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“If it is important to you, you will find a way. If not, you’ll find an excuse.”

Ryan Blair

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 Wonderful World of Watercolor Painting



**Saturday, November 9
10:30 am — 1 pm
Stevenson Ranch Library**

Please join us for a watercolor painting class taught by contemporary impressionist artist Zony Gordon where you will create your own watercolor masterpiece. The morning begins with light refreshments and socializing from 10:30 to 11 am. The class begins promptly at 11 am.

Cost per member: \$15

**Space is limited to first 20 checks received.
Please mail your check made payable to AAUW
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President's Corner

Women Rising and Shining



As we immerse ourselves in the fall season, I can say that I finally got to experience the gorgeous fall colors in New England this past month. They were so glorious. If you haven't done so, put it on your bucket list. In addition to traveling to see new things, I am also learning new tricks on the computer thanks to help from my sister. What a joy to be able to get things aligned with a

quick click of key and mouse. With that said our annual Yearbook/Directory is ready for the printer and will be in your hands very soon. So far this year we have added 14 new members to our branch. Please be sure to welcome them when they join our various activities.

Speaking of travel, the speaker at our first program meeting on October 19th gave us a wonderful presentation of all of the varied types of travel that can be done through the Road Scholar programs. So many ways to see and learn more about places you have always wanted to visit including travel with grandchildren. The next program on November 9th will give you an opportunity to learn to paint with watercolor. This should be a very invigorating and talent enhancing event. You won't want to miss it. Sign up early as they can only accommodate 20 participants.

Since November is our month of giving thanks, I want to express my thanks to all of you who have been so helpful to me. Also I want to extend a special thank you to our webmaster Betty Kelly for her years of service to our chapter. She has moved out of the area but will continue through December to manage our website. I would love for someone to please volunteer to take her place. I understand that it is not too technical and you can get help from Betty and from National AAUW. **We Need You Now!** It is fun to be involved in keeping our branch and others informed.

Lastly I wish you a safe and bountiful Thanksgiving.

Marianne

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Please welcome our new members:

- Nancy Bilek
- Christa Davison
- Alisa Doucette
- Darla Hoback
- Charlotte Judson
- Terry Kleintop Bird
- Sandra Lam
- Debbie Link



Deadline for the December issue of *The Santa Clarita Valley Voice* is November 22
Editor Nancy Heinisch
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We send speedy recovery wishes to Debbi McIntosh as she heals from surgery.

Rose Drye
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Celebrating Our Friends Happy November Birthday

- 1 Rossana Zubrzycki-Blanco
- 2 Charlotte Judson
- 3 Nancy Bilek
- 4 Cooke Fessler
- 5 Deborah Harris
- 8 Sonja Wendt
- 8 Patricia Horanberg
- Barbara Lash
- 18 Darla Hoback
- 19 Louise Schultz
- Patricia Conwell
- 21 Virginia Gregor
- 24 Louise Willard
- 30 Sue McCabe

Penny Van Dyke 2 VP Membership
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Women Rising and Shining Series Begins

The first program in the Women Rising and Shining series featured Road Scholar Ambassador Jill Swaim who regaled us with travel stories and anecdotes, as well as travel opportunities. A good time was had by all and the food was delicious.

Be sure to sign up for our second program on November 9, 2019, featuring water color artist Zony Gordon who will unlock our inner artistic creativity.

Stephanie Dietrich Co VP Programs
Arlene Saretsky Co VP Programs

Governor Signs 14 AAUW Supported Bills Into Law

The 2018-19 legislative season has come to close, and by October 13, 2019, Governor Newsom signed 870 bills out of the 1,042 bills that were presented to him.

Among the most significant of these were fourteen bills which will become law due to the advocacy and research support offered by AAUW-CA: for example, AB 543 ensures that all 9th through 12th grade students receive a written policy on sexual harassment information during orientation. AAUW's report "*Schools Are Still Underreporting Sexual Harassment and Assault*" was critical in helping support the legislative analyses for AB 543.

AAUW continues its legislative success in advocating for women and girls!

Robin Clough, Public Policy Chair
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Interest Groups

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

Winey Ladies

Winey Ladies will meet Thursday, November 14th, 5 pm, at Solita (tacos and margaritas) in the Valencia Mall at 24201 Valencia Blvd. #3470.

*Debra Halcrow, Winey Ladies Chair
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Mah Jongg

We look forward to seeing everyone Friday, November 1, noon, at Oggi's, for the next first Friday game.

*Pat Oguss, Mah Jongg Chair
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Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet at Mimi's Café on Wednesday, November 20th.

*Deborah Harris, Lunch Bunch Chair
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Great Decisions

Great Decisions will not meet in November or December.

*Pat Horanberg, Great Decisions Chair
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Calling All Book Lovers!



Evening Lit Meets November 6

Greetings, fellow bookworms! Our next meeting of Evening Lit will be on Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 pm. This will be a special meeting as our discussion leader Michele Nassif has arranged for Diana Savas, a friend and colleague of author Reyna Grande, to join us. Once again we'll be meeting at The Open Book bookstore located at 19188 Soledad Canyon Road in Canyon Country. The bookstore is in the Food4Less shopping center at Soledad and White's Canyon along the back row of stores. You're welcome to bring a beverage to the meeting and we'll be providing a light snack.

Our November book is *The Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande. **This is an eye-opening memoir about life before and after illegally emigrating from Mexico to the United States.** Diana will be providing some additional insights about Ms. Grande and the book which should make for a stimulating discussion. Please join us for a thought-provoking evening!

Looking ahead to December, we'll be reading *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. In 1922 Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel near the Kremlin. Rostov has never worked a day in his life and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery. While California can't compare with the Russian winter, we thought this an appropriate book to curl up with as our days grow shorter and colder.

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Book Lovers Luncheon

On February 1, 2020, we will be having our 7th Annual Book Lovers Luncheon to benefit Tech Trek. We're in the planning stage, looking for volunteers.

If you have contacts in the SCV, we need donated items for our opportunity drawing. If you are creative, we need help with table decorations. If you like greeting people, either the registration table or selling opportunity drawing tickets are perfect jobs. And if you prefer to work "behind the scenes", set-up and clean-up might be for you.

If you'd like to be part of this great event, please contact Diane Bartley at 661-753-6762 or dianebartley6@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 2019 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31 	1 MAH JONGG 12 pm Oggi's Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com	2
<i>Please support our Bucks 4 Books Award by donating your spare change at meetings.</i>						
3 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS 	4	5 ELECTION DAY	6 EVENING LIT 6:30 pm The Open Book Betsy Swallow betsyswallow@att.net	7 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	8	9 WOMEN RISING AND SHINING ... TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WATER-COLOR PAINTING 10:30 am Stevenson Ranch Library 
10	11  VETERANS DAY	12 BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm RSVP Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	13	14 WINEY LADIES Solita 24201 Valencia Blvd. 5 pm Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com 661-904-7610 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	15	
17	18	19	20 LUNCH BUNCH 11:30 am Mimi's Cafe Debbie Harris laprofa@yahoo.com	21 BRIDGE Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am Barnes and Noble Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net	22 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER nancyheinish@att.net	23
24 	25	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING 	29 	30



Happy Thanksgiving!
Marianne, Diane, Stephanie, Arlene,
Penny, Valerie, Rossana, Cathy, and
Robin