

# 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.

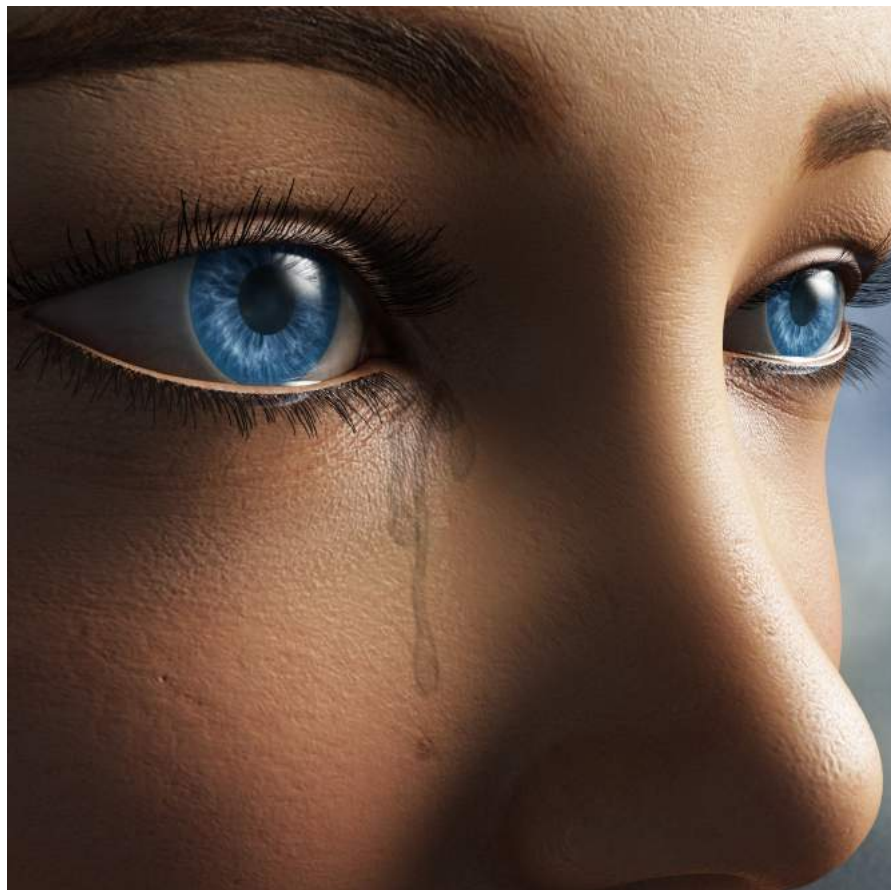
## **AAUW Values:**

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

## **AAUW's Value**

### **Promise:**

Equity for All



**Monday, January 11, 2021, at 2 pm**  
**National Human Trafficking**  
**Awareness Day**

**Register at [santacruz-ca.aauw.net](http://santacruz-ca.aauw.net)**

Please join us for a webinar program to learn how predators operate to manipulate our young people, how to respond if you recognize the signs, and what you can do to prevent it from happening.

A representative from Shared Hope will provide an introduction and latest update on what is happening on the internet with recruitment tactics.

**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

**President's Notes:**

**Help/Hope on the Horizon!**



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**Welcome 2021!**

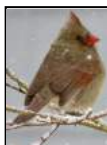
Usually there is a little nostalgia as we look in the rear-view mirror at the past year. I doubt there is much of that this time! Instead, we celebrate the news of the vaccine and the hope that we can resume our in-person activities at some point this year!

Until then we will remain virtual and do our best to bring you an interesting program or meeting each month. For January, check out the info on joining the Santa Cruz AAUW chapter's webinar on Human Trafficking on January 11th. We had a speaker at one of our AAUW program meetings here about three years ago and the information was eye-opening then. I am sure we will learn even more at this program.

As we said goodbye to 2020, we had a wonderful virtual holiday party. Ruthie Smith hosted us on Zoom and Tami Reyna organized a trivia game and scavenger hunt for us – thank you! We had so much fun sharing our scavenger items, and everyone did an amazing job grabbing items from all over their houses in the allotted time! We enjoyed a story or memory from each member or seeing a special ornament or decoration and hearing the history of it. I think we all logged off with a smile and some holiday cheer in our hearts.

My wish is for a very Happy and Healthy New Year for each of you!

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## Tech Trek 2021: Virtual Camp Season

We are excited to announce that AAUW California has determined that Tech Trek will not go dark in 2021 and will be a virtual camp season for all of California. The design of the camp is based on a pilot camp successfully implemented in August 2020 by Mary Isaac/UCSD Camp Director and attended by 40 Tech Trek campers representing 18 branches.

### Overview: 2021 Virtual Camp Model

#### Core Education Components

- Morning project-based robotics Core Class led by trained AAUW members.
- After-lunch Inspiration Hour featuring speakers chosen for excellence.
- Interactive afternoon hands-on or interactive Workshops chosen for excellence.
- Additional resources and nighttime events for social activities, college/financial aid information, STEM speakers, etc.

#### Camp Delivery Program

- Three to four 2021 Virtual Camps scheduled between mid-June and early August based on camper enrollment (likely dates 6/21-25, 7/12-16, 7/26-30, and/or 8/2-6).
- Robotics kits to be distributed from several California locations.
- Zoom platform with registration, passwords, and breakout rooms.

#### Camp Staff & Volunteer Opportunities

- A combination of interested branch members, camp directors and teachers, dorm moms, counselors, and other volunteers.
- High staff to camper ratio – 1:3.
- Several roles will be available – both in the virtual environment and on the ground; members can serve in one or more camps and training will be provided.

Based on our 2019 count, we will be able to “send” 22 girls to camp next summer. The fee will be \$400 for each girl. If you are interested in being a sponsor or want to participate in the virtual camp, contact Diane Bartley at [dianebartley6@gmail.com](mailto:dianebartley6@gmail.com) or 661-753-6762.

## Afternoon Lit Resolutions

Now is the time when we typically formulate some New Year’s Resolutions to improve our lives and fortunes. This might be a little harder to do now, since we’re rarely leaving our homes. I’ve turned to some 2020 literary sources to compile a list of resolutions that I’d like to share with you:

1. Give up **THE LYING LIFE OF ADULTS**. (Elena Ferrante)
2. When offered that second helping of dessert, say **WOW, NO THANK YOU**. (Samantha Irby)
3. Try to avoid **ANXIOUS PEOPLE**. (Fredrik Backman)
4. Look forward to a **BIG SUMMER**. (Jennifer Weiner)
5. **DON’T OVERTHINK IT**. (Anne Bogel)
6. **HUMANKIND** – Be both. (Ruter Bregman)
7. Don’t be afraid to **BEGIN AGAIN**. (Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.)
9. If you don’t drive well at night, make sure to get **HOME BEFORE DARK**. (Riley Sager)  
Otherwise, you might end up at **THE SUN-DOWN MOTEL**. (Simone St. James)
10. Do something that could be considered A **BEAUTIFULLY FOOLISH ENDEAVOR**. (Hank Green)
11. When all else fails, take a deep **BREATH**. (James Nestor)

*Best wishes to all for a brighter New Year!*

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## JANUARY 2021 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31 <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b> 	1 <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> 	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 <b>NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY PROGRAM</b> 2 pm Webinar Register at <a href="http://santacruzca.aauw.net">santacruzca.aauw.net</a>	12 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> 6:30 pm Zoom RSVP Stephanie Dietrich <a href="mailto:swdietrich51@gmail.com">swdietrich51@gmail.com</a>	13	14 <b>WINEY LADIES</b> 5 pm Zoom Debra Halcrow <a href="mailto:debhalcrow@hotmail.com">debhalcrow@hotmail.com</a>	15	16
17	18 <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY</b> 	19	20	21 <b>MYSTERY LIT</b> 10:30 am Virtual Louise Schultz <a href="mailto:louise50@pacbell.net">louise50@pacbell.net</a>	22	23
24	25 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> <a href="mailto:nancyheisch@att.net">nancyheisch@att.net</a>	26	27	28	29	30
31	<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!					



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### *January Birthdays*

- 2     **Rose Drye**
- 7     **Patricia Hoffman**
- 10    **Nancy Powder**
- 16    **Robin Clough**
- 24    **Michele Jenkins**
- 26    **Gail Quinn**
- 28    **Roberta Kessler**