



President's Corner Tynka Dees



I want to remind everyone of the resources at California and National AAUW websites. I attended the AAUW National members meeting on February 5. A good reminder that we are all together in this fight ... "We will not back down. We will never give up."

In addition, National also created a Civility Policy to be used when discussing this issue, or really any issue coming up in our future. Sadly we live in an era of incivility in politics that spills over into many interactions where people may have a difference of opinion. These policies should be put into practice in every meeting you may attend. I ask everyone to use the same guidelines in our emails. They include:

- Be empathetic - try to see the other's point of view
- Be an active listener - make eye contact and pay attention
- Be respectful and not condescending
- Be curious and open to learning
- Repeat points back to show understanding
- Find common ground - we all have much more in common than we have differences
- Be patient - reaching common ground needs conversations over time

One more request. If you are setting up a Zoom meeting and a code is required, the Zoom code will be sent to me in an email. However, the person who needs it is not identified. If you make the request, please text me at 408-464-3524 so that I can get the code to the person who needs it. Thank you!

Local Scholarship 2025 Applications Are Now Open

Spread the Word!!

2025 APPLICATIONS OPEN

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN

Advancing gender equity includes helping women manage the high cost of higher education. In 2024 alone, AAUW-SJ awarded more than \$150,000 in scholarship money.





MORE INFO

DEADLINE 04-15-2025



scholarships@aauwsanjose.org
<https://bit.ly/AAUWSJ>

Thanks to our members and other donors, the Local Scholarship Program is proud to launch its 2025 scholarship cycle. Help us boost the visibility of this program so we can help more women than ever reach their academic goals.

Share this link: <https://sanjose-ca.aauw.net/local-scholarship-application-information/> as soon as possible. The application deadline is April 15, 2025.



Nominating Committee Report

Linda Goldberg, Chair

Thank you so much to my Nominating Committee members - Margaret Bard, Judy Blegen, Karelle Cornwell, Linda Snashall, Renee Sommerfeld and Mary Jane Vitkovich. They were tireless in their efforts to put together a wonderful group of leaders for 2025-26.

Officer Nominations for 2025-26 Board of Directors

President - Tynka Dees

Co-Presidents Elect - Judy Blegen and Mary Jane Vitkovich

Finance Officer - Katherine Oven

Treasurer -TBD

Secretary - Shelley Powers

Membership - Sueann Snow, Linda Guyer, Barbara Handley, Beverly Lambert

Program - Donna Erickson

Funds - Cindy Hansen

Building and Properties - Russell Malley, Linda Snashall, Sandra Bonnet, Candace Roney,
Nanci Eksterowitz, Jan Bartolotta, Judy Burt

Non-elected positions to be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board of Directors:

Immediate Past President - Linda Goldberg

Membership Treasurer - Renee Sommerfeld

Local Scholarship Chair - Beth Redmond

Tech Trek Chair - Elizabeth Guimarin

Gift for Teens Chair - Elaine Benoit

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Chairs - Bobbie Baker and Mary Jane Vitkovich

Public Policy Chairs - Susan Karlins, Peg Carlson-Bowen, Elaine Peterson

Interest Group Coordinator - Elaine Peterson

Handbook and Directory Chair - Nell Aiello

Parliamentarian – TBD

IBC Representative - TBD

IBC Special Project Foundation Representative - TBD

Communications Chair - TBD

College and University Relations Chair - TBD

Office Manager – TBD

BONFIRE Editor and staff – Sonia Wright, Barb Purdy, Elin Bolt (position is open in August),
Jan Giroux, Cheryl Markman, Nancy Wheeler, Linda Guyer



March Parking Lot Drive

Mary Jane Vitkovich
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

January 25 Warm Hearts Drive Collection

Thank you to all of you for the many donations you contributed to our Warm Hearts clothing drive over these past months. On a recent visit to Santa Urban Ministry, we saw firsthand how much our generosity means to the agency.

As we march into spring, we will have a March parking lot drive! On March 8, from 10 am to 12 pm, we will be collecting new/gently-used bath towels and new bath mats for Family Supportive Housing. Baby diapers and adult incontinence products will also be collected for Sacred Heart Community Service. You may also bring your donations to Headquarters prior to March 8. Questions? Contact [Mary Jane Vitkovich](#).



Community Engagement Series


Ideals Over Ideology Free

Sat., March 15th at 2 PM
(Doors open at 1:30 PM)

Willow Glen United Methodist Church Kohlstedt Hall

In the 1970s, San José hosted Angela Davis' trial, where an all-white jury defied expectations with a historic acquittal. Join us to uncover this powerful story and explore our city's social justice legacy!

Details & registration link below

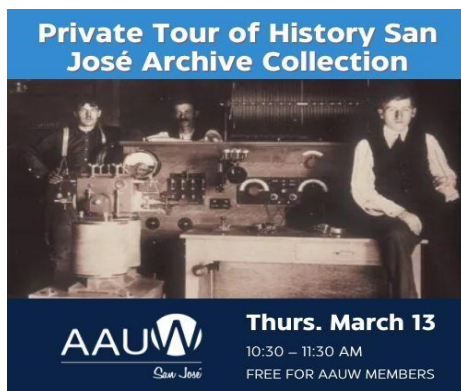



Free Community Event – *Guests Welcome!*
Ideals Over Ideologies
San José social justice activists and their campaign to free Angela Davis in 1970s
Speaker – Michele Bertolone, History/
Humanities Lecturer, San José State University

In 1970, San José leaders were shocked to learn that the trial of Angela Davis had been moved to their quiet town. Locals worried about the cost and disruption. But it was Davis’ defense team that had the real problem. Davis is an African American woman, who in the 1960s was a self-declared communist and a leader of the Black Panther Party. Her supporters openly admitted a fair trial was almost impossible in a place where 93% of potential jurors were white. And yet, the

in the end, an all-white jury acquitted Davis on every charge. Join us to find out how and learn more about San José social justice activists during the post World War II period.

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/250014956040144>



For AAUW San José Members

Free Private Tour of History San José Archive Collection
March 13, 10:30 to 11:30 am

Sign up to see your family's and your city's histories on display just a 10-minute drive from Headquarters. See Santa Clara Valley's diverse and dynamic past through art, fashion, tools, photographs, early electronics, housewares and much more in this vast collection.

We will meet at 799 Phelan Road, Building A (driving and parking instructions sent after you RSVP). RSVP at archives@aauwsanjose.org. Lunch at Siena Bistro, 1359 Lincoln Avenue, 12 pm (optional).



How well do you know AAUW? The Archives Committee has prepared the following quiz to challenge your knowledge! (Answers on page 7)

1. What was AAUW's previous organizational name?
 - a. Young Women's Christian Association
 - b. National Woman's Suffrage Association
 - c. Association of Collegiate Alumnae

2. How much were member dues in the early 1930s?
 - a. \$0.50
 - b. \$3
 - c. \$10

3. What year was the San Jose Branch founded?
 - a. 1909
 - b. 1920
 - c. 1965

4. In 1885, the Association completed its first research study by surveying its 705 members. What did the study conclude?
 - a. Women should not pursue higher education.
 - b. Women should not be able to vote.
 - c. Contrary to widely held opinion, higher education did not adversely affect the health of women college graduates.

5. What is the most recent San Jose Branch committee to be founded?
 - a. Tech Excellence
 - b. Archives Committee
 - c. Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Gifts for Teens – Our Volunteers Are the Best Cheryl Markman, Gifts for Teens

The saying “It takes a village” definitely applies to the Gifts for Teens Project, especially when it comes time to assemble the gift bags. Our volunteers come from multiple segments of our community and are of all age groups. What they have in common is their dedication to helping others and their enthusiasm about making the community a better place to live. Some of our wonderful volunteers are highlighted here.



Six enthusiastic employees from the local Whole Foods store, clad in bright green store logoed tees, helped with the Project’s 110 backpacks, sizing and folding t-shirts and later filling these special bags specifically designed for the older foster-care kids. The store sent over 100 high-protein snack bars to add as a fun and tasty treat for the kids.

Members of two philanthropic sororities, Xi Iota Zeta and Delta Theta Tau, helped fill 770 school supply kits with notebooks, pens, calculators, folders and more. Later, eight sorority members returned to pack 436 male duffel bags to bursting. In addition, one of the groups contributed \$1,000 to help offset bag expenses and the other donated twenty \$50 Target gift cards.

The manager of the Almaden Lucky supermarket, Daniel, supplied about 200 plastic milk crates at the last minute when our regular supplier canceled. The bins are key to organizing gift items such as games and toys or thousands of socks. This affable fellow also volunteered for two work shifts on his days off, folding sweatshirts and filling male duffel bags. He also helped us secure 52 bargain sweatshirts for 2025 giving.

Jake, a Pioneer High School senior, gathered a large student work crew to help one afternoon. Most importantly, he organized his friends to hand-write and decorate 800 student affirmation notes given to all the teens we serve. Teen feedback shows how popular and appreciated these cards are, one local teen supporting another!

Again this year, members of the Los Gatos History Club spent several hours preparing and filling bags. One gray-haired man commented that he was impressed by our efficiency and organization and, despite his initial trepidation in volunteering, he “had a ball!”



Many National Charity League moms and teen daughters volunteered on five separate days. They also donated 270 sports bras and many fun, colorful cosmetics. Again, teens supporting teens! Last, but certainly not least, we thank the steadfast AAUW San Jose volunteers and donors who contribute to GFT throughout the year.

One Saturday afternoon, 20 members of the St. Francis High School track and cross-country team, with their energetic coach and teacher, Phil, and his 12 year-old daughter, loaded all the 110 backpacks for the older teens. Their good humor and enthusiasm inspired all of our GFT committee!



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Looking Back and Looking Ahead Report from Communications/PR ad hoc committee

Tynka Dees, President and Committee Chair

As the Communications/PR ad hoc committee launches its work for 2025, we want to summarize the 2024 major projects, acknowledge the teams whose collaboration made these projects successful, and share the committee's priorities for 2025. While a summary is provided here, you are invited to read the entire detailed report via the link below.

In April 2024 then Branch President Linda Goldberg formed the Communication/PR ad hoc committee to partner with Branch leaders to improve internal and external communications. When I assumed the President's role on July 1, 2024, I decided to continue the committee's work. To advise and guide our initiatives, committee volunteers Peg Carson-Bowen, Diane Trombetta and I engaged Michele Bertolone, a proven communications expert with more than 30 years helping nonprofits meet their communication goals.

First the committee focused on an assessment of Branch communication tools and PR channels. This included an all-member survey to hear directly what was working and what could be improved. Then the committee focused on promoting Branch member and community events as well as polishing/creating tools to help us better communicate and to reflect the AAUW brand. In addition, the team assisted the Local Scholarship Project as they raised funds and prepared to promote the scholarships to potential applicants in winter/spring 2025.

[Follow this link](#) to our AAUW's "Members Only" webpage to read the full report. If you need the password, make a request in an email to membership@aauwsanjose.org. It's also in your handbook on page 13.

Learn More About Best Practices for Non-Profit Branding

Branch members frequently ask how AAUW San Jose can project its mission more effectively and increase recognition in our community and beyond. At the core, the answer to these questions is branding, the strategic and consistent use of messaging and visual elements in all communications. The Communications/PR ad hoc committee's guidelines on AAUW San Jose branding reflect the latest research on how non-profits communicate their mission most effectively (aka best practices). One Harvard University study members might find interesting is [*"The Role of Brand in the Nonprofit Sector," Stanford Social Innovation Review 10, no. 2.*](#)





Spotlight on Bernice Redfern

Ruth Dusan and Grace O'Leary

Grace O'Leary describes Bernice Redfern as a highly respected librarian who influenced many women to make the most of their lives. Bernice spent her career as an academic librarian, helping students at San Jose State University. Perhaps those of you who attended SJSU will remember Ms. Redfern after reading our member spotlight column below.

How did you discover AAUW San Jose?

I found out about AAUW San Jose from Virginia Park. I believe she was a former member. She told me that AAUW had some good programs on personal finance, which she had attended. I attended my first program with her.

How long have you been a member of AAUW?

I have been a member since 2013.

What do you like most about being a member of AAUW?

I enjoy meeting people and making new friends.

Is there anything else we can do to improve membership experience?

I am not sure how you can improve the membership experience. It has been difficult since the start of the Covid pandemic, but I think the monthly coffee and convo meetings are a good idea.

What would you like members to know about you?

I am the first member of my family to attend and graduate from college/university. My sister returned to college later in life and obtained her BSN degree in nursing.

How would you like to be remembered?

I would like to be remembered as someone who is open to new experiences and learning opportunities.

Answers to AAUW History Quiz

1. c. Association of Collegiate Alumnae
2. b. \$3
3. a. 1909
4. c. Contrary to widely held opinion, higher education did not adversely affect the health of women college graduates.
5. b. Archives Committee!



An Update on Jordan Del Fiugo **Former Local Scholarship Recipient** Cheryl Markman, Local Scholarship

Jordan Del Fiugo received an AAUW Local Scholarship in the spring of 2023, and again in 2024. Attending the University of San Francisco, she expects to graduate in May of 2025 with a Bachelor's in Psychology. Jordan's focus is on journalism, but USF does not offer it as a major. She hopes to get a Master's degree in Journalism, and to that end, has been busy with graduate school applications, "working diligently on building her writing portfolio and workshopping her essays with the help of trusted professors." Her ultimate goal is to work as an investigative reporter to help expose instances of abuse of power and injustice.

While attending USF, Jordan has been working as managing editor for the university's newspaper, the San Francisco Foghorn. Her duties include editing stories across all sections of the paper and working with local businesses to create advertising partnerships. But her favorite job is to write articles for the news section where she can raise awareness about issues she cares about. For example, the way in which women are especially susceptible to the effects of climate change. In addition to her work on the university paper, Jordan is a staff writer for Gut Instinct Media, an online magazine, where she writes film reviews.

To earn extra income, Jordan also works part-time at a hostel, which she says has been a really interesting experience. She gets to meet a lot of international travelers and to attend fun events such as a Halloween night costume party, complete with a cumbia band.

Jordan notes that she is so thankful for her AAUW scholarships, "without which she would not be able to do any of this!"



In Search of a Second Co-Coordinator for Tech Trek Elizabeth Guimarin, Tech Trek Chair

The San Jose Branch Tech Trek is in search of another Co-Coordinator. The Tech Trek program annually sponsors 7th grade girls to a one-week Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) camp during the summer at local universities. There are two Co-Coordinators who work in partnership and are responsible for managing the local recruitment, selection and registration process acting as primary liaison between school contacts and AAUW CA Tech Trek. We have a straightforward process, good schools to work with, an established online platform and a very supportive AAUW Branch community. Co-Coordinators represent Tech Trek, communicate as needed within our Branch and are on the Board.

If you are interested in becoming a Tech Trek Co-Coordinator, please call or contact Elizabeth at TechTrek@aauwsanjose.org.

An Update on Carlissa Nauroth Former Local Scholarship Recipient Cheryl Markman



Carlissa “Carly” Nauroth received an AAUW Local Scholarship in the spring of 2023. In May 2024 she graduated summa cum laude from San José State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work. At her graduation, she received the 2024 Outstanding Bachelor in Social Work Student in Field Education award, which was based on a nomination by her internship supervisor and subsequent selection by her university. Carly attributes part of her success to the scholarship she received from AAUW, as it relieved a significant amount of financial pressure and allowed her to focus on her internship and studies. It also helped her to graduate with significantly less debt than the average graduate, which will contribute to her long-term financial stability.

Carly recently moved to San Diego and was hired by Marine Corps Community Services to work as a victim advocate in their Family Advocacy Program. She provides support to service members and their intimate partners or spouses who have experienced domestic violence. She also works with the non-abusing parents of children who have experienced abuse. Carly feels very passionate about her job and the population that she serves.

In her free time, Carly enjoys spending time with the people she loves, walking her dogs, and going to the beach. She is also trying to explore some new hobbies now that she has more free time on weekends.

Carly wishes to thank all the AAUW members for their support. She will be forever grateful.

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We Welcome New Members

Claire Campodonico

CHARLIE KAHN-LOMAX joined through our National website. She is a professor in the Women’s Studies Department at Evergreen Valley Community College. She resides in Morgan Hill.

SONDRA KAY WEBER is a graduate of Southern Methodist University’s School of Business, where she earned a BA. Although she is a Texas native, Sondra has travelled extensively. She and her husband lived in Singapore for 15 years, where she was quite active in Southeast Asian politics. Having repatriated in 2017, she is now a Director with the California Association of Realtors. She is an active realtor with Intero Realty. Member Sharon Shepard referred Sondra to our Branch.

CAROL DIETZ SAVOY earned her BA in Economics from UC Santa Barbara. She has been employed as a Sales Support Analyst in high tech. Having volunteered for worthy causes since her high school days, Carol looks forward to experiencing intelligent and compassionate conversation with her fellow AAUW San Jose members, as well as making personal connections. She was referred by member Virginia Farley.

Summary of Financial Management Program

Cheryl Markman

The January AAUW Program offered an overview of strategies for good, lifelong financial management. Our presenter, Russell Malley, has been an investor for over 40 years and is currently the treasurer for two investment clubs. He has also been a volunteer for BetterInvesting, a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit dedicated to investor education, for nearly 30 years. He is currently a consultant for ICLUBcentral which provides accounting and tax software for investment clubs and is an analyst for the SmallCap Informer, an investment newsletter from ICLUBcentral. Russell is also a member of AAUW San Jose.

Russell's talk focused on how to grow your wealth, a topic of interest to most of us! He covered what to know in the early, mid and later years, and there are many similarities. The basic principles include:

Educate yourself – “If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.”

Live within your means – If your expenses are greater than your income, you have three solutions: reduce expenses, increase income, or do a combination of both.

Learn to save – Expect the unexpected.

Invest – Savings rates are not enough to grow your wealth, but invest only what you can afford to lose.

Have a long-term outlook (5 years or more) and be comfortable with the risk.

Start early – Invest early and take advantage of compounding – “time in the market beats timing the market.”

-Specifics to educate yourself about in the early years include taxes, budgeting, insurance (including long term health care), investing basics (401K, stocks, investment accounts and brokerage plans) and retirement planning.

-In the mid years you should stay informed of tax changes, invest in tax-advantaged investments (such as Roth IRA's and 529 college funds), manage your retirement and estate plans, pay down current debt and avoid debt for depreciating assets (such as cars).

-Considerations in the later years include drawing down taxable retirement accounts, knowing the rules for retirement fund distributions, reevaluating your insurance needs (you may no longer need life insurance), reviewing estate distribution (be sure beneficiaries are up to date), reevaluating your investment portfolio (old guidance: have less than 60% in stocks; new guidance: have 70-80% - stocks grow faster than savings and bonds).

Russell concluded by mentioning some of the psychological factors involved in financial management, noting that people are not inherently rational about financial matters and that risk tolerance differs between people. Consequently, financial plans will differ from person to person. Lots to think about!

If you would like to see the results of the post-program survey, click on this link: <https://bit.ly/janprogramsurveyresults>



Free Online Class for AAUW Members: Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) \$725 Value – now FREE



Kelly Weisberg, Certified Mindfulness Instructor

Online class: Fridays, March 7- April 25, 2025, 9:00-11:30am

Stress is everywhere in our modern lives. We often feel overwhelmed by work, family, relationships, and social unrest. Stress leads us to feel anxious and depressed. It contributes to sleeplessness and loss of appetite or overeating.

Mindfulness teaches us techniques for stress management. Mindfulness is the practice of focusing on moment-to-moment experience without self-criticism and with acceptance. Mindfulness helps us mobilize our inner resources to meet the challenges of everyday life.

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) is the gold standard in mindfulness classes and is offered worldwide in hospitals, medical centers, and education institutions. It was started by Dr. Jon Kabat-Zinn, at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center to help patients with chronic pain. It rests on scientific evidence that supports its beneficial effects on health and well-being. MBSR programs normally cost from \$395 to \$725, depending on the provider. This class is free to AAUW members (please donate to your local chapter).

I am a certified mindfulness instructor and a lawyer/sociologist who has taught law and human behavior classes for 40 years. The class meets *online for 2.5 hours once weekly, for 8 weeks plus a half-day-long online retreat. Participants are guided through formal mindfulness practices, small group discussion and talks, and practices/exercises.*

For further information and to register, contact Kelly Weisberg at kelly_weisberg@yahoo.com Her [web-site: https://exploremindfulpaths.com](https://exploremindfulpaths.com)



Spotlight Invitation - Together We Are Stronger!

You are invited to submit an article to spotlight who you are so that our new and current members get to know you. Only six questions to answer as listed in the previous BONFIRE articles. If interested, please contact Ruth Dusan at programs@aauwsanjose.org for the questions.

March 2025

Submitted by Tynka Dees Calendar Editor

If any member is uncomfortable with unmasked members or simply wishes to remain safe, masks are always welcome. If you are un-vaccinated, we would appreciate it if you wore a mask. If you are a leader of the group meeting please keep a sign in sheet, just in case we need it for checking contacts in future. Please check with the organizer whether the meeting has changed and will be ZOOM or in person. The most up to date calendar is always on our website.

Sun Mar 2	9-10:30 am	Weekend Walkers (RSVP Judy Burt)
	3-8 pm	Film Fans (RSVP Nancy Wheeler Linda Snashall)
Mon Mar 3	6:30-8 pm	Neighbors Helping Neighbors ZOOM (Bobbie Baker)
Tue Mar 4	10-11 am	German Conversation ZOOM (RSVP Barbara Snyder)
	1-4 pm	Film Fans Time to Be Determined (RSVP Nancy Wheeler Linda Snashall)
Wed Mar 5	5:30– 6 pm	AAUW Board Social Time ZOOM (Tynka Dees)
	6-7:30 pm	AAUW BOARD Meeting ZOOM(Tynka Dees)
Thu Mar 6	2-3 pm	Great Decisions AM Hybrid (Monique Lee)
Sat Mar 8	10 am-Noon	Neighbors Helping Neighbors Donation Drive NHN Drive for Family Supportive Housing and Sacred Heart for new bath mats, new gently used towels baby diapers adult incontinence products (Bobbie Baker)
	6:30-9:30 pm	Couples Dining (RSVP Valerie Merklin)
Sun Mar 9	9-10:30 am	Weekend Walkers (RSVP Judy Burt)
Mon Mar 10	6:30- 9:30 pm	Light Gourmet (RSVP Cheryl Markman)
Tue Mar 11	10-11:30 am	Tuesday AM Book Group The First Ladies (RSVP Sandy Bonnet)
	10-11 am	Conversacion Espanol ZOOM (RSVP Barbara Snyder)
	1-3 pm	Mahjong (RSVP Shelley Powers)
	3:45-5:15 pm	Membership meeting (Membership@aauwsanjose.org)
Wed Mar 12	7-8:30 pm	Wednesday Night Book Group The Librarianist HYBRID (Renee Sommerfeld)
Thu Mar 13	9:30-11 am	Great Decisions AM Hybrid (Monique Lee)
	10:30-11:30 am	San Jose History Tour Archives with optional lunch following (RSVP Diane Trombetta)
	1-4 pm	Bridge 2 nd Thursday (RSVP Bobbie Eckerman)
	5:30-7:30 pm	Sip and Savor Prospective members and Member meeting (Membership@aauwsanjose.org)
Fri Mar 14	10 am-1 pm	Duplicate Bridge (RSVP Lida Kluzek)
	10 am-1 pm	Art Appreciation (RSVP Jan Bartlotta)
Sat Mar 15	2-3:30 pm	Program Ideals over Ideology Willow Glen United Methodist Church (RSVP Ruth Dusan) Speaker Michele Bertolone History/Humanities Lecturer SJSU Doors open at 1:30 Talk will start at 2
Sun Mar 16	9-10:30 am	Weekend Walkers (RSVP Judy Burt)

Mon Mar 17	9:30-11 am	Exploring World Literature Hybrid Cross of Thorns (RSVP Candace Roney)
	1-4 pm	Interbranch Council (Linda Goldberg)
	6:30-9 pm	International Gourmet (RSVP Jan Bartolotta)
Tue Mar 18	Noon-1 pm	French Conversation ZOOM (RSVP Barbara Snyder)
	1-3 pm	Mahjong (RSVP Shelley Powers)
Wed Mar 19	1:30-3 pm	Program Event Planning Zoom (RSVP Ruth Dusan)
	7-8:30 pm	Public Policy ZOOM (Susan Karlins)
Thu Mar 20	2-3 pm	Great Decisions AM Hybrid (Monique Lee)
	6:30-8 pm	Mystery Lovers ZOOM (Sharon Shephard)
Fri Mar 21	10 am-1 pm	Bridge (RSVP Lida Kluzek)
Sun Mar 23	9-10:30 am	Weekend Walkers (RSVP Judy Burt)
Mon Mar 24	11 am-12:30 pm	Building and Properties Committee (buildings@aauwsanjose.org)
Tue Mar 25	10-11 am	Italian Conversation ZOOM (RSVP Barbara Snyder)
	1-4 pm	Bridge 4 th Tuesday (RSVP Bobbie Eckerman)
	1- 3 pm	Mahjong (RSVP Shelley Powers)
	7-8:30 pm	Great Decisions PM ZOOM (Sharon Shephard)
Wed Mar 26	12:30-1:30 pm	Lunch Bunch (RSVP Cheryl Markman Sueann Snow)
Thu Mar 27	9:30-11 am	Great Decisions AM Hybrid (Monique Lee)
	1:30-3:30 pm	Archive Committee (Diane Trombetta)
	5-10 pm	Tech Trek Sunnyvale Interviews (Elizabeth Guimarin)
Fri Mar 28	1:30-3 pm	Local Scholarship (Beth Redmond)
Sun March 30	7:30- 11 am	Wildflower Run/Walk Event Morgan Hill AAUW (RSVP Judy Burt) Live Oak High School track Morgan Hill. If you want to run/walk with us RSVP Judy Burt.

In Memoriam

Adapted from [Gloria Catherine Leonard - Forever Missed.com](https://www.forevermissed.com)

AAUW San Jose Branch member and Past President (2001-2002) Gloria Leonard passed away February 2, 2025. Gloria graduated from San Jose State University in her mid-50s after putting all five of her children through college. She worked tirelessly in law firms by day and studied by night. After earning her Bachelor's degree in Sociology, Gloria joined AAUW San Jose, focusing on healthcare and pay equity policy for women. She was a beacon of female empowerment and a role model to many, pushing for women's pay equity with many letters to the editor of the San Jose Mercury Newspaper and educating everyone around her. Gloria will be greatly missed. Donations in her honor can be made to Local Scholarship online at sanjose-ca.aauw.net.



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ANNUAL MEETING

SAT. APRIL 12TH, 2025

1 - 3 PM (DOORS OPEN 12:30 PM)
WILLOW GLEN METHODIST CHURCH - KOHLSTEDT HALL
JOIN US TO VOTE FOR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS!

GUEST SPEAKER LISA MALLETTE
EXECUTIVE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AT
CITY LIGHTS THEATER COMPANY OF SAN JOSE

RSVP: bit.ly/2025aauwsjannual

Save the Date

Mark your calendar for the AAUW Annual Member-Only Meeting on April 12 from 1 to 3 pm. We will be hosting the event at Willow Glen United Methodist Church in Kohlstedt Hall, with doors open at 12:30 pm. Light snacks/drinks will be provided. Join us in discussing important yearly updates and voting on next year's officers. You will not want to miss our amazing guest speaker Lisa Mallette, Executive Artistic Director at City Lights Theater Company of San Jose. We look forward to seeing you there!



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See the San Jose Branch Website at www.aauwsanjose.org for more information.