# The Santa Clarita Valley Voice



"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 Volume 10, Issue 4, December 2018



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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	Barbara Oliver
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Women in History Program Co-Chairs Debbie McIntosh Louise Willard



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

### 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



AAUW President Marianne Bakic

Julika Barrett (916-448-7795 M-TH 9am - 2pm) or office@aauw-ca.org.

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 15<sup>th</sup>. Let's drink eggnog and jingle some bells!

### Wishing you a Joyous Happy Holiday —

Marianne Bakic mariannebakic@me.com

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

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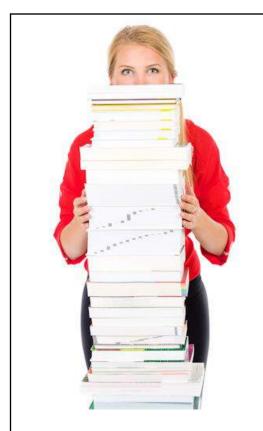
## Interest Groups

## **Interest Group Chairs**

Bridge Evening Lit Great Decisions Hiking My Way Lunch Bunch Mah Jongg Mystery Lit

Winey Ladies

Cathy Altuvilla Betsy Swallow Rose Drye Pat Horanberg Sandra Cattell Debbie Harris Pat Oguss Louise Schultz Debra Halcrow

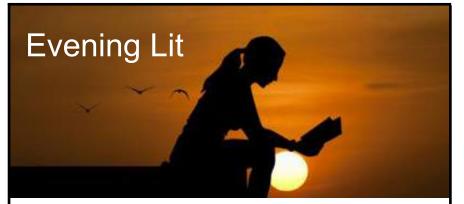


## Sixth Annual Book Lovers Luncheon

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 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

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## Celebrating Our Friends Happy Birthday!

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

## 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 drjgrze@ca.rr.com



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!

## **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.



**RSVP** by January 5th to **Barbara Oliver** barbarajo1225@gmail.com

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