

# The Santa Clarita Valley Voice

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**“Every woman’s success should be inspiration to another. We’re strongest when we cheer each other on.”**

*Serena Williams*

## **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: Over the Worlds of Harry Potter and Jurassic Park**

**Saturday  
February 22  
Black Bear Diner  
Social 11:30 am  
Lunch and Meeting 12—3 pm**

Presenter Clarissa Hernandez, Technical manager at Universal Creative, will speak on her journey as a female mechanical engineer and her projects at Universal.

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 to be provided at the event.

**Cost per member \$21**

**Payment AND meal choice required by Wednesday,  
February 19**

Please mail your check made payable to AAUW to  
**Stephanie Dietrich  
24852 Carbon Lane  
Valencia CA 91354  
swdietrich51@gmail.com  
661-476-5290**

### **Menu Choices:**

**California Burger  
Beyond Burger (plant based burger)  
Chick Avocado Club  
Tri-tip Dip  
Taco Salad  
Vegetarian Omelet**

**ELECTED OFFICERS 2019-2020**

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**COC**

- MESA/STEM Kelly Burke
- Bucks 4 Books Kelly Burke
- Student Relations Robin Clough
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- 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**

**Continuing to See Women Rising and Shining!**



*AAUW-SCV President Marianne Bakic*

As a new decade has begun, we turn our attention to the many happenings that are scheduled for the months ahead.

Our annual Book Lovers Event is being held on the first of February and I hope that many of you are able to attend. Each year this event gets better and better. The speakers, the food,

the camaraderie and the prizes! AND...the proceeds go to funding scholarships for campers to attend the AAUW Tech Trek camps this coming summer.

Our next program meeting is being held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and we will be hearing about women working on the wizardry involved in creating the Harry Potter and Jurassic Park themed rides at Universal Studios.

The Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC) is holding a tea for their March 8, 2020, meeting at the Women's City Club in Pasadena. All are welcome. They have invited Nan Johnson to speak at the tea and tell us what motivated her to create a float for the Rose Parade commemorating the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. It should be an informative and fun event.

March 24<sup>th</sup> will be our final program meeting which will take place at the College of the Canyons Culinary Institute. We will enjoy a fabulous luncheon buffet and hear about how women are rising up to become world class chefs.

On April 14<sup>th</sup> we will again be treated by the Women in History Program to hear from six renowned women authors.

The AAUW CA Convention is being held on April 17-19, 2020, at the Westin San Francisco Airport. The theme for the convention is: "Remembering the Past, Rockin' the Future". It is sure to be a great time. Please consider attending this wonderful event.

Finally we have chosen Ginny Gregor as our Zonta Nominee this year for their Carmen Sarro Women in Service Award. Ginny has been instrumental in finding and preparing 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls in our community to attend the annual summer Tech Trek camps. She spends literally hundreds of hours each year on this program selecting young girls to attend a week long science camp at a college campus. Each year our branch sends over twenty girls to these camps. They come back changed forever and thanking Ginny who made their experience possible. Please plan to support Ginny at the Zonta luncheon on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Marianne**  
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Editor Nancy Heinisch  
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Boston Scientific Neuromodulation,  
Valencia and  
UCLA Health Presents  
**2020 COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS  
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**Empowered Women  
Health \* Wellness \* Balance  
Saturday, March 21, 2020**

**8 am - 2 pm**

**Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University  
Center**

**Registration: \$35**

This year's College of the Canyons Women's Conference theme is *Empowered Women: Health\*Wellness\*Balance*. The day will feature an exciting lineup of presenters and breakout sessions designed to help attendees achieve their personal and professional goals. We hope to see women bringing family members and friends and enjoy a wonderful day of information, inspiration and motivation. The admission fee includes a buffet breakfast, luncheon, shopping boutique and keynote speaker.

Register through Eventbrite to attend. Payment is required at time of online registration. We accept all major credit and debit cards (MasterCard, VISA, Discover, American Express). You will receive your registration confirmation by email.



We send our sympathy to Deborah Harris for the loss of her mother.

Our best wishes to Barbara Lash for healing as she recovers.

*Rose Drye, Corr. Secretary  
rosedrye474@gmail.com*

*Sticking my neck out to say...*



*Happy Birthday!*

**Happy Birthday to those  
born in February!**

February 13 Valerie Jones  
February 15 Candace Ford  
February 25 Mi Doi  
February 26 Phyllis Dozier

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

Please remember  
AAUW is a top-rated 501(c)(3) charity. Donations are tax deductible.  
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# 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



### Save the Date!

#### COC Culinary Institute

**Buffet Lunch/Lecture**  
**March 24, 2020**  
**11:30 am**  
**\$25**



Sunset in Kashmir, India

## Great Decisions: India and Pakistan

### February 27, 1 pm

***How will the Kashmir situation affect the region, both economically and politically?***

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi rode a wave of Hindu nationalism to a historic reelection in 2019. His first order of business was to revoke the special status granted to the Kashmir region, inflaming the rivalry between India and Pakistan. How will the Kashmir situation affect the region, both economically and politically?

Please email Pat for meeting location and directions.

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

## Next Meeting for Evening Lit is March 4

### Greetings fellow readers!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we will not be having a February meeting. If you're in the middle of reading *The Three Year Swim Club* by Julie Checkoway we'll save a few minutes at a future meeting for a brief discussion.

Please plan ahead for our March book *The Lost for Words Bookshop* by Stephanie Butland. Diane Bartley will be our discussion leader.

"Loveday Cardew prefers books to people. If you look carefully, you might glimpse the first lines of the novels she loves most tattooed on her skin. But there are some things Loveday will never, ever show you. Into her hiding place - the bookstore where she works - come a poet, a lover, and three suspicious deliveries. Someone has found out about her mysterious past. Will Loveday survive her own heartbreaking secrets?"

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

## Winey Ladies



Winey Ladies will meet Thursday, February 13, 5 pm, at Claim Jumper.

*Debra Halcrow, Winey Ladies Chair*  
*debhalcrow@hotmail.com*  
 661-904-7610

## Help your Non-degree Friends Join AAUW

Do you know someone who would be an asset to AAUW but doesn't have a degree and can't become a member?

You can submit a letter to the AAUW National Board with justification for why you believe the individual is deserving of membership including an additional list from the prospective member of their work and volunteer experience.

The requests for membership will be reviewed and voted on by the AAUW National Board. A notification will then be received by the branch. What a great way to get new members (ones who really want to join.)

Contact Deanna Arthur, Director, Membership Committee Chair, [membership@aauw-ca.org](mailto:membership@aauw-ca.org) for more information.



The Humanities Committee held a Wine Tasting Fundraiser on January 18th. Almost 30 people attended and we had a great time. We were able to raise a nice amount to go to another COC Scholarship for those studying in the Humanities field. A special thanks to everyone who attended.

## Ginny Gregor: AAUW's 2020 Zonta "Women in Service" Nominee

*Every year AAUW nominates a member for the 36th Zonta "Women in Service" Award. AAUW-SCV proudly presents Ginny Gregor as our nominee.*



Ginny is a cornerstone of our Tech Trek Program. Her role is to find the 7th grade girls who would benefit the most from this amazing program.

There are hundreds of details Ginny handles each year. They include meeting with the counselors, interviewing and selecting the applicants, and organizing both the Good Luck and Welcome Home parties. Since she joined AAUW in 2011, she has been instrumental in sending over 150 girls to camp. She has made a world of difference to these young women.

Her other communication affiliations and contributions include:

- \* Volunteer at College of the Canyons Performing Arts Center
- \* Volunteer at the Repertory Theater in Newhall
- \* Bridge to Home volunteer
- \* Food Pantry volunteer
- \* Counseling services and grief counseling for the Hart District
- \* Santa Clarita Valley Scholarship Foundation Vice President/Sponsor Liaison
- \* Financial ministry at St. Stephens Episcopal Church
- \* Remedial reading instructor for Saugus Union School District
- \* Bible study group organizer and leader

Tech Trek is one of our AAUW branch's key initiatives and takes many hours to be successful. We are so grateful to have Ginny as the liaison to our local schools and to orchestrate the selection of our participations.


This year's luncheon will be held on May 2, 2020, at the Sand Canyon Country Club beginning at 10 am. Seating is limited, so reserve early. Reservations are \$75 per person until April 13, 2020, after that, \$90. Register at [scvzonta.org](http://scvzonta.org).

## AAUW's 2020 Gender Policy Agenda

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is proud to announce its gender policy agenda, which outlines our priority issues for the 2020 election season. As a non-partisan organization, AAUW does not endorse specific candidates, but throughout our 140-year history, we have been a staunch advocate for policies that improve the lives of girls, women and their families. Here's what AAUW would like to see implemented to advance gender equality in education and the workplace.

Visit <https://www.aauw.org/article/aauws-2020-gender-policy-agenda/> for more information.

## FEBRUARY 2020 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
<b>Please support our Bucks 4 Books Award by donating your spare change at meetings.</b>					<b>MAH JONGG</b> 12 pm Oggi's Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com	<b>BOOK LOVERS BRUNCH</b> 10 am—2 pm The Oaks Club at Valencia \$60 Diane Bartley dianebartley6@gmail.com
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b>  <b>SUPERBOWL SUNDAY</b>				<b>BRIDGE</b> 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		<b>BOARD MEETING</b> 6:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library RSVP Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	<b>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>WINEY LADIES</b> 5 pm Claim Jumpers Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com 661-904-7610  <b>BRIDGE</b> 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	<b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>  	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b>  <b>RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY</b>		<b>LUNCH BUNCH</b> 11:30 am Debbie Harris laprofa@yahoo.com  <b>RSVP DEADLINE FOR WOMEN RISING AND SHINING PROGRAM</b> Stephanie Dietrich swdietrich51@gmail.com 661-476-5290	<b>MYSTERY LIT</b> 10:30 am Barnes and Noble Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net  <b>BRIDGE</b> 6:30 pm RSVP Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com		<b>WOMEN RISING AND SHINING: OVER THE WORLDS OF HARRY POTTER AND JURASSIC PARK</b> 11:30 am Black Bear Diner \$21  <b>WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY</b>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		<b>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER</b> nancyheinisch@att.net	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>GREAT DECISIONS</b> 1 pm Stevenson Ranch Library Pat Horanberg pathoranberg@aol.com  <b>BRIDGE</b> 6:30 pm RSVP Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com		

### Next Equal Pay Day is Tuesday, March 31, 2020

This date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. The National Committee on Pay Equity reminds us to **wear red** to symbolize how far women and minorities are “in the red” with their pay.

In 2018, women received just 82 cents for every dollar paid to a man. Women of color often face a wider gap compared to white men; Black women make 62 cents on the dollar; and Latinas make 54 cents on the dollar. The pay gap has only decreased by a nickel in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

On the National Level, the *Paycheck Fairness Act* passed the House of Representatives and languishes in the Senate with no action yet taken. The Equal Pay Act requires that men and women be given equal pay for equal work in the same establishment. The jobs need not be identical, but they must be substantially equal. It is job content, not job titles, that determines whether jobs are substantially equal. Specifically, the EPA provides that employers may not pay unequal wages to men and women who perform jobs that require substantially equal skill, effort and responsibility, and that are performed under similar working conditions within the same establishment.

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