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“The virus is rewriting our imaginations. What felt impossible has become thinkable. We’re getting a different sense of our place in history. We know we’re entering a new world, a new era. We seem to be learning our way into a new structure of feeling.”

*Kim Stanley Robinson*

## **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

*An appreciative thank you to*

*Marianne Bakic*

*for leading our branch for the*

*past two years*



**ELECTED OFFICERS 2020-2021**

President	Diane Millikin
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1st Co-VP Program	Valerie Jones
1st Co-VP Program	Arlene Saretsky
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Public Policy	Robin Clough

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Telecommunications	Linda Metz

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MESA/STEM	Kelly Burke
Bucks 4 Books	Kelly Burke
Student Relations	Robin Clough
MESA Advisory Board	Kelly Burke
Humanities	Barbara Oliver

**Tech Trek**

Program Co-Chairs	Diane Bartley Ginny Gregor
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Schools Liaison	Ginny Gregor
Book Lovers Luncheon	Diane Bartley

**STEM Stars**

Chair Sonja Wendt

**Women in History**

Program Co-Chairs	Debbie McIntosh Louise Willard
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**President's Corner:****Persist and Persevere**

*Incoming President Diane Millikin masked and unmasked*

I would like to thank Marianne Bakic, our out-going President of AAUW Santa Clarita Valley, for leading our branch for the past two years as we expanded our horizons and saw how women are rising and shining in their careers. It was a fun and informative

time for our branch. Normally we would have had our installation meeting in May where we would have presented her with the past president's pin, recognized her and the outgoing board for their hard work, and installed our new board, but as we are all well aware, the global Covid 19 pandemic changed everyone's plans for this spring and summer.

I am honored to be the incoming president and look forward to working with the newly elected and appointed board and chairpersons as we live our theme "Persist and Persevere". The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. That historic moment came less than two years after the 1918 Spanish Flu, the most severe pandemic in recent history. We are now living the Covid 19 pandemic. What achievements will come as we persist and persevere through this uncertain time? What strides will we make to continue to advance gender equity and economic security for women?

Your AAUW Santa Clarita Valley board is committed to staying connected to the membership and mission of AAUW and will do our best to plan interesting speakers and experiences for you when we can get together. Looking ahead to the fall, we plan to have our annual membership brunch and combine that with the activities we would have enjoyed at the May installation. We are tentatively looking at the date of Saturday, September 19th or September 26th. We will send a summer update when we know more about when and how we can gather safely.

In the meanwhile, check out National's weekly AAUW webinar series, including discussions with the NPR's Diane Rehm, and AAUW's esteemed fellows and staff on the pressing topics of today that are further illuminated during this health and economic crisis. If you miss a "live" webinar, you can find recordings of the webinar series online.

In closing, I would like to thank AAUW Santa Clarita Valley members who have contributed, participated and promoted AAUW this past year. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Together we will persist and persevere!

*Have a safe and relaxing summer!*

*Diane  
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will return in September

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## Evening Lit Books for Fall Semester

Greetings stay-at-homers! Hope everyone is weathering the current conditions with a smile and a good book!

Our Evening Lit spring semester has come to a close without meeting these last two months. We're hopeful that by September, we'll see a way to have our meetings again. At this point in time, it's unclear whether we'll meet in person, where that might be, or whether we'll be doing our discussions virtually. All options will be considered.

For September please note your calendar for the second Wednesday, September 9, rather than September 2. Details about the first meeting will be provided in the September newsletter. In October we'll go back to the first Wednesday, October 7, as we'll know what we're doing by then.

For the fall semester we'll be carrying over 3 books that we were unable to discuss this spring plus one other book that was a "runner-up" in our book selection process last June.

- September 9: "American Princess" by Stephanie Thornton  
Discussion leader Pat Horanberg
- October 7: "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah  
Discussion leader Arlene Saretsky
- November 4: "The Three Year Swim Club" by Julie  
Checkoway
- December 2: "The Gatekeepers" by Chris Whipple

Books for 2021 will be publicized at a later date.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we progress through changing conditions.

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!

*Betsy Swallow, Rose Drye*

Remember to contact Rose Drye ([rosedrye474@gmail.com](mailto:rosedrye474@gmail.com)) during the summer if you know of someone who would benefit from a card.

### Membership Renewals Due by June 30<sup>th</sup>

Thank you in advance for renewing on time. If you haven't already, please renew your membership now using the email sent in April. A reminder email with a link to renew online will be sent in June. All you do is enter your credit card payment and submit it. If you prefer, please mail a check to AAUW Membership, P.O. Box 800354, Santa Clarita, 91380. Please do that before June 30.

We plan our budget during the summer based on the number of members that have paid. Our fiscal year begins July 1<sup>st</sup>, so we need your renewal to prepare our budget for approval at the September meeting. Thank you in advance for renewing early.

*Diane Millikin, President*



## Happy Summer Birthdays!

### June

- 2 Judith Wood
- 3 Lorraine Bowman
- 4 Arlene Saretsky
- 19 Ruth Smith
- 27 Christa Davison
- 29 Dorine Blundell
- 29 Michele Nassif

### July

- 2 Maxine Johannsen  
Elizabeth Swallow
- 5 Gene Dorio
- 7 Gloria Halbfinger
- 12 Debbie Link
- 13 Linda Metz
- 15 Jenewyn Van Wie
- 17 Soo Kim
- 27 Marianne Bakic  
Gloria Ruiz
- 28 Sandra Cattell

### August

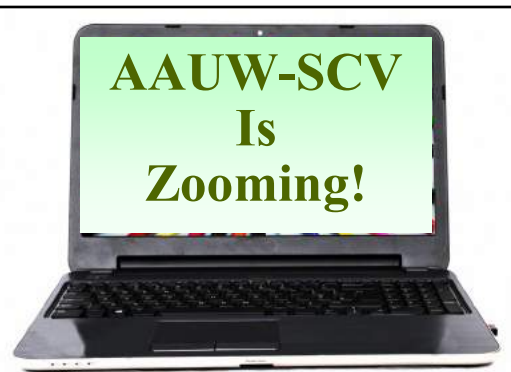
- 8 Deborah McIntosh
- 10 Diane Trautman
- 12 Tami Reyna
- 17 Gail Pitters

*Penny Van Dyke, 2nd VP Membership  
[pennyscv@aol.com](mailto: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



### Mah Jongg

1 pm  
June 5th  
Virtual

Mah Jongg at [www.realmahjongg.com](http://www.realmahjongg.com)

The game name for Pat Oguss is "poguss".  
Email **your** game name to Pat at [poguss@gmail.com](mailto:poguss@gmail.com).

### Winey Ladies

Winey Ladies did our first zoom meeting on Thursday, May 14th. We discussed activities and projects we were doing while sheltering at home.

Winey Ladies will be doing a Zoom meeting on Thursday, June 11, at 5 pm.

*Debra Halcrow, Winey Ladies Chair*  
[debhalcrow@hotmail.com](mailto:debhalcrow@hotmail.com)  
cell 661 904-7610

### Mystery Lit

Contact Louise Schultz for information regarding the next Mystery Lit Zoom meeting.

*Louise Schultz, Mystery Lit Chair*  
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## Great Decisions June Topic

How does Latin America fit into China's "One Belt, One Road" plan?

As the Trump administration continues to withdraw from the world stage, China is looking to fill the void. How does Latin America fit into China's "One Belt, One Road" plan? How will the relationship with China affect the region? Should the U.S. be concerned about China's growing "sphere of influence"?

An email will be sent if we are able to meet.

*Pat Horanberg, Great Decisions Chair*  
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## Guess Who Originally Discovered the Coronavirus . . . A Woman!

Scientific pioneer June Almeida is finally being acknowledged for virology breakthroughs she made a half-century ago. June's work has come roaring back into focus during the present pandemic.

COVID-19 is a new illness but it is caused by a coronavirus of the type first identified by Dr. Almeida in 1964 at her laboratory in St Thomas's Hospital in London. Her paper to a peer-reviewed journal was rejected "because the referees said the images she produced were just bad pictures of influenza virus particles."

June Almeida died in 2007, at the age of 77. Now 13 years after her death she is finally getting the recognition she deserves as a pioneer whose work sped up an understanding of the virus that is currently spreading throughout the world.

I was alerted to this woman by Maura Jones, a member of AAUW Half Moon Bay. Thanks, Maura!

Perhaps a woman will discover a cure for COVID-19!

*Cathy Foxhoven and Jane Niemeier*  
Co-Presidents, AAUW California  
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## JUNE 2020 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 <b>WEB MANAGER WANTED</b> Contact Diane for details!	1	2	3	4	5 MAH JONGG 1 pm Virtual www.realmahjongg.com The game name for Pat Oguss is "poguss". Email your game name to Pat at poguss@gmail.com	6
7	8	9 BOARD MEETING RSVP Stephanie Dietrich swdietrich51@gmail.com	10	11 WINEY LADIES Virtual 5 pm Debra Halcrow debrahalcrow@hotmail.com cell 661 904-7610	12	13
14 FLAG DAY 	15	16	17	18	19	20 
21 <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b> 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 

*Wishing you a safe and healthy summer!*

