

# The Santa Clarita Valley Voice

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*“My friends  
are my  
'estate'.  
Forgive me  
then the  
avarice to  
hoard them!”*

Emily Dickinson

## **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



## **One Month Three Awe-inspiring Events**

*Enhancing our Legal Health*

April 13

*Women in History*

April 16

*Tech Trek Reception*

April 27

**ELECTED OFFICERS 2018-2019**

President	Marianne Bakic
President Elect	Diane Millikin
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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**

By-Laws	Diane Bartley
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Auditors	Diane Bartley Open
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Yearbook	Louise Schultz
Publicity	Sonja Wendt
Telecommunications	Linda Metz

**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 Open
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****Spring is Finally Here!**

After years of drought, the skies let loose a bountiful supply of rain turning our hills a beautiful bright shade of green and bringing forth an amazing display of spring flowers bursting into bloom. In addition, we were recently treated to a very unusual sight of millions of Pink Lady butterflies passing through our valley. We are truly blessed to live in this amazing place.

The month of April signals that spring is indeed here. There is much in store for us this month.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> is Equal Pay Day.** AAUW has created and is working very hard to provide women with the tools to bring their pay into equity with that of men. The Work Smart Online program was developed to help women in the workplace learn to negotiate higher salaries. AAUW is asking us to spread the word about this program. So please mention the Work Smart program to those women you know who may be looking for a new job. If each of us can tell five women about this program, we will have a great impact on women reaching equal pay.

AAUW is also working to get our legislators to pass the "**Paycheck Fairness Act**". We are fortunate here in Santa Clarita, that our legislators are women and our state senators are women, who know the importance of this legislation.

**April 13<sup>th</sup> We will hear about Enhancing Our Legal Health.** Our general meeting program focuses on Legal Health. Our member, Gina MacDonald will guide us through issues related to legacy planning. She will also answer any questions you have regarding your estate planning. Please see more information about this in the newsletter and send your registration form and check in right away.

**April 16<sup>th</sup> We will be treated to the Women in History Presentation.** Debbie McIntosh and her wonderful team of women will give a presentation to our AAUW Santa Clarita branch at the Open Book. This year the famous women in history are athletes. The program starts at 7 pm.

Prior to the Women in History program, we have our election of officers for the coming year. Please arrive by 6:30 pm or earlier to visit with friends and then vote for our new slate of officers.

Lastly, spring is the time of renewal. Just as the process of living things begins again, we ask that you renew your membership for the coming year. During this time each year, AAUW sends an email to all current members with a reminder to send in your dues for the coming year. It includes your membership number and the amount of the annual dues. All you have to do is enter your payment method: credit card, debit card, or PayPal and send it via email. No check to write, no stamp to use. So for those of you who have computers and email, please send in your renewal via this method. It will make the tracking and accounting so much quicker and easier for our hardworking VP Finance.

Hope to see you at our wonderful events.

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



Deadline for the May issue is  
April 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

## Winey Ladies

will meet Thursday, April 4, 5 pm, at Marston's, 24011 Newhall Ranch Road, Valencia. Please RSVP either by email, phone (661-904-7610) or text.

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

## Lunch Bunch

will NOT meet in April but will be back in May at Maria Bonita Mexican restaurant.

*Debbie Harris, Lunch Bunch Chair  
laprofa@yahoo.com*

## Great Decisions

will meet Thursday, April 25, 1 pm, at the Stevenson Ranch Library. The topic is the rise of populism in Europe.

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



## New Location for Women in History

This year's April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at **The Open Book, 19188 Soledad Canyon Road**. The program will immediately follow the 6:30 pm annual meeting.

The presentation will highlight female sports figures and how they changed the sporting world. There will be six short monologues by presenters in character as Babe Didrikson Zaharias, a co-founder of the LPGA; Mia Hamm,

soccer superstar; Serena Williams, tennis champion; Danica Patrick, IndyCar series professional racer; Holly Mangold, American weightlifter; and Evgenia Medvedeva, two-time world champion figure skater.

Our Sportswomen in History program has already been enthusiastically received at three schools.

Hope to see you there.

*Debbie McIntosh and Louise Willard, Women in History Chairs*

## Tech Trek Reception to Introduce 22 Young Women

Please join us at the Tech Trek reception on April 27, 1 – 2:30 pm, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 24901 Orchard Village Road. We will be introducing the 22 special young women who have been selected to attend the 2019 Tech Trek camps at Cal State Fresno, Whittier College, UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara.

Many thanks to Ginny Gregor, Denise Grzesiak and Melanie Hagman who spent two days interviewing these amazing girls! Please RSVP to Diane Bartley at 661-753-6762 or db.techtrek@gmail.com by April 22.

**Get well wishes to Pat Horanberg!**

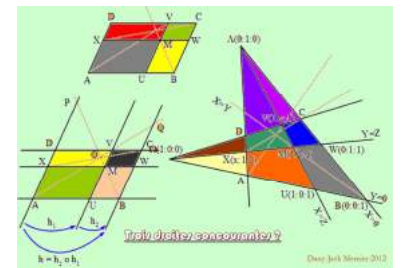
## Evening Lit to Meet on Wednesday, April 3

Hello suspense lovers! Please join us on Wednesday, April 3, 6:45 pm, at the home of Diane Bartley to discuss "The Woman in the Window" by A.J. Finn. Anna Fox lives alone, a recluse in her New York City home, unable to venture outside. She spends her days drinking wine, watching old movies, recalling happier times-----and spying on her neighbors.

Dorine Blundell will be our discussion leader with dessert provided by Olly Bruins. An email will be sent to the Evening Lit mailing list with final details but all are welcome to attend.

You'll be on the edge of your seat for this discussion, and after reading this book, you may never drink Merlot again!

*Betsy Swallow and Rose Drye*



University of Texas mathematician Karen Uhlenbeck is the first woman to win the Abel prize. Her work is geometric analysis techniques used by mathematicians. She was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship in 1983.

*Rose Drye*



## Enhancing Your Legal Health

Here's a chance to find out if your plans to pass along your legacy are as fit and healthy as they could be! Should you have a will? Or a trust? How about some notes on the back of a grocery list, witnessed by the cat?

AAUW member Attorney Gina MacDonald will educate us on this important topic. Gina started her legal career here in Santa Clarita in 1977 and opened her own legal practice in 1993.

Gina's practice is based on her clients being active participants in solving their legal dilemmas and by building relationships based on trust, availability, and honesty. Bring your questions so that Gina can make this an interactive exchange.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 13, 12-2:30 pm

**WHERE:** Black Bear Diner, 23626 Valencia Blvd. in the Barnes and Noble center. We'll be ordering from a selection of favorites at the restaurant. A vegetarian option is available.

**WHAT:** Enhancing Your Legal Health with Gina MacDonald following lunch. Gina has a few surprises for us so you don't want to miss this event!

**COST:** Please send your check for \$19 payable to AAUW to Barbara Oliver (26377 Oak Highland Drive #C, Newhall 91321) by Monday, April 8.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Betsy Swallow or Barbara Oliver.

*betsy.swallow@att.net  
barbarajo1225@gmail.com*

## AAUW Affiliate at COC

In recognition of International Women's Day and Women's History Month, our AAUW@COC club hosted a table event to bring awareness to "period poverty" around the world and how this often negatively affects girls' educational progress. They will give out goody bags with period products (the new term for feminine hygiene products), AAUW stickers, and a candy treat.

AAUW@COC club will initiate a food drive and contribute \$200 of food products to the new campus student food bank, BaNC, with funds they have raised. Based on last year's activities the club earned a large vinyl table banner for the club and won \$100 in the year end raffle!

*Kelly Burke  
kcburke4@gmail.com*

## Equal Pay Day is April 2

In the U.S. women make 80 cents per dollar compared to a man with similar qualifications. The pay gap is worse for women of color.

A recent study estimated the impact on society if the pay gap was corrected. What might happen?

- 60% of working women and 66% of single working mothers would see an increase in pay
- Poverty rates for single working mothers would drop from 28.9% to 14.5%
- Poverty rates for working women would drop by half from 8% to 3.8%

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



## Bucks4Books Donations Update

Thank you!

Due to everyone's generosity at events so far this year, we are almost to our goal!

*Kelly Burke  
kcburke4@gmail.com*

## Celebrating Our Friends Happy Birthday!



April 01 Sheree McKeon  
April 13 Olive Bruins  
April 17 Terrie Cipriano  
April 29 Kay Moioffer  
April 29 Monika Curry  
          Kay Moioffer


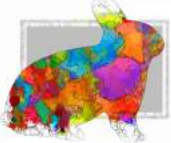
*Roberta Kessler, 2 VP Membership  
rkessler1367@gmail.com*

## It's time for RENEWALS

AAUW is striving to go totally paperless and to encourage members to renew online they have made it easy to do. All members will be receiving an email from National that is a direct link to renew your membership. You just click the link in the email and it takes you to **YOUR** information; enter your credit card information and you are done. For anyone who would like help, I will have my laptop at the meetings in April and can assist you. We encourage all to renew by June so next year's activities and budget can be planned by the start of the year on July 1st.

*Lynda McClellan, VP Finance  
gamemom52@gmail.com*

## April 2019 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31  MJ WEST CELEBRATION OF LIFE	1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2 EQUAL PAY DAY  \$	3 EVENING LIT 6:45 pm Home of Diane Bartley	4 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla  WINEY LADIES 5 pm Marston's Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com 661-904-7610	5 MAH JONGG 12 pm Oggi's Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com 661-222-7383	6 AAUW STATE MEETING San Diego
7	8 RSVP DEADLINE FOR EXPANDING YOUR LEGAL HEALTH \$19 check payable to AAUW to Barbara Oliver 26377 Oak Highland Drive # C Newhall 91321	9	10 BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library RSVP Lorraine Bowman btuff_enuff@yahoo.com	11 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla	12	13 EXPANDING YOUR LEGAL HEALTH 12-2:30 pm Black Bear Diner Speaker Attorney Gina MacDonald
14	15	16 WOMEN IN HISTORY PROGRAM Following General Meeting 6:30 pm Open Book 19188 Soledad Canyon Road	17	18 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com  MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am Barnes and Noble Louise Schultz	19	20
21 EASTER 	22 RSVP DEADLINE FOR TECH TREK RECEPTION Diane Bartley db.techtrek@gmail.com  EARTH DAY	23	24	25 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com  GREAT DECISIONS 1 pm Stevenson Ranch Library Pat Horanberg pathoranberg@aol.com	26 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER nancyheinisch@att.net  ARBOR DAY	27 TECH TREK RECEPTION 1-2:30 pm St. Stephen's Episcopal Church 24901 Orchard Village Road  LAST DAY OF PASSOVER
28  <i>Visit our website and Facebook page!</i>	29	30	1 EVENING LIT 6:45 pm	2 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	3 MAH JONGG 12 pm Oggi's Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com 661-222-7383	4

The presentation of the slate of officers and member vote will take place during the meeting on April 16th, 6:30 pm, at The Open Book. The Women in History presentation follows the election of our new Board. The Nominating Committee respectfully submits this slate of officers for the AAUW SCV Board 2019-2020:

<b>President</b>	<b>Marianne Bakic</b>
<b>President-Elect</b>	<b>Diane Millikin</b>
<b>1st VP Programs</b>	<b>Stephanie Dietrich &amp; Arlene Saretsky</b>
<b>2nd VP Membership</b>	<b>Roberta Kessler</b>
<b>VP Finance</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>AAUW Funds</b>	<b>Val Jones</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Cathy Altuvilla</b>
<b>Public Policy</b>	<b>Robin Clough</b>

