

San Diego Branch

September 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization based on gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW FUNDS MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

AAUW VISION STATEMENT

By joining AAUW we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers, so all women have a fair chance.

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EMPOWERING WOMEN SINCE 1881



THE SPHERE

President's Message

by Jane Niemeier

U.S. Women Olympians

U.S. women won 66 medals — more than half of the U.S. team's tally. According to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, if the American women were a separate country, they would have ranked fourth in the world in terms of how many Olympic medals they won. - NPR

Summer is drawing to an end, and many of us spent time this summer cheering on the U.S. Olympic team. The women were magnificent. When the favorite, Simon Biles, was unable to compete, Sunrisa Lee stepped up and won the gold as All Around Champion in gymnastics. Another example is Katie Ledecky who won two gold medals and two silver medals in swimming. And who can overlook the beautiful Allyson Felix who has been winning Olympic medals since 2004.

Let us always celebrate the accomplishments of women, including women in our own branch. Think of all of the volunteer hours that our board members have put in to keep our branch running. If you see a board member, thank her!



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Celebrate the 110th Anniversary of California Women Getting the Vote!

Let's kick off the year by having
Wine, Cheese and Chocolate
 on September 18, from 3 to 5 pm.

Where: Ann McDonald's home
 6575 Golfcrest Drive
 San Diego, CA 92119

Anne Hoiberg has written a play about California women getting the vote. Come and see our members perform the roles of early suffragists. Take some time to socialize with your friends while enjoying the wine, cheese, and chocolate!

Please RSVP by September 13th

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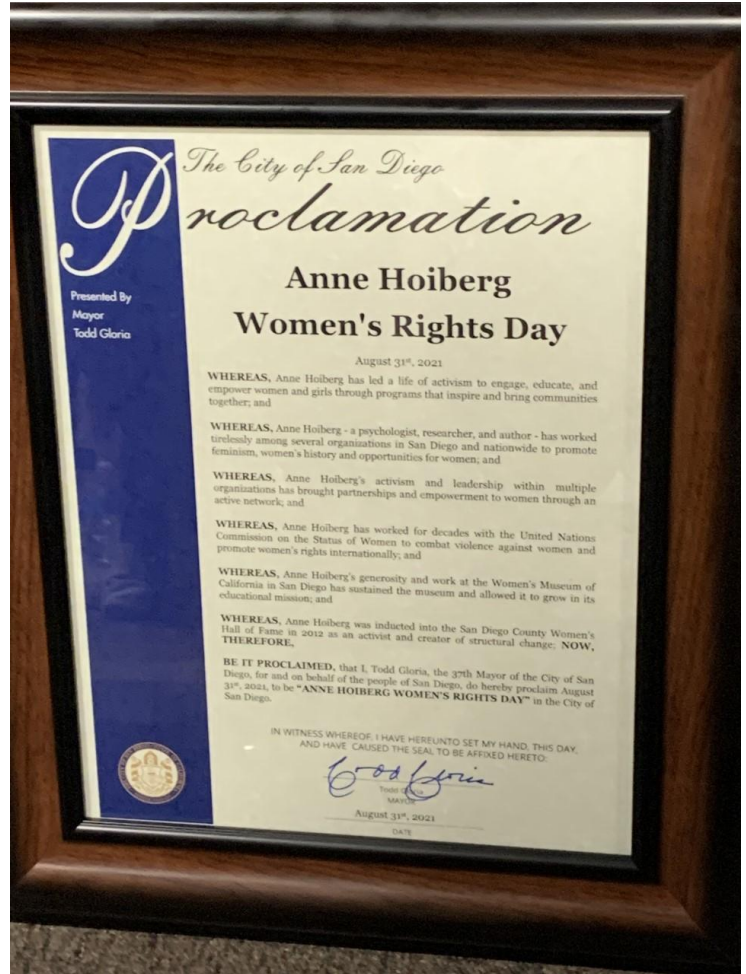
Anne Hoiberg

– Women's Right Day Proclamation

by Jane Niemeier

Last night I attended the Women's Equality Day event at the San Diego History Center. The Women's History Museum organized this event, and one of the speakers was San Diego's Mayor Todd Gloria. He not only talked about the importance of women getting the vote, he also presented a proclamation that August 31st is Anne Hoiberg Women's Rights Day.

This is a well-deserved honor. Please join me in congratulating Anne Hoiberg. Other speakers included State Senator Toni Atkins, Supervisor Nora Vargas, activist Barbara Bry and Commissioner Joely Proudfit. What a great evening!



Anne Hoiberg



Mayor Todd Gloria, Anne Hoiberg & Felicia Shaw, the director of the California Women's Museum

FUND

Lynne Batchelor, **Secretary, AAUW Fund Committee Chair**, aaufund@aauw-ca.org

SAVE THE DATES FOR MEETING OUR FUND AWARDEES

It is that time of year we all look forward to—meeting our fellows. Hearing from our awardees is such an inspiration and the personification of our mission. This year we are again giving you the opportunity to meet all of our awardees virtually. California has 37 scholars studying here this year. In order to give each of these women an adequate amount of time to speak, we are scheduling three events this year. You are welcome to register and attend all three events. Details will follow in the September B2B, so for now save the dates: Saturday, October 23rd, Saturday, October 30th, and Sunday, November 7th each from 10 a.m. to noon. See you then!

TECH TREK

Susan Negrete, and Alice Hill, **Tech Trek State Co-
Coordinators**, techtrek@aauw-ca.org

TECH TREK'S VIRTUAL SEASON SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED!
Three Camps Served 2020 & 2021 Selected Campers
600+ campers completed the program and 76 branches participated.



So Many Heroes: Volunteer Support Was Incredible!

Many thanks to the 250+ branch members and prior campers who volunteered to be technical or social coaches, 'adults in the room', and logistics coordinators – the virtual camp season couldn't have happened without you!

MixTapes Available for Branches

Would you like a video of your campers' Showcase invention/hat presentation for an upcoming meeting? Contact Mary "Dr. Mimi" Isaac, Virtual Camp Director at 2021ttvirtualcamp@aauw-ca.org

Qualcomm Partner Brings AAUW Virtual Camps to the Media

Technology education publication THEJournal.com was impressed with the Qualcomm-AAUW partnership for the robotics core class and the Virtual Camp program design! Representatives visited the Camp #3 Showcase to view camper presentations and may interview participants.

Virtual Camper & Counselor Quotes

"I was so disappointed that I couldn't go to camp in 2020 – I'm so happy I came to this camp!"

"I haven't had this much fun in forever!"

"Thanks for pulling me out of my pandemic bubble!"

"I wasn't into STEM before this camp, and I've learned so much that now I'll keep at it!"

"Like the title, the Inspiration Hour women were really inspiring!"

"It's been an honor to be here and so fun – thank you!"

September 21, 2021, International Day of Peace



The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Two decades later, in 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to designate the Day as a period of non-violence and cease-fire.

2021 Theme: Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

In 2021, as we heal from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are inspired to think creatively and collectively about how to help everyone recover better, how to build resilience, and how to transform our world into one that is more equal, more just, equitable, inclusive, sustainable, and healthier.

The pandemic is known for hitting the underprivileged and marginalized groups the hardest. By April 2021, over 687 million COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered globally, but over 100 countries have not received a single dose. People caught in conflict are especially vulnerable in terms of lack of access to healthcare.

In line with the Secretary-General's appeal for a global ceasefire last March, in February 2021 the Security Council unanimously passed a resolution calling for Member States to support a "sustained humanitarian pause" to local conflicts. The global ceasefire must continue to be honored, to ensure people caught in conflict have access to lifesaving vaccinations and treatments.

The pandemic has been accompanied by a surge in stigma, discrimination, and hatred, which only cost more lives instead of saving them: the virus attacks all without caring about where we are from or what we believe in. Confronting this common enemy of humankind, we must be reminded that we are not each other's enemy. To be able to recover from the devastation of the pandemic, we must make peace with one another.

And we must make peace with nature. Despite the travel restrictions and economic shutdowns, climate change is not on pause. What we need is a green and sustainable global economy that produces jobs, reduces emissions, and builds resilience to climate impacts.

The 2021 theme for the International Day of Peace is "Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world". We invite you to join the efforts of the United Nations family as we focus on recovering better for a more equitable and peaceful world. Celebrate peace by standing up against acts of hate online and offline, and by spreading compassion, kindness, and hope in the face of the pandemic, and as we recover.

THE AAUW 5 STAR PROGRAM

AAUW's Five-Star National Recognition Program rewards affiliates (states, branches and other organizations) for aligning their work with the AAUW strategic plan and other initiatives that foster the organization's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls.

For the 2019-2021 year, AAUW CA is proud to announce that seven (7) California branches were awarded stars for their hard work in planning and implementing strategies for programs, branch giving, social media, public policy and governance that exemplifies the very best of AAUW.

THE AAUW 5 STAR PROGRAM IS COMPRISED OF FIVE (5) AREAS OF FOCUS:

1. PROGRAMS
2. ADVANCEMENT
3. COMMUNICATIONS
4. PUBLIC POLICY
5. GOVERNANCE

Each area of focus includes criteria that must be met to be awarded a star. The awarded branches met all criteria by using planning, initiative, teamwork, and commitment. Congratulations to our California awardees.



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Marin
Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette
Citrus Heights-American River
Palos Verdes Peninsula
San Clemente-Capistrano Bay
Long Beach



Mid-Peninsula
Healdsburg
Beach Cities



Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek



Mark Your Calendars

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates, locations and times are subject to change

Date	Time	Location	Topics	Coordinator
Sept 18	3 pm	Home of Ann McDonald	Celebrate the 110th Anniversary of California Women Getting the Vote! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Play – Woman Suffrage: A Victory for San Diego 	Anne H
Oct 23 or 30	TBD	Virtual	Funds Luncheons	Donna
Nov 6		Mission Valley Library	Genevieve	Donna /Anne H
Dec 4	11:30	Bay Club on Shelter Island	Red Sock Luncheon Fellows	Donna & Cathy Jane
Jan 29		IBC		
Feb 19			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Un-tea mailings Student Support with MANA 	
Mar 19	10 am		Women in the military	Jane
Apr 16	2 pm		Sandra Maas – Pay Equity	
May 14 or 21	10 am		Woman's Empowerment Panel	Anne H
Jun 18	11:30	Casa Guadalajara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of officers Scholarships Speaker 	Jane / Lillian



September

Dawna Bratten

Jean Ordonez

Gillian Simcox