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"I am grateful to be a woman. I must have done something great in another life."

Maya Angelou



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 in the Culinary Arts

A unique opportunity to invite guests to AAUW's College of the Canyons Buffet Lunch

Date: Tuesday, March 24
Time: 11:30 am
Place: COC Culinary Arts Center
Parking included
Cost: \$25 per person

Assistant Professor of Culinary Arts and Wine Studies Michelle Razzano and her students will share with us their stories of ambition, passion and struggle on their journey to become Master Chefs.

Check made payable to AAUW
Check mailed by March 10th

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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**Remembering Our Women Suffragettes**

Women's suffrage and right to vote leaders portrayed in this statue are Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony.

2020 is the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. We will be celebrating this event in various ways. One of the ways is the LACIC Tea Party being held on March 8th at the Women's City Club in Pasadena. A few of us have signed up and will be representing our branch. We will be wearing white or purple colors and hats to commemorate the suffragettes.

March 8th is also International Women's Day. Women all over the world are working toward equity, fairness and freedom from sexual oppression. Keep them in your thoughts.

March 3rd is the final date to vote for your candidates in the California primary election. Make sure you exercise your right to vote.

On March 24th our Program VP's have arranged a wonderful luncheon and program at the College of the Canyons Culinary Institute. Mark your calendar and send your check for \$25 payable to AAUW to Arlene Saretsky for the luncheon. You don't want to miss this very special event. This is also a great opportunity to invite a friend or two to join you. The students who do the cooking and serving will be there to answer questions and to tell you what it takes to prepare these delicious meals.

March is also Women in History month. Debbie McIntosh and Louise Willard and a group of wonderful women will be presenting six famous women authors to junior and senior high school students across our Santa Clarita Valley schools this month. They will give a presentation to our AAUW -SCV branch on Tuesday, April 21st, at the Open Book.

A reminder that the AAUW California Convention is just around the corner: April 17-19, 2020. It will be a wonderful way to interact with other passionate women. There will be amazing speakers, workshops and events. The deadline to reserve a hotel room at the Westin is **March 20th** and the deadline for signing up for the convention is **April 10th**. Let me know if you are interested in attending.

And last but not least, March 31st in 2020 is Equal Pay Day! Celebrate that it is a whole week earlier this year. Then let's go out and keep fighting for January 1st to be the equal pay day in 2021!

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Deadline for the April issue of
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Editor Nancy Heinisch
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Remembering the Past

At our upcoming state convention, we will meet some women from the past who have had a great impact on our lives.

Did you know that the first woman to run for President of the United States was Victoria Woodhull? She believed that women already had the right to vote because the 14th and 15th amendments had given all citizens the right to vote. In 1872 she selected the former slave and abolitionist leader Frederick Douglass as her running mate and made an attempt to run for the highest office in our land, but the government refused to put their names on the ballot. After she and her sister made a fortune as stockbrokers, they started a newspaper that advocated, among other things, sex education, short skirts, and women's suffrage.

Perhaps you will run into Ms. Woodhull at the convention or maybe you will see the great suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton or the brave and wonderful Harriet Tubman.

*Cathy Foxhoven and Jane Niemeier
Co-Presidents AAUW California*

This year's **Zonta Women in Service 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. Please attend to support our nominee Ginny Gregor. Register at scvzonta.org.



Wishing Happy Birthday to those born in March

March 15	Denise Grzesiak
March 17	Julia Witter
March 19	Dot Toral
March 20	Catherine Altuvilla
March 26	Courtney Lillich
March 20	Rebecca Corona-Nickerson
March 31	Diane Millikin

*Penny Van Dyke, 2nd VP Membership
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With Condolences

We send our sympathy to the family of Rose Romeka. A Mass for Rose Romeka will be held March 10, 11 am, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church on Lyons Avenue.

Former member Lucie Rea passed away at the age of 103. Lucie was Charter Member and President for 1984-85. Our sincere condolences to her family in Oregon.

*Rose Drye, Corr. Secretary
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AAUW-SCV Speech Trek Candidate Namita Shyam

AAUW-Santa Clarita Valley was asked to sponsor a Speech Trek candidate for the 2020 Annual Speech Trek Contest that concludes at the annual state convention in April. The topic this year is: "Are men and women truly equal today, or are the Suffragettes of 1920 still suffering in 2020?"

Our candidate is Namita Shyam, a twelfth grade student at Academy of the Canyons, who hopes to pursue a career in medicine and become a doctor one day.

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.

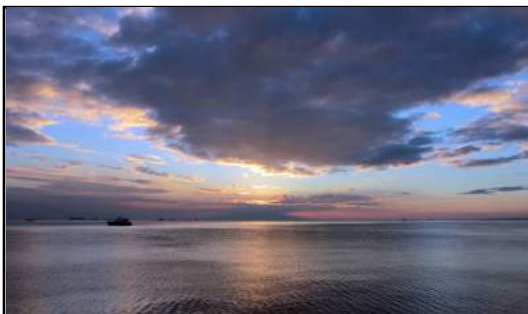
If you are not able to order and pick up your name tag, you may order through Diane Millikin. She will place a group order and bring completed name tags to a future event. If you would like Diane to order for you, send a check payable to AAUW for \$10.95 along with how you would like your name to appear on the tag. Call or email Diane with any questions.

*Diane Millikin, President-Elect
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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



Great Decisions: Red Sea Security March 26, 1 pm

The Red Sea has remained vital for global trade since the time of ancient Egypt. Once home to the spice trade, the Red Sea now sees millions of barrels of oil a day transported across its waters. With major nations like China, France, Italy, and the U.S. building large ports and bases in the region, what does the future of the region look like? How important is Red Sea security for global security? Can the region be a place of global cooperation?

The meeting will be at the home of Arlene Saretsky.

*Pat Horanberg, Great Decisions Chair
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Next Meeting for Evening Lit is March 4

Greetings, book lovers! Hope you're planning to join us as we discuss Loveday Cardew of 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?

We'll be meeting at The Open Book located at 19188 Soledad Canyon Road. The bookstore is in the Food4Less shopping center. You're welcome to bring a beverage to the meeting.

Planning ahead for April, we'll be reading *The Gatekeepers: How the White House Chiefs of Staff Define Every Presidency* by Chris Whipple. The first in-depth, behind-the-scenes look at the White House Chiefs of Staff, whose actions --and inactions--have defined the course of our country. Filled with shrewd analysis and never-before-reported details, *The Gatekeepers* offers an essential portrait of the toughest job in Washington. There are three copies available through the Santa Clarita Public Library and over 20 copies in the LA County Library system.

Hope the March winds will blow you into our Evening Lit meeting!

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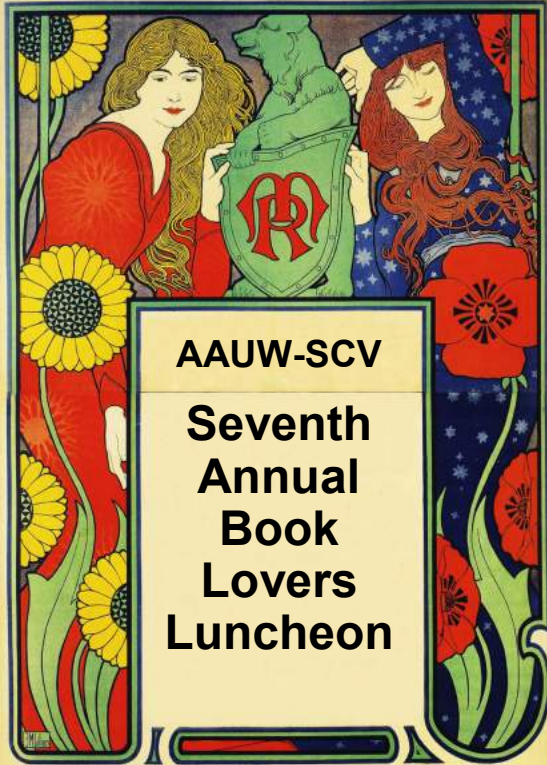


The Humanities Committee is proud to announce that we raised enough funds for two \$750/each scholarships for College of the Canyons. The recipients will be students studying in the humanities fields, transferring to a four year college, who live in Santa Clarita, and are needs and merit based.

AAUW President Marianne Bakic took the \$1500 check over to the COC Foundation last week and the college was happy to receive these scholarship grants.

Thank you to all of our members who helped us raise these funds through various events. You are heroes.

Barbara Oliver and Ruthie Smith



**AAUW-SCV
Seventh
Annual
Book
Lovers
Luncheon**

Book Lovers - Our Best Ever!!!

**Saturday, February 1
64 attendees**

**\$215 from centerpieces
\$1110 from raffles**

\$3660 paid lunches

\$1919.92 paid to the Oaks Club

**Net profit - \$3065.08
(enough for 3 girls!)**

*Thanks to so many volunteers who
made it so special!*

Tech Trek is an AAUW activity that offers 7th grade girls a one-week residential math, science, and technology summer camp on a university campus. It provides a fun and supportive environment for girls to explore and expand their interests in these areas, with hands-on activities, projects, and field trips led by experienced teachers and guest presenters.

Please visit our website santaclaritavalley-ca.aauw.net for photos of the event.

*Diane Bartley, Tech Trek
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Issues AAUW is Watching in the Upcoming Elections

Equal Pay for Equal Work. To close the stubborn wage gap, we need leaders who will pass the federal Paycheck Fairness Act and advocate for laws and policies that ensure women are not discriminated against at work.

Investing in Education. Education is the pathway for women and girls, but too many of our schools are falling short. We need to raise teacher pay, invest in STEM education, protect Title IX and make education a top national priority.

Reducing Student Debt. Women hold two-thirds of the nation's \$1.46 trillion educational debt. Policymakers should protect grant programs, champion tuition-free and debt-free options and expand loan forgiveness programs.

Strengthening Social Security. Because of lower wages and time off from work, women collect about \$320 a month less than men do in Social Security benefits. Our lawmakers need to address the retirement wage gap women face.





Women Rising and Shining: Over the World of Harry Potter and Jurassic Park

Almost 30 AAUW members gathered on February 22 to hear Clarissa Hernandez, Technical Manager at Universal Creative, speak about her journey as a female mechanical engineer and her projects at Universal.

Marianne Bakic was the lucky winner of the exclusive behind the scenes tour of the Universal Studios Hollywood theme park arranged by Stephanie Dietrich's son.

MARCH 2020 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 MARCH IS WOMEN IN HISTORY MONTH	2	3 ELECTION DAY CA Secretary of State elections@info.sos.ca.gov	4 EVENING LIT 6:30 PM The Open Book Betsy Swallow betsy.swallow@att.net	5 BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	6 MAH JONGG 12 pm Oggi's Pat Oguss poguss@gmail.com	7
8 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LACIC TEA PARTY Women's City Club Pasadena	9	10 BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm Stevenson Ranch Library RSVP Cathy Altuvilla RSVP DEADLINE FOR CULINARY ARTS Arlene Saretsky saretskya@sbcglobal.net MASS FOR ROSE ROMEKA 11 am, OLPH	11	12 WINEY LADIES 5 pm New Moon Restaurant Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com 661-904-7610 BRIDGE 6:30 pm Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	13  TECH TREK INTERVIEWS JOANN DARCY LIBRARY	14
15 <div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><i>Please support our Bucks 4 Books Award by donating your spare change at meetings</i></div>	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18 LUNCH BUNCH 11:30 am California Pizza Kitchen Patty Hoffman ed_hoffman@yahoo.com	19 MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am Barnes and Noble Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net BRIDGE 6:30 pm RSVP Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	20	21 2020 COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE Saturday, March 21 8 am - 2 pm Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center
22 <div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">WANTED! WEB MANAGER Contact Marianne Bakic for details!</div>	23	24 WOMEN RISING AND SHINING IN THE CULINARY ARTS 11:30 am College of the Canyons \$25	25 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER nancyheinisch@att.net	26 GREAT DECISIONS 1 pm Home of Arlene Saretsky pathoranberg@aol.com BRIDGE 6:30 pm RSVP Cathy Altuvilla caltuvilla@gmail.com	27	28
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AAUW California 2020 Convention

Remembering the Past, Rockin' the Future

Friday, April 17, 2020 at 10 am - Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 1:30 pm

