



## Kickoff 2026: Philanthropy, Friendship, & Fun

**Date:** Saturday, September 20, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 am Social time, Refreshments,  
Raffle Tickets, & Displays

10:30 am - 12:00 noon Program & Mini-Meeting

**Location:** San Dieguito United Methodist Church  
170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas

### Public Welcome - Bring a Friend

Be there for the **Big Reveal of our  
2026 Worthy Book for Discussion.**

Sign up for our **Special Interest Groups  
& Explore SD Adventures.**

Learn about our **Expanding College  
Scholarship Plans & Tech Trek 2025**

Honor **Shape-the-Future Awardees &  
Membership Milestones.**

Win **Exciting Raffle Prizes.**



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## ***The War in Ukraine after Three-and-a Half Years: Why is Peace so Elusive?***

**Date:** Saturday, October 11, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 am Social time, Refreshments,  
10:30 am - 12:00 noon Program

**Location:** Encinitas Community Center  
1140 Oakcrest Park Drive, Encinitas



**Dr. Branislav Slantchev,  
UCSD Professor of Political Science**

*Dr. Slantchev is an engaging, knowledgeable, and entertaining lecturer who teaches courses in international relations, national security, and game theory. His research, supported by the National Science Foundation, includes military coercion, intra-war negotiations, the conduct of war, and war termination.*

*Dr. Slantchev will discuss the problems that prevent reaching a ceasefire in the war, the domestic circumstances in Ukraine and Russia, as well as international politics with a focus on the U.S. and Europe.*

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## Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities

**Date:** Saturday, November 8, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 am Social time, Refreshments,  
10:30 am - 12:00 noon Program

**Location:** Encinitas Community Center  
1140 Oakcrest Park Drive, Encinitas



### **Dr. Sunita "Sunny" Cooke, President, MiraCosta College**

*Dr. Cooke, the superintendent/president of MiraCosta Community College District since 2015, has led the implementation of new degrees and certificates including a unique biomanufacturing bachelor's degree. She is president of the board for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC),*

*the primary advocacy organization for more than 1,000 associate degree-granting institutions nationwide. According to Walter G. Bumphus, president and CEO of AACC. "As AACC looks to continuously advance the sector and provide the needed resources for the next generation of community college students, Sunny's strategic and forward-thinking leadership will serve the AACC board and the nation's community colleges well."*

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## 2025-2026 Program Calendar – Christine Oster, Programs Director

Mark your calendars, and plan to join us for our fun and enlightening programs... and bring friends!

NOTE: Event days, times, and venues vary.

Date	Time	Venue	Program
<b>2025</b> Sept 20	10 am- Noon	SDUMC	<b>Kickoff 2026! Philanthropy, Friendship, &amp; Fun</b>
Oct 11	10 am- Noon	ECC	<b>The War in Ukraine After Three-and-a-Half Years: Why is Peace So Elusive?</b> Dr. Branislav Slantchev, UCSD Professor of Political Science
Nov 8	10 am- Noon	ECC	<b>Higher Education: Challenges &amp; Opportunities</b> Dr. Sunita Cooke, MiraCosta College President
Dec 6	4-6:30 pm	RSF home	Holiday social & potluck
<b>2026</b> Jan 24	10:30-1:30	LSFCC	Annual San Diego InterBranch Council Luncheon. <b>Partnerships in Higher Education</b> Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, CSUSM President
Feb 21	10 am- Noon	ECC	<b>All-Branch Book Discussion: A Book Worthy of Serious Discussion.</b>
Mar 21	9:30-1:00	Harding Ctr, Carlsbad	<b>Women's History Month: Suffragettes of CA.</b> Presented by Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista Branch, with Mediterranean breakfast.
Apr 11	10 am- Noon	SDUMC	<b>Earth Month: A Multi-Generational Look at Climate</b>
May 16	2-4 pm	ECC	<b>STEM/Tech Trek Celebration</b>
June 13	2-4 pm	SDUMC	<b>Branch Celebration &amp; Installation</b>

**SDUMC** = San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Encinitas

**ECC** = Encinitas Community Center

**LSFCC** = Lomas Santa Fe Country Club, Solana Beach



## AAUW DML Board of Directors

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### President's Message – Marie Campagna

Hello Friends,

I am so excited to kick off our new year of programs and activities. We are so fortunate to have so many options available to us. I hope you will join us as often as your schedule permits.

We are a unique group and have so much to offer each other and our community I have not been a member long, but have already made new friends, tried new restaurants and enjoyed learning new things. My week as a dorm monitor for Tech Trek this summer was one of the best experiences of my life. It made me realize what AAUW really is about. I know that so many of us try to find ways to make the world a better place. It is difficult in today's environment to make a difference on a personal level. I feel stress at times thinking it's hopeless and I should really work harder and be more involved.

Then there was Tech Trek. The girls who were at the camp were young, curious and excited about life. They wanted to learn, and they wanted to do something with their lives that helped others and made a difference. They made friends easily and worked together so they all succeeded. As they left there were tears of joy and sadness, including from me. They were happy to see their families, yet sad to leave their new friends. They vowed they would keep in touch and come back to camp as counselors! I was struck with awe and pride that our San Diego Tech Trek sent 120 female leaders out into our world! We made that happen!

Our donations help fund the camp as well as multiple college scholarships. What a powerful way to influence the world. We helped smart, strong girls become our future female leaders. So, when you buy those raffle tickets or give your yearly donation, remember you are an active agent of positive change!

I am looking forward to seeing you at our September event. Bring your friends!

Marie Campagna

# Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

The Branch Board of Directors has approved the following Operations Budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. At the September 20th event, we will hold a very brief meeting to have members approve this budget. Please review and be ready to vote!

## Operating Revenue:

Local membership dues (90 X \$23)	\$ 2,070.00
Bank Interest	\$ 2,000.00
Dues Angel Fund	\$ 25.00
Undesignated donations	\$ 100.00
RESERVES	\$ 2,125.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 6,320.00</b>

## Operating Expenses:

Dues Angel Fund	25
Branch Directory	450
CA Atty General Annual Registration	25
Insurance & Fund Assessment, AAUW CA	470
Interbranch Dues	40
Mailbox Rental fee	210
President Expenses	50
Membership Expenses	50
Technology (Zoom, Dropbox, MailChimp, website development)	1000
Programs	100
Programs-Hospitality	500
Programs- Room Rental	2400
Public Policy	50
Speaker Honoraria	500
Treasurer/Banking	50
Marketing/Promotion	100
Social Events (July & December)	200
Undesignated expenses	100
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,320.00</b>

# Philanthropy

*Carol Pletcher, Philanthropy Team Lead*

Our Philanthropy Team anticipates the following scholarships to be awarded in 2025-26:

Cal State San Marcos:

Branch 2024 \$3,000

Branch 2025 \$3,000

Memory of Doris Adrian \$3,000

Memory of Fran Miller 2025 \$3,000

Honor of Linda Quinby 2025 \$3,000

MOM (Memory of Matt) \$3,000

MiraCosta College \$2,000

Greatest Needs (AAUW Nat'l) \$2,000

TechTrek \$15,000

**Thank you to all members and friends for your generosity.**

## Membership

*Rebecca Hill - Membership Director*

*Jess Gadsby - Dues Director*

Your membership in AAUW is your power to make an impactful difference for all women and girls!

Members who are renewing should click the **RENEW** button, not the JOIN button, because the JOIN button will sign you up like a new member.

If you don't want to renew online then send a check made out to Del Mar-Leucadia AAUW for \$127 to Jess Gadsby, Dues Treasurer - 1121 Santa Madera Ct., Solana Beach, CA 92075.

To renew now, click, [HERE](#) to enter and confirm a new password and access your **Personal Snapshot**. If you are a frequent user of the Hub, please log in as usual.

In your **Personal Snapshot**, click the [RENEW](#) button at the bottom of the screen to update your profile and renew your national, branch and state memberships!

Please pay online by **August 31st**. Your AAUW National membership dues are fully tax deductible.

Thank you in advance for standing Strong with us!



# Public Policy

*Janice Muller*

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. AAUW California's Public Policy Priorities are consistent with AAUW National and are updated every two years with input from and approval of membership.

The 2025-2027 AAUW CA Public Policy Priorities are briefly summarized below:



**2025-2027  
PUBLIC  
POLICY  
PRIORITIES**

- Economic Security for All Women
- Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students
- Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society
- Increased Representation of Women in Leadership Roles

For full elaboration of the Public Policy Priorities, please visit this [page](#) on the AAUW California website.



**AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia Branch**

**EXPLORE SD - A NOVEMBER EVENT!**

**LUNCH & THEATRE**

Saturday, November 15  
2:00 Matinee - \$55 group rate  
New Village Arts - Carlsbad  
Local lunch prior



RSVP & send payment by Sept. 1 to  
Christine Oster: [explore-sd@aauwdml.org](mailto:explore-sd@aauwdml.org)



*RENT is a rock musical with music, lyrics, and book by Jonathan Larson and is loosely based on the 1896 opera La Boheme by Puccini. One of the most important (and most thrilling) musicals of modern times, RENT follows a group of friends in NYC as they navigate the challenges of various romances, the AIDS crisis and yes, rent prices in the City. Produced in collaboration with Diversionary Theatre. At the end, everything comes back to LOVE, and NVA is proud to finally produce this unforgettable show.*

## **A Book Worthy of Serious Discussion for 2026**



**Let's take a peek!**

### **Worthy Book Reveal at the Branch Kickoff Event!**

**Win one of these books in the raffle!**

**Purchase raffle tickets to have a chance at this and other prizes.**

**Raffle proceeds will benefit our branch college scholarships.**

**The Worthy Book discussion will be February 21, 2026.**

## **Behind the Scenes**



**Hi Guys, How's it going?  
Gosh, It's Hard Work.**

Choosing a book worthy of serious discussion is a significant endeavor. Can you believe that thirty recommendations were pruned to twenty possibilities? The twenty were then reduced to ten candidates. Next the ten were reviewed and five were shortlisted for analysis. This is a lot of work.

The team (Carol Waltz, Janice Muller, Karen Dorney, Lynette Ohlson, Carol Pletcher) is carefully preparing to select the one.



## EXPLORE SD- FALL SEASON BEGINS!

JOIN US FOR TWO FUN FALL EVENTS

### SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 10:00 AM**

Explore the museum with FREE admission!

Numerous collections currently on view, including Dutch paintings on loan from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

At **10:15 AM** meet at the museum in Balboa Park for a public docent led tour lasting 40 to 50 minutes.

At **11:45 AM** we will enjoy a casual outdoor lunch at *Panama 66*, located in the Museum's Sculpture Court, adjacent to the main building.

Parking in Balboa Park is free, although quite limited. The closest parking is in the Alcazar lot. 🚗 Consider car pooling.

NOTE: Bring ID showing proof of San Diego county residency for free admission.



RSVP by September 9  
Carol Waltz  
Call or Text 619-208-8240

### PRIVATE FLORAL DESIGN CLASS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 10:30 AM**

This is an opportunity to have some fun and get creative while visiting with friends! No prior experience with floral design needed. Professional floral designers will be guiding us to ensure a lovely final product which will last throughout the holidays.

***Check out the artistic pumpkin centerpiece we'll be creating.***



**10:30 AM at Four Seasons Flowers in  
Rancho Penasquitos  
13289 Black Mountain Road San Diego, 92129**

**\$65 per person**

★ *Payment required in advance to secure your spot.*

**Lunch afterward at local restaurant**

RSVP by September 2  
Christine Oster  
Email: [explore-sd@aauwdml.org](mailto:explore-sd@aauwdml.org)



# Special Interest Groups

## Great Decisions

Meets on the first Thursday of most months at 6:30 for social time, 7:00 for in-person and Zoom discussion. All are invited to attend.

**Note:** Order of topics has been switched and October date changed!

September 4 -- "American Policy in the Middle East"

October 9 -- "AI and American National Security"

Contact Kathy Adams, [bri2kath@gmail.com](mailto:bri2kath@gmail.com), 281-704-1485, for more information if you'd like to attend the discussions. New members and visitors are welcome.

## 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](mailto:alight23@gmail.com)

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

September 8	A Streetcar Named Desire - Tennessee Williams.
October 13	The Man Who Was Almost A Man – Richard Wright (Anthology)
November 10	Seize the Day – Saul Bellow
December	No Meeting
January 12	Blackberry Winter (Anthology) - Robert Penn Warren
February 9	Klara and the Sun – Ishiguro Kazuo
March 9	The Fourth Day Out From Santa Cruz and The Bench (Anth) – Paul Bowles & Richard Rive.
April 13	James – Percival Everett
May 11	To the Mountains (Anthology) – Paul Horgan
June 8	The Importance of being Earnest – Oscar Wilde
July 13	Poetry readings

## 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: Nancy L. Kohrs, [nancykohrs1@gmail.com](mailto:nancykohrs1@gmail.com), 858-220-1951.

## Cloak and Dagger Mystery Book Group

Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. New members are welcome.

Cloak & Dagger Mystery Book Club will meet at Karen's at Noon on Tuesday, September 9 for lunch and to select our books for the coming season. Guests are welcome. RSVP at 858-481-8411.

Contact: Karen Dorney, [2karendorney@roadrunner.com](mailto:2karendorney@roadrunner.com), 858-481-8411

## Bridge Group

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

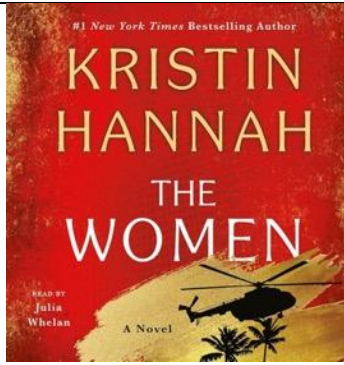
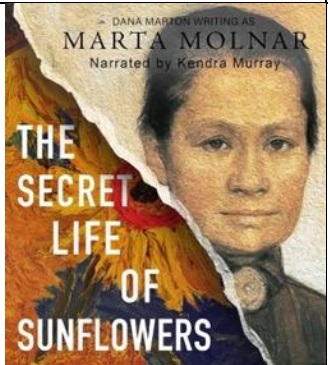
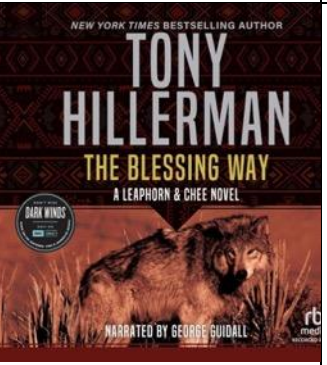
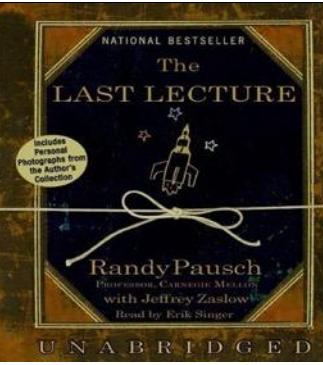
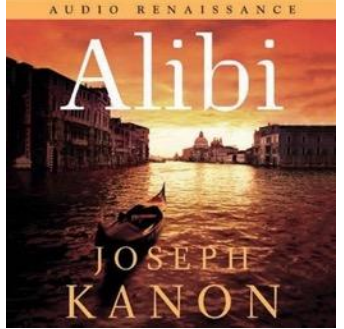
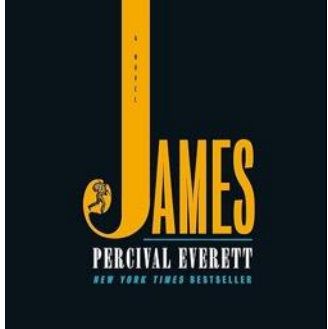
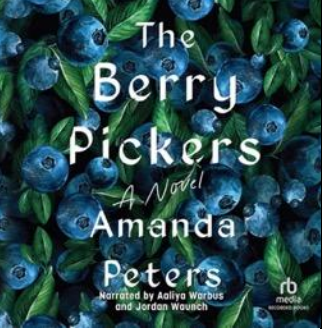
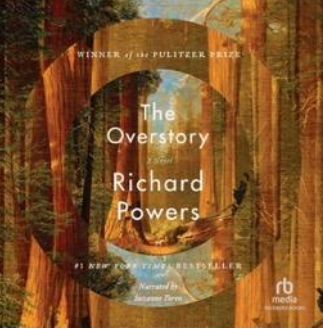
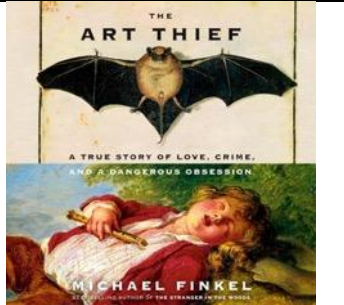
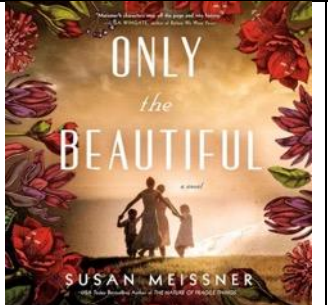
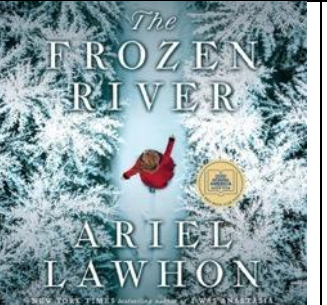
Contact: Michele McNeil, [michelemcneil45@gmail.com](mailto:michelemcneil45@gmail.com) or 606-776-77

## Novels Lovers

**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](mailto:NancyLkohrs1@gmail.com), 858 220 1951.

The 2025-26 books are below.

May 28 –The Women – Kristin Hannah - Sallie	June 23 -The Secret Life of Sunflowers – Marta Molner - Lori	July 28-The Blessing Way -Tony Hillerman - Nancy	August 25-The Last Lecture- Randy Pausch- Bobbi
			
September 22– Alibi- Joseph Kanon – Lorraine	October 27- James- Percival Everett-Norelynn	November 24-The Berry Pickers-Amanda Peters - Linda	January 26- The Overstory Richard Powers - Pat
			
February 23- The Art Thief- Michael Finkel - Lori	March 25- Only the Beautiful- Susan Meissner - Sallie	April 27 - The Frozen River - Ariel Lawhon - Jackie	May 25, June 22 & July 27 to be entered later
			TBA