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Since 1881, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has been the nation's leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls.

For more than 130 years, members have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

AAUW has a nationwide network of more than 170,000 members and donors, 1,000 branches, and 800 college/ university institution partners.

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

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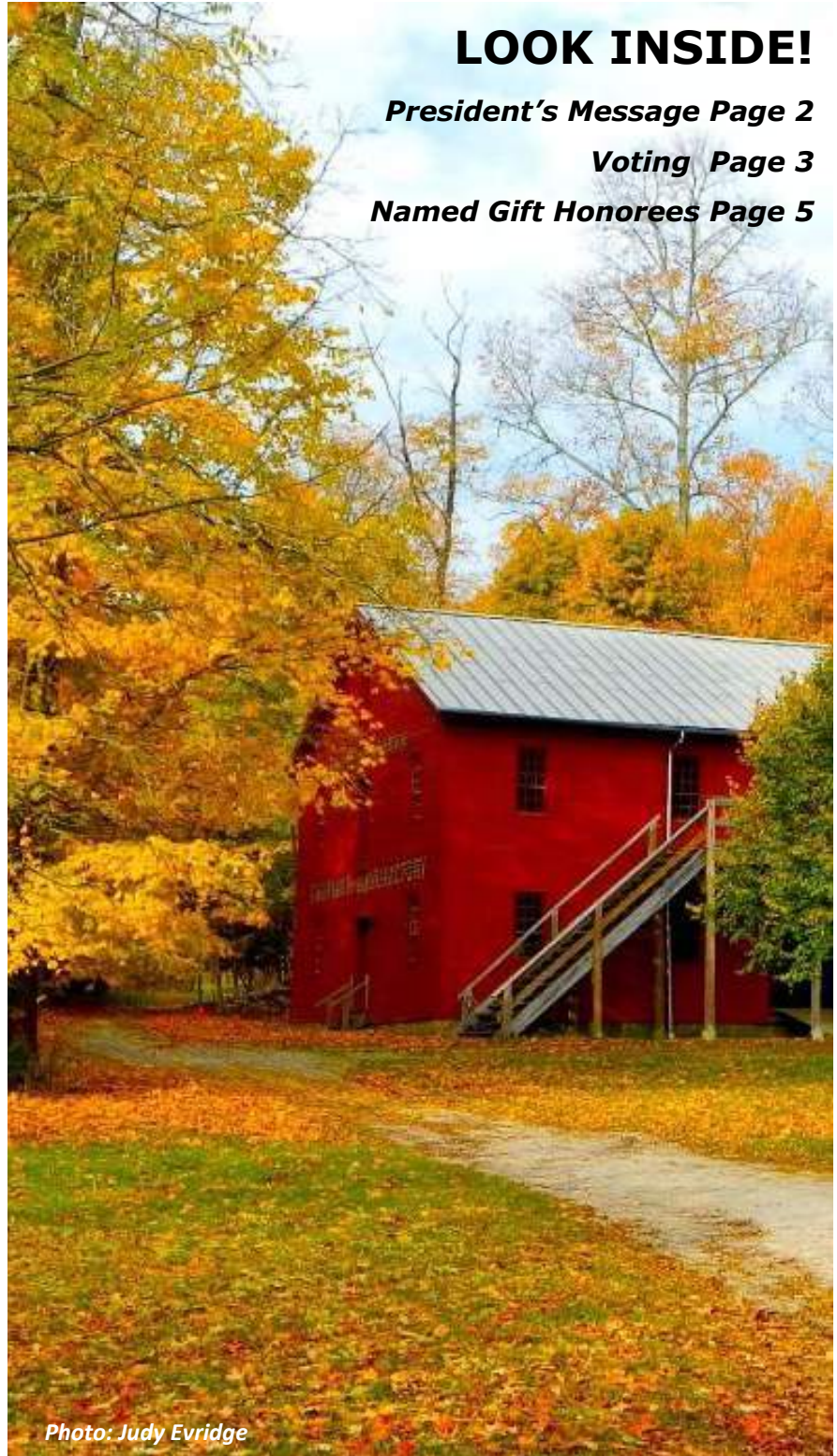


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ELECTED OFFICERS 2020-2021

President	Diane Millikin
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1st Co-VP Program	Open
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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

COC

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MESA Advisory Board	Kelly Burke
Humanities	Debra Halcrow

Tech Trek

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

STEM Stars

Chair Sonja Wendt

Women in History

Program Co-Chairs Debbie McIntosh
Louise Willard



Deadline for the November issue of *The Santa Clarita Valley Voice* is October 23rd
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President's Corner:

Remember to Persist and Persevere!



Welcome Fall! I think that is something we can all agree with as we look forward to cooler temperatures and clearer air! One of the most enjoyable things our chapter has done so far this fall is our drive-by parade we held for Olive Bruins and Diane Kreyenhagen to present them with their AAUW 2020 Named Gift Honoree certificates. Just to be out in the fresh air and doing something together (while remaining socially distant) really raised everyone's spirits!

Fall also brought us our annual Membership Meeting. It was good to see so many of you joining us online in our new normal for meeting and sharing information. Weren't you inspired by Crystal Clark, the AAUW Fellowship Recipient? She will do amazing things! And how about the visit with our suffragists Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton portrayed by Deborah McIntosh and Louise Willard? So much learning and fun at the same time! Thank you, Ruthie Smith, for being our Zoom meeting hostess; we could not have done it without you!

For me, staying at home the past six months and getting to enjoy more family time has really reminded me of some of life's simple pleasures: sitting outside with the sunshine on my face, taking a walk around the neighborhood, and stargazing at night. I will also say cleaning out closets and drawers is still no fun! I urge each one of you to get outside and enjoy fall, and I will see you all online. Take care and remember to persist and persevere!

See you online!

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Thank You AAUW 2020 Named Gift Honoree Drive-by Team!

- Louise Willard for making the car signs
- Gail Pitters for bringing balloons
- Marianne Bakic for getting the certificates
- Sonja Wendt for writing the proclamations and filming
- Rose Drye and Louise Schultz for helping plan the event
- Stephanie Dietrich, Betsy Swallow, Diane Bartley, Deborah Harris, Jenewyn Van Wie, Ruthie Smith, and everyone else that helped and participated that day to honor them

I appreciate you all! Thank you!

Diane Millikin, President

Public Policy Committee Announces Positions on November Ballot Measures

The AAUW California Public Policy Committee has reviewed the 12 propositions that will be on the November ballot and is making a **SUPPORT** recommendation on 7 that relate to our priorities and mission

- Prop 14** Stem Cell Research: Approves a bond for \$5.5 billion to support continued stem cell research
- Prop 15** Property Taxes: Large commercial properties over \$3 million will be assessed at current market value
- Prop 16** Affirmative Action: Reinstates race, ethnicity and country of origin as considerations for school admittance and government employment
- Prop 17** Voting for Parolees: Allows people on parole to vote once their prison sentence has been completed
- Prop 18** Voting at 17: Allows 17-yr olds to register and vote in primary if they will be 18 by the general election
- Prop 21** Rent Control: Authorizes local governments to place rent control measures on houses older than 15 years
- Prop 25** Cash Bail: SB10 relies on risk assessment in determining if a suspect will be held in custody instead of cash bail; a “yes” vote keeps SB10

The committee takes “NO POSITION” on:

- Prop 19 – Property Taxes
- Prop 20 – Parole Restrictions
- Prop 22 – Gig Workers
- Prop 23 – Dialysis Clinics
- Prop 24 – Consumer Privacy

More detailed information on each of these propositions, including who sponsored and who supports and opposes each, can be found on the Public Policy page of the AAUW California website. Please remember: branches do not have to adopt the supported measures but they cannot oppose them; similarly, individual members may choose to support or oppose any propositions, but they may not act as representatives of AAUW.

*Kathleen Harper, Director, and Sue Miller
Public Policy Committee Co-Chairs
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Vote by Mail (VBM) Ballot Info

All registered voters in California will receive a Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballot in early October. You have choices for using that ballot:

- 1:** Complete it and mail it in – if you do this, mail early. **Ballots must be postmarked by November 3.** They have 17 days after that date to reach the Registrar’s office, but the postmark must be by November 3. If you put it in a mailbox on November 3 it will not be postmarked in time. Be early!
- 2:** Complete the ballot and drop it in an official drop box. Your Registrar of Voters will post locations of drop boxes. The Registrar regularly collects the ballots from the boxes.
- 3:** Take your completed ballot to a Vote Center and hand it in. You don’t have to use the VBM ballot. You can vote in person and just hand in your unused ballot at a Vote Center.



Make Conscious Commitment to AAUW’s Work for Racial Justice and Societal Change

This election gives all of us an opportunity to expand our thinking and vision by making a conscious commitment to AAUW’s work for racial justice and societal change.

The coronavirus pandemic has disproportionately impacted Black Americans. We are seeing a call to address police brutality. In the face of these historic challenges, a record number of Black women are running for Congress, determined to work for change.

The Center of Women and Politics (CAWP) reports that Black women are nearly 8% of the U.S. population, but 4.3% of Congress – only 22 out of 435 Representatives and 1 out of 100 Senators. They are underrepresented in statewide executive’s jobs and among mayors and city councils.

This November, in addition to federal, state and county elections, local elections are on the ballot: cities, school districts, and water districts. There may be Black women or women of other ethnicities on the ballot in your area. You can support women of color who are running for office in your community, state and nation. Be aware. Create an environment of inclusion. Make an effort to meet and talk with these candidates. Commend them for stepping up. Listen to their stories and their goals. Ensure they are included in election discussions and activities.

Nancy Mahr, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

Interest Groups

Interest Group Chairs

Bridge	Roberta Kessler
Afternoon Lit	Betsy Swallow
	Rose Drye
Great Decisions	Pat Horanberg
Lunch Bunch	Deborah Harris
Mah Jongg	Open
Mystery Lit	Louise Schultz
Winey Ladies	Debra Halcrow

Zonta Women in Service Luncheon Postponed

We received notice that the 2020 event has been tentatively re-scheduled for April 17, 2021, at Sand Canyon Country Club.

Ginny Gregor will be now be our 2021 nominee.

More info to come.

Recognizing Past President Marianne Bakic



AAUW-SCV President Diane Millikin with AAUW-SCV Past President Marianne Bakic

In honor of her service as our 2018-2020 Chapter President, Marianne was presented with her Past Presidents pin, a gift card, candy and flowers from the chapter.

Thank you, Marianne, for all your hard work on behalf of AAUW for the past two years!

Diane Millikin, President



Virtual Lunch

AAUW Fund Virtual Lunch with the Fellows/Grants Recipients

Meet our 2020-21 AAUW California Fellows/Grant recipients at a virtual "luncheon" which will showcase their studies and goals for the year! While we will miss the social gathering aspect of the luncheons, the webinars may afford the opportunity for those hampered by distance or other physical constraints to participate. There will be different speakers at each event so you are welcome to attend one or both webinars. Saturday, October 10th and Saturday, October 24th. Both webinars will begin at 1 pm.

You must register for the Zoom webinars by going to <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-2021-webinars/>.



Evening Lit will Become Afternoon Lit

Please contact Betsy Swallow or Rose Drye for information on this change.

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Virtual Ballot Measures Pros and Cons Presented by the SCV League of Women Voters

Wednesday, October 7
6:30—8:30 pm



Learn about the ballot measures and how many are not what they appear. Q&A included. A Zoom invitation will be sent nearer the date.

*Robin Clough, Public Policy
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Named Gift Honorees

A group of 15 of AAUW members in 13 cars caravanned to the homes of **Ollie Bruins and Diane Kreyenhagen** to honor them with the presentment of our branch's Named Gift Honoree Award.

It was heartwarming to see their surprise and delight! They knew someone was coming, but they didn't know why, and they certainly didn't expect 13 cars honking with balloons and streamers streaming! Diane and Ollie have done so much in support of AAUW's mission! Ollie said, "What a loss of Justice Ginsberg! She was so important to ensure women's rights. [In her memory] we have to get working right away to ensure that the next Justice will be supporting women!"

This is the same inspiring spirit that Ollie and Diane have brought to our branch for over 50 years.

We are proud to honor **Diane Kreyenhagen** for all of her contributions to AAUW and the community.



She is one of our charter members, having founded our Santa Clarita branch in 1968! She worked to establish and nurture the volunteer program at the Placerita Nature Center, which benefits countless children and develops in them a sense of stewardship and conservation. She is a great supporter of our branch Tech Trek program.

She was an active member of the PTA for many years at the Sulphur Springs School. She organized endless activities and events. She was presented with the Outstanding Volunteer in Santa Clarita Valley by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

We are proud to honor **Ollie Bruins** for all of her contributions to AAUW and our community.

She is an honorary life member, having over 50 years of membership. She has served in almost every capacity in our branch: Membership VP, Hospitality Chair, Corresponding Secretary, leader of an Interest Group. She has conducted fundraising book sales for our Humanities Scholarship and hosted the math/science conference for girls (the pre-cursor to Tech Trek).



She is a dedicated volunteer for the Santa Clarita Food Pantry, William S. Hart Park, COC Library and the Placerita Nature Center.

Throughout her life, she has raised awareness and fought for important issues such as ERA and other women's rights. She has always been concerned about the welfare of women, children, and families.

Sonja Wendt, Publicity



Celebrating Our Friends Happy October Birthdays

- 5 Paula Charnock
- 9 Diane Bartley
- 14 Laura Laughlin
- 15 Diana Wyckoff
- 28 Barbara Spencer

*Penny Van Dyke, 2nd VP Membership
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Comings and Goings

Welcome to Debra Halcrow as Humanities Chair. **Goodbye** and best wishes to Pat Oguss, Mah Jongg Interest Group Chair. Pat and her husband have moved to Tarzana. Let Diane know if **you** would be willing to be the new MJ Interest Group Chair!

Have a Question for AAUW?




Keep the questions coming to **ASK US FIRST** at askusfirst@aauw-ca.org to get an answer to any question. If one of our Leadership Team members does not know the answer, we will find out for you.

Order Your Personalized Name Tag

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. Call or email Diane with any questions.

*Diane Millikin, President
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OCTOBER 2020 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
	WEB MANAGER WANTED Contact Diane				MAH JONGG Virtual 1 pm www.realmahjongg.com The game name for Pat Oguss is "poguss". Email your game name to Pat at poguss@gmail.com	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			PROS AND CONS OF BALLOT PROPOSALS League of Women Voters 6:30 — 8:30 pm Zoom Robin Clough robincl6@aol.com	WINEY LADIES Virtual 5 pm Debra Halcrow debrahalcrow@hotmail.com cell 661-904-7610		LUNCH WITH FELLOWS/GRANTS RECIPIENTS ZOOM 1 pm Register https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-2021-webinars/
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	COLUMBUS DAY	BOARD MEETING Zoom RSVP Stephanie Dietrich swdietrich51@gmail.com		MYSTERY LIT Virtual 10:30 am Louise Schultz		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CUPCAKE DAY			NATIONAL REPTILE AWARENESS DAY		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE nancyheisch@att.net	LUNCH WITH FELLOWS/GRANTS RECIPIENTS ZOOM 1 pm Register https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-2021-webinars/
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		NATIONAL BLACK CAT DAY 				HALLOWEEN 



Fall Membership Zoom Meeting

Saturday September 27, 2020