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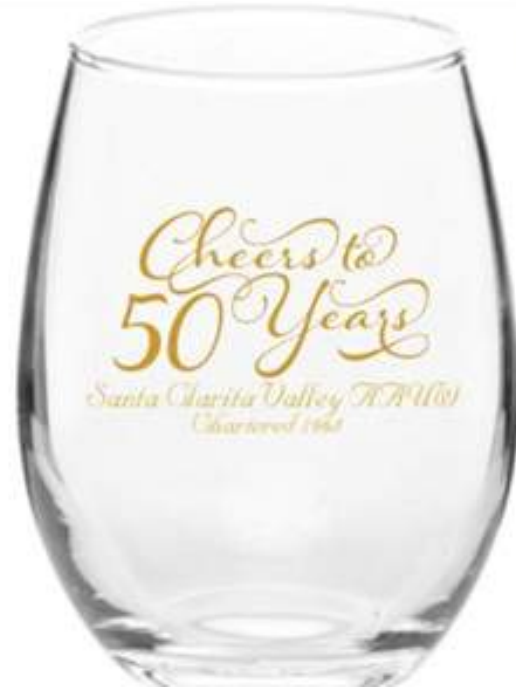
“The joy of life comes from our encounters with new experiences, and hence there is no greater joy than to have an endlessly changing horizon, for each day to have a new and different sun.”

Christopher McCandless

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.



Still Time to Order AAUW Santa Clarita Branch 50th Anniversary Wine Glass

Don't miss out - order your extra wine glass today! Please send your \$5.00 check made payable to

**Stephanie Dietrich
24851 Carbon Ln
Valencia CA 91354**

Please include your email and telephone number

ELECTED OFFICERS 2018-2019

- President Marianne Bakic
- President Elect Diane Millikin
- 1st VP Program Betsy Swallow
Barbara Olilver
- 2nd VP Membership Roberta Kessler
- AAUW Funds Valerie Jones
- VP Finance Lynda McClellan
- Recording Secretary Deborah Halcrow
- Public Policy Denise Grzesjak

APPOINTED OFFICERS 2018-2019

- 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 Tami Reyna
- 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

Expanding Our Horizons!

I first want to thank Stephanie for her leadership over the past two years culminating in the successful 50th Anniversary celebration of our branch at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The program included a slide show with photos and news clips spanning our 50 year history and featured speaker, Donna Mertens, President of the State AAUW. Dignitaries from the city, county, state and federal government presented Certificates of Recognition to our founding members for 50 years of service and to Olly Bruins for her 62 years.



I am honored to be your new president and encouraged by the dedication and commitment of our newly installed board. Our theme is “**Expanding Our Horizons**”. We will look to broaden our knowledge, our experiences, and our talents and have fun doing it. We have wonderful speakers lined up including ancestry.com to show us how to find our ancestors, Luis Fuerte to talk with us about what it was like to work with Huell Howser as they explored little known places in California and the League of Women Voters to explain the propositions that will be on the ballot this fall.

If you have not already, please renew your membership by June 30th. It is so easy to do online. Then you don’t have to think about it later. Our fiscal year ends June 30th and our new year begins July 1st. We plan to publish our annual yearbook and distribute it to our members at the September meeting. AND! We don’t want you to miss any of the exciting events and activities happening in the coming year.

Also a reminder: you have until June 9th to vote on the three amendments to the AAUW bylaws. You can find them at <http://www.aauw.org/resources/national-election/>.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our annual membership brunch on September 22, 2018. Our theme for the brunch is “Reach for the Stars”. Details will be in the September newsletter.

Have a great summer!

Marianne Bakic
mariannebakic@me.com

Summary of Job Duties Due June 13

I’m officially asking all officers and chairs to prepare a summary of jobs for her incoming counterpart. I would like a copy from everyone, including those of you remaining in your current position, to include in the notebook I’m preparing for Marianne and Diane. ***This is a MUST!***

The last board meeting will be on June 13th. The first 30 minutes will be devoted to introductions for next year’s officers and chairs, finalizing this year’s budget items (50th anniversary) and other items that need to be completed by June 30th.

Stephanie Dietrich
Past President

Deadline for the September issue is August 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 Jongg	Pat Oguss
Mystery Lit	Louise Schultz
Winey Ladies	Stephanie Dietrich



SCV-AAUW Past Presidents

Back row (left to right) Rebecca Corona-Nickerson, Kelly Burke, Trudi Nash, Jenewyn Van Wie, Rose Drye, Diane Bartley, Kate Meurer

Front row (left to right) Stephanie Dietrich, Linda Pedersen, Debbie McIntosh

Evening Lit Wednesday, June 6, 6 pm

It's that time, fellow readers, when we meet for a potluck dinner at Michele Nassif's home, and then select the books for the upcoming reading season. Start gathering your thoughts and book titles for this important meeting. We'd like a variety of titles and book types to choose from so don't be shy about bringing two or three suggestions.

An organizational email with directions to Michele's home and to line up the dinner items will be going out a week ahead of time. This will be our last meeting before our summer break so please come join us and help shape our reading list for the next season.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday June 6, 6 pm, for the potluck dinner!

Betsy Swallow (betsy.swallow@att.net)
Rose Drye (rosedrye474@gmail.com)

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

Voting opened on April 25, 2018, and will close June 9, 2018, at 9 pm ET.

Winey Ladies to Meet at Claim Jumper

It's a repeat! We had so much fun last month we will meet again at Claim Jumper on June 7th, 5pm. This will be our last one until October. See you then!

Please RSVP so I'll know to expect you.

Stephanie Dietrich
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Mah Jongg Meets June 1st

Looking forward to first Friday Mah Jongg on June 1st, noon, at the IHOP on Soledad Road in Canyon Country.



Remember: no first Friday Mah Jongg for the month of July due to the national holiday early in the month.

Pat Oguss
poguss@gmail.com



Women in Stem Award Presented

The Women in Stem Award goes to a top female STEM student at COC in the MESA program.

We asked our members with a STEM background to donate \$25 and write a note of support or inspiration to the awardee. We raised \$450! The award is \$250, so we are well on our way for next year.

Kelly Burke presented our winner Magaly Ambriz (pictured left) with the notes in a box after she received the award at the COC MESA Transfer Dinner. She was so touched! She is transferring to UCSB, majoring in Biochemistry.

Thank you to donors Diane Bartley, Kelly Burke, Kelly Cude, Pat Horanberg, Diane Millikin, Ruth Shelby-Smith, and Jenewyn Van Wie.

Rebecca Corona Nickerson delivered the keynote address on how AAUW is relevant to each graduate.

Kelly Burke, MESA/STEM,
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Rebecca Corona-Nickerson, MESA Advisory Board
rcoronanickerson@outlook.com

Celebrating Our Friends Happy Birthday!



June

- 2 Judy Wood
- 4 Arlene Saretsky
- 5 Jackie Avery & Allie Augusta
- 19 Ruthie Smith
- 23 Jennifer Burstein
- 29 Dorine Blundell & Michele Nassif

July

- 2 Betsy Swallow
- 5 Gene Dorio
- 7 Gloria Halbfinger
- 13 Linda Metz
- 15 Jenewyn Van Wie
- 24 Penny DeSantis
- 27 Gloria Ruiz & Marianne Bakic
- 28 Sandra Cattel & Christine McCarthy

August

- 4 Kelly Cude
- 8 Debbie McIntosh
- 10 Diane Trautman
- 12 Tami Reyna
- 23 Joan Colette

Bucks 4 Books Meets Goal of \$500!

Thank you everyone for your spare change! We have met our goal of \$500, to be awarded at the start of the Fall 2018 semester to a continuing female STEM student.

Kelly Burke, MESA/STEM

A Note from your New Past President

Are you still savoring the memories of our 50th Anniversary Celebration held on the 19th of May at the Hyatt Regency? I know I am. So many people were involved in the whole process. We finished the decorations set-up with 30 minutes to spare. The cleanup committee and others had everything packed and gone within 30 minutes. I went home to a BIG GLASS of Wine! I've heard from so many AAUW members about the fun they had. Thank you. We deserved it.



Past President Stephanie Dietrich with Donna Mertens, President of AAUW California

It has been my pleasure to serve as your president for the past two years. I leave you in good hands with Marianne Bakic.

But the one position I was never able to fill was that of historian. The women before us were able to maintain wonderful scrapbooks that contain pictures, articles, certificates of years past. I overheard so many people enjoying themselves as they reminisced during the PowerPoint branch history. As our state president Donna Mertens said in her delightful speech, "leadership" is a vital part of every branch. Historian is one of those vital leadership roles that a branch needs. Are you that person to become our next historian? Marianne needs you now!

I would also like to express my gratitude to the 2017-2018 board: Phyllis Dozier, Tami Reyna, Barbara Oliver, Valerie Jones, Linda McClellan and Betsy Swallow.

I'll see you all at the Membership Welcome Brunch on September 22nd.

*Stephanie Dietrich
Past President*



Thank You

Thank you to AAUW publication proofreaders

Diane Bartley
Stephanie Dietrich
Pat Horanberg
Betty Kelly

Dues: Reminder for members that have not yet renewed— your membership expires on June 30, 2018, so please renew ASAP either online by credit card or you may write a \$99 check to AAUW and mail it to the branch treasurer Lynda McClellan, 20162 Keaton St., Santa Clarita 91351. Email: game_mom@sbcglobal.net

Notecards: Send any amount to AAUW in the envelope provided and the money will go to our branch SCV-AAUW Funds account.

Remember that any tax deductible donation of any amount goes into our branch's Funds account.

Valerie Jones

SCV-AAUW 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Wow!

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration was held on May 19 at the Hyatt Regency Valencia. Almost 65 members attended.

Our branch was chartered in 1968 by a group of 34 women, four of whom are still active in the branch today.

The SCV Branch of AAUW received certificates in recognition for our achievements from:

U.S. House of Congress
California State Senate
California State Assembly
County of Los Angeles
City of Santa Clarita
AAUW California

The following dignitaries arrived to help us celebrate:

State Assemblyman Dante Acosta
Marsha McLean, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Santa Clarita
Councilman Cameron Smyth, City of Santa Clarita
Donna Mertens, President of AAUW California
Josie Sandi representing U.S. Congressman Steve Knight
Rosalind Wayman representing Kathryn Barger,
Supervisor of the 5th District of the County of Los Angeles

The following individuals were recognized (some so many times they needed to take a rest!):

Charter members: Betty Granger, Jane Hanson, Pat Kelley, Diane Kreyenhagen
62 year (wow!) member: Olly Bruins
Named Gift Honoree: Virginia Prager-Elford accepted by Marty and Lynn Prager
AAUW Humanities Scholarship awardee: Christina Arias
AAUW Virginia Prager-Elford Elementary Education Scholarship Endowment awardee: Jacob Sikich

Our AAUW California President, Donna Mertens, spoke movingly about our achievements praising the branch's work in Tech Trek, Stem Stars, scholarship establishment, and mentoring of COC students. She also inspired us to look ahead. She challenged us to expand ourselves and our branch in leadership by coaching women and students and to consider leadership roles in regional and state positions.

Stephanie Dietrich also put together a terrific slide show of our 50 years – how interesting to see how much we have grown, changed, and what has also stayed the same!

Finally, our new officers were installed.

The event was a great success and a good time was had by all. We are indebted to Past President Stephanie Dietrich for her championship of this event and for her countless hours arranging so many of the details.

Please plan to attend our annual New Member Brunch (and bring a friend) to see the beautiful certificates of recognition.

Cheers to 50 Years!

*Sonja Wendt
Publicity*



Phyllis Dozier Registering Attendees



Newly Installed Board







Cupcakes by Lynda McClellan



Celebrating!

JUNE 2018 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					MAH JONGG 12 pm IHOP Canyon Country 18777 Soledad Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com	
	4	5	6	7	8	9
		CALIFORNIA PRIMARY	EVENING LIT 6 pm Michele Nassif's home RSVP Betsy Swallow betsy.swallow@att.net	BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@sbcglobal.net WINEY LADIES 5 pm Claim Jumper Stephanie Dietrich		VOTING ENDS ON PROPOSED AAUW BYLAWS AMENDMENTS
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library RSVP Betsy Swallow betsy.swallow@att.net	MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am Louise Schultz BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@sbcglobal.net FLAG DAY 		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			LUNCH BUNCH 11:30 am Deborah Harris laprofa@yahoo.com	GREAT DECISIONS 1 PM Stevenson Ranch Library Pat Horanberg BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@sbcglobal.net FIRST DAY OF SUMMER		
24	25	26	27	28		30
				BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltviLla@sbcglobal.net		



Please check with the Interest Group Chairs for the July and August schedules!

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