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“This virus will leave us entirely newborn people. We will all be different, none of us will ever be the same again. We will have deeper roots, be made of denser soil, and our eyes will have seen things.”

C. JoyBell C.

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

In the Time of Pandemic

**“And the people stayed home.
And read books and listened, and rested
and exercised, and made art and played games,
and learned new ways of being and were still.
And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some
prayed, some danced.
Some met their shadows.**

**“And the people began to think differently.
And the people healed.
And, in the absence of people living in ignorant,
dangerous, mindless and
heartless ways the earth began to heal.**

**“And when the danger passed,
and the people joined together again,
they grieved their losses, and made new choices,
and dreamed new images,
and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully,
as they had been healed. “**



Although attributed to Kitty O'Meara, an Italian journalist Irene Vella has claimed it is a translation from her poem.

ELECTED OFFICERS 2019-2020

President	Marianne Bakic
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1st Co-VP Program	Stephanie Dietrich
1st Co-VP Program	Arlene Saretsky
2nd VP Membership	Penny Van Dyke
AAUW Funds	Valerie Jones
VP Finance	Gail Quinn
Recording Secretary	Cathy Altuvilla
Public Policy	Robin Clough

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Directory	Louise Schultz
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Bucks 4 Books	Kelly Burke
Student Relations	Robin Clough
MESA Advisory Board	Rebecca Corona-Nickerson
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
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Women in History

Program Co-Chairs	Debbie McIntosh
	Louise Willard

President's Corner: A New Challenge

Who would have thought a few weeks ago that our world would change so dramatically? We were looking forward to the coming spring weather and the many wonderful events that had been planned. Now we must find new ways to interact and to help each other stay positive and upbeat in the face of a virus that has quickly spread throughout the world. First and foremost, let's heed the directions of our leaders to stay home (self-isolate), and if we need to go out, to stay at least six feet away from other individuals. With all of our schools, restaurants, libraries and movie theaters shut down, it is indeed a difficult and strange new world. However, if we can strictly adhere to the new rules, perhaps we won't have to self-isolate for too long.

Due to the cancellation of the live convention slated for April 17-19, AAUW California will be holding a virtual meeting on Saturday, April 18, from 1 to 3 pm. instead. They will be using Zoom Meeting software. You should have received an email with an agenda and links to click on to join the meeting. If you do not have a computer, you can join by telephone (310-715-8592). The meeting ID is: 414 976 6806.

As of now, we are cancelling our April events since all of the venues have been shut down. I am hopeful that the Women in History Presentation can be rescheduled to a later date, or maybe we can find a way to convert it to a virtual presentation. We will keep you posted. Our annual meeting where we elect our officers for the coming year may have to be postponed to May as we need to look into how to obtain a quorum without a live group.

AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches held a webinar on March 24th using the Zoom App. It worked very well. She updated us on what the national organization is doing at this time to keep working on gender equity and issues such as equal pay, paid leave, childcare, student debt, etc. She encouraged us to reach out to our members especially those who live alone and to call them and assure them that we are going to get through this. She also encouraged calling your legislators about the issues and working on getting out the vote.

I hope that during this time of uncertainty and stress, that you can find ways to enrich your life, perhaps by starting a new hobby, or taking up an old one. Or using this time to do some in-depth spring cleaning, and staying in touch with friends and loved ones via that old fashioned device, the telephone.

Let's not give up hope. As they say "Hope Springs Eternal."

And spring is a time of renewal. Just as all living things are rising up to begin again, I am reminding you to renew your membership in AAUW for the coming year. In a few days, you will be receiving an email from AAUW with a form to renew your annual dues. It is very simple. It includes your membership number and the amount of the dues. All you do is enter your payment method, (credit, debit, or PayPal), your card or bank number, and return the email to the sender. A notice will be sent to your branch finance officer along with the \$20 branch dues portion. If you do not have an email address, then you can renew by writing a check for \$99 payable to AAUW and mail it to our address: AAUW, P.O. Box 800354, Santa Clarita, CA 91380.

Lastly I wish you good health and safety. I hope to see you in person again in the very near future.

Marianne Bakic
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AAUW Santa Clarita Valley**Nomination of Officers for 2020-2021****The slate of officers to be voted on for 2020-21 is as follows:**

President	Diane Millikin
President-Elect	Sonja Wendt
1 st Co-VP Programs	Arlene Saretsky
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Deadline for the April issue of
The Santa Clarita Valley Voice is April 23
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Someone once said that we should all wish to live in interesting times. Well, I guess we got our wish. Now, the children of the Greatest Generation have to show the backbone that our parents and grandparents had.

As for the 2020 Women in History Program, we were only able to do it at one school – Meadows. I feel sad for all of the students who will miss out on these wonderful authors.

I want to thank Mary Margaret Sunker (Jane Austen), Louise Willard (Laura Ingalls Wilder), Valerie Lunt (Louisa May Alcott), Lynn Rackliffe (Emily Dickinson), and Amber Leigh (Nnedi Okorafor) for writing scripts. I wrote Mary Shelley's.

One school—Mitchell -- will be doing it by teleconference for their students when the online learning starts for their district. If we are clear by May, then more schools may do it too. We may even wind up performing the program in the summer. Who knows?

I want to thank Open Book Bookstore for agreeing to host us again. Yet under the circumstances they are closed and we cannot have a large gathering in April.

Thank you all for your support of this program. Louise and I couldn't do it without you standing behind us.

*Louise Willard and Debbie McIntosh,
Co-Chairs*

We have selected 24 girls for various **Tech Trek** camps. No decision has been made yet regarding the status of the camps.

*Diane Bartley, Tech Trek Chair
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This year's **Zonta Women in Service Luncheon** has been rescheduled for November 14th at the Sand Canyon Country Club beginning at 10 am. Please attend to support our nominee Ginny Gregor.



Wishing Happy Birthday to those born in April

April 01	Sheree McKeon
April 04	Alisa Doucette
April 13	Olive Bruins
April 17	Terrie Cipriano
April 28	Monika Curry
	Sue Jentis
	H. Kay Moioffer

*Penny Van Dyke, 2nd VP Membership
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Evening Lit on April 1 Cancelled

While we wish this were an April Fool's Day joke, unfortunately, we're quite serious. The April meeting will be cancelled so that we can adhere to the safety precautions and social distancing required by the coronavirus outbreak. We'll make an effort to work this book into the schedule at a later date.





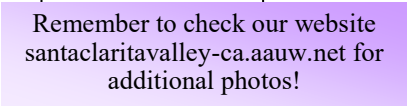
Thinking optimistically, our book for May is *American Princess* by Stephanie Marie Thornton. While it's unclear when our libraries will re-open, this book is available in paperback at both Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Alice Roosevelt may be the president's daughter, but she's nobody's darling. As bold as her signature color Alice Blue, the gum-chewing, cigarette-smoking, poker-playing First Daughter discovers that the only way for a woman to stand out in Washington is to make waves -- oceans of them.

We hope that everyone stays safe and healthy. Keep calm—read a book!

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APRIL 2020 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31 EQUAL PAY DAY	1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY 	2	3	4
5 PALM SUNDAY	6	7	8 PASSOVER BEGINS	9		
12 EASTER 	13	14	15  NEW TAX DAY JULY 15	16 PASSOVER ENDS		
19	20	21 HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY	22 EARTH DAY ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY	23 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER nancyheinisch@att.net	24 RAMADAN	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
						



Diane Millikin, Marianne Bakic, and Elaine Garcia (pictured left to right) attended the LACIC Tea Party on Sunday, March 8th, at the Women's City Club of Pasadena to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. They had a lovely tea luncheon and the program featured a talk about how two women got together and arranged to build and host an AAUW float in the 2020 Rose Parade. The older of the two just celebrated her 90th birthday. A raffle was held for a quilt made by a member of the San Fernando Valley Branch. The funds from the raffle will be used to send a student to the NCCWSL convention in May. The quilt had pictures of seventeen women suffragettes embedded in it. Seventeen women at the event then read a bio on each woman represented in the quilt. It was very moving.