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“I think, with never ending gratitude, that the young women of today do not and can never know at what price their right to free speech and to speak at all in public has been earned.”

Lucy Stone

AAUW Mission:

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

AAUW Values:

Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.

AAUW's Value

Promise:

Equity for All



Expanding Your Family Tree

Monday, November 26
Stevenson Ranch Library
5:30 pm

Come and find out how to search for long-lost relatives and enjoy a buffet-style dinner from Stonefire Grill. Our speaker is Glenna Rae White from the Valencia Family History Center.

Cost \$15

RSVP and payment required by Tuesday, November 20

Please mail your check made payable to AAUW to

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- 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, Both Past and Future



As we head into the fall season, I am thinking back on fall seasons of the past and on how we celebrated with family and friends. And thinking of family, I can’t wait to attend our November program “Expanding Your Family Tree” where we will learn how to explore our family history. Whom will we find? Where did they live? What did they do? What other cousins might we have? What traits might we have inherited from them?

Looking toward the future, I am thinking about ways we might be able to become more active

in promoting equity for women and girls.

On the national level, AAUW is rolling out the Members Mobilize a Million initiative which challenges every AAUW member and supporter to ask 20 friends, family members or colleagues to take AAUW Work Smart Online. The more women who take this course, the more women will be empowered to negotiate a fair and economic salary. Get ready to mobilize!

On the state level, the 2019 Nominations and Elections Committee of AAUW California is looking for skilled and talented leaders to run for a position on the state board. Those of you who have held leadership positions in the past have an opportunity to expand your talents. There are four openings on the state board: President-Elect, Chief Financial Officer and two Directors (at large). If you have an interest in running, please contact me by November 12th.

Lastly, I am looking for a couple of volunteers who would like to help us update our membership brochure. It is a great opportunity to exercise your editing skills. Please contact me for more details. Thank you in advance.

May you have a bountiful Thanksgiving and I hope to see you at our November meeting on the 26th.

Marianne Bakic
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Financial Literacy Program Online

AAUW offers a Financial Literacy program online. Financial Literacy is the first step on the road to economic security. PowerPoint presentations can be found on the website <http://www.aauw-ca.org/money-trek-workshop/>.

The powerpoints focus on credit card do’s and don’ts, money management, buying a home and many other topics. The online format is perfect for a workshop or sharing the ideas with family or friends.



Denise Grzesiak, Public Policy
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Deadline for the December issue is November 21

Please email submissions to Editor Nancy Heinisch nancyheinisch@att.net



Interest Groups

Interest Group Chairs

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| 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 |



Nine ladies from the Lunch Bunch, including new AAUW member Maxine Johannsen, enjoyed a barbecue lunch and sparkling conversation at Wood Ranch.

Lunch bunch will not meet in November since our day happens to be the day before Thanksgiving. We'll be back on in December!

If you would like to join us in December contact Debbie Harris for details!

Debbie Harris
laprofa@yahoo.com



Humanities Scholarship Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Save the date for the Humanities Scholarship Wine Tasting Fundraiser January 12, 2019.

The cost for a flight of wine tasting is \$20. If any attendees purchase additional wine in a glass or bottles, they will receive a 10% discount. Light snacks will be provided.

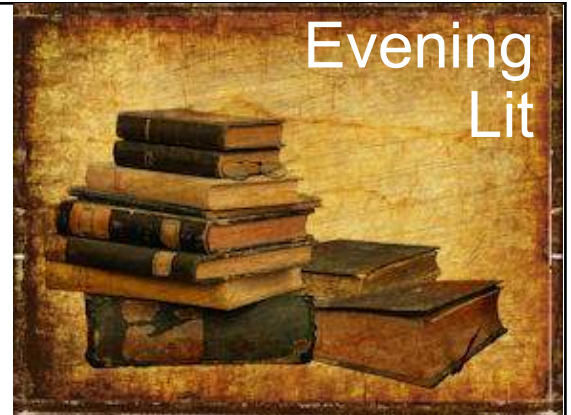
Contact Barbara Oliver to volunteer
barbarajo1225@yahoo.com.

Great Decisions will not meet in November.

A warm welcome to our new Recording Secretary Lorraine Bowman

Greetings, literature buffs!

Please join us for our November meeting on Wednesday, November 7, at the home of Gloria Halbfinger. Gloria's home is located at 20429 Kesley Drive, Canyon Country. Her phone is 661-299-4523 in case you are lost or late. Dessert will be provided by Dorine Blundell. The usual RSVP email will be sent a week ahead.



Our discussion topic will be *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman. This is a captivating, beautiful, and stunningly accomplished debut novel that opens in 1918 Australia - the story of a lighthouse keeper and his wife who make one devastating choice that forever changes two worlds.

Our December book is *Beartown* by one of our favorite authors, Frederik Backman. *Beartown* explores the hopes that bring a small community together, the secrets that tear it apart, and the courage it takes for an individual to go against the grain. In this story of a small forest town, Fredrik Backman has found the entire world.

Hope to see you at one or both of these enjoyable and thought-provoking meetings!

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



Welcome to our
New Members

Mi Doi
Melanie Hagman
Maxine Johannsen
Rick McIntosh
Wendy Noonan
Gail Pitters

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

Celebrating Our Friends Happy Birthday!



November

- 01 Rosana Zubrzyaki-Blanco
- 04 Cookie Fessler
- 05 Sonja Wendt
Deborah Harris
- 08 Pat Horanberg
Barbara Lash
- 19 Louise Schultz
Patty Conwell
Gail Wiedner
- 21 Ginny Gregor
- 24 Louise Willard
- 30 Bonni McGhee
Sue McCabe

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Tech Trekkers Say Thank You!



On Saturday, September 29, we held our Tech Trek Homecoming Party, which was again a huge success thanks to members Ginny Gregor, Sonja Wendt, Charlotte Judson, and an enthusiastic group of prior trekkers who helped with set-up and clean-up as well as giving the returning campers advice about how the camp experience can help them as they go forward. This year we were able to send 23 girls to camp due to the continued generosity of our sponsors: Craig and Stephanie Dietrich, Candace Ford, Louise Schultz, Caroline and Daniel Murphy, Mike and Sue McCabe, Lynda Rick, and Gina MacDonald. Corporate sponsorship came from PPG Industries Foundation and the Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation.

This quote from a thank you note expresses the impact you can have on a young woman's life:

"I left Tech Trek with a spirit and attitude of self-confidence. But it was more than just self-confidence, I held within me a firm knowledge of knowing I can make it! No matter where I go, who I'm with, or what I am doing, I can and will succeed. To this day, I face every situation in my life like I faced the first day of camp....Tech Trek taught me many things, but above all Tech Trek taught me to try! Attempt, endeavor, conquer, seize, make the most of, make an effort, take a crack at, have a go, TRY."

If you'd like to help us meet our goal of 26 girls for 2019, please consider becoming a sponsor by contacting Diane Bartley at 661-753-6762 or dianebartley6@gmail.com.



AAUW-SCV Women in History Selections

In March 2019, we will be portraying these women athletes:

Serena Williams: Tennis player, first African American woman to win numerous major championships, author

Babe Didrikson Zaharias: Olympic multi-event track champion, golfer

Danica Patrick: Race car driver, entrepreneur, author

Eugenia Medvedeva: Russian ice skater who has won several European championships and Olympic medals

Holley Mangold: American championship weightlifter, star of “The Biggest Loser,” and is an advocate for plus-sized women athletes

Mia Hamm: Soccer player who helped popularize women’s soccer in America, advocate and author

We need scriptwriters for Serena Williams, Danica Patrick, Eugenia Medvedeva, Holly Hangold and Mia Hamm.

Please contact me if you would be willing to write a script. The scripts are not due until January so you have plenty of time to research these amazing athletes. We will try to buy some biographies to help with the research. It only needs to be about a 15 minute presentation. We have some guidelines for writing the scripts.

Please contact Debbie McIntosh for more information at 661-255-1773.

*Debbie McIntosh, Louise Willard
Women in History
historicalwomen@twc.com*

STEM Stars Need Your Suggestions

Know of a business that would like to host a STEM Stars field trip?

We want to introduce the girls to women in STEM fields, to show them the possibilities for their futures.

Contact Diane Bartley at dianebartley6@gmail.com or Sonja Wendt at steinwendt@aol.com.

Driving Explained

Our AAUW California liability insurance does NOT provide any coverage for members driving their personal cars.

If people volunteer to drive others (including other members, Tech Trek campers, potential members, etc.), their personal car insurance would handle any claim. AAUW CA insurance would NOT be a secondary insurer.

*Patricia A. Ferrer
AAUW CA CFO*



New Look for AAUW Yearbook







AAUW President Marianne Bakic and Yearbook Chair Louise Schultz put the finishing touches on the 2018-2019 AAUW-SCV Yearbook.

What's at Stake in The 2018 Election?

AAUW’s Action Fund voter issue guide provides critical information about key concerns that are critical to women and their families.

Read more at <https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/voter-issue-guide/>.

NOVEMBER 2018 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 HALLOWEEN  | 1 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com WINEY LADIES Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com | 2 MAH JONGG 12, IHOP Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com | 3 |
| 4 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS  | 5 | 6 ELECTION DAY  | 7 EVENING LIT 6:45 pm Home of Gloria Halbfinger | 8 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com | 9 | 10 |
| 11  VETERANS DAY | 12 | 13 | 14 BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library RSVP Lorraine Bowman btuff_enuff@yahoo.com | 15 MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am, Barnes and Noble Louise Schultz BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 DEADLINE TO RSVP FOR EXPANDING YOUR FAMILY TREE Betsy Swallow betsy.swallow@att.net | 21 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER nancyheinisch@att.net | 22  Happy Thanksgiving | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 EXPANDING YOUR FAMILY TREE 5:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 |



Happy Thanksgiving

*Marianne, Diane, Betsy,
Barbara, Roberta, Valerie
Lynda, Lorraine, and Denise*