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“We cannot stop the winter or the summer from coming. We cannot stop the spring or the fall or make them other than they are. They are gifts from the universe that we cannot refuse. But we can choose what we will contribute to life when each arrives.”

Gary Zukav

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



Holiday Party!

**Saturday, December 15
1-3 pm**

At the Home of

**Louise Schultz
21827 Parvin Drive
Santa Clarita 91350**

**Bring your favorite dish,
appetizer, or dessert.
Drinks will be provided.**

***To continue our AAUW tradition of
helping others, please bring canned goods or
nonperishable items to be donated to
The Santa Clarita Food Pantry.***

RSVP by December 8 to obtain the
Visitors Keypad Code:
Tami Reyna
reyna812@earthlink.net

ELECTED OFFICERS 2018-2019

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| President | Marianne Bakic |
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| 1st VP Program | Betsy Swallow Barbara Oliver |
| 2nd VP Membership | Roberta Kessler |
| AAUW Funds | Valerie Jones |
| VP Finance | Lynda McClellan |
| Recording Secretary | Lorraine Bowman |
| Public Policy | Denise Grzesiak |

APPOINTED OFFICERS 2018-2019

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| By-Laws | Diane Bartley |
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| Historian | Open |
| Hospitality | Tami Reyna |
| Internal Communications | Louise Schultz |
| Yearbook | Louise Schultz |
| Publicity | Sonja Wendt |
| Telecommunications | Linda Metz |

COMMUNITY OUTREACH**COC**

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| 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 | Tonya Beatty |

Tech Trek

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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**Holiday Greetings to You and Yours!**

I can't believe how fast our year goes by. But it is wonderful to have the cooler weather, see the leaves turning colors, gather with family and friends to eat delicious food.

Speaking of years going by, this year has had its share of sadder events too. One of these happened to members of the AAUW branch in Paradise, California. Up to 42 of the 45 members of the Paradise branch lost their homes in the Camp fire. AAUW CA is suggesting that if we want to provide some assistance we could (1) buy gift cards from stores like Target, JC Penney's, Walmart, etc., and mail them to AAUW of California, 1331 Garden Highway, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833; or (2) donate to a nonprofit 501©(3) organization. They suggested The North Valley Community Foundation, nvcf.org. For more information contact Office Administrator Julika Barrett (916-448-7795 M-TH 9am – 2pm) or office@aauw-ca.org.



AAUW President
Marianne Bakic

On a more optimistic note I am pleased to announce that we have selected **Debbie McIntosh** to be our Zonta Women in Service nominee for the 2019 Carmen Sarro Community Service award. Debbie has done so much for young girls through the years with her Women in History program as well as many other volunteer and community service activities. The Zonta program highlights many of the service organizations in Santa Clarita and gives them a chance to tell the community about their volunteer services in the Valley. The award ceremony will take place on March 16, 2019.

Members Mobilize a Million Campaign: As I mentioned last month, AAUW national organization is putting tremendous energy and resources into this campaign. They have created an online tool for women in the workplace to learn how to negotiate for higher salaries. Whether you are in the workplace now or not, this is a great educational device for those who are. I took this course and found it very well constructed, informative and useful for those women in the workplace who are still getting paid for their work. You may have daughters or granddaughters who are in the workplace and this would be a great gift for them. So please take the course yourself, or look it over. It is called Work Smart Online Salary Negotiation course. You can find it on the internet at salary.aauw.org. Once you see how useful it can be, you will happily share it with those women you know who could use this training. Let's all get on board and help AAUW reach their goal to train 10 million women by 2030.

Lastly, I hope to see you at our annual Holiday Party at the home of Louise Schultz on December 15th. Let's drink eggnog and jingle some bells!

Wishing you a Joyous Happy Holiday —

Marianne Bakic
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Deadline for the January issue is
December 18
Please email submissions to
Editor Nancy Heinisch
nancyheinisch@att.net

AAUW of California will hold its annual meeting in April.
Saturday, April 6, 2019
Handlery Hotel in San Diego, CA 92108

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 |



Sixth Annual Book Lovers Luncheon

*Saturday
February 2, 2019*

The Oaks Club at Valencia
26550 Heritage View Lane
11 am—3 pm
\$65.00 per person

Diane Bartley
dianebartley6@gmail.com

Evening Lit



Evening Lit will meet on Wednesday, December 5, 6:45 pm, at the home of Diane Bartley. Our selection is *Beartown* by Frederick Backmann. Diane will also be the discussion leader and provide dessert.

An email with more details will be sent about a week ahead to the Evening Lit mailing list. Please feel free to contact Rose Drye or Betsy Swallow if you have questions.

Our January reading selection will be *Educated* by Tara Westover. The author describes her upbringing by survivalist parents in rural Idaho and how she overcomes tremendous odds to get a formal education and join modern society.

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



Winey Ladies will be celebrating the holidays on Thursday, December 6, 5pm, at Larsen's Steakhouse located at 24320 Town Center Drive, Valencia. Piano bar included. Please RSVP to Debra Halcrow by Wednesday, December 5, with a text or voice message at 661-904-7610.

Debra Halcrow
debhalcrow@hotmail.com



Special thanks to the Director of the Valencia Family History Center Glenna Rae White for her informative and entertaining presentation November 26th on how to research a family tree.

Kudos to Betsy Swallow and Barbara Oliver for organizing the dinner and program.

Lunch Bunch

Olive Terrace, 28261 Newhall Ranch Rd.
December 19th, 11:30 am
Deborah Harris laprofa@yahoo.com

Celebrating Our Friends Happy Birthday!

December



- 02 Joanne Garlow
- 04 Pat Oguss
- 08 Betty Granger
- 13 Lynn Prager
- 14 Selma Berentsen
- 20 Colleen Mulbrecht
- 20 Penny Van Dyke
- 24 Rick McIntosh
- 25 Barbara Oliver
- 27 Carol Trenda
- 27 Judith Bunten
- 29 Jacque Snyder

Roberta Kessler, 2nd VP Membership
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Public Policy Priorities



AAUW will be sending an electronic survey to get your input on the proposed Public Policy Priorities for 2019-2021. They will be presented for final approval in Spring 2019. The survey will be sent to you shortly. Members can agree with the current statements or offer suggestions for changes. Responses are due by December 10.

Please participate and add your voice. Members who don't use email can call Nancy Mahr at 310-377-0735 or mail responses to Nancy at 28028 Ella Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

Denise Grzesiak, Public Policy
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Our sympathy to new member Gail Pitters following the death of her mother.

Please continue to send cards to Rebecca Corona-Nickerson. She says the cards are excellent medicine.



Deborah McIntosh!

**Our Nominee for the Zonta
Women in Service,
2019 Carmen Sarro
Community Service award**

As many of you know, Debbie McIntosh has founded and grown the Women in History program in Santa Clarita. Chances are that most Santa Claritans will recognize the program, as it has impacted thousands of elementary, middle, and high school kids since its inception in 1987. Volunteers dress in costume, memorize a script, and perform as that woman in schools

throughout Santa Clarita. Every fall, Debbie and her team select exceptional and amazing women to portray, from world leaders, to scientists, to athletes and adventurers. Last year alone, 14 schools participated and Debbie led 219 volunteers who wrote scripts, performed, created costumes, and worked with each school's coordinator. It is a huge undertaking that represents hundreds of hours of Debbie's time annually.

The result of the program is that girls learn they can be anything they want to be, and boys learn that girls *can* be anything they want to be. Debbie was inspired to begin this program when she saw a similar portrayal. It reminded her of the magic she felt as a child reading exciting biographies of famous women after her weekly trips to the library. She realized that our school history books highlight the lives of many men, but comparatively few women. Her mission is to inspire young girls and show boys examples of influential, powerful women. That first year, she performed in four Santa Clarita Valley schools. Since then, the program has grown into the amazing program it is today.

Debbie has a long history of community involvement and volunteering. She has been a member of AAUW Santa Clarita Valley since 1987. She was President of the Board for four years. She also served on the Past President Committee and was Chair of Education. She received the AAUW Named Honoree Award in 2003 for her work on Women in History.

Debbie has also volunteered in SCV schools for many years in the PTA and is a past recipient of the California State PTA Golden Leaf Award for Merit. She has volunteered for many years as a Resource Specialist with the Gifted and Reading Programs in our local elementary schools, and as an interpreter at the USC Medical Center. She is a past recipient of the AAUW Woman of the Year award and the USC Widney House Alumni Award for her many years of work with the alumni association.

Debbie is a powerful advocate of education and equality for women. Her creativity, determination, and energy to found and grow a program to inspire our youth, educators, and parents make her a role model for all of us who also aspire to these ideals. She has influenced and encouraged so many in Santa Clarita. The Santa Clarita Valley chapter of AAUW is proud to nominate her for the Zonta Women in Service, 2019 Carmen Sarro Community Service award. The celebration is scheduled for Saturday, March 16. We would love you to attend to support AAUW and our fabulous nominee, Debbie McIntosh. See you there!

Sonja Wendt, Publicity
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Humanities Scholarship Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Saturday, January 12, 2019

2 — 4:30 pm






Double Trouble Winery

24338 Main Street

Newhall

***Cost is \$20 payable at the door. Light appetizers provided.
10% discount for additional wine purchased at this event.***

DECEMBER 2018 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | |
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| <i>Check out photos of November 26th program on the website and Facebook!</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>HANUKKAH BEGINS AT SUNDOWN</p>  | 2 | 3 | 4 | <p>EVENING LIT 6:45 pm Home of Diane Bartley</p> | 5 | <p>WINEY LADIES Larsen's Steakhouse Happy Hour 5 pm Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com</p> | 6 | <p>MAH JONGG 12 pm IHOP Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com 222-7383</p> | 7 | <p>RSVP DEADLINE FOR AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE HOME OF LOUISE SCHULTZ</p> | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | <p> NO BOARD MEETING THIS MONTH</p> | 12 | <p>ANNUAL BRIDGE DINNER AND PARTY 5:30 pm Home of Diane Weber RSVP to Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com</p> | 13 |  | 14 | <p>HOLIDAY PARTY 1 PM</p> | 15 | |
| 16 | 17 | <p>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER nancyheinisch@att.net</p> | 18 | <p>LUNCH BUNCH 11:30 am Olive Terrace 28261 Newhall Ranch Rd. Deborah Harris laprofa@yahoo.com</p> | 19 | <p>MYSTERY LIT Home of Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net</p> | 20 | <p>FIRST DAY OF WINTER</p>  | 21 | 22 | |
| 23 | 24 | <p>CHRISTMAS</p>  | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | | | |
| 30 | 31 | <p>NEW YEAR'S EVE</p> | 31 | | | | | | | | |



Happy Holidays from Marianne, Diane, Betsy, Barbara, Roberta, Valerie, Lynda, Lorraine and Denise!