DML AAUW Coastline

DML Members Perform at MoMM, MONDAY December 8th. Reserve seats ASAP.

Support two of our members, Lynette Ohlson (Tenor Saxophone) and Kathy Adams (Piano) performing with the New Horizons Jazz Band at Museum of Making Music (MoMM) at 6pm on December 8th. Call the Museum at 760-438-5996 to reserve seating.

Upcoming Branch Events

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		
2025 Dec 6	4:00 - 6:30	Member's home	Annual Holiday Potluck Social RSVP ASAP		
2026 Jan 24	10:30-1:30	LSFCC	Annual San Diego InterBranch Council Luncheon Partnerships in Higher Education Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, CSUSM President RSVP ASAP		
Feb 21	10:00-Noon	ECC	All-Branch Book Discussion A Book Worthy of Serious Discussion. The Jungle Grows Back by Robert Kagan		
Mar 21	9:30-1:00	Harding Ctr, Carlsbad	Women's History Month: Suffragists of CA Presented by Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista Branch, with gourmet breakfast		
Apr 11	10 am-Noon	SDUMC	Earth Month: The Tijuana River Blight		
May 16	2-4 pm	ECC	STEM/Tech Trek Celebration		
June 13	2-4 pm	SDUMC	Branch Celebration & Installation		

SDUMC = San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Encinitas

ECC = Encinitas Community Center

LSFCC = Lomas Santa Fe Country Club, Solana Beach



Annual Holiday Potluck Social

A fun event with festive food, decor and camaraderie!

Your spouse, partner or friend is welcome
Saturday, December 6, 2025, 4-6:30 pm
At a Home in Rancho Santa Fe

Enjoy a potluck supper.

Bring an appetizer, salad, entree, or dessert to share, and your beverage of choice. (NO RED WINE, please.)

Please RSVP by Dec. 2 with your name and the # of attendees in your party.
Email programs@aauwdml.org with "RSVP Holiday Party" in the subject line.
Event address will be sent in reply to your email.

AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia Website: delmarleucadia-ca.aauw.net



San Diego County InterBranch Council (SDC-IBC)

Annual All-Branch Luncheon Saturday, January 24, 2026, 10:30 am





Lomas Santa Fe Country Club 1505 Lomas Santa Fe Drive Solana Beach, CA 92075 Cabrillo-Diego Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista Del Mar-Leucadia Fallbrook La Mesa-El Cajon Poway-Peñasquitos San Diego

The Poway-Peñasquitos and Del Mar-Leucadia branches cordially invite you to

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Ellen Neufeldt President, California State University San Marcos "Partnerships in Higher Education"



Under Dr. Neufeldt's leadership,
CSUSM has become a national
model for student success, social
mobility, and regional impact. Hear
about partnerships contributing to
CSUSM's remarkable growth — with
donors and community leaders, as
well as the major collaborative
effort of CSUSM, SDSU, the City of
Chula Vista, and others to create a
bi-national, multi-institutional hub
for higher education and innovation
in South County.

join us for lunch and a good time – renewing old friendships, meeting new friends, bidding on enticing silent auction and raffle items, and hearing what branches are up to.

See you at the Club!

10:30 am Check-in, Social Time, & Silent Auction/Raffle

11:00 am Welcome Address

11:30 am Lunch

12:15 pm Speaker

Bring a friend!

Questions? Call or text Cathy at (858) 449-5096, or e-mail cburciaga@san.rr.com

RSVPs are a Must - by January 12th please!!!						
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Select Your Entrée(s):	☐ Seared Salmon	☐ Wine Country Salad wi	th Chicken			
	☐ Vegetarian Roas	sted Vegetable Wrap				
Cost: \$50. En	closed is my chec	k payable to "SDC-IBC".				
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Worthy Book 2026

"A Book Worthy of Serious Discussion"

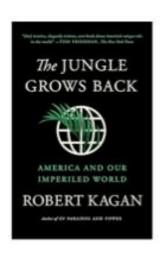
The Jungle Grows Back by Robert Kagan

Join the discussion!

Date: Saturday, February 21, 2026

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Location: Encinitas Community Center 1140 Oakcrest Park Drive, Encinitas





Jungle, the area, is overgrown with dense forest and tangled vegetation.

Jungle, the metaphor, is a situation or place of bewildering complexity, of brutal competitiveness, of lawlessness.

Kagan challenges, coaxes, cajoles the reader to consider the consequences of America's role in the world. "Pushing the jungle back from the garden is a never-ending task." The jungle grows back.

What is to be done?

To see the discussion questions click <u>HERE</u> or email: worthybook@aauwdml.org

Public Welcome - Bring a Friend

AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia Website: delmarleucadia-ca.aauw.net

Encinitas Rotary Wine and food Festival – Save the date



SAVE THE DATE!

Great News! We've been approved to participate!

Saturday, June 6, 2026 Encinitas Ranch Golf Course 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Live Music, Large Silent Auction and Opportunity Drawing Raffle

Unforgettable Evening of Wine, Fabulous Food and Philanthropy



President's Message – Marie Campagna

Hi, Friends,

Here we are in the middle of fall already. For those of you who grew up with the smell of burning leaves, leaves crunching under your feet, and leaves rustling in the wind, do you miss it like I do? I keep trying to justify a warm sweater on a 70-degree day!

I hope you have enjoyed our events this fall. We are lucky to have several new members joining us. I had the chance to ask a few of them why they decided to join. Besides the social aspect, they mentioned the fact that we have a mission to support women and higher education. Having fun, learning, and giving back are all important to them.

The more of you I meet and the more events I attend, the more I feel my world expanding. I was lucky to have a friend introduce AAUW and our Branch to me. As we enter the winter months and get through the holiday shuffle, I am hoping that you will all reach out to someone – a friend, a neighbor or relative – and encourage them to join us. You never know how it will change their lives and open new learning and friendship opportunities. We have our special multibranch luncheon in January, which would be a great place to start.

I hope you enjoy your fall. With the way time goes so fast, the daylight will start getting longer before we know it.

Marie

AAUW DML Board of Directors

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Philanthropy - Strategic Partnership with CSUSM

Carol Pletcher, Philanthropy Team Lead

Our strategic partnership with California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) released a pent-up energy of philanthropy. Okay, maybe a bit of hyperbole, but as of today, a year-and-a-half into the five-year partnership, we have stepped up. There are seven scholars – five funded directly by DML and two funded by the Epstein matching grant.

How we stepped up is worth a moment to reflect. Each scholarship is designed to promote graduation by funding at \$3,000/year for the three (sophomore, junior and senior) years. Three individuals each pledged a total of \$9,000 and chose to name the scholarship. A fourth was funded by members specifically to honor the outgoing president.

Memory of Matt—to honor a lost beloved son
Fran Miller—in memory of a wonderful mother
Nancy Adrian—to recognize the dedicated support for Tech Trek
Linda Quinby—to celebrate outstanding leadership
The fifth is an all-Branch-funded scholarship.

Such momentum!

Now, let us turn to the future and the effort to sustain this momentum. The total San Marcos scholarship commitment is eight; we have secured five. The 2026 goal is to complete the funding for the remaining three. We are on our way with one new scholarship commitment.

How can you contribute? Donate generously to the annual fund drive, commit to a named scholarship (contact Carol Pletcher <u>pletcher.carol@gmail.com</u>), participate in the monthly event fundraising, and release a pent-up energy of philanthropy. Not so much hyperbole after all.



2025 Shape the Future and Named Gift Honorees



Each year we recognize a few superstars for their service to AAUW and our branch. Here are the awards, along with descriptions, and those honored at branch events over the past few months.

Shape the Future Awards

Each year we earn one or more free national memberships under the Shape the Future program, based on the number of new members we recruited over the past year. We use these memberships to honor

branch members or friends for significant service to AAUW and our branch. 2025 honorees are:

Arlene Lighthall – for her many years of outstanding service as leader of the Morning Literature special interest group. Members of this group are so appreciative of her insight, leadership, and expertise.

Christine Oster – for launching and leading Explore SD, planning and hosting periodic adventures in our area. Participants enjoyed a Women's History Walk in Balboa Park, plays, museums, a symphony, and formal teas at the Hotel Del and Carlsbad Flower Fields.

Nancy Adrian – for her many years of significant support for Tech Trek and her new CSUSM scholarship. Nancy started her Tech Trek support to honor her mother, Doris Adrian, who was a member of our branch for many years until her passing.

Named Gift Honoree

An AAUW Fund Named Gift is a special way to pay tribute to an individual, group, or organization who have given extraordinary service to AAUW, and is considered the highest honor bestowed by a branch or state. Branches can name an honoree for each \$750 contributed to AAUW Fund by the branch or branch members in a calendar year, but limiting the number of nominees adds to the prestige of the award. 2025 honoree is:

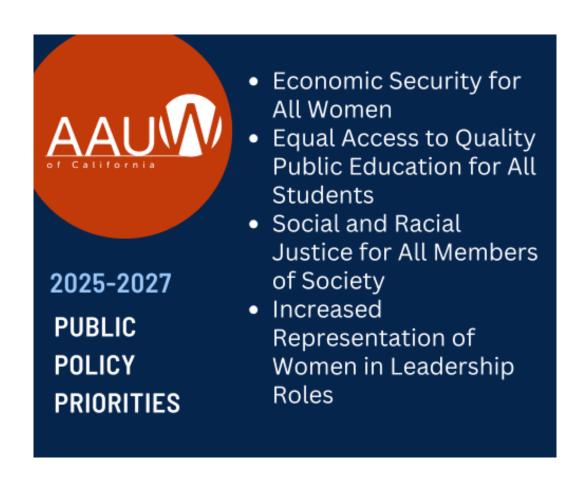
Linda Quinby – for her leadership as branch president in rebuilding the branch as we came out of an all-virtual Covid environment. Over the past two years, she has facilitated communications among our members and reestablished valuable traditions while being willing to consider and implement new approaches. She has advised, coached, mentored, soothed, whatever it took. Under her leadership, programming has evolved, becoming more lively and engaging; and philanthropy has been reinvigorated, with donations doubling in the past year. Through it all, she has been a study in persistence and commitment, seasoned with creativity and a willingness to experiment. We honor her as a leader, mentor and friend.

Public Policy

Janice Muller

Increasing Gender Pay Gap

In a recent press release, AAUW National reported that the gender pay gap has widened for the second consecutive year In order to empower women to fight this inequity, AAUW provides training that helps women strengthen their salary negotiation skills, advocate for better benefits, and position themselves for advancement.



Take action to support AAUW National's efforts by registering for alerts via the Two Minute Activist to call or send messages to members of Congress to strengthen workplace protections and advance pay equity at a structural level.

In addition, AAUW Silicon Valley Branch is hosting the presentation "Higher Education at Risk – And How You Can Help" featuring Meghan Kissell, AAUW Senior Director of Policy, on **December 3**, **2025**, **4:00-5:00PM**. Register now.

School Board Project Enters Next Phase

Public education is fundamental to the health and strength of our democracy. It provides all individuals with the opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute meaningfully to society. However, in recent years, public education has faced persistent challenges and repeated attacks that threaten its integrity and accessibility. These ongoing assaults have underscored the need for proactive measures to protect and defend our educational institutions.

In response, the School Board Project was established. Initially, the main focus was to encourage members to actively participate in identifying, recruiting and supporting candidates to run for school boards whose educational values were in line with AAUW California policies. For a number of reasons, the focus shifted to an emphasis on encouraging and training members to attend school board meetings and reporting what they were seeing in their districts.

The School Board Project is now entering its next phase, focusing on monitoring school boards for compliance with California laws. The AAUW California Public Policy Committee is collaborating with the Public School Defenders Hub to ensure our members have the tools to be effective monitors and reporters. A toolkit has been developed for this phase and can be viewed online.

Lobby Days

For Lobby Days 2026, tentatively in early April, members will meet early in the new year. Members will meet with state legislative offices (in person and via Zoom) to inform them about AAUW and advocate for their support of AAUW California's priority bills.



All AAUW members are encouraged to participate in Lobby Days. To ensure that everyone feels comfortable and prepared, the State office will provide training and materials. This support helps make the advocacy process much more approachable, even for those who may be new to legislative engagement.

Tech Trek Students Speak for Themselves Judy Verbanets



Tech Trek campers tell their success stories best themselves:

- "Going to Tech Trek showed me that it was okay to be a woman interested in science as well as gave me an experience that I will always remember. To be with so many amazing people in one place is something that I will never forget!"
- "Tech Trek set the foundation for everything I have and will accomplish."
- "I realized that I am WAY more interested in STEM than I thought. I'm more confident in my STEM skills. I loved the other girls at camp and had a great time in my classes."
- "Tech Trek is one of my favorite experiences. I loved the opportunity to be on a college campus with like-minded girls who were interested in science and math, attending college, and exploring the world. The whole setup was incredible and full of awesome people between the other campers and the women who made the experience happen."
- "Camp was a life changing experience that truly renewed me as a woman in STEM. Unfortunately, I had to attend online due to the COVID pandemic.
 However, it was still beyond fun and educational. I met so many people that I still talk to now and it inspired me so much I decided to coach every year and help in every way since 8th grade! "
- "My favorite part about camp when I attended was the enthusiasm and true passion the coaches and leaders all had to help us Tech Trek campers. It was clear as day to see that the leaders and coaches loved the experience as much as we did!

Explore San Diego Events

Christine Oster

The Explore SD team is currently planning adventures for 2026. Details are TBD, but here's what we're working on. Have suggestions? Contact Christine at exploresd@aauwdml.org.

February: Cooking Class Feb-March: Musical event

April-May: Tea in the Garden at The Flower Fields

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

We will resume in February 2026 with new topics:

February 5th -- "America and the World: Trump 2.0 Foreign Policy" March 5th — "Trump Tariffs & the Future of the World Economy"

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.

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

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 or 606-776-7777

Fun, Food and Friends

Groups of 6, including members and spouses/partners, meet in restaurants and homes 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, nancylkohrs1@gmail.com, 858-220-1951.

Out to Lunch Bunch

Carol Waltz

Recent Outings: Nov 11, The Beeside Balcony Del Mar. Oct. 21, 2025, The Henry in Carlsbad.

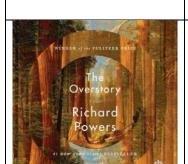


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Novel Lovers

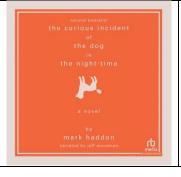
Novel Lovers meets at **4:00pm on Zoom on the 4th Monday** of each month. New people welcome. **Contact:** Nancy L. Kohrs, NancyLkohrs1@gmail.com, 858 220 1951.



January 26- The Overstory

Richard Powers - Pat

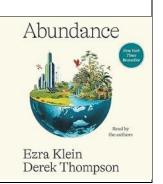
May 25- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-tiime - Mark Haddon -Judy



February 23- The Art Thief-Michael Finkel - Lori



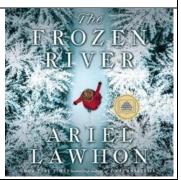
Jun 22 – Abundance – Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson – Nancy



March 25- The Last Empress of France-Petie Kladstrup - Sallie



April 27 - The Frozen River - Ariel Lawhon - Jackie



Cloak and Dagger Mystery Book Group

Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. New members are welcome. Contact: Karen Dorney, 2karendorney@roadrunner.com, 858-481-8411 Landline

December 2 "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon January 6 "One Perfect Couple" by Ruth Ware February 3 "Queens of Crime" by Marie Benedict March 3 "Misjudged: A Legal Thriller" by James Chandler April 7 "Don't Let Him In" by Lisa Jewell May 5 "The God of the Woods" by Liz Moore June 2 "Alibi" by Joseph Kanon

Out To Lunch Bunch

Meets each month at a local restaurant. Regulars and Drop-ins are welcome. Contact: Carol Waltz, cfw6124@gmail.com, 619-208-8240.

January 20, 2026- The French Door Cafe, 2205 Faraday Ave, Carlsbad February 17, 2026 - Monarch Ocean Pub, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar March 17, 2026 - Aroi Thai Carlsbad, 3050 Pio Pico Dr, Carlsbad

DML AAUW in the News

Bobbi Karnes and Andrea Henne

Oct 31, 2025. Encinitas Advocate

'Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities' November event for AAUW, public invited

The public is invited to the program held by Del Mar-Leucadia Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) on Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to noon at Encinitas Community Center. 1140 Oakcrest Park Drive, Encinitas. The speaker, Dr. Sunita "Sunny" Cooke, is the superintendent/president of MiraCosta Community College District. She has led the implementation of new degrees and certificates, including a unique biomanufacturing bachelor's degree.

Cooke is president of the

board for the American Association of Commu nity Colleges (AACC), the primary advocacy organization for more than 1,000 associate degree-granting institutions nationwide. Through her strategic leadership, Cooke strives to meet the needs of the next generation of community college students. Her presentation will highlight challenges and opportunities in higher education, according to a news release.

In the first half hour there will be time to socialize. network, and enjoy refresh-

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 2-year college degree or higher. AAUW values and seeks a diverse member-

AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia Branch serves coastal San Diego County communities and 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, a bridge group, and Explore SD, a group that enjoys local attractions and events. New members are always welcome, the news release states.

This AAUW branch provides 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 national AAUW. For more information, visit delmarleucadia-ca aauw. net or contact Rebecca Hill, membership@ sauwdml.org.



Dr. Sunita "Sunny" Cooke. COURTESY OF MIRACOSTA

DML AAUW in the News

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'The war in Ukraine — Why is peace so elusive?' speaker topic at AAUW event, public invited

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2026 BOOK WORTHY OF SERIOUS DISCUSSION

The Jungle Grows Back

Heads Up! Guys, we are in trouble. The gardeners are not trimming the jungle. The bad actors are closing in. What are we going to do? Let's ask Robert Kagan.

In The Jungle Grows Back Robert Kagan argues persuasively that to preserve the freedom, prosperity, and general peace we currently experience, we must push back. He challenges the reader to understand that the historical norm has always been toward chaos toward the overgrown jungle. The last 80 years of liberal world order are the aberration, requiring a new approach to world order.

Consider:

- 1. An imperfect liberal order is preferable to one dominated by liberalism's Opponents.
- 2. Transforming ambitious, autocratic, military powerhouses into pacific, democratic, economic power houses is arduous work.
- 3. The tragic reality is that it is impossible to wield power, even for the best of causes, with clean hands.

A world order is a set of ideas about how the world should be and a roadmap for a country's foreign policy. The present world order is characterized by liberalism, democracy, and capitalism, not because this is good, right, or better; but because the most powerful nation in the world since 1945 has been a liberal democratic capitalist country.

Kagan clearly describes the present-day challenges to the liberal world order. Consider:

- 1.Russian greatness cannot be achieved in a world that is secure and stable. Russia during the Cold War was a global superpower, today Putin dreams of regaining that global status.
- 2. China, probably the greatest benefactor of the liberal world order, today desires to return to regional and global dominance by displacing the American led liberal order.
- 3. Iran champions the Radical Islam to elevate the House of Islam over all people.

The liberal world order is precious; it is not preordained, not destined by higher powers, not assured, ensured, or insured. The real choice we Americans face, according to Kagan, is between maintaining the liberal world order, with all the moral and material costs that it entails, or letting it collapse and courting the catastrophes that must inevitably follow.

In summary, who is going to drive the bus?

Join the discussion at the Encinitas Community Center. February 21, 2026

Directing Your Attention to... the Directory!

Linda Quinby, Communications Co-Director

By the time you read this, the 2026 branch directory should have arrived in a mailbox near you. A **HUGE THANK YOU to Jess Gadsby** who has been creating our awesome directory for over 30 years!!! And thanks to her team of reviewers (Marie, Carol P, Bobbi, & yours truly) as well as all the contributors, including officers and committee chairs. **Great job!**

I'm sure you'll want to browse through the pages, and there's a new table of contents on page 2, but here are some suggestions to, ahem... <u>direct</u> your attention:

Let's start at the very beginning... Page 1 includes contact information for our branch, plus the state and national offices. Most useful: The websites – Branch, including the password to the "Members Only" section; State, with lots of useful webinars; and National, with general info on AAUW. Super tip: You can establish an account on the national site using your email address and your own password, which allows you to update contact info and check dues status. Did you know? The branch directory is on the branch website under Members Only... in living color!

Our Monthly Branch Program Events are awesome... and they're all listed on page 4. **Super tip:** Put them all on your calendar NOW to avoid FOMO. Next up is our Holiday Social on December 6. See you there!

Need to contact a board member or committee chair? They're all listed on pages 5 & 6. And speaking of committees, they're all described on pages 7-9. **Super tip:** Reach out and volunteer to help! It's fun, and a great way of getting to know branch members better while serving a useful cause.

Can't remember deadlines or who to contact regarding branch publications? They're all listed on page 10.

Speaking of getting acquainted, having fun, and keeping the brain engaged... our world-renowned Special Interest Groups are listed on page 11 and described on pages 12 & 13. **Super tip:** Pick one or more that speak to you and get engaged!

All our members, from Adamo to Zelnick, are listed on pages 14 to 32... along with their smiling faces and contact information. *Super tip:* Check your listing and let Jess know if there are any corrections or updates needed.

And pages 33-40? Lists of Past Branch Presidents, Named Gift Honorees, Shape the Future Awardees, Branch Standing Rules, and a Glossary of Terms... **PLUS the birthday list!** Reach out and wish someone a happy birthday on their special day!



Happy Holidays to all!