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“It is a fact that when you change a girl’s life, you effect her vision of herself and her immediate world and the world that she will have an impact on.”

Oprah Winfrey

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.



Women in History

April 17, 2018

Barnes and Noble Booksellers

Annual Meeting 6:30 pm

Presentation 7 pm

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
- Newsletter Editor Nancy Heinisch
- Social Media Kelly Burke
- Webmaster Betty Kelly

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Auditors Diane Bartley
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

49 Days and Counting!

Just like the ‘49ers of the 1800’s, there’s excitement in the air. And I’m not referring to my football team, the San Francisco 49ers... back in the Joe Montana days. We are looking for gold! We can feel it. It’s the color of our 50th anniversary of the branch!

Wow, it doesn’t seem possible that our branch is about to celebrate its 50th anniversary. By now you’ve received an email invitation and today the reservation form is included in this newsletter. Please note the change in venue. Long story short – our signed contract was cancelled by TPC this past February. The Hyatt was the only close venue available for May 19th. The menu looks awesome including cupcakes by our very own Lynda McClellan. She brought a sampling of her cupcakes to the board meeting. We all agreed we’re in for a treat! Thank you, Lynda!

And that’s not all folks - our state president is scheduled to be our guest speaker. Dignitaries have also been invited to attend. Our COC scholarship recipients will be receiving an offer to attend. They get their notification just a few days before our event so we can only hope they can fit us into their busy schedules.

What can you expect at our celebration? A chance to see the various scrapbooks assembled over the years. There will be pictures on display plus a video (PowerPoint) presentation of our branch over the past 50 years. And, it’s always fun to meet old friends you haven’t seen in a long time. I’ve only lived in this area for 3 years but I always enjoy meeting people with the same passion and interests that I have...that’s what AAUW allows us to do. Don’t forget we will be formally installing our newly-elected officers for next year and presenting the Named Gift Honoree Award posthumously to Virginia Prager-Elford. AAUW member and Virginia’s daughter-in-law, Lynn Prager, will be accepting the award on behalf of the family.

Looking forward to another 50, we must remain diligent when it comes to voting about important AAUW issues (bylaws amendment). Anything else? Yes, we will have a \$10 dues increase by National.

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

Stephanie

swdietrich51@gmail.com

The presentation of the Slate of Officers and Member Vote

will take place during the Annual Meeting on April 17th, 6:30 pm, at Barnes and Noble. The Women in History presentation follows the election of our new Board.

The Nominating Committee respectfully submits this Slate of officers for the AAUW SCV Board 2018-2019:

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| President | Marianne Bakic |
| President-Elect | Diane Millikin |
| 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 May issue is April 25
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



Women in History April 17 Barnes and Noble

We will have six presenters for the amazing women we chose this year.

They are:

- Ellen Swallow Richards** (Jodi Guerrero from Saugus High)
- Rosalind Franklin** (Louise Willard from Saugus High)
- Rear Admiral Grace Hopper** (Emily Verdi from Meadows Elementary)
- Joy Adamson** (Melissa Downes-Boyajian from Meadows Elementary)
- Katherine Johnson** (Nicole Owens from West Creek Academy)
- Peggy Whitson** (Laura Knightly from Meadows Elementary)

The AAUW Annual Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. promptly in the Community Room at Barnes and Noble, Valencia. The program starts at 7 pm. Encourage your friends to join us.

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



Winey Ladies meets on Thursday, April 5, 5 pm, at Marston's off Newhall Ranch Road. Please RSVP to Stephanie so we know who to expect.

*Stephanie Dietrich,
swdietrich51@gmail.com*

Evening Lit will meet on Wednesday, April 4, 6:45 pm, at the home of Jenewyn Van Wie in Canyon Country. Betsy Swallow will be the Discussion Leader, and dessert will be provided by Michele Nassif.

Our discussion topic will be "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance.

From a former Marine and Yale Law School graduate, this is a poignant account of growing up in a poor Appalachian town that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class. Part memoir, part historical and social analysis, J. D. Vance's "Hillbilly Elegy" is a fascinating consideration of class, culture, and the American dream.

The usual email requesting RSVPs will be sent out a few days ahead. We hope you can join us for a lively discussion!

*Betsy Swallow
Rose Drye*

Equal Pay Day—April 10th—is the symbolic day when women's earnings "catch up" to men's earnings from the previous year.

AAUW continues to advocate for strong pay equity legislation, regulation, and enforcement to protect employees and assist employers.

Equal Pay Day is an opportunity to draw attention to the gender pay gap and to call for legislative action and other solutions — including AAUW's salary negotiation workshops — to curb this pervasive problem.

Vote on the Proposed AAUW Bylaws Amendments

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring:

- + **creating three-year staggered board terms**
- + **opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership**
- + **eliminating the degree requirement for membership**

Rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the [AAUW](#) website. Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 pm ET.

Book Lovers Luncheon: Rousing Success!

Our Book Lovers Luncheon was a great success! 56 members and guests attended our primary fund raiser of the year at the beautiful TPC Oaks Grill in Valencia. We had super speakers, great food, great gift giveaways to winning raffle ticket holders, and gorgeous center pieces to win. Altogether, almost \$3000 was raised for our Tech Trek program. Together with our sponsors, we will be able to send 26 girls to camp this year!

A highlight of the afternoon was a keynote by **Jenny West**, a Tech Teck alumnus from 2009. This poised, confident, and passionate young woman was inspiring. She said that her Tech Trek experience was a turning point in her life. Before Tech Trek, she felt she had to put her smarts aside to be accepted. At camp, she said she realized it is OK to be a nerd! The experience fed her love of science and gave her confidence. Today, she is a UCLA Political Science major.

Deen Ferrell was one of two featured authors and is the author of the award-winning series "Cryptic Spaces". He loves science and wrote his first piece in 9th grade to earn money for science equipment. He says, "Books are magic because they come from magic. They pull us out of ourselves into a space to explore big questions." He observed that books are competing with Facebook and other electronic media, and as a result the young adult reading population is shrinking. He is passionate about getting young people inspired to read.

Natashia Deon is the author of the critically-acclaimed novel "Grace". She grew up in SCV and was able to attend a science camp when she was young and loved it. She is excited to support Tech Trek. Natashia read the opening of her novel and it was riveting! She said the beginning of the story came to her one early morning and she was filled with a passion to write it down immediately.

Diane Bartley was our MC and co-chair for the event. She thanked a host of people, including **Diane Millikin**, co-chair; **Elaine Garcia** who obtained the super raffle prize donations; **Rosanna Zubrzycki-Blanco** who brought the lovely centerpieces; **Barbara Oliver**, **Phyllis Dozier** and **Jenewyn Van Wie** for selling raffle tickets; and many others who helped set up the event. Kudos to all!

*Sonja Wendt, Publicity
steinwendt@aol.com*



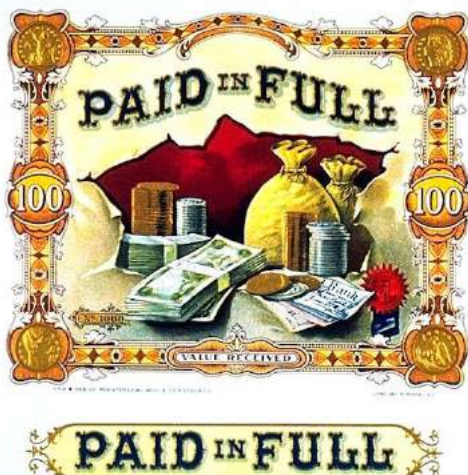
Celebrating
Our Friends
**Happy
Birthday!**

April 01 Sheree McKeon
April 13 Olive Bruins
April 17 Terrie Cipriano
April 29 Kay Moioffer
April 29 Monika Curry

Tech Trek Reception

On Friday, March 9th and Saturday, March 10th, Ginny Gregor, Lynda Rick, Kelly Cude and Sonja Wendt interviewed candidates for the 2018 Tech Trek camps. The girls who were recommended by their math and science teachers filled out applications and wrote essays about using math and science in their future careers before the interview process. With the help of our generous sponsors, we are sending 24 girls to camp this summer.

Join us at the Tech Trek Reception at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church from 1 - 2:30 pm on Saturday, April 21, to meet these special young women. Please RSVP to Diane Bartley at 661-753-6762 or db.techtrek@gmail.com by April 14th.



Renew your AAUW Membership

Reminder: National has raised their dues to \$59, but State and Branch dues are still \$20 each. Your total dues is now \$99.00.

Save yourself time and postage by renewing through the Membership Payment Program. Using the quick and easy link in an email you should have received from National you can renew by credit card.

Otherwise follow the directions in the email to renew by check. Contact Treasurer Lynda McClellan if you have any questions at



AAUW Notecards to Arrive Soon

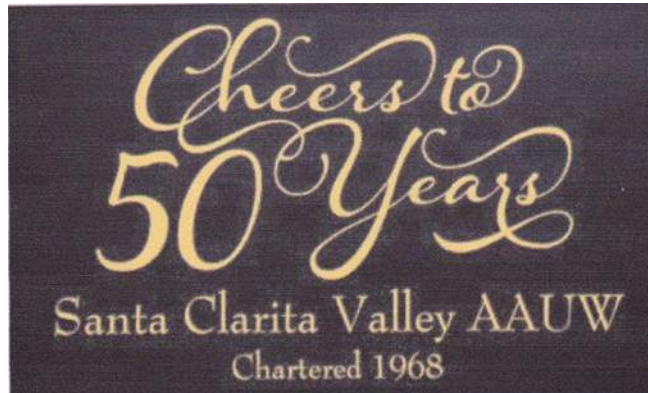
It is almost time for the AAUW notecards to arrive in the mail. Send any amount to AAUW in the envelope provided and the money will go to our branch SCV-AAUW Funds account.

Check out the entries for the notecards at https://art.aauw.org/contests/art_contest/.

Valerie Jones, AAUW Funds



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Saturday, May 19, 2018

**HYATT REGENCY VALENCIA
24500 Town Center Drive
Valencia CA 91355**

11 am—3 pm

\$40 per person

Reservation Deadline is May 5, 2018

Questions? Contact Stephanie Dietrich swdietrich51@gmail.com

AAUW Santa Clarita Branch 50th Anniversary Registration. Doors open 11 am.

Don't miss out - reserve your place now!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Return this completed portion of the registration along with your check for **\$40** made payable to:
AAUW SCV
24851 Carbon Ln

Please indicate lunch choice (includes salad amd roasted spring potatoes) and Yummy Cupcakes by Lynda McClellan






_____ *Oven Roasted Chicken*

_____ *Rosemary crusted pork loin*

_____ *Vegetarian plate*

If possible I would like to sit with _____

APRIL 2018 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER 	2	3	4 EVENING LIT 6:45 pm Betsy.swallow@att.net	5 BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com WINEY LADIES 5 pm Stephanie Dietrich swdietrich51@gmail.com	6 MAH JONGG 12 pm IHOP Canyon County 18677 Soledad Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com	7
8	9 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING Home of Stephanie Dietrich 6:30 pm swdietrich51@gmail.com	10 EQUAL PAY DAY 	11 BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library RSVP Betsy Swallow	12 BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	13	14 RSVP DEADLINE FOR TECH TREK RECEPTION Diane Bartley 661-753-6762 or db.techtrek@gmail.com
15 	16	17 WOMEN IN HISTORY Annual Meeting 6:30 pm Presentation 7 pm Barnes and Noble	18 LUNCH BUNCH 11:30 am Deborah Harris 818.621.6196 laprofa@yahoo.com	19 BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am, Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net	20	21 TECH TREK RECEPTION St. Stephen's Episcopal Church 1-2:30 pm
22 EARTH DAY	23	24	25 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE nancyheinisch@att.net VOTING BEGINS ON PROPOSED AAUW BYLAWS AMENDMENTS	26 GREAT DECISIONS 1 pm Stevenson Ranch Library Pat Horanberg BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	27 AAUW CONVENTION 	28
29 AAUW CONVENTION	30	1 MAY 	2	3 BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com WINEY LADIES Stephanie Dietrich swdietrich51@gmail.com	4 MAH JONGG 12 pm IHOP Canyon County 18677 Soledad Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com	5 RSVP DEADLINE FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCV-AAUW MAY 19TH Stephanie Dietrich 661-476-5290 swdietrich51@gmail.com

Anniversary Reminder

If you know the whereabouts of former AAUW branch members please be sure to contact them. The registration form can be found in this newsletter, on our website and Facebook page. I have only lived in this area for 3 years. Many of you have lived here for a long time. Members come and go. We don't want them to find out after the party we celebrated without them. Do your part to make this one fantastic celebration.

It's not often that the president of our state AAUW attends a branch meeting. As they say, good things happen to good people. We're now able to allow more attendees to our 50th Anniversary celebration! We want everyone to attend. At \$40 this is a bargain!

Anniversary Volunteers Needed

In order to help us make our 50th anniversary special, we are looking for volunteers to help finalize and organize the 2018 event. Our planning meeting will be on **Monday, April 9th, 6:30 pm**, at the home of Stephanie Dietrich. New to our branch? What a fantastic, easy way to get involved. RSVP to Stephanie Dietrich (swdietrich51@gmail.com) or 661-476-5290.

Can't make the meeting? Send Stephanie an email with your preferred assignment: program assemblers, door greeters, set-up committee (including decorations), clean-up committee, PowerPoint assistance, scrapbooks assistance (looking for articles and photos) and much, much more.