



**THE VIEW**

**FROM SAN RAMON**

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June/Summer 2022

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**



*Enjoy  
Your  
Summer*



**WATCH FOR DETAILS IN THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**AAUW MISSION AND DIVERSITY STATEMENTS**

American Association of University Women advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.

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## Snippets

If you have a Snippet item (family events, career changes, etc.) that you would like to share with branch members, please contact Marsha Froines. **This column depends on member contributions.**

Please keep Arlene Chang in your thoughts and prayers, as her husband will move to skilled nursing after heart surgery.


## Save the Dates

July 16: AAUW San Ramon Board of Directors Planning Meeting

September 17: AAUW San Ramon Membership Kickoff Brunch



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## Presidents' Pen



*Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, working together is success.*

This quote, attributed to both Henry Ford and Edward Everett Hale, feels appropriate for today.

It's more important than ever that we come together—whether it's physically or ideologically. Whether we share the same views or not, at least coming together and listening to the other view is essential for progress. There are so many issues right now that need our attention that we need to try to get together, listen to one another, and re-set our sails so that we don't upset the ship. Whether the issues are about reproductive rights, voting rights, LGBTQ rights, or just being safe, we all need to do what we can to stem the tide that seems to be taking us backward.

### Staying Together and Celebrating Our Progress

We wrapped up our year on May 21 with a celebration of our accomplishments during the past year. Cindy Alpert and the Celebration Committee did an outstanding job of putting on an event enjoyed by all! During the year and in spite of a persistent pandemic, we stayed together whether on Zoom or in person!

On July 16, your Board of Directors will again meet and work together to put plans in place to keep our branch activities rolling along. Hopefully, we will give everyone events they can look forward to. We'll plan events you can attend in person and whenever appropriate via Zoom.

Our goal is to do what we can to get as many of you showing up, participating, and growing from your experience at our events.

## Working Together Is Success

Many of you have responded to the Membership Survey sent via e-mail. We wanted to "take the temperature" of our members and what they would like to see as a potential project or activity for the future. Thank you to the 63 submissions by all of you! That's fantastic!

Sally Scholl and Pauline Nolte are the winners of the Amazon gift cards. We look forward to sharing insights from the survey at our Membership Brunch on September 17.

Speaking of working together, on Sunday and Monday, May 29 and 30, our members came together to sell ice cream bars to replenish our operating funds. It was fun to see members outside, enjoying the fresh air and sharing our AAUW message over ice cream! We made approximately \$1,900 thanks to Janet Williams's outstanding organization and hard work. Thank you, Janet and all the volunteers who helped on those days!

Moving forward, we hope that you will find some small activity that you will participate in to help make the branch a success. We still need help with our Funds committee and we need a President-Elect. If you can volunteer a bit of time, it could go a long way to making our year successful.

See you on the road ahead!

Janice Colby  
Co-President with Kathleen Schaub

### Happy June Birthdays

Beth Robertson  
Cindy Ferrin  
Elaine Baldwin  
Karen Van Zino  
Joyce Gunn  
Pam Bugbee  
Carol Rowley  
Mary Jane Keogh  
Patricia Leong  
Renae Buckser  
Nancy Powers  
Sally Blackwell  
Elaine Graves  
Marsha Froines  
Sandra Budde  
Jo Anne Barron  
Jane Young

## San Ramon AAUW Ice Cream Sale Fundraiser Was a Huge Success!



### Thanks to All our Volunteers

The San Ramon Art & Wind Festival returned to Central Park for Memorial Day weekend after a two-year absence. And AAUW San Ramon was there to sell ice cream and educate the public about the mission of AAUW and commitment to scholarships for young women.

Thanks to all our volunteers who made this event a success: Leslie Adams, Cindy Alpert, Pat Baran, Jo Ann Barron, Judy Bracken, Chris Burchik, Janice Colby (and family), Stella Hadjimarkos (and family), Anne Hayden, Margo James, Lois Kamoroff, Mary Jane Keogh, Catherine Lewis, Becky Lou, Linda Louie, Claire Mailhiot, Karen Rice, Becky Said, Kathleen Schaub, Sally Scholl, Lucy Weed, Lorraine Weir, Linda Yoshizawa, Jane Young (and Mike Young), and Sabina Zafar.

This event raised nearly \$1,900 for our branch.

Janet Williams  
Art & Wind Festival Chair



*Stella & Evans Hadjimarkos  
Selling Ice Cream*

## Tech Trek



The preparation for the Tech Trek summer camps is nearly complete. Six of our selected students registered for the residential camp at Sonoma, but there has been a shuffle. One of the originally selected girls, Anuujin Thompson, opted out due to conflicting priorities. Our first alternate, Sharita Angadi, was offered the chance to attend but she also had a conflict (family trip). Our second alternate, Apurva Reddy, did accept and register for camp. Tanishi Rawal and Grace Sehgal plan to attend the virtual camp and will register soon.

Benicia-Vallejo and Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek branches are organizing the Ice Cream Social this year, which will happen on Sunday, June 5 at the Pacheco Community Center. This is an opportunity for our residential campers to meet other girls from the area going to Tech Trek this summer. Former Tech Trekkers, (including our own alumna Sarah Tan) and the Sonoma Program Director will be on hand to answer questions about their exciting week at camp. Delicious ice cream sundaes and fun mixer activities should make for a pleasant and informative outing for the campers and their families. Four of our campers and their families are planning to attend. Stella Hadjimarkos and her husband volunteered to help set up, serve ice cream, and clean up. That makes a total of 20 attendees representing the San Ramon Branch!

We would like to thank all the people on our Tech Trek committee who gave their precious time generously and all the members who contributed funds to our valued cause.

Stella Hadjimarkos,  
Co-Coordinator, Tech Trek with Cordelia Hwang





## Program

### End of Year Celebration



Our end of year celebration was a huge success thanks to the help and support of many people. We enjoyed the company of 25 members and six scholarship recipients (past and current) plus guests. We acknowledged our leadership team, which serves the branch in many

ways. We had the pleasure of meeting our newest member, Julie Plaisance, and we heard from Renaissance Scholar Michelle May, who shared a very touching, heart-warming message on the many ways AAUW has supported her. "Come Together" was a fun way to celebrate all our accomplishments during the past few months.

Below are some photographs from our celebration.



*Board Members at the Celebration Luncheon*



*Membership Co-VPs Margo James, Harvalee Grimm, and Betsy Hoffmann*



*Local Scholarship Co-VPs Julie Gin and Susan Walker-Christensen with three scholarship recipients: Joanna Ho, Stephanie Woon, and Meghan Jacob*



*CSUEB Renaissance Scholar Michelle May*



*San Ramon Branch Members Dining  
Chris White, Michelle May, Marsha Froines,  
Jo Anne Barron, and Lois Kamoroff*

### Save the Date!

**Saturday, September 17**

We have tentatively scheduled our Membership Kickoff event for Saturday, September 17. The location and specific details are in the very early planning stages, so please look for more information in the next few weeks.

Many thanks to all our members who graciously supported and attended our programs during the past year. If you have specific ideas or suggestions on topics of interest to our branch, please contact Cindy Alpert.

See you at the next event!

Cindy Alpert,  
Co-Vice President, Program with Lynda Gann

*Congratulations, Grads!*



## Communications

### Highlights from Board to Board

The following is a recap of the awards and important information provided in the Board to Board bulletin for May. To read all the articles, go [here](#).

Isabel Lau,  
Communications Chair

### AAUW FUND

By Lynne Batchelor, Secretary, AAUW Fund Committee Chair, [aauwfund@aauw-ca.org](mailto:aauwfund@aauw-ca.org)

The AAUW Fund Committee is proud to announce that the 2022 State Named Gift Honoree is Mary Isaac, aka “Dr. Mimi” to the Tech Trek community. She was nominated for this honor by Randa Blanding from our Communications Committee. Randa introduced Mary at the Annual Meeting by saying, “This year’s California Named Gift Honoree has only been an AAUW member for a few years. She saw a need and stepped in with her passion, organizing and directing skills, and created a team that implemented a virtual Tech Trek for the past two years and again this year. She has been the impetus for hundreds of changed young women, who will in turn, because of this experience, have positive repercussions on many others.” Congratulations Dr. Mimi on this well-deserved honor.

Congratulations as well to all of the Branch Named Gift Honoree winners. Thank you so much for everything you do for your branches. If you contributed \$100 or more and have not received a certificate, notify your branch Fund chair, who can download it from our website.

Congratulations to the top 10 branches for total contributions: San Francisco Inc., Marin Inc., San Jose, Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista, La Mesa-El Cajon, Hayward-Castro Valley Inc., Long Beach Inc., Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek, Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Inc., and Sacramento. This year we are honoring the top 11 in per capita contributions because the difference between 10th and 11th place was less than a dollar per member. Congratulations to the top 11 branches in per capita contributions: San Francisco Inc., Berkeley, Marin Inc., Haywood-Castro Valley Inc., La Palma-Cerritos, Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista, San Fernando Valley, West Contra Costa, Cabrillo-Diego, Long Beach Inc., Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Inc.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the AAUW Fund. We raised nearly half a million dollars in California.

### Annual Event

By Charlene Goehring, Meetings Planner,  
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### Adventures Galore in AAUWland!

On Saturday, April 30, 2022, AAUW California members gathered on Zoom for a virtual adventure celebrating our AAUW branches, listening to inspiring speakers, and crowning a Speech Trek 2022 winner! We also engaged in conversation about a range of topics related to AAUW and our mission in breakout rooms, complete with tour guides (hosts). Here we were able to share our opinion with others, learn something new, and connect with AAUW friends across the state.

Many thanks to all who made our expedition possible, from the amazing speakers and presenters to our trusty breakout room guides to the incredible web team staff—who designed the Travel Itinerary and all the media and also managed the logistics of our trip. If you were unable to attend, you can watch the animated annual report and the Annual Event video [HERE](#).

### Branch Activity of the Year Award

By Sandi Gabe, President-Elect, [bay@aauw-ca.org](mailto:bay@aauw-ca.org)

The Branch Activity of the Year awards provide an opportunity to discover and reward branches that created novel, inspirational, and reproducible programs that promote AAUW’s mission and image.

This year, nine branches accepted the challenge of sharing their successes. Their projects covered a variety of topics and formats—from a theater production to individual phone calls to engage members. You can find a summary of the projects on our website.

The top three projects that the committee thought best embodied the spirit of the award provided an overview of their projects at the Annual Event on April 30th.

- Petaluma: Title IX at 50: You Need It as Much as Ever (a Zoom webinar)
- La Mesa-El Cajon: Women Who Protect and Serve: The Challenges of Working in Predominantly Male Professions
- Los Altos-Mountain View: Step Up for Pro-Choice



## Membership



### Membership Matters

#### Renew Your Dues for Fiscal Year 2023 Renew By 6/30/2022

AAUW National sent an e-mail to all members at the end of May with instructions on how to renew your membership. It did **NOT** include a personal link as in years past. Due to a recent upgrade of its website systems, the new program, the Community Hub, requires members to log in to their personal accounts in order to renew. Let's get started!

- **GO TO: [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)**
- **Click Log in**—(button is in the upper right corner on the screen)
- Scroll down, click on **Forgot Your Password?**
  - Enter your e-mail address
  - Click on **Reset My Password**
- You will receive an e-mail from AAUW National— go to your e-mail account
  - Create and confirm your **password** to access your **Personal Snapshot**
- Within your **Personal Snapshot**, click on the blue **Renew** button
- Renew/pay for Fiscal Year (FY) 23 dues totaling \$107:
  - AAUW National = \$67
  - San Ramon Branch (**CA0189**) = \$20
  - State (CA) = \$20
- Forward your confirmation e-mail to **both**:
  - Claire Mailhiot
  - Patty Nobles
- You may choose to renew by check payable to **AAUW San Ramon**
  - Mail to: AAUW San Ramon, P.O. Box 336, San Ramon, CA 94583
  - Claire and Patty will complete your renewal.

We are ready to assist you with online registration and/or paying by check. Just let us know how we can help. We wish you all a safe, healthy, fun summer!

Harvalee Grimm,  
Co-Vice President, Membership with  
Margo James and Betsy Hoffmann

### New Member Spotlight

#### Julie Plaisance



Julie Plaisance was born a Louisiana Cajun and has been in California since 1995. She received her undergraduate degree from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown, a master's degree in African Studies from UCLA, a master's degree in Education from CSU Bakersfield, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from UCLA.

Julie taught in Southern California for 13 years. She's been a school administrator in the Bay Area since 2015. She moved to the East Bay just before Covid and, after 3 years, is finally getting out to meet people.

Julie enjoys trail running and Orangetheory Fitness. She is an avid reader and an amateur bartender; she aspires to become conversational in Spanish this year. She also used to edit grammar in steamy romance novels written by self-published authors...for fun!

As a member of AAUW in the High Desert, Julie served on the Tech Trek committee, which fundraised to send girls from every middle school across the nine districts in the area. Each year, over 20 girls got an amazing summer experience thanks to strategic partnerships with local business sponsors. Additionally, Julie helped launch a non-profit for LGBTQ+ youth in the High Desert that allowed them to organize and advocate for more welcoming schools.



## Public Policy



Recent developments at the Supreme Court and in the United States Senate have had a profound impact on women and families across the United States. While we do not yet know the final ruling of SCOTUS on *Roe v. Wade*, it is clear that women's rights are being attacked, and have been for a long time. In addition, this may be just the beginning of a series of attacks on people of all walks of life who simply want to make their own personal, private choices about how to live their lives.

Now, more than ever, we must elect politicians who will strive to represent fundamental civil rights in all forms, and the values of inclusive and equitable representation.

Much more can be said on this matter and others. For now, below are a few highlights from National, California, and Regional.

Catherine Lewis,  
Public Policy Chair

### National

Washington DC—AAUW Chief Executive Officer Gloria L. Blackwell issued this statement on confirmation by the U.S. Senate of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court. She will assume her position on the bench when Justice Stephen Breyer retires in June:

“We witnessed a historic and momentous occasion today when, in a bipartisan vote, the U.S. Senate confirmed Ketanji Brown Jackson as associate justice to the Supreme Court of the United States. As the first Black woman in this esteemed role, she will add to the breadth of insights, perspectives, and life experiences on the bench—and our nation and our system of justice will be better for it. Congratulations to the soon-to-be Justice Jackson, and thank you to all the U.S. Senators who voted to confirm her.

“This moment marks another major step forward for women, and the American Association of University Women is proud to have been part of that progress. Over the course of our 140-year history, our activism and advocacy have contributed to the achievement of many firsts.

“We stood strong when Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman Supreme Court justice, when Nancy Pelosi was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, when Hillary Clinton ran for president as the first woman nominee of a major U.S. political party, and when Kamala Harris was elected vice president, to name just a few. These women's accomplishments may now seem commonplace, but we must never forget the hard work and sacrifice it took to break new ground. And now Judge Jackson's confirmation by the U.S. Senate is a landmark achievement for gender and racial equity.

“It should go without saying that Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson has the intelligence, the integrity, the legal acumen, and the sound judicial temperament that make her exceptionally qualified for a seat on the highest court in the land. But just for the record, we'll say it again. Throughout the challenging hearings of the past month—during which she responded to more than 20 hours of questioning, submitted more than 1,500 written responses to the committee, and offered every senator the opportunity to meet in person—she displayed an unparalleled level of leadership, patience, and grace.

“Judge Jackson proved to the nation that her credentials are exceptional, her character is unimpeachable, and her dedication to the rule of law and the U.S. Constitution is unwavering. With great joy and enormous pride, we look forward to the imprint she will make on the court and on our country.”

### AAUW-CA Lobby Week

Connie Whitting reported on her Lobby Week meetings with local representatives. AAUW was focused on three (3) bills:

**AB92** Waive Family Fees for Childcare continuance through Sept 30. By Lobby Week it had already gone to the Senate and thus was not discussed.

**AB1666** Protection from Litigation for women and providers that may come from out of state to secure abortion services.

**AB1968** Model Template for UCs and CSUs to provide clear and definitive information and steps for any campus community person to get support/services in a case of sexual assault.

Connie did visit with Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, who proposed AB1666. One issue with this bill is how do we fund these women and who/what is covered.

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## Public Policy, continued

Another meeting was with Buffy Wicks, who spoke on AB 1968. An issue with this bill is establishing training programs in the colleges for Sexual Assault Contacts. Also, could this be extended into the Community College system?

Connie mentioned in general that she was pleased to be paired in these meetings with several young women who were very well spoken and prepared.

### Upcoming Actions/Activities

These are planned Public Policy-oriented meetings and activities in which we encourage all branches to have members participate:

- Get Out the Vote is an ongoing activity where branches can get postcards and contact lists to send to voters who have not voted recently to promote the importance of voting. (How-to information coming soon.)
- Asha has contacted League of Women Voters to secure a date for a Fall IBC Event. We plan to coordinate an IBC event so that individual branches won't have to call on the League for separate meetings in the fall. As soon as we have possible date(s), we will contact IBC Branch Representatives to select the date that works best for all branches. We suggest that a weeknight ZOOM meeting would be best and are hoping for a late September or very early October date. Please let your Program Chairs know that a fall meeting for all branches is planned.

We continue to be open to any interested members to join us at our Zoom meetings. Let me know and I will be sure to send you a Zoom link.

Debbie Cummings [debbie94565@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie94565@yahoo.com)

AAUW contacts for PP information:  
Kathy Harper and Sue Miller [publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org)

We don't accomplish anything in this world alone... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something.

Sandra Day O'Connor

### Happy July Birthdays

Pat Baran  
Robin White  
Barbara Blalock  
Cordelia Hwang  
Vicki Turbeville  
Cheri Ng  
Carol Lopez-Lucey  
Susan Walker-Christensen  
Chris Burchik  
Julie Plaisance  
Pat Campbell

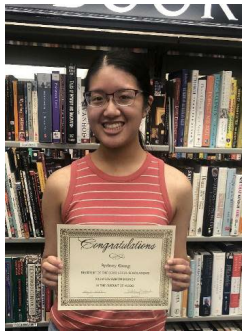


## Local Scholarship



### High School Scholarship Recipients

The 2022 scholarship recipients have been selected! We have awarded \$1,000 scholarships to four outstanding young women from our two San Ramon high schools. The quality of applicants continues to be very strong, with this year's recipients presenting a wide range of skills and interests. They have demonstrated significant academic skills as well as accomplishments in music, art, science, athletics, world languages, and leadership. Several have also been very involved in community volunteer or social activities, participated in internships, or held part-time jobs. We are confident that they will all succeed in accomplishing their academic and personal goals. We hope that many of you had a chance to meet and speak with them at our Celebration Luncheon on May 21. Following is a brief overview of their many accomplishments and future goals.



**Sydney Gong** is from Dougherty Valley High School and will attend UC San Diego in the fall. She plans to major in English Literature and Writing and is interested in becoming a humanities teacher or a writer. Sydney shared these statements with our committee: "I want to foster a more empathetic, open-minded, and academically diverse generation of students. I firmly believe that literacy is as relevant and important as technology is for advancing global progress and equity." She has demonstrated this passion with her involvement as the president of the Literacy Alliance on the DVHS campus, serving as a writing mentor for elementary students in SRVUSD, spearheading a book drive for a school in Malawi, volunteering at the San Ramon library, and serving as a member of their Teen Advisory Group. Her other on-campus activities have included CSF and NHS and their community service events. Additionally, Sydney has shown her writing skills by completing works of narrative poetry and young adult fantasy novels.



*Joanna Ho, Stephanie Woon, Meghan Jacob*

**Joanna Ho** is from California High School and will attend UCLA in the fall. She plans to major in Human Biology and to attend medical school to become an Obstetric Anesthesiologist. Joanna states that her early interest in science, medicine, human biology, and reproduction is related to her curiosity about being an identical twin. She has pursued and expanded this curiosity by enrolling in science and medical-related courses at school through the Biomedical Pathway, shadowing an OBGYN/Fertility Specialist here in San Ramon for over four months, volunteering at a local hospital, and participating in Stanford's Summer Anesthesiology Institution. On campus, Joanna was a District Delegate and held several elected positions (including president) in the Interact Club, is co-founder and president of the Cal HS American Cancer Society Club, and served as an officer in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). She also participates in the Connexpedition-Wisdom Culture and Education Organization by leading weekly English classes for a group of students from an all-girls school in rural Taiwan. Joanna is able to communicate in both English and Mandarin in order to focus on increasing English comprehension. Joanna has been playing classical piano for over 13 years and has won several awards. After practicing Taekwondo for over 8 years, she has achieved the black belt level, won several competitions, and served as an assistant coach. In her "spare time," Joanna continues to enjoy her job as a "bobarista" at Bobo Guys here in San Ramon!

**Stephanie Woon** is from California High School and will attend San Francisco State University in the fall. She plans to major in Kinesiology with a career goal of obtaining a doctorate of physical therapy. She is interested in specializing in pediatrics to "help children with IDD (intellectual and developmental disabilities) in their healing and recovery with gross motor mobility complications." Stephanie became interested in working with this population as a high school sophomore and, that year, she established a Best Buddies chapter at California High.

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## Local Scholarship, continued

Best Buddies is an international non-profit organization dedicated to ending the isolation of people with IDD through providing opportunities for one-on-one friendships. Stephanie has continued this focus by establishing a similar program, called PALS, at her local elementary school. Currently, she is working with the San Ramon Unified School District to introduce this program to over 20 elementary schools in the district. Stephanie's on-campus activities have included being on the track and field team (4 years) and the tennis team (4 years). She is currently serving as the captain of the chamber orchestra (4 years) as well as taking classes in the Biomedical Pathway. In the community, Stephanie has been active in her church and has achieved the Gold Star award in Girl Scouts as well as serving as a camp counselor.

**Meghan Jacob** is from Dougherty Valley High School and will also attend UCLA in the fall. She plans to major in Computer Science with a career goal of pursuing a Ph.D. in artificial intelligence. Megan is interested in researching health and social issues through aspects of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. Last year, while an intern at a health-care company (Venteur), Megan was involved in conducting AI research on heart disease and created a model that could diagnose heart disease early. She received an award at a science fair for this work. Megan is also a passionate advocate for women and girls in STEM. Currently, she is the founder and executive director of the nonprofit Tech Girls United, which strives to educate and empower girls in tech by presenting workshops, camps, conferences, "hackathons," and other events on such topics as AI, information technology, machine learning, and fields of engineering. This organization has been featured on Patch News. Megan's on-campus activities have included serving as the lead engineer of the Robotics Team, president of CSF, vice-president of the Girls Up Club, treasurer and webmaster for NHS, and several other activities involving AI and machine learning. Megan has also taken Taekwondo for over 6 years and achieved the black belt level. She has won numerous awards and served as an assistant instructor.

Susan Walker-Christensen,  
Co-Vice President, Local Scholarship with  
Julie Gin and Loranne Weir

## Happy August Birthdays

Janice Colby  
Diane Schinnerer  
Mary Venkat  
Lucy Weed  
Dayna Hannum  
Linda Yoshizawa  
Rebecca Said  
Luz Gomez  
Judy Bracken





## Interest Groups

### LUNCH BUNCH First Tuesdays, 12:30 PM

Via Zoom videoconference  
June 7  
July 5  
August 2



Until we can all resume meeting in person, we will continue with virtual Lunch Bunch meetings. Margo James has kindly agreed to set the meetings up if Marsha will be out of town. To join the e-mail reminder list, contact:  
Marsha Froines



### GAME NIGHT First Saturdays; 7:30 PM

Via Zoom videoconference  
June 4  
July 2  
August 6 and September 3: (Lucy will be traveling; look for the Zoom link)

Information about the Zoom call will be sent prior to our meetings.  
Questions? Contact Lucy Weed



### LOCAL WALKING GROUP Second Saturdays; 9:00 AM

June 11  
July 9  
August 13

We'll walk around the lake at Bishop Ranch. The walkway is gravel and paved in some areas and an easy flat terrain. Parking should be easy at the Target parking lot. Everyone is welcome, including your dogs...! RSVP if you would like to be a part of this interest group.  
Contact:  
Andrée Chagnon  
Lois Kamoroff

## Interest Groups

### DAYTIME READERS Second Mondays, 1:00–3:00 PM

Via Zoom videoconference  
Our summer books and their reviewers are as follows:

**June 13:** Nancy Vandell will review *Dune*, by Frank Herbert.  
**July 11:** Kathy Senti will review *State of Terror*, by Hillary Clinton and Louise Penny.  
**August 8:** Margo James will review *Beautiful Ruins*, by Jess Walter.

If you have questions or wish to be put on the e-mail list to receive a Zoom invitation, please contact:  
Margo James



### THE NIGHT BOOK GROUP Third Mondays; 7:00 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

**June 20:** We will discuss *Cold Millions: A Novel*, by Jess Walter.  
**July 18:** Elaine Baldwin will review *The Magician*, by Colm Tolbin.  
**August 15:** Anne Hayden will review *The Lincoln Highway*, by Amor Towles.

Questions? Contact Cheri Ng

## Interest Groups

### TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

**Third Tuesdays; 7:00–9:00 PM or so**

**Via Zoom videoconference and BridgeBase—or maybe in person!**

Bridge games will be offered online and also possibly in person for those available and interested. Watch email announcement regarding our bridge date.

**June 21**

**July 19**

**August 16**

Hostess: Chris White

RSVP



We will play via Zoom/teleconference and BridgeBase and in person if enough people wish to get together. I am willing to host. If you would like to play, please RSVP and let me know if you are interested in virtual or in person. I will then attempt to arrange tables accordingly. **Contact Chris White as soon as possible to let me know if you are playing or Not.**



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## Interest Groups

### FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS (FFF)

**Fourth Fridays, 7:30 PM**

**Via Zoom videoconference**

Our Summer organizers are

**June 24:** Fran Bartholomew

**July 22:** Diane Griffiths

**August 26:** **Need a volunteer!**

Let Chris White know if you wish to receive a Zoom link.

Thank you to all those that have volunteered! So great that people are stepping up to continue our discussions for Friday Flicks.

Contact Chris White



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