

# The Santa Clarita Valley Voice

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"Whenever you find yourself doubting how far you can go, just remember how far you have come. Remember everything you have faced, all the battles you have won, and all the fears you have overcome."

*Unknown*

## **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.

## **On the Road Again** *to* **Catching Criminals**



## **Retired FBI Agent Rich Palacios**

February 20th  
Casa Canela's Restaurant  
27647 Bouquet Canyon  
5 pm

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

Mail your check made out to AAUW for \$26 to  
Tami Reyna  
23010 Calvello Dr.  
Valencia, CA 91354

**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

**APPOINTED OFFICERS 2017-2018**

- By-Laws Diane Bartley
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- Social Media Kelly Burke
- Webmaster Betty Kelly

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MJ West
- Corresponding Secr. Rose Drye
- Historian Open
- Hospitality Christine McCarthy
- Internal Communications Louise Schultz
- Yearbook Betty Kelly
- Publicity Sonja Wendt
- Telecommunications Linda Metz

**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**

**108 Days and Counting!**



In my third year as a newcomer to the Santa Clarita Valley, I am still amazed at all the places to visit in this area. Recently I attended our Humanities Scholarship "Wine Tasting" Fundraiser at the Hoi Polloi and Pagter Bros. Winery in Newhall. Thank you Barbara Oliver for such a delightful afternoon. I didn't even know they existed.

So, what does one write about when you're in the back half of the year? In high school, students feel the dragging of four more long months before summer unlike AAUW SCV that has lots of

exciting events planned for its members. The month of February is our Fifth Annual Book Lovers Luncheon, followed by our general meeting "On the Road Again to Catching Criminals" with retired FBI agent, Rich Palacios. The FBI has been in the news a lot these past few months so it should be an interesting Q and A session. In March we present science teacher, Sarah Arndt, "On the Road Again to the Stars" who will talk about her experiences in NASA's SOFIA program. Next in April we have our annual election of officers meeting followed by the Women in History presentation. And then...the culmination of the season, known in football as the Super Bowl, the World Series in baseball and in AAUW as the 50th Anniversary and installation of officers.

We're not the only branch seeking help from its members to participate on the board. The nominating committee will be meeting shortly to find that someone special who will take charge of our branch. I am finishing my second year so I am 150 days shy of leaving office. I know you're out there. Help us find you.

**\*\*\*108 days until our 50th Anniversary celebration (5/19/18)\*\*\***

**Stephanie**  
swdietrich51@gmail.com

**Calling All Photos!**



Do you have a photo or photos taken of (at) any AAUW outing from the past 50 years? We'd like to share those in a PowerPoint presentation at our 50th anniversary celebration this May.

Scan and email them with the

subject line **AAUW photo** to Stephanie Dietrich swdietrich51@gmail.com.

Can't scan? Email Stephanie to make arrangements to borrow them so we can scan them.



Deadline for the March issue is February 21  
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 Decisions	Pat Horanberg
Hiking My Way	Sandra Cattell
Lunch Bunch	Debbie Harris
Mah Jong	Pat Oguss
Mystery Lit	Louise Schultz
Winey Ladies	Stephanie Dietrich



### Great Decisions: February 22, 1 pm

Under President Vladimir Putin, Russia is projecting an autocratic model of governance abroad and working to undermine the influence of liberal democracies, namely along Russia's historical borderlands. Russia caused an international uproar in 2016, when it interfered in the U.S. presidential contest. But Putin's foreign policy toolkit includes other instruments, from alliances with autocrats to proxy wars with the U.S. in Georgia, Ukraine and Syria. How does Putin conceive of national interests, and why do Russian citizens support him? How should the United States respond to Putin's foreign policy ambitions?

*Pat Horanberg, Chair  
pathoranberg@aol.com*

### Winey Ladies

will be meeting this month (February) at Saddle Ranch Chop House at the Valencia Town Center on February 1, 5 pm. Please RSVP to Stephanie so we know how many will be attending.



*Stephanie Dietrich, chair  
swdietrich51@gmail.com*



The AAUW California Convention 2018 is coming to Southern California (Irvine) this April. You can read all about it on the state website [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org).

Come ready to be energized. "Celebrate the advocacy, education, philanthropy and research we do to achieve equity for women and girls! Meet state and national leaders. Hear inspiring and entertaining speakers". All this and more.

**April 27 - 29  
Irvine Marriott  
Irvine Marriott, 18000 Von Karman Avenue  
Irvine, CA 92612**

### Registration Deadlines

- Early Registration – before March 8
- Regular Registration – March 9 – April 13
- Late Registration – after April 13

### Workshop Sessions Topics Saturday

- A1. **Women in STEM Globally.**
- A2. **Finding the Information YOU Need on the AAUW CA Website.**
- A3. **Public Policy at All Levels.**
- A4. **Financial Literacy Matters.**
- A5. **AAUW Jeopardy.**
- A6. **How to Mentor Tech Trek Girls after Camp.**  
(KBUG = Know Before You Go) Mentoring Program.

### Sunday

- B1. **Diversity, Inclusion, and Marginalization.**
- B2. **Honoring your Branch Legacy.**
- B3. **Building Self-Esteem in Girls.**
- B4. **Alternative Board Design.**
- B5. **Leveraging Social Media.**
- B6. **Overcoming Political Overwhelm.**
- B7. **Welcome to SPF.**

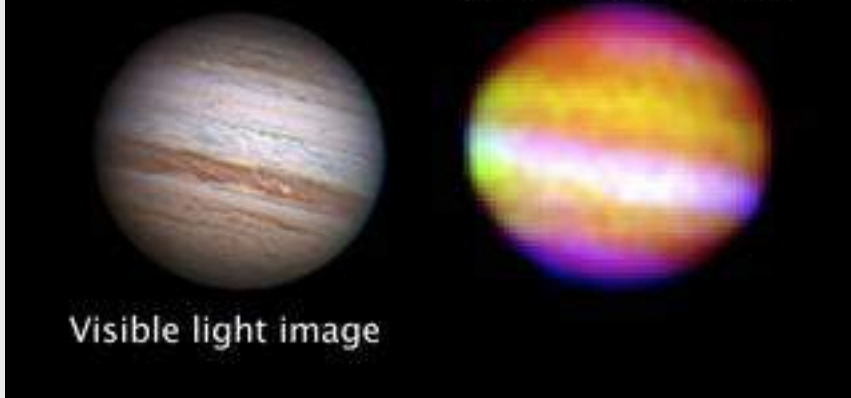
Please join **Evening Lit** on Wednesday, February 7, at 6:45 pm, at the home of Betsy Swallow. Rose Drye will be bringing dessert. We'll be discussing "Tea Girl of Humming Bird Lane" by Lisa See. Dorine Blundell will be leading our discussion. Here's a snapshot -

Li-yan and her family align their lives around the seasons and the farming of tea. There is ritual and routine and it has been ever thus for generations. Then one day a jeep appears at the village gate—the first automobile any of them have seen—and a stranger arrives.

Hope you will join us for some Chinese culture and intrigue!

*Betsy Swallow and Rose Drye*

SOFIA infrared image  
(5.4, 24, and 37  $\mu\text{m}$ )



Visible light image

## On the Road Again to the Stars

*March 6*

Our speaker is Sarah Arndt, science teacher, talking about NASA'S SOFIA program. SOFIA, the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy, is the largest airborne observatory in the world, capable of making observations that are impossible for even the largest and highest ground-based telescopes. During its lifetime, SOFIA also will inspire the development of new scientific instrumentation and foster the education of young scientists and engineers.

Dinner will be at Mimi's restaurant, at 5:30. The cost is \$23.00. Includes choice of 4 entrees, non alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages available for purchase.

Please send RSVP and prepayment by March 1st to

Phyllis Dozier  
31352 Cherry Dr.  
Castaic, 91384  
661-310-4902  
pmdozier@sbcglobal.net

## Zonta Award Luncheon March 24

If you haven't already sent in your reservation for the March 24<sup>th</sup> Zonta Award Luncheon, now is the time to do so. AAUW submitted Robin Clough's name for consideration of their Women in Service Award. Reservations forms can be found online at [www.scvzonta.org](http://www.scvzonta.org).



## Celebrating Our Friends Happy Birthday!

February 11	MJ West
February 11	Rose Drye
February 13	Valerie Jones
February 15	Candace Ford
February 26	Phyllis Dozier
February 27	Pat Kraetsch








## Humanities Wine Tasting Fundraiser

A wonderful time was had by all at our January 13 wine tasting. We raised about \$500 for our scholarship!

Thank you all for your support. We'll do this again next year!

*Barbara Oliver  
Ruthie Smith*

# FEBRUARY 2018 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 <b>BRIDGE</b> 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com  <b>WINEY LADIES</b> 5 pm Stephanie Dietrich swdietrich51@gmail.com	2 <b>MAH JONGG</b> 12 pm IHOP Canyon County 18677 Soledad Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com  <b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b>	3 <b>BOOK LOVERS LUNCHEON</b> 11 am TPC 
4 <b>SUPER BOWL SUNDAY</b> 	5	6	7 <b>EVENING LIT</b> 6:45 pm betsy.swallow@att.net	8 <b>BRIDGE</b> 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	9	10 <b>DEADLINE TO RSVP FOR ON THE ROAD AGAIN TO CATCHING CRIMINALS</b> Tami Reyna reyna812@earthlink.net or call 661-297-3338
11	12	13	14 <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>  <b>NO BOARD MEETING</b>	15 <b>BRIDGE</b> 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com  <b>MYSTERY LIT</b> 10:30 am, Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net	16 <b>CHINESE NEW YEAR</b> 	17
18	19 <b>PRESIDENTS' DAY OBSERVED</b> 	20 <b>ON THE ROAD AGAIN TO CATCHING CRIMINALS</b> 5 pm Casa Canela  <i>See Special Note at Bottom of Calendar</i>	21 <b>LUNCH BUNCH</b> 11:30 am Deborah Harris 818.621.6196 laprofa@yahoo.com  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> nancyheinisch@att.net	22 <b>GREAT DECISIONS</b> 1 pm Stevenson Ranch Library Pat Horanberg  <b>BRIDGE</b> 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	23	24
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There will be a short pre-dinner presentation on the status of the Santa Clarita Valley League of Women Voters by Michelle Jenkins, Robin Clough and Gene, at the February 20th *On the Road Again to Catching Criminals* Program.