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“When you reach for the stars you may not quite get one, but you won't come up with a handful of mud either.”

Leo Burnett

AAUW Mission:

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

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.



Reach for the Stars Membership Brunch

Saturday, September 22, 2018, 10 am
St. Stephan's Episcopal Church
24901 Orchard Village Road
Valencia CA

To celebrate our theme, we ask that you wear something with stars. It can be a hat, shoes, shirt, dress, jewelry, etc. Prizes will be given for most stars, most unusual presentation, and more. Please come and celebrate fun and friendship and hear about the exciting programs and activities that await us in this coming year.

Cost per member: \$10

Prospective Members: Free

Bring a friend. Guests who sign up for membership at the event receive half off of national dues

RSVP and Payment Required by September 17 to
Dot Toral 661-297-2288 or chambona19@yahoo.com
Please mail your check made payable to AAUW to
Dot Toral 28505 N. High Ridge Drive, Santa Clarita, CA 91390

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- Women’s Conference Rebecca Corona-Nickerson
- Humanities Ruthie Smith
Barbara Oliver
- COC Student Affiliate TBD

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- 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

Welcome to our 51st Year!



Welcome to the 51st year of the Santa Clarita Branch of AAUW. I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing and exciting summer and have managed to stay cool. I have traveled to other cities and to other countries and am excited to be back in an amazing community with so many dedicated and caring women.

Our Theme is “Expanding Our Horizons”.

Santa Clarita Branch of AAUW has been expanding its horizons since it began back in 1968. We are proud of what we have accomplished throughout our 50 year history: our Tech Trek program, our Stem Stars program, our COC scholarships for science and humanities, and our Women in History program. We have a lot to be proud of and we continue to look for ways to expand our efforts to advance equity for women and girls.

Betsy Swallow and Barbara Oliver have lined up some great speakers on a variety of interesting topics that are sure to expand our horizons.

If you haven’t already, consider joining one or more of our Interest groups, which provide opportunities for fun and friendship. There will be sign-up sheets for the groups at our Fall Membership Brunch.

So please join me at the Fall Membership Brunch on September 22nd when we will kick off our 51st year with the theme of “Reach for the Stars”. For more information, see the flyer included in this newsletter.

Hope to see you there!

Marianne Bakic
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Please note that the national AAUW is also expanding its horizons with a new mission statement: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. There will be more information on it in the coming months.

50th Anniversary Wine Glasses

Miss the 50th Anniversary Celebration this past May? There are a handful of wine glasses that will be available for purchase (\$5) at the Membership Welcome Brunch on September 22nd.

Stephanie Dietrich, Past President
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Spare Change for Bucks 4 Books

Our COC MESA book award goes to a top female STEM student to help pay for textbooks. Look for our basket of candy circulating at events, and as you help yourself, drop in your spare change! \$500 is our annual goal.

Kelly Burke, MESA/STEM
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Deadline for the October issue is September 24
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	Debra Halcrow



Great Discussions: September 20, Stevenson Ranch Library, 1 pm

This month's topic is South Africa's Fragile Democracy. Questions? Contact Pat Horanberg pathoranberg@aol.com.

Winey Ladies Meets October 4

Please let me know if you have any special recommendations for locations.

Debra Halcrow
debhalcrow@hotmail.com

Mah Jongg Meets October 5

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

Our next first Friday Mah Jongg game will be held October 5th.

Pat Oguss
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2018 Tech Trek Homecoming Party



Come meet the 2018 Campers and hear about their experiences at the Fresno, Whittier, UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara Tech Trek Camps

We will also be welcoming the participants to our STEM Stars program where they can continue to pursue their interest in STEM careers

Saturday, September 29, 2018
10:00 am –11:30 am
St. Stephens Episcopal Church
24901 Orchard Village Road
Santa Clarita 91355

RSVP: Diane Bartley 661-753-6762 or db.techtrek@gmail.com by September 21st so we can plan for refreshments

Literature Lovers will Meet on September 5th

Hope you had a wonderful summer, reading all kinds of interesting books! Especially the two selected for our September meeting *1984* by George Orwell and *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley.

Excerpts from the Goodreads website:

1984 is a rare work that grows more haunting as its futuristic purgatory becomes more real. Published in 1949, the book offers political satirist George Orwell's nightmare vision of a totalitarian, bureaucratic world and one poor stiff's attempt to find individuality.

Brave New World is largely set in a futuristic World State of genetically modified citizens and an intelligence-based social hierarchy. The novel anticipates huge scientific developments in reproductive technology, sleep-learning, psychological manipulation, and classical conditioning that are combined to make a utopian society that goes challenged only by a single outsider.

Although written many years ago, these books couldn't be more timely. We'll be meeting on Wednesday, September 5, 6:45 pm, at the home of Dorine Blundell. Dorine will also be the Discussion Leader. An email will go out a week ahead with further details to those on the Evening Lit mailing list. Please let Betsy or Rose know if you'd like to be added. Hope to see you in September!



Towsley Canyon Family Hike, Elder Loop Trail, September 23

Easy 2 mile, little elevation gain hike on the Elder Loop Trail at the entrance to Towsley Canyon Park. Great hike for Little and Easy Hikers, newcomers and families. Learn fire ecology as we view the amazing recovery and regrowth from the 2016 burn in a lovely canyon. See the Towsley Lodge and more!

Meet at the kiosk at the parking area inside the gate on the right at 8 am. Towsley Canyon is on The Old Road, 1/4 mile south of the Calgrove Exit on I-5. Bring water, Please wear closed toe shoes suitable for hiking.

Sandra Cattell
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Celebrating Our Friends Happy Birthday!



September

- 4 Diane Gilden
- 5 Mary Tedrow
- 7 Anne Schmidt
- Nancy Senger
- Dianne Sindermann
- 11 Cindy Gise
- 12 Pat Kelly
- 16 Barbara Faber
- 20 Gina MacDonald
- 24 Tracey Carpentier
- 26 Elaine Garcia
- 29 Lynda McClellan

Roberta Kessler, 2nd VP Membership
rkessler1367@gmail.com

Please renew your AAUW membership ASAP either online by credit card or you may write a \$99 check to AAUW and mail it to the branch treasurer Lynda McClellan game_mom@sbcglobal.net.

Need an AAUW name tag? Contact Awards, Trophies & Treasures
27737 Bouquet Canyon Road, Suite # 122
Santa Clarita

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Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients!



2018 SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION
May 17, 2018

Pictured left to right: Marty Prager, Tom Prager, Christina Arias (Humanities Scholarship recipient), Jason Sikich (Virginia Prager Elementary Education recipient), AAUW Past President Stephanie Dietrich and AAUW President Marianne Bakic



2019 Women in History Program Begins with Selection Meeting

The 2019 Women in History Program will be starting in September with the selection meeting at 7 pm on September 20th at Debbie McIntosh's home (23454 Darcy Lane, Newhall, CA).

Our theme this year will be Women Athletes (we may or may not include dancers, who after all, are athletes in their own right).

Please call Debbie at 662-255-1773 to RSVP one way or another. If you cannot attend, you may email me your ideas before the meeting. We shall vote on the nominees democratically.

We are looking forward to a great year.

Debbie McIntosh and Louise Willard






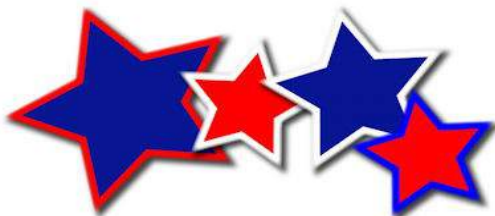
In Memoriam

Jane Hanson

Memorial Service Details
<https://bit.ly/2vDMUhf>

SEPTEMBER 2018 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29 AAUW WEST COAST GLOBAL FORUM 12 pm 1000 N. Alameda St. Los Angeles	30	31	1
2	3 	4	5 EVENING LIT 6:45 pm Home of Dorine Blundell	6 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	7	8
9 GRANDPARENTS' DAY ROSH HASHANAH Begins at Sundown	10	11 Patriot Day 	12 BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library RSVP Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com	13 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	14	15 
16	17 RSVP DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH	18 YOM KIPPUR	19 LUNCH BUNCH 11:30 am Medranos 19319 Soledad Canyon Santa Clarita Deborah Harris laprofa@yahoo.com	20 MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am, Barnes and Noble Louise Schultz GREAT DECISIONS 1 pm, Stevenson Ranch Library Pat Horanberg BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com WOMEN IN HISTORY 7 pm, Debbie McIntosh	21 RSVP DEADLINE FOR TECH TREK PARTY Diane Bartley 661-753-6762 or db.techtrek@gmail.com	22 REACH FOR THE STARS MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH 10 am St. Stephens Episcopal Church 24901 Orchard Village Road FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN
23 TOWSLEY CANYON HIKE 8 am	24 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER nancyheinisch@att.net	25	26	27 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	28	29 TECH TREK PARTY 10 am St. Stephens Episcopal Church 24901 Orchard Village Road
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*Please mark your calendars for our first program of the year **"Expanding Your Political Horizons"**. We'll be presenting a speaker from our local League of Women Voters chapter to discuss the November ballot measures, along with a simple dinner, at the Stevenson Ranch Library. The measures range from bonds to build things, to rent control, to how animals raised for food are treated. More details and a registration form will follow in the mid-month email blast. There will also be registration forms at the September Membership Brunch. Hope to see you then!*