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“The great question that has never been answered, and which I have not yet been able to answer, despite my thirty years of research into the feminine soul, is ‘What does a woman want?’

Sigmund Freud, attributed,
Sigmund Freud: Life and Work

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



RISE & SHINE MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

Saturday, September 28, 2019, 10:30 am
St. Stephan's Episcopal Church
24901 Orchard Village Road
Valencia

Please come to celebrate fun and friendship and to hear about the exciting programs and activities that await us in this coming year.

Cost per member: \$10

Prospective Members: Free

Bring a friend. Guests who sign up for membership at the event receive half off of national dues.

*RSVP and Payment Required by September 20 to
Dot Toral 661-297-2288 or chambona19@yahoo.com*

*Please mail your check made payable to AAUW to
Dot Toral 28505 N. High Ridge Drive, Santa Clarita, CA 91390*

ELECTED OFFICERS 2019-2020

- President Marianne Bakic
- President Elect Diane Millikin
- 1st Co-VP Program Stephanie Dietrich
- 1st Co-VP Program Arlene Saretsky
- 2nd VP Membership Penny Van Dyke
- AAUW Funds Valerie Jones
- VP Finance Rossanna Zubrzycki
- 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

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- Corresponding Secr. Rose Drye
- Historian Open
- Hospitality Tami Reyna
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- Directory 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 Barbara Oliver
- Open
- COC Student Affiliate Open

Tech Trek

- Chair Diane Bartley
- Com. Fundraising Diane Bartley
Open
- Schools Liaison Ginny Gregor
- Book Lovers Luncheon Diane Bartley
Diane Millikin

STEM Stars

- Chair Sonja Wendt

Women in History

- Program Co-Chairs Debbie McIntosh
Louise Willard

President’s Corner

Welcome the Beginning of Our 2019-2020 Year

Welcome back from your summer vacations and travels. I hope you enjoyed a relaxing and exciting summer and are ready to get energized again with all that AAUW has to offer. I am excited to return as your president and tell you that we have many wonderful programs to share with you this year.

The theme this year is “Women Rising and Shining”.

Our Program Co-VP’s, Stephanie Dietrich and Arlene Saretsky, have been working hard to bring us some fun and interesting speakers and activities on a variety of interesting topics, showing that women are truly rising and shining.

Our first general meeting will be Saturday, September 28th, when we hold our Fall Membership Brunch. The theme for the brunch is “Rise and Shine”. Bring your shine (or your bling) to the brunch. Prizes will be awarded for best dressed according to the theme. In addition, we will be voting on the annual budget at the meeting, so please come and join us for a delicious coffee and pastry breakfast. The cost for the brunch is \$10 per member and free to any guest.

We have several new members who have joined our branch recently. Please look for them and welcome them to the branch.

If you haven’t already, please consider joining one or more of our interest groups, which provide opportunities for fun and friendship. There will be sign-up sheets for the groups at the Fall Membership Brunch.

Hope to see you there!

Marianne
mariannebakic@me.com



*AAUW President
Marianne Bakic*



AAUW Fall Planning Meeting: August 13

AAUW board members outlined plans for the 2019-2020 year.

Pictured from far left clockwise: Sonja Wendt, Arlene Saretsky, Stephane Dietrich, Betty Kelly, Penny Van Dyke, Rossana Zubrzycki, Diane Bartley, Cathy Altuvilla, Marianne Bakic and Diane Millikin.



Deadline for the October issue of *The Santa Clarita Valley Voice* is September 25th
Editor Nancy Heinisch
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STEM Stars Field Trip to Kaiser Los Angeles Medical Center

Can you imagine exploring the body's most hard working organ – the heart? Our Stem Stars visited “Kaiser Sunset” on July 19th where they did just that. The Santa Clarita alumni of the Tech Trek program, our Stem Stars, were invited to tour Kaiser's tertiary facility in Los Angeles on Sunset Blvd. This is the hospital facility at which world-class surgeons and specialists save the lives every day of people facing the toughest medical situations.

The sixteen Stem Stars enjoyed a light breakfast while listening to career related presentations by physicians, nurses, and administrators. Then they visited the Cardio Cath laboratory, where they each dissected a pig heart. Everyone was completely focused! The group visited the Simulation Lab where they suited up in operating room garb and saved the life of “Hal,” an amazingly realistic animatronic child. He even answered questions! The group also practiced giving shots, taking blood, and suturing.

It was wonderful to see the group's engagement. An informal poll showed that about two-thirds of the girls plan careers in the medical field.

A big shout out to Diane Bartley, who organized our Stem Stars, and our drivers Stephanie Dietrich, Charlotte Judson, and Stem Star mom Kathi Dirkse.

We are hoping to take our Stem Stars to Medtronic, the company who makes pacemakers, Disney, and Amgen this year. If anyone has connections at these companies, please contact Sonja Wendt at steinwendt@aol.com.

Sonja Wendt, Publicity

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new members:

Anna Michelle Cairo
Soo Kim
Minah Kim
Courtney Lillich

*Penny Van Dyke
2nd VP Membership*

Celebrating Our Friends Happy September Birthday

4 Diane Gilden
5 Mary Tedrow
7 Dianne Sindermann
Anne Schmidt
Nancy Senger
11 Cindy Gise
12 Pat Kelley
20 Gina MacDonald
24 Tracey Carpentier
26 Elaine Garcia
29 Lynda McClellan
30 Anna Cairo

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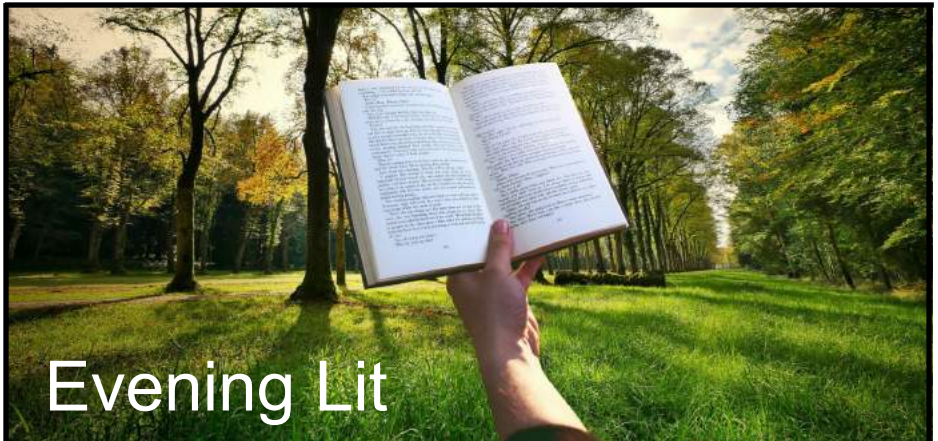
Save the Date!

AAUW CA Convention
April 17-19, 2020
Remembering the Past,
Rockin' the Future
Westin San Francisco Airport
See you there!

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



Evening Lit

Greetings, fellow readers! Hopefully you got all of the "beach reading" out of your system and are ready to settle down to some more serious books!

Our September book is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Arlene Saretsky will be the discussion leader. We'll be meeting at The Open Book located in the Food for Less Shopping Center at Soledad Canyon and Whites Canyon Roads. The official address is 19188 Soledad Canyon Road, Canyon Country. Their phone is 661-255-1400. All future meetings will be held there unless we determine it is not a good fit for our program.

We'll start promptly at 6:30 pm, since we need to leave by 8 pm when the store closes. You're welcome to bring a beverage. We'll provide cookies to munch on as a simple snack. It is not necessary to RSVP as the store has ample room. Feel free to come a little early and browse through the books and other items The Open Book has for sale.

Planning ahead - our October book is *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict, presented by Dorine Blundell. Our meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2, at 6:30 pm, at The Open Book.

Our November book is *The Distance between Us* by Reyna Grand, presented by Michele Nassif; there will also be a guest speaker who is a colleague of the author. The meeting date is November 6, same time and place.

Betsy Swallow, betsyswallow@att.net
Rose Drye, rosedrye474@gmail.com



Great Decisions

**US and Mexico:
Partnership Tested
Thursday, September 26
Stevenson Ranch Library
1 pm**

The United States and Mexico have a long, intertwined history, with both countries prominently featured in each other's politics and agendas.

The war on drugs, immigration and trade issues have taxed the relationship over the years.

What impact will new leadership in both countries have on this crucial partnership?

Pat Horanberg, *Great Decisions Chair*
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Mystery Lit

will meet Thursday, September 19th, 10:30 am, at Barnes and Noble.

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



Winey Ladies Date Change

Winey Ladies will meet the *second* Thursday of each month at 5 pm.

The next Winey Ladies will be on Thursday, September 12, at the Saddle Ranch Chop House located at 24201 Valencia (located at the Valencia Mall).

Debra Halcrow (661-904-7610)
debhalcrow@hotmail.com

Mah Jongg Returns in October

There is **NO** first Friday Mah Jongg in September due to the holiday early in the month.

We look forward to seeing everyone again Friday, October 4th, noon, at Oggi's, for the next first Friday game.

Pat Oguss
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Tech Trek Welcome Home Party

Saturday, September 21
10 – 11:30 am

St. Stephens Episcopal Church
24901 Orchard Village Road
Santa Clarita 91355

Join us to welcome home the 2019 Campers and hear about their experiences at the Fresno, Whittier, UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara Tech Trek Camps. We will also be welcoming the participants to our STEM Stars program where they can continue to pursue their interest in STEM careers.

RSVP to Diane Bartley 661-753-6762 or db.techtrek@gmail.com by September 14th so we can plan for refreshments.

*Diane Bartley, Tech Trek Chair
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AAUW Diversity Statement

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status.

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*

If you know of anyone who needs a card or get well note, please contact Corresponding Secretary Rose Drye at rosedrye474@gmail.com.



SCV Zonta Hosts LUNAFEST Friday, September 13

This unique film festival highlights women as leaders in society, illustrated through eight short films by women filmmakers. The films range from animation to fictional drama, and cover topics such as women's health, body image, relationships, cultural diversity and breaking barriers.

LUNAFEST is held at the Canyon Theatre Guild, 24242 Main Street, in downtown Newhall.







For more information visit <https://www.scvzonta.org/lunafest/>.



Women Rising and Shining Series Begins October 19

Come and meet Jill Swaim,
Road Scholar Ambassador

SEPTEMBER 2019 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 	3	4 EVENING LIT 6:45 pm The Open Book Betsy Swallow betsyswallow@att.net	5 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	6	7
8 GRANDPARENTS' DAY 	9	10 BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm Home of Marianne Bakic RSVP Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	11 PATRIOT DAY 	12 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com WINEY LADIES 5 pm Saddle Ranch Chop House Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com 661-904-7610	13 LUNAFEST Canyon Theatre Guild 24242 Main Street Newhall	14 RSVP DEADLINE FOR TECH TREK WELCOME HOME PARTY Diane Bartley 661-753-6762
15	16 STEPFAMILY DAY	17	18 LUNCH BUNCH 11:30 am Debbie Harris laprofa@yahoo.com	19 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am Barnes and Noble Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net	20 RSVP DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH Dot Toral 661-297-2288 or chambona19@yahoo.com	21 TECH TREK WELCOME HOME PARTY 10 - 11:30 am St. Stephens Episcopal Church
22	23 AUTUMN BEGINS 	24 NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY 	25	26 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com GREAT DECISIONS 1 pm Stevenson Ranch Library Pat Horanberg pathoranberg@aol.com	27	28 MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH 10:30 am St. Stephens Episcopal Church 
29	30 ROSH HASHANAH	1	2	3 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	4 MAH JONGG 12 pm Oggi's Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com	5
<i>Please support our Bucks 4 Books Award by donating your spare change to meetings.</i>						

Have an Impact on our democracy! Join us on National Voter Registration Day!

National Voter Registration Day seeks to create broad awareness of voter registration opportunities to reach tens of thousands of voters who may not register otherwise. Our AAUW Chapter is collaborating with College of the Canyons and League of Women Voters to hold a voter registration day event on Tuesday, September 24. Details have not been solidified yet, but I hope you will participate!

Please contact me, and I will provide event information and how you can help.

Robin Clough, Public Policy Chair
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