

# The Santa Clarita Valley Voice

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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.

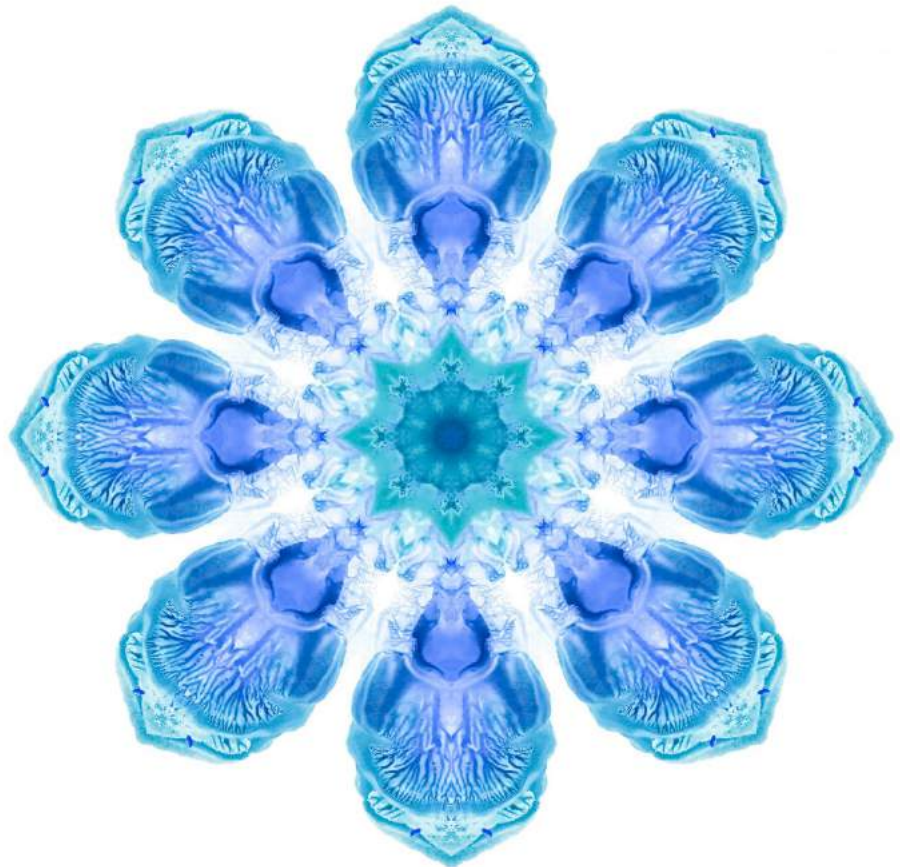
## **AAUW Values:**

Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.

## **AAUW's Value**

### **Promise:**

Equity for All



## *Zoom Holiday Party!*

*A festive afternoon of fun, games and  
memory sharing*

**Saturday, December 19th, 1 pm**

**RSVP to Tami Reyna by  
December 17th**

**reyna812@earthlink.net or 661-297-3338**

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**ELECTED OFFICERS 2020-2021**

President	Diane Millikin
President Elect	Sonja Wendt
1st Co-VP Program	Valerie Jones
1st Co-VP Program	Open
2nd VP Membership	Penny Van Dyke
AAUW Funds	Kay Moioffer
VP Finance	Marianne Bakic
Recording Secretary	Stephanie Dietrich
Public Policy	Robin Clough

**APPOINTED OFFICERS 2020-2021**

By-Laws	Diane Bartley
Newsletter Editor	Nancy Heinisch
Social Media	Kelly Burke
Webmaster	Open

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Auditors	Diane Bartley Sue Jentis
Corresponding Sec.	Rose Drye
Hospitality	Tami Reyna
Internal Communications	Louise Schultz
Directory	Louise Schultz
Publicity	Sonja Wendt
Telecommunications	Linda Metz

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**COC**

MESA/STEM	Kelly Burke
Bucks 4 Books	Kelly Burke
Student Relations	Robin Clough
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
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Deadline for the January issue of *The Santa Clarita Valley Voice* is December 27th  
Editor Nancy Heinisch  
nancyheinisch@att.net

**President's Notes:**

**Peace and Good Health in 2021**



Photo Judy Evridge

Our December 2020 certainly looks different than any of us could have ever imagined 10 months ago! It's been a long year, but I encourage you to continue to persist and persevere, stay home and stay safe, and look forward to being together again in 2021!

Although we can't see each other in person to share our holiday best wishes and good cheer, we will be meeting virtually this month and hope you can join us - you can even call in from your home phone if technology isn't your thing. Please join us for a festive afternoon of fun, games and memory sharing. We'd like everyone to share a favorite ornament, decoration or holiday memory. Grab your hot cocoa or eggnog and a plate of cookies, don your green and red or a holiday sweater, put a sprig of holly in your hair and jingle bells on your toes, and see you then!

As we end 2020, may we take time to be thankful for all that we have, appreciate the extra time we've been given to be at home to work on projects, read and relax, and enjoy less hustle and bustle for the holidays this year.

My wish for all of you is peace and good health in 2021!

*Diane*  
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*Happy December Birthdays*

December 08	Betty Granger
13	Lynn Prager
20	Colleen Mulbrecht Penny Van Dyke
24	Rick McIntosh
29	Jacque Snyder

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



# Life after Tech Trek

Meet Charlotte Kim, a 2017 UC Irvine Tech Trekker. She recently reached out to us, and this is what she had to say. "Thanks to Tech Trek, I started a club called ICSTEM for girls at my high school and my club has been super successful with about 100 members now in the three years since it started. I was so inspired by the speaker portion of the Tech Trek program, and I wanted to inspire others the way I was inspired through those speakers."

According to the school website, I.C.STEM (Inspired and Connected by Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) for girls at West Ranch High school is a club with a vision to inspire female students who are academically committed to pursuing STEM fields (which are currently male-dominated) for their future career and connect the students with



outstanding STEM-related professionals who love what they do. We have invited prestigious speakers from the STEM field to West Ranch to share about their career, their passion, and their roles in their field.

The team is made up of female students with one goal in mind... to pursue STEM fields and inspire other girls to join the vision! The officers are made of female students who are committed in school and involved in extracurricular activities, such as West Ranch TV, ASB, Golf, Tennis, Model United Nations, Coding Olympiad Team, Color Guard, Orchestra, and Charity, California Scholarship Federation, National Honors Society, and many more.



In her email, Charlotte also told us, "I'll be pursuing a Computer Science major when I go to college. I'm also teaching coding at a local elementary school. I love it. I get inspired by teaching the kids."

"I always feel indebted to Ginny Gregor and to you, and I'm happy to help out to pay back the greatest opportunity that was offered to me. Thank you for all your support throughout the years. Thank you for the amazing program you all are leading."

Learn more about the club at [westranchhighschool.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=516052&type=u&pREC\\_ID=1542073](http://westranchhighschool.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=516052&type=u&pREC_ID=1542073).

*Diane Bartley, Ginny Gregor  
Tech Trek Co-Chairs*



Few months present the multicultural teachable moments that December does! The following multicultural events and celebrations are among those that will happen this year:

- Saint Nicholas Day** (Christian)
- Fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe** (Mexican)
- St. Lucia Day** (Swedish)
- Hanukkah** (Jewish)
- Christmas Day** (Christian)
- Three Kings Day** (Christian)
- Boxing Day** (Australian, Canadian, English, Irish)
- Kwanza** (African American)
- Omisoka** (Japanese)
- Yule** (Pagan)
- Saturnalia** (Pagan)

*Courtesy AAUW Antelope Valley Poppy Press*

## Wanted!

AAUW-SCV still needs a Webmaster, Co-VP Programs and Mah Jongg Interest Goup Chair. If anyone knows of a good candidate for any of these positions, please let Diane know.

## Dues Adjustment

AAUW National sent out notification that they are raising dues \$3 in 2021, \$5 in 2022 and \$5 in 2023.

## AAUW and COC

The AAUW College and University Partnership for College of the Canyons was renewed.

## Warm Welcome!

Welcome to our newest member **Jordana Ruhland!**

Do you know of someone who is ill, had a death in the family, or just needs cheering up and would benefit from a card? Please contact Rose Drye [rosedrye74@gmail.com](mailto:rosedrye74@gmail.com).



# 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

## AAUW-SCV Zoom Meeting Invitation

*A festive afternoon of fun, games and memory sharing*

Time: December 19, 2020  
1 pm

Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88266188458?pwd=aVN5MkFXRW5Rd09Nc2dxak5EUWlMZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 6618 8458  
Passcode: 094545

Dial by your location:

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 882 6618 8458  
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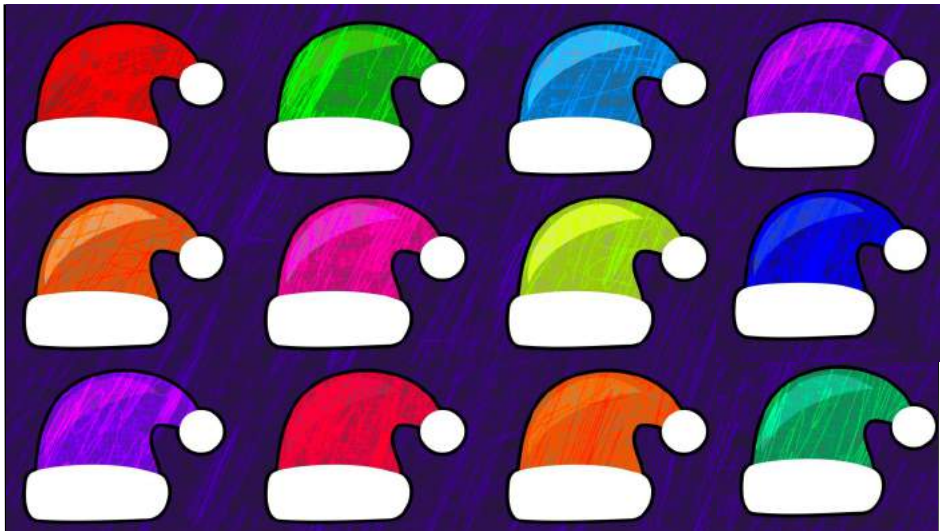
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661-297-3338**

Information will be emailed to you on  
December 18th with game information.  
Please do not peek beforehand!

## AAUW Winey Ladies

will not meet in December but will  
resume January 14 at 5 pm.

*Debra Halcrow, Winey Ladies Chair*  
*debhrcrow@hotmail.com*



Afternoon Literature Presents

### “The Twelve Days of Christmas in Literature”

Feel free to sing this version as you decorate the tree, mull the cider, or enjoy some of Cousin Mabel’s fruitcake. The authors are provided at the bottom in case you want to rush out and get the book!

*On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me THE NIGHTINGALE in a pear tree.*

*On the second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me two LONESOME DOVES.*

*On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me three of THE FRENCH LIEUTENANT’S WOMAN’S hens.*

*On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me four calling THORNBIRDS.*

*On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me FIVE GOLDEN RINGS AND A DIAMOND.*

*On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me SIX GEESE A-SLAYING.*

*On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me seven swans a-SWIMMING TO ANTARCTICA.*

*On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me eight maids UNDER MILK WOOD.*

*On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me nine ladies and THE WATER DANCER dancing.*

*On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me ten LORDS OF THE RINGS a-leaping.*






*On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me eleven PIED PIPERS OF HAMELIN piping.*

*On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me twelve LITTLE DRUMMER GIRLS drumming.*

(Authors: Kristin Hannah, Larry McMurtry, John Fowles, Colleen McCullough, Marie Seltenrych, Meg Langslow, Lynne Cox, Dylan Thomas, Ta-Nehisi Coates, J R R Tolkien, Robert Browning, John Le Carre)

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## DECEMBER 2020 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
<p><b>Important Covid Reminder</b> AAUW does not sanction in-person meetings at this time nor for the foreseeable future. Our insurance coverage may allow meetings if waivers are signed, but exercising that option would likely be tested in court. AAUW's guidance is in adherence with California mandates and in the best interests of all our members. Let's remain safe today and enjoy gatherings in the future!</p>						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		<p><b>BOARD MEETING</b> 6:30 pm Zoom RSVP Stephanie Dietrich swdietrich51@gmail.com</p>			<p><b>FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH</b></p> 	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				<p><b>MYSTERY LIT</b> Virtual 10:30 am Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net</p> <p><b>RESERVATION DEADLINE HOLIDAY PARTY</b> Tami Reyna reyna812@earthlink.net or 661-297-3338</p>		<p><b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b> 1pm Zoom Details Ruthie Smith RuthShelbySmith1@aol.com Party Details Tami Reyna reyna812@earthlink.net</p>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				<p><b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b></p>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS</b></p> 	<p><b>KWANZA</b></p> 
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<p><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> nancyheinsch@att.net</p>				<p><b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b></p> 	<p><b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b></p>	

Happy Holidays

Diane, Sonja, Valerie, Penny, Kay,

Marianne, Stephanie, and Robin



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