

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.

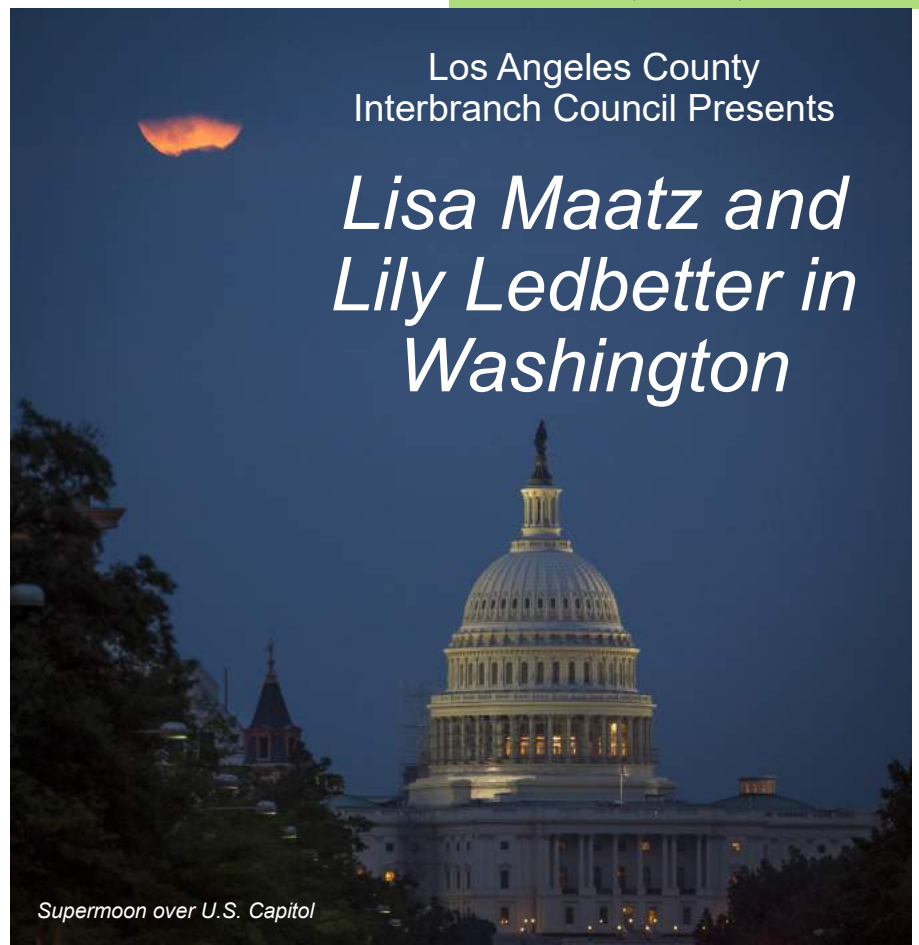
AAUW's Value

Promise:

Equity for All

Los Angeles County
Interbranch Council Presents

Lisa Maatz and Lily Ledbetter in Washington



Supermoon over U.S. Capitol

Sunday, March 14, 2021

2 pm

Via Zoom

Lisa Maatz will share some Equal Rights Amendment news and her take on everything happening in the Capitol

Reservations Required
Limited to 100 Attendees
Please email Deanna Arthur
deannaaaauw@gmail.com

ELECTED OFFICERS 2020-2021

President	Diane Millikin
President Elect	Sonja Wendt
1st Co-VP Program	Valerie Jones
1st Co-VP Program	Open
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AAUW Funds	Kay Moioffer
VP Finance	Marianne Bakic
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Public Policy	Robin Clough

APPOINTED OFFICERS 2020-2021

By-Laws	Diane Bartley
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Social Media	Kelly Burke
Webmaster	Open

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Directory	Louise Schultz
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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:

AAUW-SCV Excels at Community Outreach

One of the things I love about our Santa Clarita branch is the outreach we do in our local community by sending 20+ young girls to Tech Trek each year and the scholarships and awards we support at COC. It is amazing to hear the stories from these students about how attending Tech Trek or receiving one of our COC scholarships or awards positively impacts their

lives. Usually by this time of year we have had several of our general meetings where we pass the candy basket for Bucks for Books, our fabulous Book Lovers Luncheon and a fun Humanities fundraiser.



Photo Judy Evridge

Even though we were not able to meet in person this past year, we have been able to hold a virtual meeting on Tech Trek to learn about their new camp format for 2021. This month we are holding an online Humanities fundraiser through See's Candies. Included in this newsletter is information on how you can support these worthy

programs, scholarships, and awards, including the Women in Stem/MESA Award.

We are also proud of two endowed scholarships at COC in recognition of past AAUW members Dorinda Barnes and Virginia Prager-Elford. They leave a legacy supporting higher education.

Even though we are staying home and staying safe, the good work of our chapter marches on. Please continue to support our worthy causes: Tech Trek, Women in Stem/MESA Award, Humanities Scholarship, Bucks for Books and nationally, AAUW Funds.

Wishing you a joyous and green spring!

Diane

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AAUW Becoming AAW? or AAAll?

Between April 7th at 9 am PDT and May 17th at 2 pm PDT, all AAUW members will have the opportunity to vote again on an important bylaws amendment that will eliminate the degree requirement for membership.

How do you feel about that? If we eliminate the degree requirement for membership, what makes our organization any different than other groups such as Zonta or the Assistance League? Does this make our organization stronger? We'd like to share your opinions/outlook in the April newsletter before voting begins. Send feedback to Diane at dianemillikin@gmail.com.

Deadline for the April issue of *The Santa Clarita Valley Voice* is March 25th
Editor Nancy Heinisch



It has arrived! The new interactive **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Toolkit** (DEI) is now available at aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/dei-toolkit/.



Spring Fundraiser for AAUW Humanities College of the Canyons Scholarship

See's Candies has agreed to partner with the AAUW Humanities COC Scholarship Fundraiser this year and will be sharing a good portion of profit from the AAUW Spring Sale of See's Candies.

The Spring See's Candies Fundraiser begins Monday, March 1, 2021, and ends Friday, March 19, 2021.

I know everyone is anxious for the day we can get together again but until then, we remain restricted to our computers, zoom meetings, and smart phones. So let's capitalize on our **first** online chocolate ordering event and see if we can still manage to raise our usual generous amount of funds for the AAUW Humanities College of the Canyons Scholarship this year, while also being proactive in satisfying our own or our friends' chocolate cravings.

Please click on the following to place your yummy order to be mailed directly to you: [AAUW Humanities Scholarship Fundraiser](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/aauw_aauw_santa_clarita51/candy?h=deb_hal9989&c=ot3564). If the above link does not work for you, you can alternatively copy and paste the following URL into your browser's address line:

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/aauw_aauw_santa_clarita51/candy?h=deb_hal9989&c=ot3564.

Please include your family and friends by either sharing the above reference with them or by directing them to our AAUW Santa Clarita Valley Facebook page beginning March 1st.

If you are not a chocolate enthusiast, a money donation made out to AAUW Santa Clarita for the AAUW Humanities College of the Canyons Scholarship will always be greatly appreciated.

Check donations may be mailed to AAUW Santa Clarita, P.O. Box 800354, Santa Clarita, CA 91380.

*Debra Halcrow, Humanities Chair
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Support AAUW-SCV Community Outreach

AAUW Funds

Remember we earn \$ with your registered loyalty card at Ralphs and Food 4 Less. Many of you support AAUW Funds throughout the year and when you send in donations for the notecards we receive each spring. When you send in donations to national, be sure to include your membership # and Santa Clarita Branch so that we receive credit. We will have more information on Funds in an upcoming newsletter. Questions: Kay Moioffer, moioffer@ca.rr.com

Bucks for Books

Remember all the candy in the basket? Now you can donate without the calories! Checks payable to and mailed to AAUW Santa Clarita and note on the memo line Bucks for Books. Questions: Kelly Burke, kcburke4@gmail.com

Humanities

See's Candies Fundraiser March 1-19. Order online and share the link with family and friends outside of AAUW too. Questions: Debra Halcrow, debhalcrow@hotmail.com

Tech Trek

Sponsor a camper (any amount appreciated); see donation form in newsletter. Checks made payable to AAUW-CA-SPF and sent to Diane Bartley. Questions: Diane Bartley, db.techtrek@gmail.com

Women in Stem

Show your support of Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement at COC. Checks payable to and mailed to AAUW Santa Clarita and note on the memo line MESA Women in STEM. Questions: Kelly Burke, kcburke4@gmail.com

*Diane Millikin, President
dianemillikin@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

When Will the Gender Pay Gap be Closed?

How long will it take? What can we do to make it happen sooner rather than later? These are questions that AAUW has been grappling with for decades. As we mark Equal Pay Day on March 24th, perhaps there is hope that we can make progress in decreasing the gender pay gap in 2021, given a new administration that is committed to social justice and leveling the growing disparity between the haves and have not. We also now have women in the highest echelons of national leadership; and as we all know, when women are in charge, things get done!

According to the 2020 update to AAUW's *The Simple Truth*, it will take white women until the year 2069 to achieve parity with men based on the projected earnings ratio compiled between 1988-2019. For women of color the numbers are even worse. Black women will have to wait until the year 2369 – 350 years – as their earnings ratio has only advanced a mere 7% from 1988-2019. And Latinas find themselves in the worse scenario as their earnings ratio has only increased 4% from 51% to 55% during this period of time, projecting their year of parity to 2451! (AAUW, *The Simple Truth* 2020 update)

The reasons for these disparities in the gender wage gap are known – and understanding what's causing the problem is the first step to meeting it head on. Members are urged to read the summary of *The Simple Truth* update on our National website which lays out the problem, its causes and solutions. https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2020/10/SimpleTruth_1.8.pdf

Ginny Hatfield
AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Afternoon Lit One Story One City

The Santa Clarita Public Library is excited to announce this year's 2021 book selection *Eat Joy: Stories & Comfort Food from 31 Celebrated Writers*, edited by Natalie Eve Garrett. I ordered the book second hand from Amazon so I could read and review it in time for this newsletter.

This book is an easy read, as each essay is four to eight pages long, and each stands alone, so you can pick it up and put it down at will. Each author has written about a meal or a food that is linked with an emotional experience such as growing pains, loss, healing, and homecoming. Following each essay is the recipe for food being written about. Some look easy and delicious such as a brownie recipe and a chocolate cake. Others look more involved such as Pickles, General Tso's Tofu, or Dak Dori Tang, Island Style.

I had only heard of a couple of the authors but there is a bio of each and all have many credentials. Some of the essays are very personal and moving, while others reveal things about the author that I would have preferred to not hear about. Overall I'd recommend the book, and its international recipes.

There are many virtual or drive-by events scheduled by the SC Public Library throughout March such as an art exhibit in City Hall, grab-and-go cookbook kit, a Zoom The Food History Talk (Historical Cuisine), and much more. Check out their website One Story One City to see what strikes your fancy!

Happy Reading! Happy Eating!

Betsy Swallow, Afternoon Lit Co-Chair
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Happy March Birthdays



Photo Judy Evridge

15	Denise Grzesiak
17	Julia Witter
19	Dot Toral
26	Courtney Lillich
31	Diane Millikin

Title IX Questions Answered

What can members do locally to raise awareness of Title IX issues?

Opening Doors & Opportunities for Girls is a production of the California Title IX Coalition. The website includes the top 14 questions to ask as it guides you on how to interview your local elementary, middle school, high school, and college personnel about compliance with Title IX.

Visit www.aauw-ca.org/?s=Opening+Doors+%26+Opportunities+for+Girls.



AAUW TECH TREK SCIENCE CAMP FOR YOUNG WOMEN

AAUW Santa Clarita Valley Branch

Sponsorship Options: Virtual Camp 2021

\$400 - Full tuition for one young woman

\$200 - Half tuition for one young woman to be partnered with other contributions

Donation of your choice

Checks should be made payable to: AAUW-CA-SPF (Please indicate "Tech Trek" in the memo line)

Please indicate your organization's donation to this project and fill in your name, address, and phone number. Also, please indicate how the credit for the donation is to be listed in our publicity materials.

Amount of Donation _____

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____








Publicity Material Listing _____

Mail to: Diane Bartley
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Newhall, CA 91321

For information: db.techtrek@gmail.com or 661-753-6762

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education, philanthropy and research*
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American Association of University Women

MARCH 2021 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER BEGINS 	2	3	4	5	6 MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 
7	8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY	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 LISA MAATZ AND LILY LEDBETTER IN WASHINGTON 2 pm Zoom Zoanna Arthur deannaauw@gmail.com DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME	15	16 TIME TO RENEW AAUW MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021-2022	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18 MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am Virtual Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net	19 SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER ENDS 	20 SPRING BEGINS 
21	22	23	24 EQUAL PAY DAY 	25 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE nancyheinisch@att.net	26	27 PASSOVER BEGINS
28 PALM SUNDAY	29	30	31	1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2	3 



Starting March 16th, it will be time to renew your AAUW membership for the upcoming fiscal year, 2021-2022. Any new members joining after March 15th will get the remainder of this year free along with next year's membership. So spread the word of the good work we do and invite a friend to join!