

# The Santa Clarita Valley Voice

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"Oh, what a time to be a woman. We are standing for what we believe—and taking a stand on behalf of others. We have to make the choice to exemplify the truth, the respect and the grace that we wish for this world."

Oprah Winfrey

## **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

## Our Website is **Magical!**

<https://santaclaritavalley-ca.aauw.net>



## **Visit it often for** *Photos*

*AAUW Updates*

*Interest Groups*

*Legislative Information*

*Upcoming Events*

*Membership Renewal Forms*

*and Much, Much More!*

**ELECTED OFFICERS 2019-2020**

- President Marianne Bakic
- President Elect Diane Millikin
- 1st VP Program Stephanie Dietrich
- Arlene Saretsky
- 2nd VP Membership Barbara Oliver
- AAUW Funds Valerie Jones
- VP Finance Rosanna Blanco
- Recording Secretary Cathy Altuvilla
- Public Policy Robin Clough

**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**

**Wrapping up a Wonderful Year!**



First of all, I want to thank both my elected board and my appointed board for their support and help and ideas as we made our way this past year. I also want to thank all of my committee chairmen and members who did most of the work: Tech Trek, Book Lovers Luncheon, Women-in-History, Humanities and Hospitality.

I believe that we truly did Expand Our Horizons. We learned about the propositions on the ballot at the last election. We learned about finding our ancestors. We learned more about the many places to visit right here in California. And we learned about some important factors to consider when doing estate planning.

I also want to thank the wonderful ladies who helped me with our officer installation meeting in May. The members attending said they really enjoyed the day and especially our guest speaker, Assemblywoman Christy Smith, who spoke to us about her journey and what she is currently doing for us in the legislature. And, as we said thank you to the outgoing board, we also welcomed the new incoming board, who will be ready with fresh ideas, energy and commitment to make this coming year another one you will want to be a part of.

Our theme for this coming year is **RISE AND SHINE!** We are planning on having some exciting speakers show us how women are rising to the top and shining with their accomplishments. So stay tuned. Our membership brunch is scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 28th, at St. Stephen's Church. The theme will be "Let's Rise and Shine".

Also, if you haven't done so yet, please renew your membership before July 1st. We plan our budget in July based on the number of members we have. Since we need to have our budget accepted and voted on by the membership in September, it would help if everyone would renew before then. Also, our fiscal year begins July 1st. Thank you in advance for renewing early.

Congratulations to those of you who may have new college graduates in your families. Don't forget to gift each one a first year membership in AAUW for free. Just go to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) and look for Give a Grad a Gift.

Lastly I want to thank all of our AAUW Santa Clarita Valley members who have contributed, participated and promoted AAUW this past year. You are the heart of AAUW. I hope to see you in September.

In the meantime, have a wonderful summer.

**All my best,  
Marianne  
[mariannebakic@me.com](mailto:mariannebakic@me.com)**

**Remembering Betty Mousel**

Long time AAUW member Betty (Childs) Mousel passed away May 1, 2019. She was a strong advocate for the education of women and was an active member of AAUW for over 35 years, especially in all the bridge groups.



Her obituary is online at <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/signalscv/obituary.aspx?n=betty-j-mousel&pid=192829892>.

*Cathy Altuvilla  
[caltuvilla@gmail.com](mailto:caltuvilla@gmail.com)*



The Santa Clarita Voice will return in September  
Editor Nancy Heinisch  
[nancyheinisch@att.net](mailto:nancyheinisch@att.net)



## Tech Trek Awards Reception

Our Tech Trek Awards Reception was held on Saturday, April 27, and was attended by almost 100 campers, family members, teachers, counselors, former Trekkers and AAUW members.

Kudos to Ginny Gregor, Candace Ford, Denise Grzesiak, Rosanna Zubrzycki-Blanco and Charlotte Judson for their hard work! Thanks also to the enthusiastic former Trekkers for helping to set up and clean up, as well as answering questions for the new campers and parents.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, we will be sending 22 girls to Tech Trek summer camps at CSU Fresno, UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara and Whittier College.

Our *Welcome Home Party* will be held on September 21st so save the date and join us to hear all about their experiences! Look for details in our September newsletter.

*Diane Bartley, Tech Trek Chair  
dianebartley6@gmail.com*



If members do not want to keep the cards sent by AAUW, please give them to Diane Bartley because the Trekkers use them for thank you notes.

*Valerie Jones, AAUW Funds  
wrichardjones@aol.com*

## Celebrating Our Friends Happy Birthday!



### June

- 2 Judy Wood
- 4 Arlene Saretsky
- 19 Ruth Smith
- 29 Dorine Blundell  
Michele Nassif

### July

- 02 Betsy Swallow
- 05 Maxine Johannsen
- 05 Gene Dorio
- 13 Gloria Halbfinger
- 15 Linda Metz
- 21 Jenewyn Van Wie
- 27 Wendy Noonan  
Gloria Ruiz  
Marianne Bakic
- 28 Melanie Hagman  
Sandra Cattell

### August

- 8 Debbie McIntosh
- 12 Tami Reyna
- 17 Gail Pitters
- 23 Joan Colette

*Barbara Oliver, 2nd VP Membership  
BarbaraJo1225@gmail.com*

## 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, President-Elect  
dianemillikin@gmail.com*



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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



## Great Decisions

**Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics**  
**Great Decisions**  
**Thursday, June 27**  
**Stevenson Ranch Library**  
**12:30 pm - 2 pm**

Cyber conflict is a new and continually developing threat, which can include foreign interference in elections, industrial sabotage and attacks on infrastructure. Russia has been accused of interfering in the 2016 presidential elections in the United States and China is highly committed to using cyberspace as a tool of national policy.

Dealing with cyber conflict will require new ways of looking at 21st century warfare. Is the United States prepared to respond to such threats?

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

## Mystery Lit

will meet Thursday, June 20th, 10:30 am, at Barnes and Noble.

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

## Evening Lit



Greetings reading aficionados!

The votes are in for our book selections for September through next May! Please join us at the home of Arlene Saretsky on Wednesday, June 5, at 6:45 pm, to review the book list and schedule which book we will be reading each month. Many thanks to Pat Horanberg who tallied the email votes to arrive at the final nine.

More details will be emailed to those on the mailing list. A complete book list, along with which month it will be discussed, will be published in a later edition.

Starting in September, we will be meeting at The Open Book bookstore located at 19188 Soledad Canyon Road in Canyon Country. Meetings will start at 6:30 pm and end at 8 pm when the store closes. The bookstore is happy to have us, and will try to locate our selected books for purchase within their network.

We have a great selection of fiction and non-fiction books lined up for next year. Hope to see you at the June 5 meeting!

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

## Winey Ladies

will meet Thursday, June 6, 5 pm, at Marston's Restaurant, 24001 Newhall Ranch Road. Next meeting will be Thursday, October 3, 2019.

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

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



## Lunch Bunch

will meet Wednesday, June 19, 11:30 am, at California Pizza Kitchen.

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





*Officer Installation at the Valencia Country Club with Guest Speaker Assemblywoman Christy Smith, May 18, 2019*

## June 2019 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> 	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5 <b>EVENING LIT</b> 6:45 pm Home of Arlene Saretsky Betsy Swallow betsyswallow@att.net 	6 <b>BRIDGE</b> Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com  <b>WINEY LADIES</b> 5 pm Marston's Restaurant Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com 661-904-7610	7 <b>MAH JONGG</b> 12 pm Oggi's Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com 661-222-7383	8
9	10	11	12 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> 6:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library RSVP Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	13 <b>BRIDGE</b> Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	14 <b>FLAG DAY</b> 	15
16 <b>FATHERS DAY</b> 	17	18	19 <b>LUNCH BUNCH</b> 11:30 am California Pizza Kitchen Debbie Harris laprofa@yahoo.com	20 <b>BRIDGE</b> Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com  <b>MYSTERY LIT</b> 10:30 am Barnes and Noble Louise Schultz louise_50@pacbell.net	21 <b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER</b> 	22
23	24	25	26	27 <b>BRIDGE</b> Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com  <b>GREAT DECISIONS</b> 12:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library Pat Horanberg pathoranberg@aol.com	28	29
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### Welcome to the 2019-2020 AAUW-SCV Board

Pictured (from left) 2nd VP Membership Barbara Oliver  
 President-Elect Diane Millikin  
 1st Co-VP Programs Stephanie Dietrich  
 President Marianne Bakic  
 1st Co-VP Programs Arlene Saretsky  
 Public Policy Robin Clough  
 VP Finance Rosanna Blanco

Not pictured: Recording Secretary Cathy Altuvilla  
 AAUW Funds Valerie Jones

