

# The Santa Clarita Valley Voice

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*“Continue to embrace the things that make you unique even if it makes others uncomfortable. You are enough. And whenever you’re feeling doubt, whenever you want to give up, you must always remember to choose freedom over fear.”*

Janelle Monae

## **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



## **Huell Howser's Cameraman Presentation**

**Save the Date — March 9!!**

On Saturday, March 9, we'll be "Expanding Our Appreciation of California's Gold".

This program starts with lunch at noon at Wood Ranch followed by our guest speaker Luis Fuerte, Huell Howser's cameraman for many years. If you didn't get to see Luis at the library presentation last year, now's your chance!

In addition to speaking, Luis will have copies of his book "Louie, Take a Look at This! My Time with Huell Howser" for sale.

We will be providing flyers at the various interest groups; one will be included in February's mid-month email so you can reserve a spot for what will be a delicious lunch and fascinating presentation.

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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****AAUW Members Make a Difference!**

In case you didn't see or hear, AAUW celebrated two major accomplishments in January: first, the historic number of women joining the 116th Congress and second, we commemorated the 10th anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act on January 29, 2019. That law restored the longstanding position that ongoing pay discrimination at work can be challenged regardless of when the discrimination began.



The Lilly Ledbetter Law is one step on the path to ensuring women receive equal pay for equal work. AAUW's next step is to work to ensure that congress passes The Paycheck Fairness Act. In that regard Deborah J. Vagins, AAUW Senior VP of Public Policy and Research, and the AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps went to Capitol Hill and met with several Democratic groups and visited over two hundred individual congressional offices to explain why they must support this bill. When the new congress in Washington convenes, it will be introducing The Paycheck Fairness Act.

AAUW is asking us to urge our members of congress to cosponsor this bill and help close the gender pay gap. We can do this by going to the Two Minute Activist on the AAUW national website under Take Action. We have a wonderful chance of getting another historic bill passed.

In addition to our AAUW national news, our very own Robin Clough was caught on camera in Santa Clarita supporting the Women's March on January 19th as an AAUW representative. A big Thank You to Robin!

In early January our AAUW branch was featured in *The Signal* advertising our Book Lovers Luncheon with an article and a lovely picture of some of our members.

The following are some upcoming events to look forward to:

**February 2nd is Our Book Lovers Luncheon** which we have been waiting for since the fabulous one we had last year. And this will be another fabulous event. Two amazing authors are speaking about their books, wonderful prizes will be raffled, and there will be a sumptuous lunch with a day spent with good friends. What could be better? **AND** you are supporting the wonderful Tech Trek camps that give our young 7th to 8th grade girls the confidence and courage to keep exploring their love for science, technology, engineering and math. Many of our members have signed up for this event and I can't wait to join you there.

**February 7th is the deadline for artists to submit their work to the AAUW Art Contest.** And February 12th starts the voting. The artworks to be voted on are selected by the AAUW Art committee. But the final selection is up to us. So please take a look at the wonderful art and vote for those you think should be our next batch of AAUW Greeting cards.

**March 9th is the date for our next Expanding Our Horizons themed program.** We will welcome Luis Fuerte, cameraman for Huell Howser, who wrote the book "Hey Louie, Take a Look at This" telling about his experiences around California filming Huell's "California Gold" television show. He packed the Valencia Library last year to overflowing and had many wonderful stories to tell about their adventures. And he gave us information on lots of unusual, interesting and off-the-beaten path places to visit. More information will be given this month. Please plan to attend.



Deadline for the March issue is  
February 22  
Please email submissions to  
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nancyheinisch@att.net

**Marianne Bakic**  
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# Interest Groups

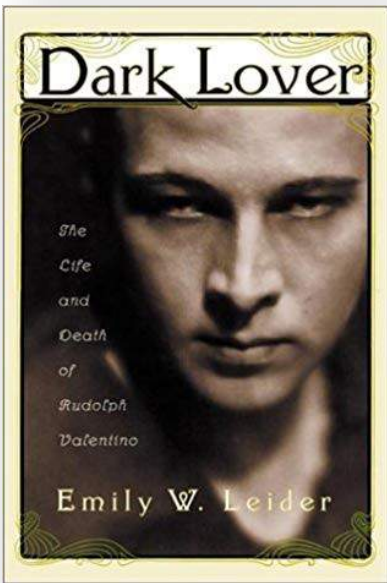
## Interest Group Chairs

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



**Winey Ladies** will meet Thursday, February 7th, 5 pm, at Claim Jumper, Stevenson Ranch. Please RSVP either by email, phone (661-904-7610) or text.

*Debra Halcrow, Winey Ladies Chair  
debhalcrow@hotmail.com*



## Evening Lit: February 6

Greetings to you, literature lovers! We'll be meeting to discuss "Dark Lover: The Life and Death of Rudolf Valentino" by Emily Leider on Wednesday, February 6, 6:45 pm, at the home of Arlene Saretsky. This book is an in-depth look at the silver-screen legend who forever changed America's idea of the leading man.

Michele Nassif will be leading the discussion. Pat Horanberg will also be firming up our plans to tour to the Hollywood Forever Cemetery to see the resting place of Valentino and of other stars of stage and screen. An email invitation with more details will be sent to the Evening Lit mailing list. If you're not on it, but want more info, feel free to contact Betsy Swallow or Rose Drye. Valentino was a controversial figure in his time so this book should make for a lively discussion. Hope to see you then!

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

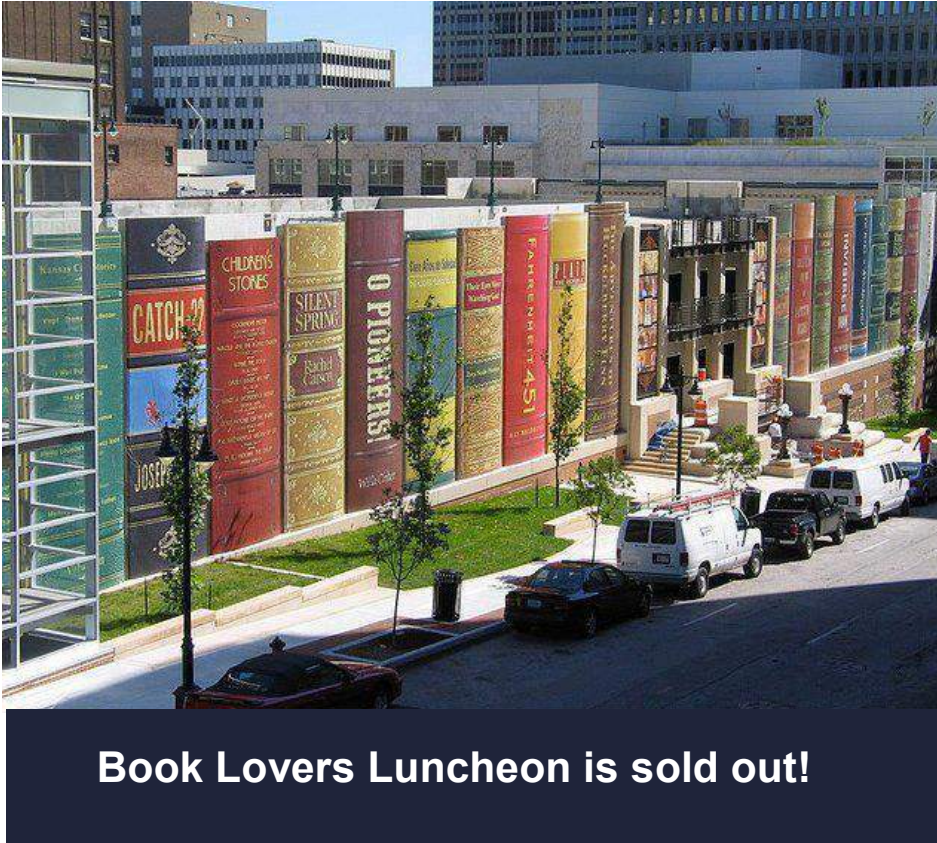


**Great Decisions** will meet Thursday, February 28th, 1 pm, at the Stevenson Ranch Library. The topic is *The Middle East: Regional Disorder*.

*Pat Horanberg, Great Decisions Chair  
pathoranberg@aol.com*

***The Humanities Committee is excited to announce a Casual Lunch and Bunco Game at Marianne's home on March 30th.***





**Book Lovers Luncheon is sold out!**

## Celebrating Our Friends Happy Birthday!

February 11th - Mary Jane (MJ) West  
 February 13th - Valerie Jones  
 February 15th - Candace Ford  
 February 25th - Mi Doi  
 February 26th - Phyllis Dozier  
 February 27th - Pat Kraetsch

*Roberta Keller, 2 VP Membership  
 rkessler1367@gmail.com*



## Lunch Bunch

will meet at Newhall Refinery on  
 February 20th.

*Deborah Harris  
 laprofa@yahoo.com*

## We're Moving!



First Friday Mah Jongg beginning in 2019  
 is **NO LONGER** at the IHOP. Now we  
 meet at

**Oggi's Restaurant**  
 18810 Soledad Canyon Road  
 Santa Clarita

We met there in January and the ladies  
 really enjoyed the wide selection of food  
 on Oggi's menu. Almost everybody or-  
 dered something different. Wow! What a  
 change! Hope to see you there!

Pat Oguss  
 poguss@gmail.com



## Be Heard! Make Your Opinion Known!





The Department of Education recently rescinded two important documents related to Title IX which clarify what Title IX requires schools to do to address and prevent sex discrimination in educational programs. At the same time it withdrew these documents, the Department of Education issued new interim guidance for Title IX. There were several rollbacks including:

- Reduce which employees are required to respond to reports of sexual harassment and violence
- Require schools to ignore harassment that occurs outside of a school activity, including most off-campus and online harassment
- Allow schools to use processes that make it harder for students to come forward and receive the support they need

Take a few minutes to become a Two-Minute Activist and make your opinion known.

*Denise Grzesiak, Public Policy  
 drjgrze@ca.rr.com*

## FEBRUARY 2019 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<p>“LIKE” us on Facebook! Simply search for AAUW Santa Clarita Valley at the top of your Facebook page.</p>					<p><b>MAH JONGG</b> 12 pm Oggi's Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com 661-222-7383</p>	<p><b>BOOK LOVERS LUNCHEON</b> The Oaks Club at Valencia 26550 Heritage View Lane 11 am—3 pm</p> <p><b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b></p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p><b>SUPER BOWL SUNDAY</b></p> 			<p><b>EVENING LIT</b> 6:45 pm Home of Arlene Saretsky</p>	<p><b>BRIDGE</b> Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com</p> <p><b>WINEY LADIES</b> 5 pm Claim Jumper Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com</p>		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			<p><b>BOARD MEETING</b> 6:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library RSVP Lorraine Bowman btuff_enuff@yahoo.com</p>	<p><b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b></p> 		
				<p><b>BRIDGE</b> Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com</p>		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<p><b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b></p> 		<p><b>LUNCH BUNCH</b> 11:30 am Newhall Refinery Deborah Harris laprofa@yahoo.com</p>	<p><b>MYSTERY LIT</b> 10:30 pm Barnes and Noble Louise Schultz</p> <p><b>BRIDGE</b> Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER</b> nancyheinisch@att.net</p>	
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
				<p><b>GREAT DECISIONS</b> 1 pm Stevenson Ranch Library Pat Horanberg pathoranberg@aol.com</p> <p><b>BRIDGE</b> Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>MAH JONGG</b> 12 pm Oggi's Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com 661-222-7383</p>	



*The Humanities Committee held a Wine Tasting Fundraiser on January 12th. Almost 30 people attended and we had a great time. We were able to raise a nice amount to go to another COC Scholarship for those studying in the Humanities field. A special thanks to everyone who attended.*

