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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



Tech Trek Goes Virtual

Join us **February 6th at 11:00 am** to learn all about the exciting Virtual Robotics Camp being offered this summer by AAUW California! You'll hear from Marileen "Mimi" Meamari who attended a pilot program last summer and also meet Terra Lee, a former SCV Trekker who attended Whittier in 2017 to hear about her life after Tech Trek. See Zoom Instructions page four.

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
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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:
Volunteers Needed for Nominating Committee**

Greetings AAUW members!

I am so excited as I write this note. February brings thoughts of love – and I love to hear the Covid-19 vaccine is being distributed in the Santa Clarita Valley. Maybe you have been lucky and received it already! It brings us one step closer to meeting together in person in 2021 and who does not love that?



Photo Judy Evridge

While we wait, the business of our chapter moves forward. We are forming the nominating committee now to develop our 2021-2022 slate of officers. I am asking for three at large members to join the nominating committee. This will be an easy job, as we have several positions willing to serve again, so it will probably take just a couple phone calls of your time. Can you help us out with this task? Show your love of AAUW and our chapter and contact me by February 8th to volunteer to be on the nominating committee.

Be sure to attend the February 6th Tech Trek virtual program.

Wishing you a lovely Valentine's Day and hope to see you online!

Diane
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Calling All AAUW Artists!

It's time for AAUW members to flex their creative muscles in our 12th annual art contest! Do you have stunning photography, a stellar sculpture, or a thought-provoking painting to share? Your work could be among the winners featured on a special collection of notecards in the spring. Visit the [2021 art contest web page](#) to review submission guidelines and enter your work!

Deadline for the March issue of *The Santa Clarita Valley Voice* is February 21st
Editor Nancy Heinisch
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Vote on Whether or Not to Drop Degree Requirement

The AAUW National Board of Directors strongly supports elimination of the degree requirement for membership and will put the requirement up for another membership vote this spring. This important change is a critical step in bringing AAUW's bylaws and membership requirement in line with our mission of advancing equity for women and girls. While AAUW is fiercely committed to educational attainment for all women, given our commitment to inclusion, this is simply the right thing to do.

Proposals to eliminate the degree requirement for membership have come before the membership for vote a number of times. The Board feels very strongly that, while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

For this proposed amendment, the Saving Clause in the bylaws is eliminated as it refers to degrees from institutions which have lost their accreditation and will no longer be necessary if the proposed amendment is approved by the membership. The Student Associates clause is removed as students become eligible for full membership with the elimination of the degree requirement. Language has been added to the Dues section to give the AAUW Board of Directors explicit authority to set a dues rate of \$0 for students or any other category of membership the Board deems appropriate.

If the vote passes, AAUW's national staff will be prepared to change membership language, the join function, and other related items as necessary immediately after the vote.

Members can comment on the proposed amendment from January 11 through February 5, 2021, 5 pm ET. Voting will open on April 7 and close May 17, 2021, 5 pm ET.

Beware Email Scams

Email scammers will pretend to be someone you know by using their names and familiar references in an email. They will ask you to do a favor and purchase gift cards or other non-traceable items. Follow these steps to protect yourself: 1) Do not respond. 2) Delete the email. 3) Contact the friend or relative the scammer is pretending to be and alert them of the incident. Encourage them to contact their email administrator.

Zonta Scholarship Opportunity

"Helping mature women achieve independence" describes the Virginia Wrage Memorial Fund, a scholarship program of the Zonta Club of the Santa Clarita Valley Foundation. Applications may be downloaded from www.SCVZonta.org. We have been instructed to distribute this information to women who may be eligible. Scholarships range in amounts from \$500 to \$3,000. All applications must be postmarked by March 30, 2021 to be considered. They can also be submitted by email to VWMF@SCVZonta.org.

Background: Virginia Wrage, at the age of 50, faced a family crisis that required her to make a major career change. She applied to American Airlines flight attendant school and eventually became a flight attendant. After her diagnosis of cancer, she agreed to allow the Zonta Club of SCV to establish a memorial fund in her memory. She was honored that she would be able to leave a legacy to assist women like her who are at a crossroads and need assistance to make a new life. The VW Memorial Fund was established in 1995.

Stephanie Dietrich, Secretary
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February Birthdays

- 13 Valerie Jones
- 15 Candace Ford
- 26 Phyllis Dozier

Penny Van Dyke, 2nd VP Membership
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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 Virtual Meeting Invitation

**Date: Saturday
February 6
Time: 11 am**

*The name of the meeting is
"Tech Trek Goes Virtual!"*

The Zoom link is

<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/93479814378>

Questions?

**Contact Diane Bartley
dianebartley6@gmail.com**



AAUW Winey Ladies

**Thursday, February 11
5 pm**

Join Winey ladies for a spirited evening!

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



Loving Suggestions from Afternoon Lit

We have two holidays to look forward to in February—a holiday of the heart, Valentine’s Day, and a holiday of historical significance, President’s Day. I did some research on the “Goodreads” website and the following books were either top picks of 2020 or looked appropriate for these occasions.

Affairs of the Heart

BEACH READ by Cassidy Henry –A romance writer who no longer believes in love and a literary writer stuck in a rut engage in a summer-long challenge that may just upend everything they believe about happily ever-afters.

REGRETTING YOU by Colleen Hoover -From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *IT ENDS WITH US* comes a poignant novel about family, first love, grief, and betrayal that will touch the hearts of both mothers and daughters.

ONE TO WATCH by Kate Steyman-London - Bea Schumacher is a devastatingly stylish plus-size fashion blogger who has amazing friends, a devoted family, legions of Insta followers--and a massively broken heart.

Affairs of History (and Imagination)

ABRAHAM LINCOLN: TEAM OF RIVALS by Doris Kearns Goodwin - Acclaimed historian Goodwin illuminates Lincoln’s political genius, as the one-term congressman and prairie lawyer rises from obscurity to prevail over three gifted rivals of national reputation to become president (916 pages!).









ABRAHAM LINCOLN: VAMPIRE HUNTER by Seth Graham Smith -While Abraham Lincoln is widely lauded for saving a Union and freeing millions of slaves, his valiant fight against the forces of the undead has remained in the shadows for hundreds of years.

HIS EXCELLENCY: GEORGE WASHINGTON by Joseph Ellis -Ellis assesses George Washington as a military and political leader and a man whose “statue-like solidity” concealed volcanic energies and emotions.

YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST; A BIOGRAPHY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON by Alexis Coe - In a genre overdue for a shakeup, Alexis Coe takes a closer look at our first—and finds he’s not quite the man we remember.

*Betsy Swallow
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FEBRUARY 2021 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY	2 GROUNDHOG DAY 	3	4	5 LAST DAY TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES AND BYLAWS CHANGES	6 TECH TREK VIRTUAL PROGRAM 11 am Diane Bartley dianebartley6@gmail.com 
7 SUPER BOWL 	8 DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE Diane Millikin dianemillikin@gmail.com	9 BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm Zoom RSVP Stephanie Dietrich swdietrich51@gmail.com	10	11 WINEY LADIES 5 pm Zoom Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com	12	13
14 VALENTINE'S DAY 	15 PRESIDENTS' DAY 	16 MARDI GRAS	17 ASH WEDNESDAY	18 MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am Virtual Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net	19	20 
21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE nancyheisch@att.net 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6 
<p><i>FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH</i></p>						



*Best wishes to Penny Van Dyke
as she recovers from a broken arm*

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