

# The Santa Clarita Valley Voice

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"Make New Year's goals. Dig within, and discover what you would like to have happen in your life this year. This helps you do your part. It is an affirmation that you're interested in fully living life in the year to come."

*Melody Beattie*

## AAUW Mission:

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

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

We want to invite our members AND FRIENDS to attend our

*Humanities  
Scholarship  
Wine Tasting  
Fundraiser*



Cost is \$20 payable at the door. Light appetizers provided. If anyone wishes to purchase wine at this event, there is a special 10% discount available that day to attendees. RSVP by January 8th to Barbara Oliver [barjo1225@yahoo.com](mailto:barjo1225@yahoo.com)

**Saturday  
January 13  
2pm to  
4pm**

**Hoi Polloi  
and  
Pagter  
Bros.  
Winery**

**24338  
Main  
Street  
Downtown  
Newhall**

**ELECTED OFFICERS 2017-2018**

- President Stephanie Dietrich
- President Elect Open
- 1st VP Program Phyllis Dozier  
Tami Reyna
- 2nd VP Membership Barbara Oliver
- AAUW Funds Valerie Jones
- VP Finance Lynda McClellan
- Recording Secretary Betsy Swallow
- Public Policy Open

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**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**COC**

- MESA/STEM Kelly Burke
- Bucks 4 Books Kelly Burke
- Student Relations Robin Clough
- MESA Advisory Board Rebecca Corona-Nickerson
- Women’s Conference Rebecca Corona-Nickerson
- Humanities Ruthie Smith  
Barbara Oliver
- COC Student Affiliate Magaly Ambriz

**Tech Trek**

- Chair Diane Bartley
- Com. Fundraising Diane Bartley  
MJ West
- Schools Liaison Ginny Gregor
- Book Lovers Luncheon Diane Bartley  
Diane Millikin

**STEM Stars**

- Chair Tech Trek Moms

**Women in History**

- Program Co-Chairs Debbie McIntosh  
Louise Willard

**President’s Corner**

**139 Days and Counting!**

Am I the only one who likes to watch the Hallmark Channel during the holiday season? Traditions come and go but usually it all works out in the end. The same holds true for the AAUW SCV branch. Since I moved down here from Petaluma, our branch has held a BUNCO fundraiser for our humanities COC scholarship. This year we start a new tradition: Humanities Scholarship Wine Tasting Fundraiser. I hope you’ll be able to join us on January 13th.



*President Stephanie*

We follow this fun event with our Tech Trek Fundraiser: Book Lovers Luncheon on February 3rd.

**Be sure to send in your reservations today for the Wine Tasting & Book Lovers Luncheon.**

And not to be forgotten, we continue with our “On the Road Again” series with an exciting presentation “On the Road Again to Catching Criminals” by retired FBI agent Rich Palacios on February 20th at Casa Canela’s Restaurant. Tami & Phyllis conclude our series with one last meeting in March. Science teacher, Sarah Arndt, will present “On the Road Again...to the Stars” on March 6th. Our annual Women in History presentation (and annual meeting) will be held on April 24th.

AAUW continues to be a force on the national scene advocating issues important to women and girls: pay equity, sexual harassment in the work place, sex discrimination in higher education, and more. According to their website, in the year 2017: 17,000 people learned to negotiate their salary through AAUW workshops, \$3.7 million was awarded to women and community projects, 8,000 students brought AAUW programs to their campuses, 35 states held AAUW STEM programs, and 270,000 messages were sent to lawmakers by AAUW members and supporters. You should be proud of yourself for belonging to such a vibrant organization for women and girls. Let’s get the word out among our friends, neighbors and community.

If Public Policy is your interest or concern, we could use you on our board. We need someone to make sure the articles sent to us from National and/or state gets included in our own newsletter..

I look forward to seeing you during the next few months.

**\*\*\*139 days until our 50th Anniversary celebration (5/19/18)\*\*\***

**Stephanie**

swdietrich51@gmail.com

**Named Gift Honoree – Update**

In our last newsletter I mentioned that your executive board selected Virginia Prager-Elford (posthumously) for our year 2016 selection. We have since been able to alter that to a 2017 year award to align with the year of her memorial.



Deadline for the February issue is January 26  
Please email submissions to Editor Nancy Heinisch  
nancyheinisch@att.net

# Interest Groups

## Interest Group Chairs

Bridge	Cathy Altuvilla
Evening Lit	Betsy Swallow Rose Drye
Great Discussions	Pat Horanberg
Hiking My Way	Sandra Cattell
Lunch Bunch	Debbie Harris
Mah Jong	Pat Oguss
Mystery Lit	Louise Schultz
Winey Ladies	Stephanie Dietrich

## Evening Lit Reading Group

Start off the New Year with "Born Bright" by C. Nicole Mason, a powerful memoir, a story of reconciliation, constrained choices and life on the other side of the tracks. Born in the 1970s in Los Angeles, California, Mason was raised by a beautiful, but volatile 16-year-old single mother. Early on, she learned to navigate between an unpredictable home life and school where she excelled.

This book was recommended by Virginia Prager-Elford, and we're reading it as a tribute to her.

We'll be meeting at the home of Gloria Halbfinger at 6:45 pm on Wednesday, January 3. Our Discussion Leader will be Pat Horanberg, and Pat will also provide dessert. An invitational email will be sent out a few days before our meeting.

Hope to see you then! Best wishes for a Happy New Year!

*Betsy Swallow and Rose Drye*



**Winey Ladies** will be meeting this month at The Hyatt on January 4, 5:30 pm. Please RSVP to Stephanie so we know how many of us will be attending.

*Stephanie Dietrich, Chair  
swdietrich51@gmail.com*



## STEM Stars Visit Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Our STEM Stars visited Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena on December 20. STEM Stars are former Tech Trekkers who are invited to talks and field trips to help keep their interest in science and technology sparking.

The 18 STEM Stars attending the field trip already knew that JPL sent rovers to Mars. The field trip gave them the opportunity to learn more about the rovers, our missions to other planets in the solar system, and Earth observing instruments. They had tours of our historic Mission Control building (we call this the Center of the Universe), and the Mars Yard where we practice maneuvers that we plan to make on Mars. They also visited the largest clean room west of the Mississippi where many of JPL's spacecraft are built.

The highlight of the tour were presentations by three engineers who talked about their work, their educations, and their career paths to JPL. So inspiring!

Here are what two of the STEM Stars said:

*"I went to the Stems Stars field trip..., and I wanted to tell you how grateful I am for allowing myself and other former Tech Trek participants to get involved in such a scientific, dynamic environment. Thank You! I know that I want to be an engineer in the future, and that I want to get a PhD, however I am struggling to decide what type of engineer should I be since there are so many incredible choices to choose from. But thanks to the presentations given to me at the JPL field trip, I now know what kind of paths I can approach to reach my goals. Thank You!"*

*"I wanted to thank you for allowing me the chance to explore around and learn more about space exploration and career opportunities in science that are open for women. ....All the people that helped out with the field trip...work very hard and it was very generous of them to come out of their way to enhance the education of us girls. It was such a fascinating experience!"*

This is why we do what we do! I can see the future in the reflection of the girls' eyes. It is so wonderful to be able to help create an experience like this for them.

We had a lot of JPL helpers participating to make this a success. Kudos to all of them and to our drivers: Jeneywyn Van Wie, Charlotte Judson, Marie Pierre, and Stephanie Dietrich.

*Sonja Wendt, Publicity  
steinwendt@aol.com*



# On the Road Again to Catching Criminals

**Retired FBI Agent Rich Palacios**

*February 20th  
Casa Canela's Restaurant  
27647 Bouquet Canyon  
Cost \$26 for Buffet Dinner  
5 pm*

RSVP to Tami Reyna by February 10  
reyna812@earthlink.net or call 661-297-3338

## Tech Trek Math/Science Camp Fundraising Efforts Update

Fundraising efforts for the 2018 Tech Trek Math/Science camps are in full swing. We currently have \$13,300 in grant money and \$3200 in individual donations which will fund 16 camperships so far. More requests were sent out in December which will hopefully bring results. But with the increase in camp fees, we need everyone's help, INCLUDING YOU! Please let us know of any organization or business that you are involved with who might have funds set aside for STEM projects in 2018. And don't forget to register for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Lovers Luncheon to be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at TPC Valencia! We raised enough at last year's luncheon to send 4 additional girls to camp. Let's try to outdo that this year!

Questions? Diane Bartley 753-6762 or db.techtrek@gmail.com

We are at \$262  
towards our \$500  
Bucks 4 Books goal!

Thank you  
everyone for your  
spare change!

*Kelly Burke  
MESA/STEM*



## SC Encore Chorale's New Season

Santa Clarita Encore Chorale's spring rehearsals will start up again on Friday, January 19, 2018, from 4 – 5:30 p.m. at the Newhall Church of the Nazarene, 23857 The Old Road, Newhall, CA 91321 (near Calgrove and the I-5).

All current and new singers are invited to attend, sing, and make new friends. New singers are invited to contact Conductor Cheri Walters at 661-347-3221 or cheri.walters@gmail.com, or Roberta Kessler at 818-468-2285 rkessler1367@gmail.com.

# HELLO

Need an AAUW name tag?  
Contact Awards, Trophies & Treasures at  
27737 Bouquet Canyon Road, Suite # 122  
661-513-0963

## Celebrating Our Friends Happy Birthday!

January 2	Rose Drye
4	Donna Nelsen
7	Patty Hoffman
8	Jane Hansen
10	Nancy Powder
16	Robin Clough
17	Maryanne Deuschle
24	Michele Jenkins
25	Sheryl Hodges
26	Gail Quinn
27	Roberta Kessler
29	Eunice Owens

# Fifth Annual Book Lovers Luncheon

## Benefit for Tech Trek Science Camp for Girls

### Featuring Authors



**Natashia Deón** is a 2017 NAACP Image Award Nominee and author of the critically-acclaimed novel, GRACE. A practicing attorney, law professor, and creator of the popular L.A.-based reading series Dirty Laundry Lit, Deón's writing has appeared in American Short Fiction, BuzzFeed, and other places.

**Deen Ferrell** has been writing since Junior High. He has won numerous local and regional awards for his works, is a Regional Student Academy Award winner for his screenplay "More Bull Than Dozer," has had plays toured across 5 states, and is author of the award-winning series, "Cryptic Spaces."



## Saturday, February 3, 2018

Award-Winning TPC Valencia Oaks Grill

26550 Heritage View Lane

11 am—3 pm

\$65.00 per person

Reservation Deadline is January 23, 2018

Questions? Contact Diane Bartley ([dianebartley6@gmail.com](mailto:dianebartley6@gmail.com))

AAUW Santa Clarita Branch Book Lovers Luncheon Registration. Doors open 11 am.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this completed portion of the registration along with your check for \$65.00 made payable to:  
AAUW SCV  
P.O. Box 800354  
Santa Clarita, CA 91380

I cannot attend this event but would like to contribute to Tech Trek. Please accept my enclosed check for this worthwhile program.

*Please indicate Lunch Choice*

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef Lasagna

\_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Chicken Oaks Salad

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Oaks Salad

If possible I would like to sit with \_\_\_\_\_

# JANUARY 2018 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 NEW YEARS EVE 	1 NEW YEARS DAY	2	3 EVENING LIT 6:45 pm betsy.swallow@att.net	4 BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com  WINEY LADIES 5:30 pm Stephanie Dietrich swdietrich51@gmail.com	5 MAH JONGG 12 pm IHOP Canyon County 18677 Soledad Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com	6
7	8 RSVP DEADLINE FOR HUMANITIES WINE FUNRAISER Barbara Oliver barjo1225@yahoo.com	9	10 BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library RSVP Betsy Swallow Betsy.swallow@att.net	11 BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	12	13 HUMANITIES FUNDRAISER HOT POLLOI WINERY 2—4 pm
14	15 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	16	17 LUNCH BUNCH 11:30 am Deborah Harris 818.621.6196 laprofa@yahoo.com	18 BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com  MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am, Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net	19	20
21	22	23 RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR BOOK LOVERS LUNCHEON Diane Bartley dianebartley6@gmail.com	24	25 GREAT DISCUSSIONS 1 pm Stevenson Ranch Library Pat Horanberg  BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	26 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE nancyheinisch@att.net	27
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# Help Wanted

*Please contact Stephanie if you are willing to serve on the AAUW board in the coming year*