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“The woman who follows the crowd will usually go no further than the crowd. The woman who walks alone is likely to find herself in places no one has ever been before.”

Albert Einstein

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



Installation and Luncheon Meeting

Saturday, May 18, 2019

**Valencia Country Club
27330 North Tourney Road
Valencia**

11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Cost: \$35 per person

Reservation Deadline: May 8

**Please mail your check (made payable to
AAUW) to Marianne Bakic, 28823**

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We are celebrating two Named Gift Honorees. And, in addition to hearing from our scholarship recipients, Assemblywoman 38th District Christy Smith will be a special speaker.

Please come join us to thank our outgoing board, welcome the incoming board and enjoy a delicious meal with your friends.

ELECTED OFFICERS 2018-2019

- President Marianne Bakic
- President Elect Diane Millikin
- 1st VP Program Betsy Swallow
Barbara Oliver
- 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
- Newsletter Editor Nancy Heinisch
- Social Media Kelly Burke
- Webmaster Betty Kelly

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Auditors Diane Bartley
Open
- Corresponding Secr. Rose Drye
Historian Open
- Hospitality Tami Reyna
- Internal Communications Louise Schultz
- 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

Time to Celebrate!

As we wind up our program meetings this year with our theme of Expanding Our Horizons, I want to thank our program co-chairs, **Barbara Oliver and Betsy Swallow**, who did an amazing job. I am also thankful for all of the support and enthusiasm my board and committees have given to make it all possible. We ended the program meetings with the 33rd annual Women in History program, presented and enacted by **Debbie McIntosh, Louise Willard** and their amazingly talented and dedicated actors. I thank them for their continued enthusiasm and hard work in putting on this program each year, not only for us, but for the many schools in the Santa Clarita Valley who participate in this program.



May 18th Guest Speaker Christy Smith, Assemblywoman 38th District

I am also delighted that so many of our members came to our program meetings this year and stopped to tell me how much they enjoyed them. We plan to have some more exciting programs to offer in the coming year. So stay tuned.

At our annual meeting on April 16th, we elected a new slate of officers for the coming year, which we will be installing on May 18th at our annual installation meeting.

At our May 18th Installation meeting, we also will honor two Named Gift Honorees and we will have a special guest speaker: **Christy Smith, Assemblywoman for the 38th district of California**, who will be speaking to us about her journey. So please come and join us at the Installation to thank our retiring board and welcome our new one and celebrate all that we have accomplished this year.

Looking back at this year: Our Tech Trek Team raised grant monies to send 19 girls to Tech Trek camps this summer. And our Booklovers Luncheon raised enough funds to send three additional campers to Tech Trek, bringing the total to 22 campers. We raised over \$1,100 at a wine tasting event and a Bunco game for a Humanities Scholarship. And we paid over \$1,500 to AAUW Funds to honor two women who gave so much to this organization. Lastly, our Bucks for Books Campaign is only \$168 from its \$500 goal for science books for students.

Looking forward, both National and State voting polls are open until May 13 for state and May 14 for national. The candidates all have impressive resumes and the positions are all volunteer. So exercise your right to elect the next officers and board members of our state and national organizations. They need our votes to make a quorum. It is quite simple to vote. You should have received an email and you just follow the prompts. Or go to the state or national website.

Lastly, with graduation approaching, take the opportunity to “Give a Grad a Gift”. It may be one of the best gifts they will get: to belong to a national organization that is working toward gender equity for women and girls, with focus on education & training, economic security and leadership. If you know of a graduating student, whether a relative or the daughter of a friend, please consider giving her this gift. It is very easy to do. Just go to aauw.org and look for: Give a Grad a Gift. And it is free! One of our members told me that is how she learned about AAUW and became a lifelong member.

Marianne

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Deadline for the June issue is May 24
Please email submissions to Editor Nancy Heinisch nancyheinisch@att.net

AAUW Programs: A Backward Look



Barbara Oliver and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in our programs this past year.

We became informed voters courtesy of Jim DeBree of The League of Women Voters, learned how to trace our roots through the Valencia Family History with Glenna Rae White, and embarked on a journey through California's wonders as seen through the eyes of Huell Howser's cameraman, Luis Fuerte. Lastly, we heard strategies for preserving and passing on our legacies from our member attorney, Gina MacDonald.

We hope our program speakers informed you, enlightened you, and even entertained you, and that you enjoyed the dining as well.

We'll be passing the torch and the catering menus over to Stephanie Dietrich and Arlene Saretsky, the Program VP's for next year.

We are confident there will be some terrific programs in store, and we hope they have as much fun planning and organizing as Barbara and I did.

*Betsy Swallow, betsy.swallow@att.net
Barbara Oliver, BarbaraJo1225@gmail.com*

Celebrating Our Friends Happy Birthday!



May 07 Kelly Burke\
May 09 Diane Weber
May 11 Debra Halcrow
May 12 Stephanie Dietrich
May 13 Kitty Conant
May 19 Diane Kreyenhagen
May 23 Jodi Guerrero

*Roberta Kessler, 2 VP Membership
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Heartfelt Thanks

The Humanities Committee is happy to report that we had a very successful lunch and bunco fundraiser at President Marianne's home on March 30th.

We want to thank Marianne for the use of her lovely home and all those who attended and those who have supported the Humanities Committee. We all had good food and everyone had a fun time playing bunco.

*Ruthie Smith, RuthShebySmith1@aol.com
Barbara Oliver, BarbaraJo1225@gmail.com*



Women in History Shine at The Open Book

Thank you all for coming to the annual meeting at The Open Book; I think we can all agree that the ladies at The Open Book were extremely accommodating and happy to have us there.

Thank you to **Emily Verdi** and **Charlotte Rich** for your wonderful renditions of Danica Patrick and Evgenia

Medvedeva. Thank you to **Louise Willard** for her rousing rendition of Babe Didrikson, for securing our venue, and the million other things she does for our program. Thank you to **Lynda Rick** for donating \$100 to our program.

Please keep emailing me ideas for next year. I keep them in a file and access them late in September when we choose our 2020 Women in History.

*Debbie McIntosh
Louise Willard*

Warm Welcome!



A warm welcome to our newest Member, best selling author Carlene O'Neil.

Her email address is CarleneONeilMyster-ies@gmail.com.

*Roberta Kessler
2st VP Membership*

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



Great Decisions

Great Decisions meets Thursday, May 23, 1 pm—2:30 pm, at the Stevenson Ranch Library. The topic is Decoding US-China Trade.

Though arguably the most advanced economy in the world, the United States still uses centuries-old numbers to measure trade. These antique numbers mangle understanding of the U.S.-China trade relationship, shrinking America’s true economic size and competitiveness, while swelling China’s. Bad numbers give rise to bad policies that ultimately kill U.S. jobs and cede market share to China.

What other tools can the United States employ to counter China’s unfair trade practices? There are several available, yet they remain mostly unused.

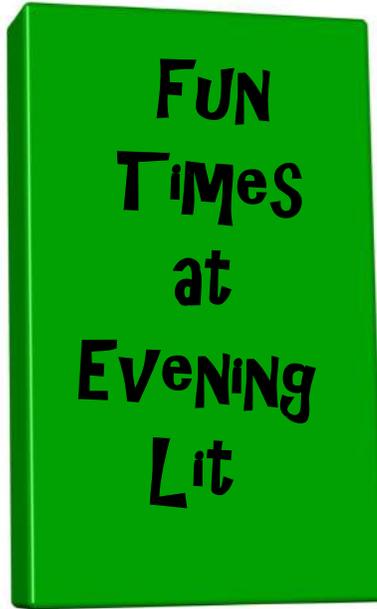
Everyone is welcome to participate in what is sure to be a lively discussion!

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

Mystery Lit

will meet Thursday, May 16, 10:30 am, at Barnes and Noble.

*Louise Schultz, Mystery Lit
louise50@pacbell.net*



Greetings, literature mavens! Our May selection takes us to the realm of humor with *Bossypants* by Tina Fey. “At last, Tina Fey’s story can be told. From her youthful days as a vicious nerd to her tour of duty on *Saturday Night Live*; from her passionately halfhearted pursuit of physical beauty to her life as a mother eating things off the floor; from her one-sided college romance to her nearly fatal honeymoon—from the beginning of this paragraph to this final sentence.”

Our meeting will be Wednesday, May 1, 6:45 pm, at the home of Denise Grzesiak, 25507 Cornwall Place, Santa Clarita. Denise’s phone is 661-255-3624. Rose Drye will be leading the discussion; Barbara Spencer will be providing dessert. Hope to see you there.

Planning ahead - our June 5th meeting will be our annual book selection process. If you have not yet submitted your selections, please email Pat Horanberg with the title and author for up to **TWO** choices. Pat will put them on the slate for voting in June. More details will follow later in May.

Planning even **FURTHER** ahead - we have made arrangements with The Open Book, the bookstore where our elections and the Women in History presentation were just held, to have our Evening Lit meetings there starting in September. They are thrilled to have a book club in-house, and we’re looking forward to a positive experience with them. More details will follow in August.

Hope everyone joins us for a few laughs on May 1 with *Bossypants*.

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

Winey Ladies

will meet 5 pm on Thursday, May 2, at the Saddle Ranch Chop Shop Restaurant, Westfield Valencia Town Center, 24201 Valencia Blvd., Valencia.

Please RSVP either by email, phone (661-904-7610) or text.

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



Lunch Bunch

will meet Wednesday, May 15, 11:30 am, at Maria Bonita Mexican Restaurant, 33311 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Santa Clarita.

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



STEM Stars Visit Dr. Rosen

On Wednesday, April 3rd, a group of STEM Stars spent an afternoon with local dentist, Dr. Kim Rosen.

The girls were treated to a tour of her offices, learned about the various careers in dentistry and the pros and cons of owning your own business.

With the help of some brave volunteers, several girls got the opportunity to mix the material and actually create dental impressions which are used to create mouth guards, whitening trays, retainers, crowns, bridges, veneers, dentures, and accurate models, among other things.

The girls really enjoyed the trip, as their follow-up emails indicated.

"Thank you so much for putting together such a great event for us."

"I absolutely enjoyed making molds of teeth and making a replica of a jaw with cement. After the STEM dentistry event, I think I am really considering going into a similar field. I can't wait for what is in store next for us!"

*Diane Bartley, Tech Trek Chair
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AAAUW-SCV Officers 2019-2020

President	Marianne Bakic
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2nd VP Membership	Robertta Kessler
VP Finance	Rosanna Blanco
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Voting for State and National AAUW Officers

Time to vote?

The three-week voting period begins **April 22nd** and ends on **May 13th, 2019**.

How to vote?

Every member has the opportunity to vote electronically, with phone voting for those who cannot vote online. Each member with a valid email address on file with National AAUW will receive an email message containing a personal invitation to vote. There will be a link to click that will take you to the ballot. Members without a valid email address on file will receive a mailed postcard with information about how to vote online or by phone.

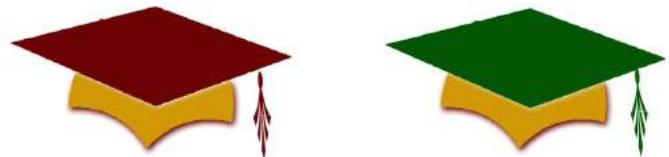
What if I don't get an email or a postcard?

Call the AAUW California Office at 916-448-7795 to vote by phone. You will need your AAUW Member ID in order to vote.

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

RENEWALS: For those who have not yet renewed their membership for 2019-2020, another email invoice was sent out on May 1st. Easy to renew online by using the link that connects you to **YOUR** record. Questions?? Contact Lynda McClellan.

*Lynda McClellan, VP Finance
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Women's Status in California

Mt. St. Mary's University in Los Angeles published a report assessing the status of California women and girls. Here are some interesting statistics about **women** in California (25 years old or more) compared to California men of the same age:

- 50% of women have a bachelor's degree
- 50% have a graduate or professional degree
- 24% are employed in Computer/Math Stem jobs
- 17% are employed in Architecture/Engineering
- 49% are employed in Life/Physical/Social Science
- 4% are CEO's
- 41% are employed in Management
- 30% are employed in the Legislature

*Denise Grzesiak, Public Policy
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May 2019 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 	30	1 EVENING LIT 6:45 pm Home of Denise Grzesiak 	2 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla WINEY LADIES 5 pm Saddle Ranch Chop Shop 24201 Valencia Blvd. Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com 661-904-7610	3 MAH JONGG 12 pm Oggi's Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com 661-222-7383	4
5 	6 RAMADAN	7	8 BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library RSVP Lorraine Bowman btuff_enuff@yahoo.com RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR INSTALLATION LUNCHEON mariannebakic@me.com 661-297-5756	9 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla	10	11
12 	13	14	15 LUNCH BUNCH Maria Bonita Mexican Restaurant 33311 Aqua Dulce Canyon Road Santa Clarita Debbie Harris laprofa@yahoo.com	16 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am Barnes and Noble Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net	17	18 INSTALLATION AND LUNCHEON PROGRAM WITH GUEST SPEAKER CHRISTY SMITH Valencia Country Club 11:30 am \$35 per person ARMED FORCES DAY
19	20	21	22	23 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com GREAT DECISIONS 1 pm Stevenson Ranch Library Pat Horanberg pathoranberg@aol.com	24 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER nancyheinisch@att.net	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY 	28	29	30	31	1 <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">"LIKE" us on Facebook! Simply search for AAUW Santa Clarita Valley at the top of your Facebook page.</div>

How to Order **Your** Personalized Name Tag

We encourage every member to order a personalized magnetic name tag to wear to our events. You can order directly from Awards Trophies and Treasures, 27737 Bouquet Canyon Road #122, Santa Clarita, CA 91350, 661-513-0963. They have all the AAUW information needed to make your tag for a cost of \$10.95 including tax.

If you are not able to order and pick up your name tag, you may order through Diane Millikin. She will place a group order and bring completed name tags to a future event. If you would like Diane to order for you, send a check payable to AAUW for \$10.95 along with how you would like your name to appear on the tag. Call or email Diane with any questions.

Diane Millikin dianemillikin@gmail.com