

# The Santa Clarita Valley Voice

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*“Do not live  
someone else's  
life and someone  
else's idea of  
what womanhood  
is. Womanhood is  
you.”*

*Viola Davis*

## **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



## **LUNCH & BUNCO** **Humanities Scholarship** **Fundraiser**

Saturday, March 30  
Noon to 3 pm  
28823 Phantom Trail  
Santa Clarita 91390



RSVP by March 25 to [ruthshelbysmith1@aol.com](mailto:ruthshelbysmith1@aol.com)  
Please mail your check for \$25 payable to AAUW to  
Ruth Smith  
19812 Terri Drive  
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**ELECTED OFFICERS 2018-2019**

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- Recording Secretary Lorraine Bowman
- Public Policy Denise Grzesiak

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MJ West
- Corresponding Secr. Rose Drye
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- Yearbook Louise Schultz
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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

**Women in History**

- Program Co-Chairs Debbie McIntosh  
Louise Willard

**President's Corner**

**California Gold and Women in History**

Although we have been experiencing the coldest temperatures in many years, my trees and plants have decided it is time to bloom. What do they know that we don't? Maybe that spring is just around the corner. The month of March is here and in addition to beautiful blooms there are great events this month.

**March 8th is International Women's Day.** Although we do not have any special events planned for this date, we should remember that women all over the world are working toward equity, fairness and freedom from sexual oppression. Keep them in your thoughts.



*Luis Fuerte with AAUW President Marianne Bakic*

**March 9th we are having a wonderful program luncheon meeting** at the Wood Ranch BBQ where our guest speaker, Luis Fuerte, cameraman for Huell Howser for many years, will delight us with stories of his time traveling and filming the "California's Gold" series. Luis has written a book about their adventures together titled *Hey Louie, Take a Look at This*. It is a wonderful

collection of stories about the many places they filmed. Mark your calendar and send your check for \$27 to Betsy Swallow for the luncheon. Also invite a friend to join you. They will be glad you did.

**March is Women in History month.** Our own Debbie McIntosh and her wonderful team will be presenting six famous women athletes to many of our Santa Clarita Valley schools this month. On Tuesday, April 16th, they will give a presentation to our AAUW Santa Clarita branch at Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

**On March 16th Debbie McIntosh is also our Zonta nominee** for their women in service award. The luncheon and award presentation will take place at The Oaks Club at Valencia (formerly TPC Country Club). For more information see Zonta International or contact Diane Bartley or Sonja Wendt.

**On March 30th, I am hosting a Bunco Fundraiser** in my home for the Humanities Scholarship. Please consider joining us for a lovely lunch and afternoon of games and prizes.

**Marianne Bakic**  
*mariannebakic@me.com*



**Make Sure to Vote on Public Policy Priorities**

In November members received a survey regarding Public Policy Priorities 2019-2021. A majority of participants agreed with the current priorities, but there were some suggestions for changes. Based on the responses, the committee made revisions to the current priorities. The Proposed AAUW California Public Policy Priorities are featured in the winter 2019 California newsletter. Members will have a chance to vote on the priorities this April.

*Denise Grzesiak, Public Policy*  
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Deadline for the April issue is  
March 26  
Please email submissions to  
Editor Nancy Heinisch  
*nancyheinisch@att.net*

# 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



## Luis Fuerte Presentation

There's still plenty of room to come and hear Luis Fuerte, Huell Howser's former cameraman, recount his adventures with Huell. The presentation is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, from noon to 3 pm, at Wood Ranch. We'll select our lunch at the restaurant; vegetarian options are available.

Cost is \$27. Please send your check, payable to AAUW, to Betsy Swallow, 22016 Nancy Place, Saugus, CA 91350.

We need your RSVP and check by **Monday, March 4**. Feel free to contact Betsy or Barbara Oliver if you have questions. Hope to see you then!



*Thank you for the honor of being nominated to Zonta Woman of the Year.*

*Debbie McIntosh*

**Mah Jongg** will meet Friday, March 1, 12 pm, at Oggi's.

*Pat Oguss  
poguss@gmail.com  
661-222-7383*

**Winey Ladies** will meet

Thursday, March 7, 5 pm, at BJ's Restaurant, 24320 Town Center Drive, Valencia. Please RSVP either by email, phone (661-904-7610) or text.

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



Get well wishes to **Betsy Swallow** who broke her wrist.

**Lunch Bunch** will meet Wednesday, March 20, at Lima Limon Peruvian Restaurant, 27845 Bouquet Canyon Road.

## Evening Lit Meets Wednesday, March 6

Hello, fellow readers! Our March book is *The Wives of Los Alamos* by Tarashea Nesbit.

Their average age was twenty-five. They came from Berkeley, Cambridge, Paris, London, Chicago—and arrived in New Mexico ready for adventure, or at least resigned to it.

But hope quickly turned to hardship as they were forced to adapt to a rugged military town where everything was a secret including what their husbands were doing at the lab.

Diane Bartley will be the discussion leader. Our meeting location has not yet been finalized, but will be communicated in the email sent out about a week ahead to the Evening Lit interest list.

If you're not on the list but wish to attend the meeting, please contact Rose Drye or Betsy Swallow.

*Betsy Swallow, Evening Lit  
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Rose Drye, Evening Lit  
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## Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?

Nuclear weapons have not gone away, and the Trump administration has brought a new urgency, if not a new approach, to dealing with them. The President has met with Vladimir Putin as the New Start Treaty with Russia comes up for renewal in 2021, had the first presidential summit ever with Kim Jong-un to discuss denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula, and has decertified the Obama nuclear deal with Iran.

To what degree should past nuclear talks guide future U.S. nuclear arms control negotiations? Can the art of the deal apply to stabilizing our nuclear future?

Great Decisions will meet Thursday, March 28, 1 pm, at the Stevenson Ranch Library.

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

In 2007 the City of Santa Clarita established the Open Space Preservation District. Congratulations to **Sandra Cattell** who has been re-nominated and re-appointed as a panelist to the Open Space Accountability and Audit Panel, also established in 2007, as a community oversight for the District.



## Women in History Ready to Hit the Mark

The 2019 Women in History Program is ready to begin March 1st. So far, the following schools will be hosting the amazing athletes being presented this year: Meadows Elementary, West Creek Elementary, Valley View Elementary (who will use Golden Valley High School Theatre Department), Sulphur Springs Elementary, Charles Helmer Elementary, Saugus High School, and more to confirm shortly.

Babe Didrikson, Mia Hamm, Evgenia Medvedeva, Holley Mangold, Danica Patrick, and Serena Williams will be portrayed over the next few months.

We will be celebrating the Women in History program at the April 16th general meeting at Barnes and Noble.

Louise and I love doing this program and hope you and your friends will come in April.

Does anyone have a pair of ice skates and/or a tennis racket that we can borrow?

*Debbie McIntosh and Louise Willard*

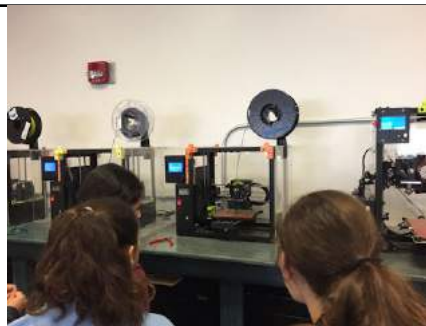
## Stem Stars at COC MakerSpace

Our Stem Stars had a fantastic experience at the MakerSpace at COC! A few years ago, COC obtained a generous grant for equipment, instructors, and materials to open a MakerSpace – a place where people can give life to their ideas. This MakerSpace is fantastic. An unused faculty dining room was turned into a magical place that holds laser cutters, 3-D printers, wood working tools, metal working equipment, and materials to make electronic circuits. There are enthusiastic instructors to show you how everything works and safety equipment. Have an idea for a product and need a prototype? Want to build a bee house? Want to create an art masterpiece? COC MakerSpace is the place to go. And, it is free and open to the public on Fridays and Saturdays.

Twenty-six Stem Stars had a private visit on January 11. They built circuits, laser cut their names in wood, and used the 3-D printers. They were 100% focused the whole time. We volunteers learned a valuable lesson this day: the young ladies like hands-on experiences.

Thanks to Director of Operations Christopher Walker, his crew, and Professor Teresa Ciardi for making this such a terrific experience.

*Sonja Wendt, Publicity*



## Celebrating Our Friends Happy Birthday!



March 15 - Denise Grzesiak

March 17 - Julie Witter

March 19 - Dot Toral

March 20 - Cathy Altuvilla

March 30- Rebecca Corona-Nickerson

March 31 - Diane Millikin

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

## Two Ways to Support AAUW Funds



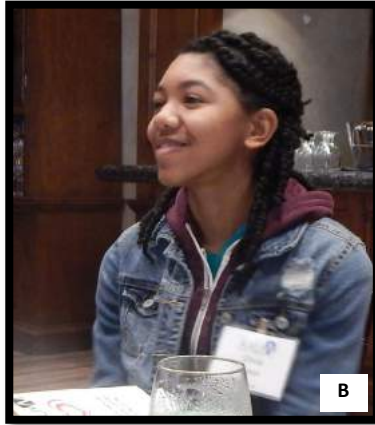
(1) Purchase AAUW note cards that will be mailed to you in the spring. (One of the entries being considered for the cards is shown above.) Any donation helps.

(2) Participate in the Ralphs Grocery Community Rewards Program. If you are a rewards member and would like to support AAUW Funds, you can register online at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) or call Ralphs at 800-443-4438 and they will register you. Our name is AAUW-FF Santa Clarita Branch.

*Valerie Jones, AAUW Funds  
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## Book Lovers Luncheon, February 2, 2019

*See more photos on our website and Facebook pages*

- A: Presenter Ara Grigorian with Internal Communications Chair Louise Schultz
- B: Tech Trek speaker Olivia Bates
- C: Assemblywoman Christy Smith with Hiking Chair Sandra Cattell
- D: Former featured author Carlene O'Neil
- E: Mayor Marsha McLean with Book Lovers Luncheon Co-Chair Diane Bartley and Great Decisions Chair Pat Horanberg
- F: Past AAUW President Mary Margaret Sunker
- G: Presenter Melanie Hicken with Webmaster Betty Kelly and former Tech Trekker Terra Lee
- H: Public Policy Chair Denise Grzesiak
- I: Past AAUW President Jenewyn Van Wie

## MARCH 2019 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>Save the Date</b></p> <p>for Saturday, April 13, for our Program, "Expanding Our Legal Knowledge". We'll be meeting for lunch and a presentation by our very own Gina MacDonald discussing estate planning and other legal matters of interest.</p> </div>					<p><b>MAH JONGG</b> 12 pm Oggi's Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com 661-222-7383</p>	<p><i>March is Women in History Month</i></p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<p><b>RSVP DEADLINE FOR EXPANDING OUR APPRECIATION OF CALIFORNIA'S GOLD</b> Betsy Swallow</p>	<p><b>MARDI GRAS</b></p>	<p><b>EVENING LIT</b> 6:45 pm</p>	<p><b>BRIDGE</b> Cathy Altuvilla</p> <p><b>WINEY LADIES</b> 5 pm BJ's Restaurant 24320 Town Center Drive Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com 661-904-7610</p>	<p><b>INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>TECH TREK INTERVIEWS</i></p>	<p><b>EXPANDING OUR APPRECIATION OF CALIFORNIA'S GOLD</b> Noon—3 pm Wood Ranch 25590 The Old Road</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p><b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS</b></p> 			<p><b>BOARD MEETING</b> 6:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library RSVP Lorraine Bowman btuff_enuff@yahoo.com</p>	<p><b>BRIDGE</b> Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com</p>		<p><b>ZONTA WOMEN IN SERVICE AWARDS</b> Debbie McIntosh is AAUW-SCV's Nominee Event is sold out</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p><b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b></p> 			<p><b>LUNCH BUNCH</b> 11:30 am Lima Limon Peruvian Restaurant 27845 Bouquet Canyon Deborah Harris laprofa@yahoo.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</b></p> 	<p><b>MYSTERY LIT</b> 10:30 am Barnes and Noble Louise Schultz</p> <p><b>BRIDGE</b> Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>“LIKE” us on Facebook! Simply search for AAUW Santa Clarita Valley at the top of your Facebook page.</p>  </div>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<p><b>RSVP DEADLINE FOR LUNCH AND BUNCO HUMANITIES SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER</b> Ruth Smith ruthshelbysmith@aol.com</p>	<p><b>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER</b> nancyheinisch@att.net</p>		<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>LUNCH AND BUNCO HUMANITIES SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER</b> Noon—3pm</p>
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## Tech Trek at Whittier College Needs YOU!

Do you want to have fun? Are you inspired to change the life of a middle school girl? Whittier Tech Trek needs Dorm Moms and Senior Counselor volunteers during camp this summer, June 23-29.

**Dorm Moms** are 21+ and members of AAUW. They are responsible for 10-12 girls, live in the dorms, and share in the excitement of camp. This is really fun! Just ask Rebecca Corona-Nickerson! **Senior Counselors** are Tech Trek alumni and will be in charge of Junior Counselors (who are 14-16 year old former Tech Trekkers), helping teachers, and keeping the camp running. The camp is also looking for a **Tech Guru** to keep all laptops and multi media platforms working in all classrooms.

The camp can't happen without dedicated volunteers. You will have an amazing time watching shy, brilliant girls blossom into confident, un-stoppable young ladies in one short week. For more information, please email Diane Bartley at [db.techtrek@gmail.com](mailto:db.techtrek@gmail.com).