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***"Don't cry
because it's
over. Smile
because it
happened."***

Dr. Seuss

AAUW Mission:

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

AAUW Values:

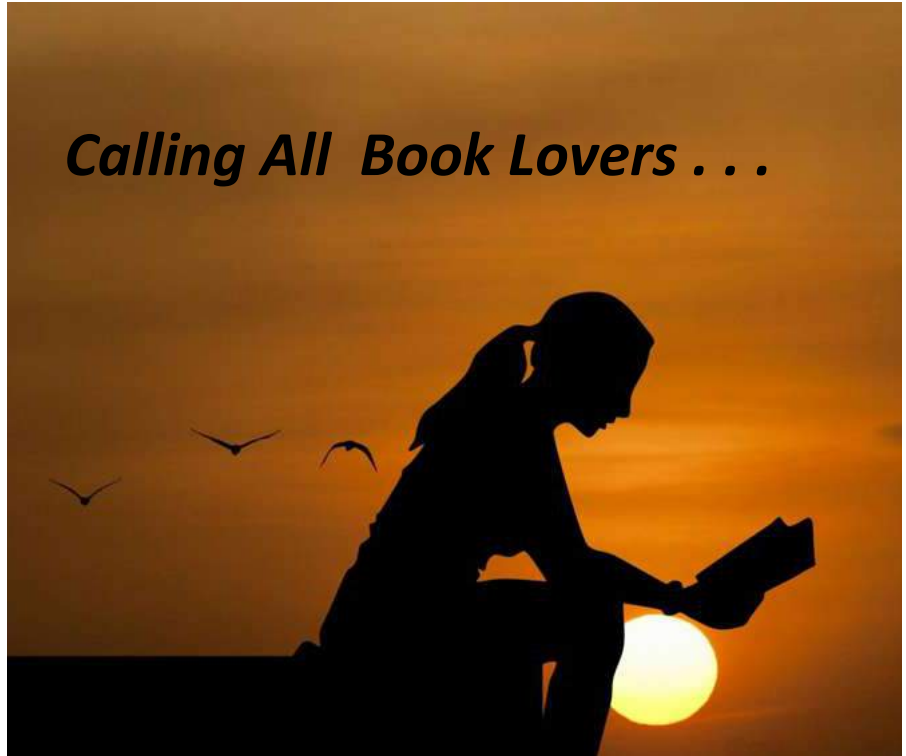
Nonpartisan. Fact-based.
Integrity. Inclusion and
Intersectionality.

AAUW's Value

Promise:

Equity for All

Calling All Book Lovers . . .



***You are cordially invited to the
Seventh Annual Book Lovers Event***

Benefit for Tech Trek Science Camp for Girls

Saturday, February 1, 2020

The Oaks Club at Valencia

26550 Heritage View Lane

10 am—2 pm

\$60 per person

**Please return the Book Lovers Brunch Registration Form
by January 17, 2020**

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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**Rising to Greet a New Year**

Before we say hello to 2020, we must say goodbye to 2019. Last year we were proud to send another 23 girls to Tech Trek camps thanks to the amazing fundraising job done by our Tech Trek Committee. In the fall, we began our theme of Women Rising with a

wonderful guest speaker from NASA who spoke at our membership brunch. In October we had a guest speaker discussing great educational travel opportunities available through the Road Scholar program to many fun and exotic locations. In November, we had a professional painter and instructor teach members how to paint with water colors. Then we capped the year in December with a lovely holiday party at my home, produced by the Hospitality Committee: Tami Reyna, Dot Toral, Elaine Garcia, and Denise Grzesiak. A big thanks to all of you for the wonderful job and the fun gift exchange.

2020 will be filled with many more exciting programs and events to keep us entertained and enriched and also to fund our wonderful scholarships. We have two more program meetings showing how women can rise up in unique fields. Look for them in February and March. In April we will be treated again to the fabulous Women in History Program. And in May I am hoping for a special guest speaker from the group of fellow and grant recipients of 2019 for our installation meeting. So keep a lookout for our newsletters and flyers. You won't want to miss any of these great events.

In addition to our general meeting programs, we are also looking forward to our two important fundraisers: the Humanities Wine Tasting Scholarship Fundraiser is January 18th and the Book Lovers Event to benefit Tech Trek Scholarships is February 1st. Information on both events can be found in this month's newsletter. AND get your reservation and payment in right away for the Book Lovers Event as this always sells out. I hear the speakers will be fantastic.

Remember that nonmembers can attend these events, and if they wish to join AAUW, they can enjoy paying only one-half of the National dues for their first year. The cost to join becomes \$69.50 instead of \$99. Sometimes the nicest thing we can do is to introduce a friend to an organization that champions issues we care about.

Lastly we are still looking for someone with computer knowledge to manage our website. It only takes a few hours per month to update data and pictures. Please contact me if you are interested.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming events. They are always informative and it is so enjoyable just getting together with our AAUW friends.

Best New Year's Wishes —

Marianne
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Deadline for the February issue of
The Santa Clarita Valley Voice is January 27
 Editor Nancy Heinisch
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Humanities
Scholarship Wine
Tasting Fundraiser

Saturday, January 18, 2020
2 — 4 pm

Hoi Polloi Winery
24338 Main Street
Newhall

RSVP to Ruthie Smith by January 13th
ruthshelbysmith1@aol.com or
661-251-2155

\$20 cash or check payable at door.

Light appetizers provided.



Page Callers Needed!

Happily we have new members! Sadly we have fewer page callers! ***Will you please consider becoming a page caller?*** Members only need to be called before one of our major events.

Just a few minutes of your time and just a few names if we have enough callers.

Linda Metz, Telecommunications
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We send our warmest wishes to Ruthie Smith for a speedy recovery from surgery.



Rose Drye, Corr. Secretary
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrating Our Friends
Happy January Birthday

02	Rose Drye
07	Patricia Hoffman
10	Nancy Powder
16	Robin Clough
24	Michele Jenkins
26	Gail Quinn
28	Roberta Kessler

Penny Van Dyke, 2nd VP Membership
 pennyscv@aol.com

Interest Groups

Interest Group Chairs

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



Mark your Calendars Now for the Next Women Rising and Shining Program!

Clarissa Hernandez, Technical Manager at Universal Creative, is the featured presenter at our February 22nd meeting.

One lucky attendee will win the following prize: an exclusive behind the scenes tour for four of the Universal Studios Hollywood theme park **before park opening** and complimentary theme park admission for the day. Further details will be provided at the event.

Stephanie Dietrich, 1st Co-VP Program
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Great Decisions: Climate Changes and the Global Order

**January 23
1 pm
Stevenson Ranch
Library**



Climate change has become one of the defining issues of our time. As much of the world bands together to come up with a plan, the U.S. remains the notable holdout. What is the rest of the world doing to combat climate change? What impact will the effects of climate change have on global geopolitics?

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

Evening Lit Rings in the New Year Wednesday, January 8, at 6:30 pm

What better way to start the New Year than with some local history!

The selected feature is *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. In *The Library Book* Ms. Orlean chronicles the LA Central Library fire and its aftermath to showcase the larger, crucial role that libraries play in our lives; delves into the evolution of libraries across the country and around the world, from their humble beginnings as a metropolitan charitable initiative to their current status as a cornerstone of national identity; studies arson, and reexamines the case of Harry Peak, the blond-haired actor long suspected of setting fire to the LAPL more than thirty years ago. It's a riveting book.

Betsy Swallow will be our discussion leader. We'll be meeting at The Open Book bookstore located at 19188 Soledad Canyon Road in Canyon Country. You're welcome to bring a beverage to the meeting.

Looking ahead to February, our selection is *The Three Year Swim Club* by Julie Checkoway. In 1937 a schoolteacher on the island of Maui challenged a group of poverty-stricken sugar plantation kids to swim upstream against the current of their circumstance. The goal? To become Olympians. They faced seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

Join us to find out what happened! Barbara Spencer will be our discussion leader.

Best wishes to all for a bright and literary New Year!

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

AAUW Art Contest Opens January 7

Need more information?

Visit www.aauw.org/contests/.

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Questions? Contact Diane Bartley (dianebartley6@gmail.com)

Featuring Speakers



Margaret Brownley is

a *New York Times* bestselling author with 50 books to her credit. She writes historical romances set in the Old West. She also wrote a bestselling book on grief following the loss of her son. A two-time finalist for the Romance Writers of American RITA award, she was an

instructor for the Writer's Digest University, and has written for a CBS soap. Not bad for someone who flunked eighth-grade English. Just don't ask her to diagram a sentence.



Michelle Klayman

Michelle Klayman is a seasoned executive with a 20-year career as both a writer and attorney. She has a post-doctoral degree in International Law and has worked as a federal civil rights and labor and employment law litigator. Her real

passion, romance novels, which she has been reading since law school, led her to establishing Boroughs Publishing Group, an all romance fiction publishing house in 2011.

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AAUW Santa Clarita Branch Book Lovers Brunch Registration: February 1, 2020. Doors open 10 am, brunch served 10:45 am.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Return this completed portion of the registration along with your check for \$60.00 made payable to:
AAUW SCV
P.O. Box 800354
Santa Clarita, CA 91380

_____ I cannot attend this event but would like to contribute to Tech Trek. Please accept my enclosed check for this worthwhile program.

Please indicate brunch choice


_____ ***Chicken and Waffles***
Served with seasonal fruit

_____ ***Eggs Benedict***
Gluten-free option available
Served with country potatoes and seasonal fruit

_____ ***Vegetarian Farfalle Primavera***
In a light red sauce

If possible I would like to sit with _____

JANUARY 2020 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE	1 NEW YEARS DAY 	2 BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	3 MAH JONGG 12 pm Oggi's Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com	4
5 <div>Please support our Bucks 4 Books Award by donating your spare change at meetings.</div>	6	7	8 EVENING LIT 6:30 pm The Open Book Betsy Swallow betsyswallow@att.net	9 WINEY LADIES 5 pm Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com 661-904-7610 BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	10	11
12 RSVP DEADLINE FOR HUMANITIES FUNDRAISER Ruth Shelby Smith ruthshelbysmith1@aol.com	13	14 BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library RSVP Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	15 LUNCH BUNCH 11:30 am Debbie Harris laprofa@yahoo.com	16 MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am Barnes and Noble Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net BRIDGE 6:30 pm RSVP Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	17 RSVP DEADLINE FOR BOOK LOVERS EVENT	18 HUMANITIES SCHOLARSHIP WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER Hoi Polloi Winery 24338 Main Street Newhall 2—4 pm \$20
19 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	20	21	22	23 GREAT DECISIONS 1 pm Stevenson Ranch Library Pat Horanberg pathoranberg@aol.com BRIDGE 6:30 pm RSVP Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	24	25
26 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER nancyheinisch@att.net	27	28	29	30	31	1 BOOK LOVERS EVENT The Oaks Club at Valencia 26550 Heritage View Lane 10 am—2 pm \$60

Public Policy: Elections March 3

2020 is nearly upon us, and it is going to be an eventful year... we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote, as well as the most important election in our lifetime where issues that matter the most to us are at risk. Primary elections are coming up March 3.

AAUW CA is well positioned to undertake voter registration and voter education, especially with our college/university relationships. Research shows that a lack of information on the candidates and a lack of policy debates on issues of importance is the main reason some millennial women don't participate in the election process, and may not even register to vote.

AAUW aims to increase women's political influence and educate voters on issues that are important to women and girls. These targeted efforts help increase the number of women voting.

Robin Clough, Public Policy
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