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“Sooner or later we all discover that the important moments in life are not the advertised ones, not the birthdays, the graduations, the weddings, nor the great goals achieved. The real milestones are less prepossessing. They come to the door of memory.”

Susan B. Anthony

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

Women Rising and Shining . . . to the Wonders of the Travel World



Saturday, October 19, 12 pm
Wolf Creek Restaurant
27746 McBean Parkway
Valencia

Please join us for a delicious lunch followed by a presentation by Road Scholar Ambassador Jill Swaim as she takes us on an exploration of the world that awaits us.

Cost per member: \$23.50

Payment and meal choice required by October 14 to Arlene Saretsky (661-296-6083, saretskya@sbcglobal.net)
Please mail your check made payable to AAUW to Arlene Saretsky, 23742 Noble Fir Court, Valencia 91354

Menu choices:

Chicken Piccata
Orange Cashew Chicken
Pasta alla Checca
Southwest Chicken Salad
Asian Chicken Salad

ELECTED OFFICERS 2019-2020

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1st Co-VP Program	Arlene Saretsky
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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
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Women in History

Program Co-Chairs	Debbie McIntosh
	Louise Willard

President's Corner**Women Rising and Shining**

Welcome to another year of wonderful programs and celebrating women who are rising and shining.

What a truly special annual membership brunch we had! We had two wonderful speakers, one who increased our knowledge of space exploration and the other who told us of her life on the prairie. I want to give **A Big Thank You** to my wonderful hospitality committee led by Tami Reyna. And to all the members and guests who attended the event.

AAUW continues the focus on ensuring economic security for women everywhere. They hit a major milestone in a partnership with the Coca-Cola Foundation to teach women everywhere to negotiate effectively. Coca Cola pledged \$100,000 if they trained 100,000 women by the end of this year. As of August 23, AAUW has trained 103,656 women to ask for the salary they deserved via online and in-person workshops.

In addition, AAUW's Work Smart Online negotiation tool recently won a Gold Brandon Hall award in the Human Capital Management Citizenship category! The Brandon Hall awards are considered the most prestigious awards for learning and development in the United States. If you haven't yet, take a look at it online.

Another focus this year is increasing our membership. The California State Board is encouraging branches to establish a membership goal for this year. And those branches that have the highest increase in their membership numbers or percentage increase will be recognized at the state convention. In past years we had as many as 23 new members. That would be a 25% increase. Many of you brought guests to the membership brunch. I hope that they all found good reasons to join. Let's do it again! We have more events coming up where they can be guaranteed an entertaining, educational, and fun time while supporting an organization that is championing equity and supporting women's higher education.

We have two events in October that I hope you will take advantage of:

First is our program meeting at Wolf Creek Restaurant on October 19th. The speaker is a Road Scholar Ambassador who will educate and entertain us with some unusual travel opportunities.

Second is the AAUW Fund Luncheon which is being held in Seal Beach on October 27th. This is an opportunity to hear inspiring fellowship and grant recipients tell us about their work. To attend you must RSVP by October 11, 2019. The form can be found on the AAUW California website. I would love to have you join me.

Hope to see you soon!

Marianne
mariannebakic@me.com



AAUW President
Marianne Bakic



Deadline for the November issue of *The Santa Clarita Valley Voice* is October 25th
Editor Nancy Heinisch
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AAUW-SCV Welcomes Home the 2019 Tech Trekkers

On Saturday, September 21, we held our Tech Trek Homecoming Party, which was again a huge success thanks to members Ginny Gregor, Sonja Wendt, Charlotte Judson, and an enthusiastic group of prior trekkers who helped with set-up, welcome and clean-up.

This year we were able to send 22 girls to camp due to the continued generosity of our sponsors: Craig and Stephanie Dietrich, Olly Bruins, Candace Ford, Louise Schultz, Mike and Sue McCabe, Ginny and Bob Gregor, Lynda Rick, Betsy Swallow and Gina MacDonald. Many friends of Jane Hanson also made donations in her memory. Corporate sponsorship came from PPG Industries Foundation and the Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital Foundation.

We heard from the girls about their core classes which included hot air balloons, marine biology, anatomy, chemistry and coding. They told us about their field trips to a cadaver lab, going on a boat to view dolphins up close and learning to surf. They shared stories about new found friends and interesting women they met. In a word, they described camp as “inspiring”, “challenging” and “life-changing.” If you’d like to help us meet our goal of providing this amazing experience to 26 girls for 2020, please consider becoming a sponsor by contacting Diane Bartley at 661-753-6762 or dianebartley6@gmail.com.



Public Policy: Sponsored Bills

AAUW California is busy supporting and sponsoring many mission-related bills.

One of our sponsored bills requires employers with 100 or more employees to submit a pay data report containing wage information. We are hopeful that this will raise awareness for employers of gender pay disparities.

*Robin Clough, Public Policy Chair
robinec16@aol.com*



Celebrating Our Friends Happy October Birthday

5	Paula Charnock
9	Diane Bartley
14	Laura Laughlin
15	Diana Wyckoff
28	Barbara Spencer
31	Betty Kelly

*Penny Van Dyke 2 VP Membership
pennyscv@aol.com*

2020 Call for AAUW Candidates

AAUW is looking for enthusiastic, committed, and proven leaders to serve on the AAUW California Board of Directors.

How about you, or is there someone you know with leadership talent? The strength of our organization is in the balance.

AAUW is seeking candidates for:

Secretary (two-year term 2020-2022)
7 Directors (two-year term 2020-2022)

The nomination deadline is December 1, 2019. There will be a 3-week voting period from April 17- May 8, 2020. For more information contact Janice Lee, Nominations and Elections Committee Chair at nominating@aauw-ca.org.

AAUW CA Convention

April 17-19, 2020

Remembering the Past,

Rockin' the Future

Westin San Francisco Airport

See you there!

The AAUW California board and committees are working hard to bring you a convention that will energize you and your branch members.

We will be celebrating the past as we look back at our fight for the vote and the legislation we helped pass, and then we will look to the future and the work still to be done.

We are all working on planning a wide cross-section of workshops, plenaries and speakers.

Interest Groups

Interest Group Chairs

Bridge	Cathy Altuvilla
Evening Lit	Betsy Swallow
	Rose Drye
Great Decisions	Pat Horanberg
Lunch Bunch	Debbie Harris
Mah Jongg	Pat Oguss
Mystery Lit	Louise Schultz
Winey Ladies	Debra Halcrow



Winey Ladies 5 pm

The next Winey Ladies will meet on Thursday, October 10, at the Newhall Press Room, 24257 Main Street, Newhall.

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



Great Decisions

Changes in Diplomacy Thursday, October 24 Stevenson Ranch Library 1 pm

During the Trump administration, the usual ways of conducting diplomacy have been upended.

Many positions in the State Department have never been filled, and meetings with foreign leaders such as Kim Jong-un and Vladimir Putin have been undertaken with little advance planning.

What effect are these changes having now, and how will they affect ongoing relationships between the United States and its allies and adversaries?

Pat Horanberg, Great Decisions Chair
pathoranberg@aol.com

Mah Jongg

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

Pat Oguss
poguss@gmail.com



Evening Lit will meet October 2 at The Open Book located at 19188 Soledad Canyon Road in the Food4Less shopping center at the corner of White's Canyon and Soledad Roads. We had an excellent turnout at the September meeting; The Open Book was a good setting for our discussion group.

Our October book is *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict about actress Hedy Lamarr and her escape from her native Austria as Hitler was gaining power. Dorine Blundell will be our discussion leader. Please join us to discuss a really remarkable woman!

Our November book will be *The Distance between Us* by Reyna Grande. This is an eye-opening memoir about the author's life before and after illegally emigrating from Mexico to the United States. We are hoping that a friend and colleague of the author will be joining us for our meeting to provide some additional insight. Please plan on reading the book and joining us then!

Read on!

Betsy Swallow, betsyswallow@att.net
Rose Drye, rosedrye474@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*



Another Year, Another Group of Amazing Women

The 2020 Women in History Program is a few months away but we are preparing to select our famous/not-so-famous women. This year we will do women authors.

We are doing the selection a little differently this year. Because I will be out of commission due to a knee replacement, we will be taking nominations from our members at the membership brunch and for a couple of weeks thereafter. You can also email Louise Willard or myself. Louise and I with the help of the AAUW-SCV Executive Committee will then make the choices based upon your excellent suggestions.

And, if you really want to help champion your nomination, you may even write her script!

More details to follow in November.

*Debbie McIntosh (historicalwomen@twc.com)
Louise Willard (lwillard@hartdistrict.org)*

National Voter Registration Day: September 24th



AAUW-SCV collaborated with College of the Canyons and the League of Women Voters to hold a voter registration event on National Voter Registration Day. The goal of the day was to create broad awareness of voter registration opportunities to reach tens of thousands of voters who may not register otherwise.

*Robin Clough, Public Policy Chair
robinecl16@aol.com*

A new project – *Equity Network* – will be tested this fall to encourage new and younger members to join AAUW. More information will be forthcoming.



*We offer our sympathy to
Diana Wyckoff for the
loss of her husband.*

OCTOBER 2019 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2 EVENING LIT 6:30 pm The Open Book Betsy Swallow betsyswallow@att.net	3 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	4 MAH JONGG 12 pm Oggi's Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com	5 
6	7	8 BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm RSVP Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	9 YOM KIPPUR	10 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com WINEY LADIES Newhall Press Room 5 pm Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com 661-904-7610	11	12
13	14 RSVP DEADLINE FOR WOMEN RISING AND SHINING . . . TO THE WONDERS OF THE TRAVEL WORLD Arlene Saretsky saretsky@sbeglobal.net	15	16 LUNCH BUNCH 11:30 am Debbie Harris laprofa@yahoo.com	17 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am Barnes and Noble Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net	18	19 WOMEN RISING AND SHINING . . . TO THE WONDERS OF THE TRAVEL WORLD 12 pm Wolf Creek Restaurant 27746 McBean Parkway \$23.50
20	21	22	23	24 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com GREAT DECISIONS 1 pm Stevenson Ranch Library Pat Horanberg pathoranberg@aol.com	25 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER nancyheinisch@att.net	26
<i>Please support our Bucks 4 Books Award by donating your spare change to meetings.</i>						
27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN	1 MAH JONGG 12 pm Oggi's Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com	2



Save the Date! Saturday, November 9

*“Women Rising & Shining”
... to the Wonderful World of Water Colors*

11 am
Stevenson Ranch Library
Zoe Gordon, Watercolorist