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"Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious."

Stephen Hawking

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 the Stars

March 6

**Science Teacher Sarah Arndt will speak
on NASA'S SOFIA program**

*Dinner will be at Mimi's Restaurant
24201 Magic Mountain Parkway
5:30 pm*

Please mail your check made out to AAUW for \$ 23 by March 1st to

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

Includes choice of 4 entrees, non alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages available for purchase.

ELECTED OFFICERS 2017-2018

- President Stephanie Dietrich
- President Elect Open
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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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- By-Laws Diane Bartley
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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

80 Days and Counting!



SCV Councilwoman Marsha McLean and President Stephanie Dietrich at the Fifth Annual Book Lovers Luncheon

This column was almost left blank as we’re still working on finding that special person to serve as your next president.

Just like the second semester in high school, our last remaining months in the year are full of exciting presentations culminating with the 50th Anniversary Gala. Sonja Wendt and I spent a morning last week assembling various published articles of the branch for the scrapbook. What fun to see the original picture of our charter members. I plan on creating a PowerPoint presentation of photos for the celebration.

If you missed our February meeting with retired FBI agent Rich Palacios you missed out. Forget all those cops and robbers TV shows; we heard it directly.

Robin Cloug and Dr. Gene Dorio provided an update on the progress of our own SCV League of Women Voters chapter. We all need to remember that they are a non-partisan neutral group.

I know a lot of our members are really “On the Road Again” to fabulous and exotic locations in this world and can’t attend some of our meetings. I don’t happen to be one of them. But I will settle for traveling to our next meeting “On the Road to the Stars” - note the early date of March 6th – when we listen to science teacher Sarah Arndt about her participation with NASA’s SOFIA (Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy) program.

Pack your bags as we conclude our “On the Road Again” year with traveling to the Zonta Luncheon, Women’s Conference, AAUW state convention, Tech Trek Awards, and our annual meeting in April for the election of next year’s officers ... plus another outstanding Women in History performance.

Important! We need to reach out to past members about the 50th Anniversary scheduled for **Saturday, May 19th, 11 am—3 pm at the TPC Valencia Grill**. Formal invitations will be sent out in the mid-month March email.

Stephanie

swdietrich51@gmail.com

AAUW Officers for 2018 - 2019

A **BIG** thank you to the following ladies who have agreed to serve in the following elected positions for our branch next year:

- President: **Working on it** ←
- President-elect: **Almost** ←
- 1st VP Programs: Betsy Swallow & Barbara Oliver
- 2nd VP Membership: Roberta Kessler
- VP Finance: Lynda McClellan
- AAUW Funds: Val Jones
- Recording Secretary: Debra Halcrow
- Public Policy: Denise Grzesiak

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

March Evening Lit discussion will be held on March 7, at 6:45 pm, at the home of Gloria Halbfinger. Olly Bruins will be leading our discussion of "The Roundhouse" by Louise Erdrich. It is an exquisitely told story of a boy on the cusp of manhood who seeks justice and understanding in the wake of a terrible crime that upends and forever transforms his family.

Emails with location details and RSVP info will be sent out approximately 5 days before to those on our mailing list, but any member is welcome to attend.

It's time to start thinking about books that you'd like to recommend for our next session starting in September 2018. We'll be compiling the list at our June meeting.

Hope to see you at our March discussion!

*Betsy Swallow
Rose Drye*



Winey Ladies will be meeting this month at the Newhall Press Room, 24257 Main Street, on March 1, 5:30 pm. Please RSVP to Stephanie so we know how many will be attending.

*Stephanie Dietrich,
swdietrich51@gmail.com*



AAUW California Convention 2018

Plan now to attend the AAUW California Convention in Southern California (Irvine) this April. You can read all about it on the state website 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

Making the Most of Your Life: Women's Conference at COC

It is my understanding that AAUW SCV was a major contributor to the Women's Conference when it first began. It is now presented by Boston Scientific Neuromodulation in coordination with the College of the Canyons. This year's program looks to be another exciting one for Santa Clarita women.

Saturday, March 17th
"Making the Most of Your Life"
8 am – 3 pm

Breakout Sessions:
Career Development
Finding your Ancestors/Elder Care
Being an "Inspirational Mom"
Making Dreams a Reality... and MUCH, MUCH MORE!

\$ 35 includes buffet breakfast and luncheon
Details & Registration: www.canyons.edu/wc

*Stephanie Dietrich
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Reminder: ZONTA Women in Service March 24 Luncheon

If you haven't already sent in your reservation for the March 24th luncheon, March 5th is the deadline at the \$45 rate. The cost rises to \$50 after that. AAUW submitted Robin Clough's name for consideration of their Women in Service Award. Reservations forms can be found online at: www.scvzonta.org.



2018 Women in History Program Begins

The 31st edition of the Women in History Program began the last week of February/first week of March.

So far, there are at least seven schools participating, but we anticipate that number will grow.

Many of the schools are choosing to do the program in March, Women in History Month.

Arrangements are being finalized for the April 17th Annual Meeting. We are tentatively holding it at Barnes & Noble Bookstore as we have in the past.

Some side notes: Valerie Lunt, a perennial presenter at the annual meeting, recently portrayed Coco Chanel for the Newcomers Club of Santa Clarita. Debbie McIntosh portrayed first lady Dolly Madison at the AAUW-San Fernando Valley and portrayed Betsy Ross at the AAUW-Simi Valley. Co-chair Louise Willard recently portrayed Julia Child for the PEO of SCV, and will portray Laura Ingalls Wilder at the Senior Center. We do get around!

*Debbie McIntosh and Louise Willard, Co-Chairs
AAUW Women in History Program*



Celebrating Our Friends Happy Birthday!

March 15	Denise Grzesiak
March 17	Julie Witter
March 19	Dot Toral
March 20	Cathy Altuvilla
March 29	Paula Olivares
March 30	Rebecca Corona-Nickerson
March 31	Diane Millikin



Enjoy Talking on the Phone?

We need 3 page callers. There are only 5-6 names on a page.

It is fun to talk to our members personally.

*Linda Metz, Telecommunications
lindee.l@icloud.com*

March is Women's History Month

Join in commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. Visit <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>.

Humanities Committee Update

The Humanities Committee is happy to report we have funded a \$900 Humanities Scholarship to the College of the Canyons!

*Ruthie Smith
Barbara Oliver*

Old Photos Wanted

We're still looking for your pictures we can share for the 50th Anniversary of our branch.

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.

*A warm welcome to our newest member
Andrea Slominski.*

MARCH 2018 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
	Remember to drop your spare change in the Bucks 4 Books basket at meetings!		MARCH 1 DEADLINE TO RSVP FOR ON THE ROAD AGAIN TO THE STARS PROGRAM Phyllis Dozier 661-310-4902 pmdozier@sbcglobal.net	BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com WINEY LADIES 5:30 pm Newhall Press Room 24257 Main Street Stephanie Dietrich swdietrich51@gmail.com	MAH JONGG 12 pm IHOP Canyon County 18677 Soledad Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	DEADLINE TO RSVP FOR DISCOUNT FOR ZONTA AWARDS LUNCHEON www.scvzonta.org	ON THE ROAD AGAIN TO THE STARS MIMI's Restaurant 5:30 pm	EVENING LIT 6:45 pm Betsy.swallow@att.net	BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	"LIKE" us on Facebook! Simply search for AAUW Santa Clarita Valley at the top of your Facebook page	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS			BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library RSVP Betsy Swallow	BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am, Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net		2018 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AT COC 8 am—3 pm ST. PATRICKS'S DAY
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Need an AAUW name tag? Contact Awards, Trophies & Treasures 27737 Bouquet Canyon Road, Suite # 122 661-513-0963		SPRING BEGINS	LUNCH BUNCH 11:30 am Deborah Harris 818.621.6196 laprofa@yahoo.com	GREAT DECISIONS 1 pm Stevenson Ranch Library Pat Horanberg BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com		ZONTA AWARDS LUNCHEON www.scvzonta.org
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
PALM SUNDAY	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE nancyheinisch@att.net			BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	PASSOVER BEGINS	



Visit our website www.aauw-scv.org for more photos of the Fifth Annual Book Lovers Luncheon