

# The Santa Clarita Valley Voice

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“A great book should leave you with many experiences, and slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading.”

*William Styron*

## **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

## **Humanities Scholarship Wine Tasting Fundraiser!**



**Saturday  
January 12  
Double Trouble  
Winery  
24338 Main Street  
Newhall  
2 — 4:30 pm**

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

**ELECTED OFFICERS 2018-2019**

President	Marianne Bakic
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	Barbara Oliver
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**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	Tonya Beatty

**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
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**Women in History**

Program Co-Chairs	Debbie McIntosh
	Louise Willard

**President's Corner****Be Proud of Our Organization!**

As we say goodbye to 2018, we can be proud of our organization and all that we have done to promote equity for women and girls. Last year we sent 21 girls to Tech Trek camps. We raised funds for several scholarships at COC. We showed young girls various ways women can excel in the world through our Women in History program. And we celebrated our branch's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

As we head into 2019, in addition to our ongoing projects, there are even more opportunities to promote equity and fairness for women and girls.

AAUW has launched the **Work Smart Online Program**. This program gives women the tools to negotiate for higher, fairer salaries. Please take a look at this amazing program. Have your daughters and/or granddaughters do this too.

AAUW is also asking for our help in fighting to protect **Title IX** from new regulatory changes proposed by The U.S. Department of Education. These changes will undermine students' civil rights protections and reduce schools' obligations in responding to reports of sexual harassment and violence. There is a public comment period in which we can express our opposition to these changes. Please consider adding your name to the petition. It takes less than a minute. The more members that sign the petition, the more impact we will have. Go to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) and click on the words "Take Action." Then just follow the prompts to take action on Title IX and sign the petition.

In addition to opportunities to take action mentioned above, we have some fun and interesting events taking place in the next few months. Coming up on January 12<sup>th</sup>, we have a **Wine Tasting Fundraiser** to benefit our humanities scholarship at COC; on February 2<sup>nd</sup> we have our annual **Book Lovers Luncheon** to raise funds for our Tech Trek campers; and on March 9<sup>th</sup> we have our next "**Expanding Your Horizons**" series program with Luis Fuerte talking about his years as the camera man for Huell Howser and some of their "Amazing" adventures in California. Please plan to attend these wonderful events.

To achieve our very important goals, we need members advocating for them. When you attend these events, please bring a friend. Sometimes the nicest thing we can do is to introduce a friend to an organization that champions issues we care about.

Looking forward to more successes in the coming year.

**Marianne Bakic**  
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*AAUW President Marianne Bakic enjoying the festivities at the December Holiday Party held at the home of Louise Schultz*



Deadline for the February issue is  
 January 25  
 Please email submissions to  
 Editor Nancy Heinisch  
[nancyheinisch@att.net](mailto:nancyheinisch@att.net)

Thank you to Dot Toral, Elaine Garcia, Phyllis Dozier, Tami Reyna and Louise Schultz for their efforts in creating a truly memorable AAUW Holiday Party!



# 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



## Evening Lit: January 2

Happy New Year to all literature lovers! Our book for January is *Educated* by Tara Westover. It's an unforgettable memoir about a young girl who leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University.

We'll be meeting at the Canyon Country home of Jenewyn Van Wie Wednesday, January 2, at 6:45 PM. Betsy Swallow will be the discussion leader. Dessert will be provided.

Looking ahead to February, our book will be *Dark Lover: The Life and Death of Rudolf Valentino*. Since the book is somewhat difficult to acquire, reading it is optional. We are instead planning a field trip to the Hollywood Forever Cemetery to see Rudolf's grave along with those of other celebrities. A synopsis of the book will be provided over lunch by Michele Nassif. We'll be finalizing the date at our January meeting. More details will be available after that.

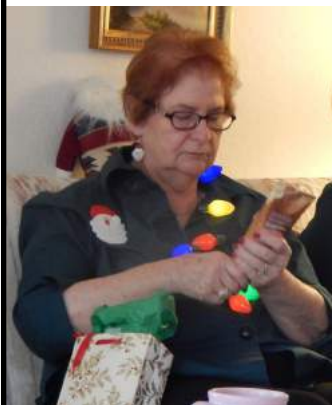
Hope to see you right after New Year's at Jenewyn's.

Betsy Swallow [betsy.swallow@att.net](mailto:betsy.swallow@att.net)  
Rose Drye [rosedrye474@gmail.com](mailto:rosedrye474@gmail.com)  
Evening Lit Chairs

Best wishes to Ruthie smith as she continues to heal from surgery.

## AAUW Annual Holiday Party December 2018

Lots of laughter, fun, games and food!



## Lunch Bunch

New Moon Chinese Restaurant  
28281 Newhall Ranch Road  
January 16  
11:30 am  
Deborah Harris  
[laprofa@yahoo.com](mailto:laprofa@yahoo.com)



## Great Decisions

Stevenson Ranch Library  
January 24  
1pm  
Topic: Refugees and Global Migration

Pat Horanberg, Great Decisions Chair  
[pthoranberg@aol.com](mailto:pthoranberg@aol.com)

# Sixth Annual Book Lovers Luncheon

## Benefit for Tech Trek Science Camp for Girls

### Featuring Authors



**Melanie Hicken** is an award-winning investigative reporter for CNN. Her work has exposed everything from widespread sexual abuse in nursing homes to one of the longest-running scams in history. *A Deal with the Devil* is a fascinating, thrilling search for the truth and is long-form investigative journalism at its best.

**Ara Grigorian** is the international award-winning author of *Game of Love* (2015), and *Ten Year Dance* (2017), his critically-acclaimed second novel. He writes about choices, relationships, and second chances. He is a public speaker, a story coach, and a workshop leader for various Writers Conferences, including the Novel Intensive.



## Saturday, February 2, 2019

The Oaks Club at Valencia  
26550 Heritage View Lane

11 am—3 pm

\$65.00 per person

Reservation Deadline is January 21, 2019

Questions? Contact Diane Bartley (dianebartley6@gmail.com)

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AAUW Santa Clarita Branch Book Lovers Luncheon Registration. Deadline is January 21, 2019. Doors open 11 am.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this completed portion of the registration along with your check for \$65.00 made payable to:  
AAUW SCV  
P.O. Box 800354  
Santa Clarita, CA 91380

I cannot attend this event but would like to contribute to Tech Trek. Please accept my enclosed check for this worthwhile program.

Please Indicate Lunch Choice

\_\_\_\_\_ Oaks Salad with Salmon

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Piccata

\_\_\_\_\_ Chef's Choice Vegetarian

If possible I would like to sit with \_\_\_\_\_

# JANUARY 2019 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 <i>Goodbye</i> <b>2018</b> <i>Welcome</i> <b>2019</b>	1	2 <b>EVENING LIT</b> 6:45 pm Home of Diane Bartley	3 <b>BRIDGE</b> Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	4 <b>MAH JONGG</b> 12 pm IHOP Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com 222-7383	5 <b>DEADLINE FOR HUMANITIES SCHOLARSHIP WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER</b> Barbara Oliver barbarjo1225@gmail.com
6 <i>Visit our website and Facebook page!</i>	7	8	9 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> 6:30 PM Stevenson Ranch Library	10 <b>BRIDGE</b> Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	11	12 <b>HUMANITIES SCHOLARSHIP WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER</b> Double Trouble Winery 24338 Main Street Newhall 2 — 4:30 pm
13	14	15	16 <b>LUNCH BUNCH</b> 11:30 am New Moon Restaurant Deborah Harris laprofa@yahoo.com	17 <b>MYSTERY LIT</b> 10:30 pm Barnes and Noble Louise Schultz  <b>BRIDGE</b> Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	18	19
20 <b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR BOOK LOVERS LUNCHEON</b> dianebartley6@gmail.com  <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY</b> 	21	22	23	24 <b>GREAT DECISIONS</b> 1 pm Stevenson Ranch Library Pat Horanberg pathoranberg@aol.com  <b>BRIDGE</b> Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	25 <b>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER</b> nancyheinisch@att.net	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 <b>MAH JONGG</b> 12 pm IHOP Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com 222-7383	2 <b>BOOK LOVERS LUNCHEON</b> The Oaks Club at Valencia 26550 Heritage View Lane 11am—3 pm



January 2nd Rose Drye  
January 4th Donna Nelsen  
January 7th Patty Hoffman  
January 10th Nancy Powder

January 16th Robin Clough  
January 24th Michele Jenkins  
January 26th Gail Quinn  
January 28th Roberta Kessler