciate your support of our fundraising.**

These businesses supported us with generous donations:

Solicited by Andrea Henne & Bobbi Karnes)

New Village Arts
North Coast Rep
Swami's Encinitas Blvd.
The Perfect Workout

These members donated items:

Michele McNeil
Janice Muller
Jackie Stone
Nancy Telford
Jackie Trischman
Karen Vanderwerken
Judy Verbanets

Chocolate Tasting

**Presented by our member Dr. Jackie Trischman, natural products
chemist and Dean of STEM at Cal State San Marcos.**

The winners of the of the Chocolate Tasting prize are seen ready to
taste a great variety of chocolates and learn about the interesting
cultural history of the cacao fruit and the science of chocolate making.



Terry Lowe, Gina Allicotti, Linda Quinby, Jay and Jackie Trischman, Lynette & Dave Ohlson, Bobbi Karnes. Winners not shown: Dave Quinby (photographer) and Carol Waltz. Held at home of Dave & Linda Quinby.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Assembly Bill 2326

Norelynn Pion-Goureau DEI Director

How DEI is playing out at the state and national levels: Assembly Bill 2326

Like many of you, for a long time Title IX meant equal practice time and a gym for the women to use equally, in my mind. It took a while, and several local AAUW speakers like Cory Schumaker for me to realize all the ramifications of this truly essential bill. Thanks to Betsy de Vos and her hardline views on following up on sexual harassment complaints, I began to realize that Title IX was about much more than equal sports opportunities; it was in fact about equal and respectful treatment of women in all educational settings.

Today AAUW California is important bill that we all aware of: Assembly Bill by Assembly member Alvarez. The bill is only to ensure equity in academic programming at education institutions, but a transparent process for discrimination, bullying, sexual harassment and



sponsoring an need to be 2326, authored David intended not sports and our higher also to provide complaints of harassment, sexual assault.

The bill requires that the Chancellors of the Community Colleges, State Universities and the President of the University of California provide a **personal, oral annual report to the Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees on Education Finance, to be followed by a public Q & A.**

The implications and wisdom of this bill are clear: if there is not adequate and consistent handling of Title IX-related complaints, as found in the State Auditor's report in 2023 and again as far back as 2014, the higher education institution will endanger its funding. We are seeing states roll back Title IX provisions and protections every day in our newspapers; Supreme Court Justice Amy Comey in 2020's Doe v. Purdue University turned a sex discrimination statute on its head, using a law meant to prevent and address sexual assault to promote impunity for that very same behavior. This is troubling, indeed, should a similar case come before the Supreme Court. As we have learned, sadly, no protections are assured; they require our vigilance and our votes! Please support Assembly Bill 2326.

Public Policy

Janice Muller

Title IX New Rules

All students deserve to go to school and have the freedom to learn and be themselves without fear of harassment or discrimination. While this is the promise of Title IX, opponents have always worked to weaken these crucial civil rights protections. Last month, Title IX took a big step forward!

On April 19, the U.S. Department of Education issued final Title IX rules that strengthen protection for students experiencing sexual harassment. The rules will also ensure equal education opportunities for pregnant, parenting, and LGBTQ+ students.

The rule changes include:

- Rework of the past Administration guidance on the handling of campus sexual assault, providing expanded protections for survivors; and
- Expand Title IX protection against sex/gender-based harassment and discrimination to protect members of the LGBTQ+ community. Expansion of rights to the LGBTQ+ community via Title IX aligns this federal law with current interpretation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits workplace discrimination on the basis of sex/gender. **AAUW National serves in a gender equity coalition supporting these changes.**

The rules are set to go into effect on August 1, 2024, yet we are already seeing challenges and disinformation spreading. Several states have declared they will not implement the new rules and a congressional challenge in the coming months is expected.

Please tell your members of Congress that sex-based discrimination has no place in education. It is important for them to understand the support for Title IX.



Tech Trek – The Soup that Blue up the Internet!

Judith Verbanets

Dr. Elinne Becket, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at CSUSM, gave a lively presentation showing how she used scientific methods and peer input to determine how the soup below morphed from a clear broth into this beautiful bright blue.



The beauty of doing science is the shared curiosity and collaboration among people working toward answering important questions about the world around us. In this presentation, Dr. Becket spoke about building this community, the importance of open science, and how soup forgotten in the back of the fridge led to scientists from across the globe coming together in a joyous exploration of scientific discovery.



Tech Trek Event 5/11/2024

Branch Tech Trek Director Judy Verbanets announced the names of the 13 middle school students who have been selected for 2024 Tech Trek adventures.



Past and present Tech Trekers Lili, San Arun, Roxana, Daryn, and DML branch Tech Trek Director Judy Verbanets



Tech Trek dad, Dave Quinby, and members Linda Quinby and Dale Ordas



Tech Trek mom,
members Michele
McNeil, Karen
Dorney and Jess
Gadsby



Members Rebecca Hill, Linda Quinby, Carol Waltz



Members Marlene Gale, Sallie Piccorillo, Carol Pletcher,
Karen Dorney, Karen Curd.

AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia in the News

Bobbi Karnes

Encinitas Advocate April 5, 2024

Public invited to learn about 'The Soup That Blue Up Twitter' at AAUW Tech Trek event

The public is invited to learn about "The Soup That Blue Up Twitter," presented by Del Mar-Leucadia Branch of American Association of University Women at its annual celebration of Tech Trek.

The event will be Saturday May 11, 10 a.m. to noon at Encinitas Community Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Dr., Encinitas.

There will be a social/chat time at 10 a.m.

followed by the program at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Elinne Becket, associate professor of Biological Sciences in the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) at California State University San Marcos, will talk about the beauty of doing science, which is the shared curiosity and collaboration among people working towards answering important questions about the world.

Becket will talk about building this community, the importance of open science, and how soup forgotten in the back of the fridge led to scientists from across the globe coming together in a joyous exploration of scientific discovery.

For more information, visit delmarleucadia-ca.aauw.net or contact Rebecca Hill, membership@aauidml.org. Visit encinitasadvocate.com for more.

Encinitas Advocate,
May 3, 2024

AAUW invites the public to a discussion of 'Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind'

The public is invited to join a discussion of "Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind" by Yuval Noah Harari, presented by Del Mar-Leucadia Branch of American Association of University Women. The event will be Saturday April 13, 10 a.m. to noon at Encinitas Community Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Dr., Encinitas. There will be a social/chat time at 10 a.m. followed by the discussion at 10:30 a.m. RSVP to membership@aauidml.org by April 10 to receive a copy of the discussion questions.

Some books just keep aggravating you; some find a home in every book club discussion;

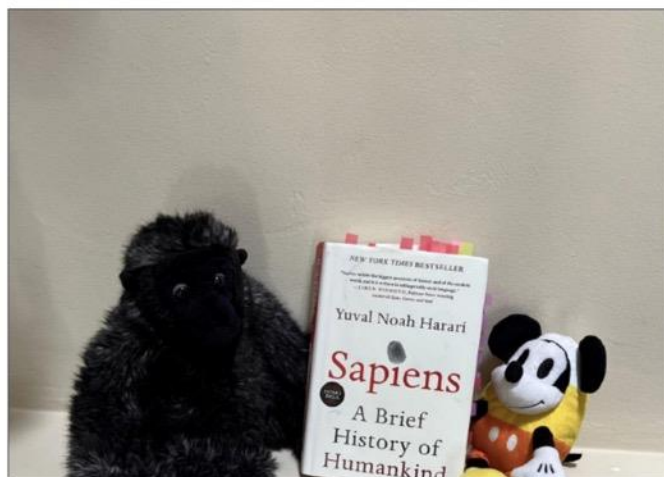
some pop up as insights to thorny issues. Sapiens is one of those books, a book worthy of serious discussion. How is it possible that of the 6-8 Homo species walking the planet 100,000 years ago, only Homo sapiens exists today? How is it possible that the Homo sapiens rule the planet today? With 8 billion DNA members, no other species can challenge the supremacy of the Homo sapiens. Author Yuval Noah Harari strives to answer the question: What was the secret of the rise to power? Join the discussion facilitated by branch member Carol Pletcher, Ph.D.

AAUW is a national organization that advances equity for

women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Membership in AAUW is open to anyone with a two-year college degree or higher. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

The Del Mar-Leucadia Branch serves coastal San Diego communities. It reflects the varied interests of its members with programs open to the public and special interest groups such as Great Decisions, casual dining, three book groups, and a bridge group. New members are always welcome.

For more information, visit delmarleucadia-ca.aauw.net or contact Rebecca Hill, membership@aauidml.org

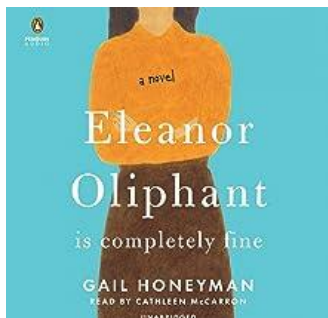
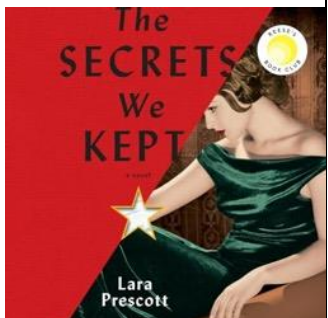
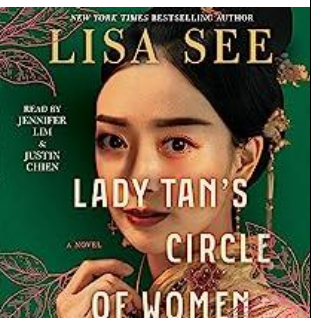
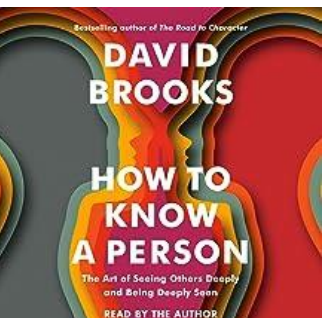
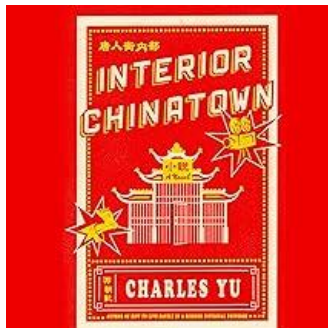
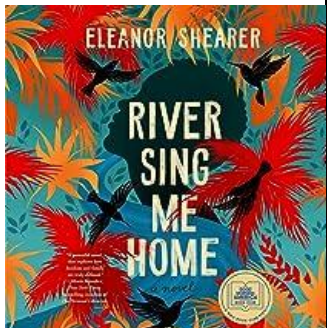
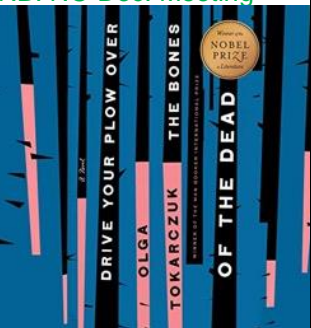
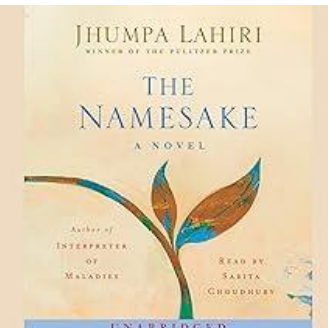

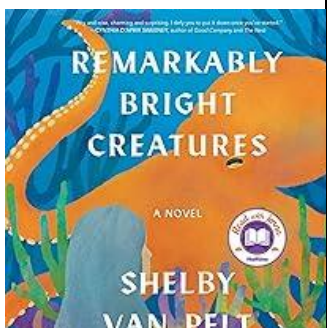
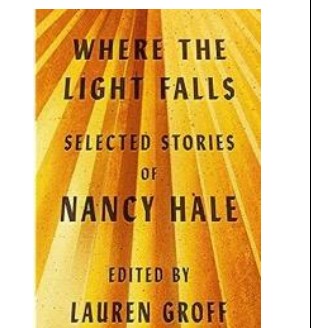
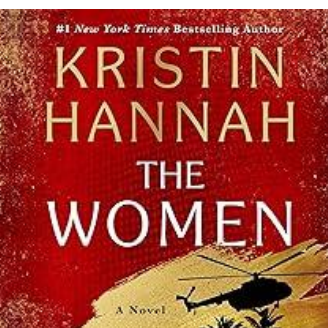


From prehistoric to Mickey Mouse, who are we and how did we become what we are?
CAROL PLETCHER

Special Interest Groups

Novel Lovers Book Group 2024-25

Here is our Novel Lovers Book List - May 2024 June 2025

<p>May 20 - Linda</p> 	<p>June 24 – Judy</p> 	<p>July 22 – Sallie</p> 	<p>August 26 – Nancy</p> 
<p>September 23 – Bobbi</p> 	<p>October 28 - Norelynn</p> 	<p>November 23 – Lorraine</p> <p>NB: NO Dec. Meeting</p> 	<p>January 27 - Pat</p> 
<p>February 24 – Jackie</p> 	<p>March 24 – Connie</p> 	<p>April 28 – Laura</p> 	<p>May 26 – Rebecca</p> 

Novel Lovers meets at 4:00pm on Zoom on the 4th Monday of each month. New people welcome.

Contact: Nancy L. Kohrs, Nancykohrs1@gmail.com, 858 220 1951

Special Interest Groups ...cont.

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?

Contact: Michele McNeil, michelemcneil45@gmail.com or 606-776-775

Fun, Food and Friends

Spring groups for Fun, Food and Friends have been completed and sent out to members. If there are still members who would like to participate, they can contact Nancy Kohrs. We have a great group!

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

Out to Lunch Bunch

Join us for fun and casual dining together! Meets on 3rd Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m., mostly in outdoor settings. All welcome. Contact: Carol Waltz, cw6124@gmail.com, 619-208-824

We're planning patio dining for the summer months.

June 18, 11,30 am Chandler's Oceanfront Dining Carlsbad	July 16, 11.30 am Bushfire Kitchen Del Mar	August 20, 11.30 am 2015 Cucina Italiana Carlsbad
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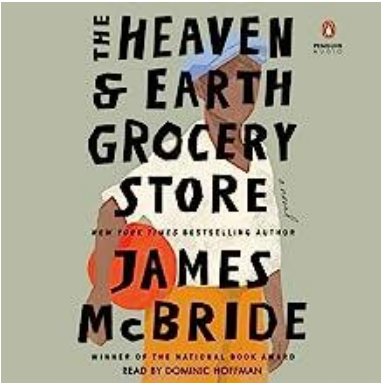



Special Interest Groups ...cont.

Cloak and Dagger Mystery Book Group

The book selection for the June 4th meeting is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by National Book Award winner James McBride. Cloak and dagger book group will be on hiatus for the summer, returning in September for the annual book selection meeting and luncheon. New members welcome.

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

June 4 The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store 	September Book selection & luncheon 
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Morning Literature

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Meetings are in person. Books discussed alternate between a selection of a Great Books series, novels and short stories. We are currently selecting next year's Readings.

Contact Arlene Lighthall at alight23@gmail.com.

June	The Stranger - Albert Camus
July	Poetry – Members' choice
August	SOCIAL

Special Interest Groups ...cont.

Great Decisions

We plan to do in person meetings, with a zoom option. We read a short article on each topic, and then meet for a 1.5 hour discussion the first Thursday of most months. No previous knowledge of the subjects is necessary. Our goal is to learn in a relaxed, friendly setting with a minimal time commitment.

Contact Kathy Adams, bri2kath@gmail.com, 281 704 1495.

August 1	NATO's Future
September 5	Understanding Indonesia
October 3	High Seas Treaty
November 7	Pandemic Preparedness

Anyone is invited to attend since we are very open to new members.

Happy Summer

