

## Forward Together



Standing together for equity

# Join us for upcoming events – a mixture of Mission, Philanthropy, & Fun! RSVP Now!

Date/time	Venue		Program
Sat, March 15 10 am-Noon RSVP by Mar 5	ECC		Join us as we host Carlsbad- Oceanside-Vista Branch (COV) for Women's History Month  Music, the Brain, & Spycraft Dr. Merryl Goldberg, CSUSM Professor
Wednesday, April 9 2:00 – 4:00 pm RSVP by Mar 15	SD Botanic Gardens	SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN	Join us as we celebrate Earth Month at the SD Botanic Garden  The Science & Conservation of Medicinal Plants  Plus light lunch and docent-led tour!
Sat, May 10 2:00 – 4:00 pm	ECC		Tech Trek Celebration!  Forensics: The Science of Solving Crime Monica McCall, Criminalist San Diego County Sheriff's Office
Sat, Jun 14 2:00 – 4:00 pm	SDUMC	7 YEARS	Celebrating 70 Years of AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia!  Champagne, dessert, camaraderie, awards, & highlights of our 70 years!

ECC = Encinitas Community Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Dr., Encinitas SDUMC = San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas SD Botanic Garden, 300 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas



American Association of University Women

Del Mar-Leucadia and Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista Branches

Present a joint Women's History Month Event

## Music, the Brain, and Spycraft

A Learning Experience by Merryl Goldberg, Ed.D.

Professor of Music & Arts Integration, California State University San Marcos

#### Saturday, March 15, 2025, 10 am-Noon

10-10:30 Social, refreshments, & raffle/silent auction 10:30-Noon Program

Encinitas Community Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Drive, Encinitas

Professor Goldberg teaches classes on learning through the arts, where students create songs for math problems, use puppet shows for literature, rap for events in history, and learn how memory and learning are affected by music. She will also share how she wrote secret information into a music score for a trip to the Soviet Union.

Raffle and silent auction items available! Bring cash or checks.

Proceeds benefit local college scholarships.

For more information, contact Jane Sanders, programs@aauwdml.org

66 "I revel in playing a role in education so that all kids have a chance to have arts fused into their daily lives."

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Deadline for reservations: March 5, 2025								
Name	Organization (circle) DML COV Other							
Phone	_ Email							
Number of tickets X \$25 p	per ticket = Amount enclosed \$							

Make checks payable to AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia. Send this reservation form and check to:

AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia, P.O. Box 543, Solana Beach, CA 92075





# Celebrate Earth Month with AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia at San Diego Botanic Garden!

Wednesday, April 9, 10:00 am to 1:30 pm 300 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas

Our special event includes a private entrance to the gardens with easy access to our meeting room, a light lunch, a speaker from SDBG Science & Conservation Team, and a guided tour of the garden.

The focus: "The Role of the San Diego Botanic Garden in the Science & Conservation of Medicinal Plants"

#### Members and guests welcome!

RSVP by March 15 to Jane Sanders at jsanders1107@gmail.com

Indicate if you will be staying for the tour.

Cost: \$20 fee paid at AAUW March 15 event, by Venmo to Jane Sanders, or at the door on April 9.

Comfortable walking shoes suggested.

The SDBG Science & Conservation Team is a premier institution for botanical science and conservation, both within the Garden and beyond their 37 acres. Their major projects fall within three pillars: native plants, medicinal plants, and food and agricultural plants.

#### Approximate schedule:

10-10:30 Social time/coffee 10:30-12:30 Program & Lunch 12:30-1:30 Guided tour of gardens



# **Public Invited**

## **Tech Trek Celebration**

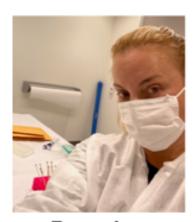
Learn about "Forensics: The Science of Solving Crimes"

Help us honor the 15 local 7th grade girls chosen to attend Tech Trek this summer

Hear former campers share their experiences

Sat. May 10, 2025 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Encinitas Community Center 1140 Oakcrest Park Dr., Encinitas 10:00 social/chat time,10:30 Program



#### Forensics: The Science of Solving Crimes

Monica McCall, Criminalist, Regional Crime Laboratory, San Diego County Sheriff's Office, will talk about her job as a forensic scientist.



AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia
Branch will introduce 15
seventh grade girls from San
Dieguito Union High School
District who were selected to
attend the Tech Trek virtual
STEM camp or the weeklong residential camp at
University of San Diego.

For more information contact: membership@aauwdml.org or visit: https://delmarleucadia-ca.aauw.net

## The President's Buzz



#### Make your reservations NOW for our upcoming events!

- "Music, the Brain, and Spycraft", Dr. Merryl Goldberg of CSUSM, March 15th
- "Earth Month program at the San Diego Botanic Garden" on April 9th.
- Celebrate our newest Tech Trek girls and learn about forensics on May 10th
- Check out our special interest groups, including new Explore SD outings to the Flower Fields and San Juan Capistrano.

What terrific events we've had over the past few months – December's holiday party at Christine Oster's lovely home, decorated for the holidays. January's InterBranch Council (IBC) Luncheon, with our branch hosting 110 attendees from all seven San Diego County branches at Lomas Santa Fe Country Club (double last year's attendance!); and February's fun and stimulating discussion of Material World, led by Carol Pletcher. Plus Explore SD events! I hope you were there to enjoy all or some of these events, but either way, check out the highlights and photos in this issue of the *Coastline*.

#### And there's more to come! Make your reservations NOW!

We're also looking for nominees for FY2026 officers and chairs (July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026). Our current executive board members (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) have all served two consecutive years and are termed out in their current positions. So, we're looking for other members to serve in these positions, plus volunteers for appointed board positions or chairs. Think about how your skills and talents can benefit our branch and let a current board member know you'd like to serve... or say "Yes" when someone from the nominating team calls. Serving on the board or as a chair is a great way to get better acquainted with other branch members while serving our branch and promoting the mission of AAUW.

**Membership renewal time is in April** for most long-term members. I have been a member for over 40 years, and renewing my membership reminds me of why I joined (a colleague at Lockheed invited me) and why I have remained a member (I believe in our mission, and I've met some of my closest friends through AAUW). Through our dues, service, and donations, we contribute to AAUW's mission of equity and education for all women and girls. And recent events remind us that "Equity is still an issue." Join me for another year of mission and fun!

Forward Together!

Linda (aka Queen Bee)

## **Public Policy**

Janice Muller

#### **REGISTRATION OPEN FOR LOBBY DAYS 2025!!**

All members are encouraged to participate in Lobby Days 2025, an important act of advocacy to promote our legislative priorities. **Meetings will be held in person at the Capitol on Tuesday, April 8th, and virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, April 9th.** For more information about the event, see the article HERE. If you would like to participate, please complete BOTH of the following steps:

Step 1 - Register for the Lobby Days event **HERE**.

Step 2 - Register for the mandatory training which will be held on March 31st, 7-8pm Pacific. Register for the training webinar **HERE**.

#### WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE

The LA Fires are a tragedy. DEI is the solution, not the problem. by Missy Maceyko, Co-Director, CA State Public Policy Committee [Excerpt] Over the last few years, and accelerating after January 20, 2025, state and federal level policy changes and pronouncements in the United States have not only (seemingly) forced DEI from federally funded programs, but also created a chilling effect, leading some large corporations and public universities to (seemingly) pull back from DEI initiatives. However, given the well-known benefits of business-integrated DEI strategies in a globalized economy, DEI work will—and must—continue to solve big problems.

Please click here to access the full article at Willing Observers.com.

## A MUST-SEE - Project 2025 and How it Would Impact AAUW Public Policy Priorities

A 60-minute Webinar hosted by the California Online Branch and prepared and presented by AAUW CA covered a brief overview of where Project 2025 came from, who the Heritage Foundation is, and what the project is broadly attempting to do. The presenters address specific parts of the project that would impact AAUW Public Policy Priorities, such as education, Title IX, reproductive health, and gender equity. From beginning to end, including Q&A for about the last 15 minutes, Amy Hom and Missy Maceyko gave an excellent and informative presentation and a recording of the webinar can be viewed here.

#### **TAKE ACTION TO FIGHT PROJECT 2025!**

The objectives of Project 2025 directly counter the Public Policy Priorities of AAUW California. Project 2025 is becoming reality.

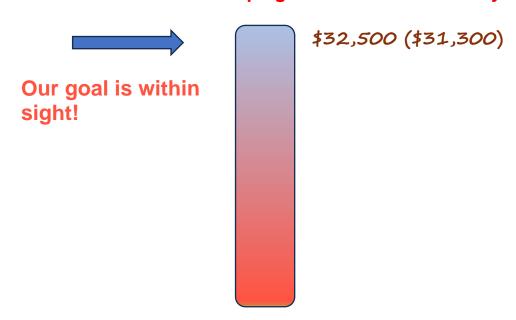
You can act by voicing your concerns to your Senators and Representatives about some of the decisions taking place in Washington DC right now. The use of the App "5 Calls" simplifies this effort! In addition to providing contact links to our Senators and Representatives, it provides suggested scripts and summarizes key issues of the day, with updates on their outcome. Spend 5 minutes. Make 5 calls. Make your voice heard. Try it today!

# Branch Philanthropy Year-end fundraising drive

**Donations Close in on Philanthropy Goals!** 

As of January 31, we are so close to our annual philanthropy goal, having received \$31,300 toward our goal of \$32,500... and we know some additional funds are coming that will put us over our goal! A BIG Thank You to our many donors to local philanthropies, including Kathyrn Adams, the Doris Adrian Charitable Trust, Christine Oster, Elaine Dodge, Judy Foland, Andrea Henne, Rebecca Hill, Judy Howarter, Intel corporate match, Bobbi Karnes, Marilyn Mason, Barbara Mead, Frances Moore, Pat Moran, Linda Quinby, Betty Reed, Mary Schwalen, Joanna Schwend, Jackie Stone, Michele and Frank Svengsouk, Carol Waltz, Katherine White, and others who chose to remain anonymous. In addition, thanks to members who made direct donations totaling over \$2000 to National's AAUW Fund, which was added to our branch donation for a total of over \$4000.

#### THANK YOU for Helping fund the efforts to carry out our mission



Together, we've met our goals to support National AAUW Fund Greatest Needs, MiraCosta College, and Tech Trek, as well as our new exciting opportunity to support students at CSU San Marcos and earn 1-for-1 matching funds from the Epstein Foundation!

Together we did this!

#### **DEI**

#### Norelynn Pion Goureau

Yes, for the moment we can still use these letters, although for how long is in question. This article is on the sewage mess that has been ongoing for years, caused by problems on both sides of the border with sewage from the Tijuana River. You may be wondering what this has to do with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and this article will try to show that ecological damage which produces ongoing severe health problems for low income neighborhoods is at the heart of equitable living standards and including all citizens in the promise of clean, healthy neighborhoods in which to raise children. The University of California San Diego study team led by Dr. Maria-Elena Giner and staff, found indisputable proof of very high levels of toxic, unhealthy air being breathed by residents in proximity to the river, but its more current results were ignored by the Federal panel studying the problem, which chose to use older data and concluded that the levels, while alarming, weren't bad enough to merit a grant to fix the problem. The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District is now distributing 10,000 more air purifiers to eligible households in Imperial Beach, Nestor, Egger Highlands, San Ysidro, Otay Mesa West and Tijuana River Valley, prioritizing household with children and elders over 65, but this is clearly a stop gap measure to combat the hydrogen sulfide from untreated sewage in the river. Will the recent DOD report, which found Navy Seals training off Coronado were contracting acute gastrointestinal illnesses from sewagetainted waters far north of the Tijuana River area, produce some action on this issue since training has had to be postponed or cancelled, costing the Navy money? The marginalized communities who have suffered from air pollution and worsening health for decades can only hope so. Using your 5 Calls app to contact San Diego representatives to keep up pressure to do something for our South County residents and for ourselves.

#### Title IX

Norelynn Pion Goureau

As we read Project 2025, it was clear that it was going to affect all the pillars of AAUW, particularly in education. After all, seven of the organizations who participated in the Heritage Foundation project were on the Southern Poverty Law Center's hate group list. As forecast in this document, gender-based decision making has been prohibited and the Education Department notified schools it would not enforce the revised Title IX (1971) scope to recognize harassment based on sexual orientation and gender identity as discrimination. The old rules, relaxed during Trump's first term, required schools to hold live hearings with the accused and accuser facing each other. In the letter sent recently after a judge ruled protections for transgender students unconstitutional, the Biden administration revisions to Title IX were thrown out. "Title IX must be enforced consistent with President Trump's order," the letter stated. The "unitary executive theory" that undergirds this and many other current decisions undergirds these changes.

## **Community News and Events - Women's Club of Carlsbad**



# "History of Women's Clubs in America"



Womans Club

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR WCC CENTENNIAL (1925-2025)

Speaker Melissa Jones, Women's Museum of California



#### When

Saturday, March 22, 2025 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



#### Where

Woman's Club of Carlsbad Clubhouse 3320 Monroe Street Carlsbad, CA 92008



#### What

Complimentary light brunch will be served.

Donation \$5- a portion of proceeds will go to the Women's Museum of California



Visit Our Website womansclubofcarlsbad.org





## **Community News and Events Cont...**



#### Please save the date:

Our **Woman's Club of Carlsbad** is celebrating our 100th Anniversary. Melissa Jones and Nicole Menn from the Women's Museum of California will bring curated items from their collection and Melissa will speak about "The History of Women's Clubs in America".

#### A great way to honor Women's History Month.

For more information or to reserve your seat, visit their website at <a href="https://www.womansclubofcarlsbad.org/">https://www.womansclubofcarlsbad.org/</a> or contact Arleen von Schlieder, <a href="mailto:aamvons@gmail.com">aamvons@gmail.com</a>.

MiraCosta College Theater Arts program is presenting The Odd Couple from April 24-May 4, in both a male and female version. Twice the laughs!

Tickets are available at Miracosta College | Ticketing - The Odd Couple (Male and Female Versions).

## **Another way to celebrate Women's History Month**

Watch the Netflix movie, **The Six Triple Eight**, based on a true story about the only unit of women of color to be deployed to Europe in World War II. It is a powerful film about the discrimination the women endured and their will to succeed in a seemingly impossible task.

First ladies Eleanor Roosevelt and Mary McLeod Bethune (played by Susan Sarandon and Oprah Winfrey) play key roles in seeing that the women are given a chance.



## **Among Our DML AAUW Members**

## **Congratulations to Jackie Trischman!**

In celebration of the production of "*The Half-Life of Marie Curie,*" the New Village Arts Theater in Carlsbad launched "Illuminating Women in Science: Celebrating San Diego's Trailblazers," a special initiative honoring 25 exceptional female scientists and engineers making an impact in our community, including DML member Dr. Jackie Trischman, Dean of the School of STEM at CSUSM! You can see highlights of Jackie and the other honorees at Illuminating Women in Science: Celebrating San Diego's Trailblazers.

## Happy 100th birthday to Char Gumbrell!

Hard to believe, but yes, Char turns 100 on March 7th! She graduated from college at age 50 and joined AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia shortly thereafter, making her a 50-year member of AAUW and our branch.

For our November 2024 program, Char was one of our featured "adventuresome women," having bicycled and boogie boarded well into her 90s.

Lots of love and best wishes, Char!



## Worthy Book Discussion – "Material World"

We held our second Worthy Book Discussion and started with a thank you to our book selection group: Carol Waltz, Lynette Ohlson, Karen Dorney, Janice Muller. We read *Material World* by Ed Conway.





One important book that provides insight into the news headlines...

# "What are the physical ingredients without which civilization would grind to a halt and where do they really come from?"

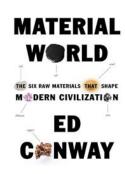
With that question Ed Conway launches the award-winning (*Economist* Best Book of the Year) *MATERIAL WORLD*, a Substantial Story of Our Past and Future. This is the story of human civilization from an entirely new perspective.

This book is grounded in the human ingenuity that has built the world, the geopolitical forces and power structures designed to control these materials, and the climate change challenges associated with the story of human civilization.

Consider these ordinary, humdrum, cheap, yet almost magical substances: sand, salt, iron, copper, oil, lithium. Except for lithium, a newcomer to human endeavor, we are rarely aware of their fairly benign presences in our lives. Conway makes the case that these six substances, of no value in themselves, are the primary building blocks of the world.

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# SDCIBC Annual Luncheon on January 25th was a BIG Success!

Linda Quinby



"Fabulous!" "Delicious!" "Elegant!" "Raised the bar for future events!" Just some of the post-event comments about this year's San Diego County InterBranch Council (SDCIBC) Annual Luncheon on January 25th at the beautiful Lomas Santa Fe Country Club. As the venue host branch, we can be proud of the fun, elegant, and informative event that drew 110 members from all seven AAUW county branches – double last year's attendance!

The room was beautiful with the blue-and-orange linens and stunning bright orange floral centerpieces, selected showcase AAUW's new logo and website colors. The speaker provided by Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista gave an excellent overview of One Safe Place in San Marcos, which is under the auspices of the County DA's office



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and brings together an array of services for victims of abuse and crime in one welcoming environment.

Thanks to the DML members and donors who made this so successful: Bobbi Karnes, Carol Pletcher, Linda Quinby, Jane Sanders, and Carol Waltz, for LSFCC arrangements; and Christine Oster and Janis Ricards for staffing the registration table.



In addition, we raised funds for college scholarships! Carol Pletcher and Jane Sanders worked with Chelsi at LSFCC and The Flower Shop in Encinitas to provide the stunning centerpieces. The Flower Shop provided the flowers at cost and donated their services, and we raffled off the arrangements to

benefit our DML college scholarships. Marie Campagna and Lynette Ohlson sold \$1100 worth of raffle tickets, and Carol Pletcher led the lively raffle drawing. Plus, Bobbi Karnes organized our silent auction items that brought in another \$325 for scholarships. Thanks also to the donors of the four items – Valentine's Wine & Chocolate, Ancestry DNA test kit and consultation, tickets to the San Diego Museum of Art, and two tickets to our March event – and to our winning bidders

## **Special Interest Groups**

## **Explore SD off to a great start!**

Our new "Explore SD" special interest group was launched in the fall and is off to a great start! Want to participate in or suggest future outings? Contact Christine Oster, <a href="mailto:cjoster@gmail.com">cjoster@gmail.com</a>, 916-847-8979

On December 18th, 19 members and guests, plus one canine companion, attended the Holiday Victorian Tea at the Hotel Del Coronado.



**On Feb 28**, we had a sold-out 1-hour free tour of the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) in Carlsbad, with lunch at PF Chang's afterward.

**On January 31st**, 23 members and guests attended a midday concert by the San Diego Symphony in the newly renovated Jacobs Music Center.



### **Upcoming Explore SD Adventures**

#### with AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia

(For members and guests)

HOT! Short deadline! If interested, check Eventbrite for openings.

TEA IN THE GARDEN - at The Flower Fields in Carlsbad!

April 13, 11:50 Seating via Eventbrite (\$98)



Enjoy a relaxing afternoon in a tranquil floral setting. Delight in all that the gorgeous gardens have to offer (garden entry included), along with delicious food and tea with friends.

This is a popular event. Our contact at The Flower Fields is working to assure all AAUW are seated together, but he won't guarantee seats past Feb. 17.

HOW TO BOOK: Type 'Tea in the Garden Carlsbad' in the browser. Our event will pop up. Once booked for

April 13, 11:50 seating, IMPORTANT TO PUT AAUW in space for 'Name reservation is under.' If 11:50am is booked, choose 12:10pm and our contact will combine our group for a table at one of these 2 times.

Contact Christine Oster at explore-sd@aauwdml.org once you book to let her know you'll be joining....

#### SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO TRAIN ADVENTURE

May 22 - We'll be making a day of it!



Train ride to downtown Capistrano; lunch at 'Trevor's at the Tracks' (located in 1898 Railway Depot); stroll through Los Rios Historic district; and explore the newly opened River Street Marketplace.

This area is flat and walking between venues is short. Also, plenty of areas to sit and chill if you prefer that to exploring.

Please RSVP to Christine Oster at explore-sd@aauwdml.org by May 1 (sooner if possible).

## Special Interest Groups ...cont.

#### **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.

#### Join us on

March 18 -- Hennessey's Irish Tavern, 2777 Roosevelt St., Carlsbad

April 15 - Salt + Lime, Del Mar May 20 - Canyons Restaurant at the Crossings, Carlsbad June 17 - Viewpoint Brewing Company, Del Mar

Contact: Carol Waltz cfw6124@gmail.com 619-208-8240



February lunch photo showing Carol Waltz, Linda Quinby, Jennifer White, Bobbi Karnes, Lynette Ohlson, Jane Sanders (Christine Oster and Sharlene Bergart missed the photoshoot)

#### Fun, Food and Friends

Groups of 6, including members and spouses/partners, meet mostly in restaurants for three meals over several months. Participants are regrouped for Fall and Spring. A great way to get to know fellow members!

Contact: nancylkohrs1@gmail.com, 858-220-1951

#### **Morning Literature**

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Meetings are in person. Books discussed alternate between a selection from a Great Books series, novels and short stories.

#### Contact Arlene Lighthall at alight23@gmail.com

We are currently at our maximum number of members. To go onto the wait list, please contact Arlene.

Mar 10	Drive your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead – Olga Tokarczuk
Apr 14	Predestined Marriage and the Poor – Li Fu Yen and R.L. Stevenson – Short Story
May 12	The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store – James McBride
Jun 9	The Death of Bed Number 12 – Ghassan Kanafani - Short Story
July 14	Poetry – Members' choice
Aug 1	The Color Purple – Alice Walker

## Special Interest Groups ...cont.

#### **Novel Lovers Book Group September 2024 - May 2025**

**Novel Lovers** meets at **4:00pm on Zoom on the 4th Monday** of each month. New people welcome. **Contact:** Nancy L. Kohrs, Nancylkohrs1@gmail.com, 858 220 1951



#### **Cloak and Dagger Mystery Book Group**

Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. We welcome new members. For more information contact Karen Dorney at <a href="mailto:2karendorney@roadrunner.com">2karendorney@roadrunner.com</a> 858 481 8411. New members are most welcome.

March 4 -- Bitter River by Julia Keller April 1 -- The Reckoning by John Grisham



December 3, 2024: Cloak & Dagger Mystery Book Group Attending (L to R) were Joanna Schwend, Marlene Gerber-Gale, Mary Dobrin, Marie Bradley, Rebecca Hill, and Sharon Patterson. Picture by Karen Dorney.

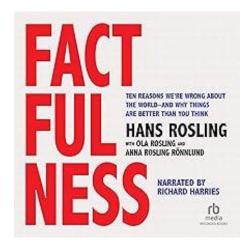
## Special Interest Groups ...cont.

#### **Great Decisions**

Meets on the first Thursday of most months at 6:30 for social time, 7:00 for in-person and Zoom discussion. No previous knowledge of the subjects is necessary. Our goal is to learn in a relaxed, friendly setting with a minimal time commitment. All are invited to attend.

March 6 -- "The Evolution of U.S. Leadership in the Global Economy" April 3 -- "U.S.-China Relations"

Contact Kathy Adams, <u>bri2kath@gmail.com</u>, 281-704-1485, for more information if you'd like to attend the discussions. New members and visitors are welcome.



We held a special book discussion group on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Percy recommended we read *Factfulness* by Hans Rosling.

The book provides a short quiz to give us insight into our own understanding of facts. An insightful discussion ensued and all agreed it was a great learning experience.

#### **Bridge Group**

We are playing the 1st and 4th Tuesday of each month at **10:00 a.m.**, at various members homes. Our Bridge group is always looking for new substitute players. Interested?

Contact: Michele McNeil, michelemcneil45@gmail.com or 606-776-7757