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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

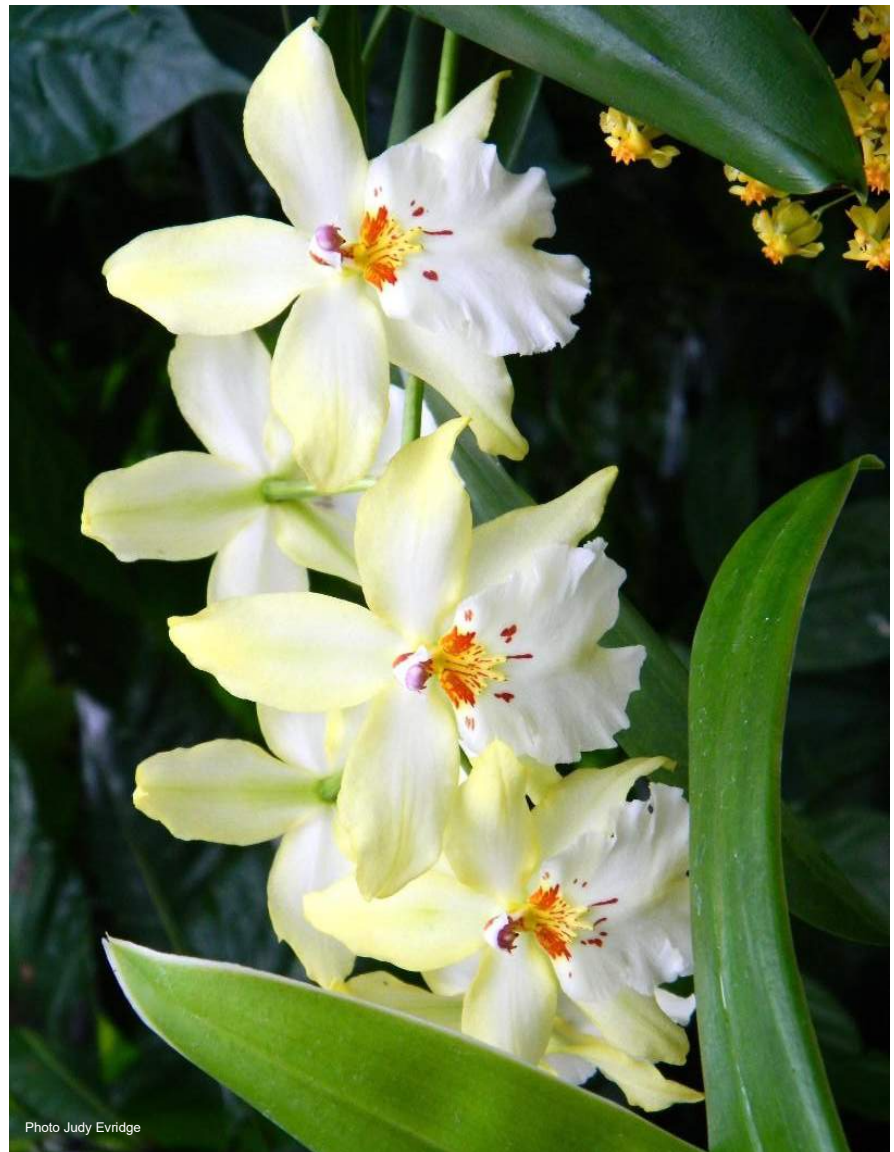


Photo Judy Evridge

Please join us at the

**Zonta
Women in Service
Celebration
May 15th
11 am**

Honoring AAUW Nominee Ginny Gregor

RSVP

womeninservice@scvzonta.org to receive the Zoom link

ELECTED OFFICERS 2021-2022

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

APPOINTED OFFICERS 2020-2021

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

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| 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

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| MESA/STEM | Kelly Burke |
| Bucks 4 Books | Kelly Burke |
| Student Relations | Robin Clough |
| MESA Advisory Board | Kelly Burke |
| Humanities | Debra Halcrow |

Tech Trek

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| 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 Column

*One Year Ends,
Another Begins*

May signifies the end of another year for our officers, chairpersons and zoom leaders, so I want to thank everyone who has come together and worked so hard this past year to support our chapter and to keep us educated and informed. This includes our monthly newsletter and emails to using virtual meetings, events, and even fundraising! I think we have all learned so much and have had fun along the way.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers for the 2021/2022 year! **Diane Millikin President, Sonja Wendt President Elect, Val Jones and Gina McDonald Co 1st VP Programs, Penny Van Dyke 2nd VP Membership, Tami Reyna Recording Secretary, Marianne Bakic Treasurer, Kay Moioffer AAUW Funds, and Robin Clough Public Policy.**

We are lucky that almost everyone agreed to serve another term in their current position. I appreciate the wonderful women who continue to work for our chapter. We want to recognize and thank Stephanie Dietrich for her years of service to AAUW Santa Clarita as she completes her term as recording secretary this month. Stephanie has stepped up and helped our chapter from the moment she joined us! Pat Horanberg has notified me that she will be stepping down as Great Discussions chair and Pat Oguss, Mah Jongg chair, has moved from the area. Many thanks to these ladies for their years of service to AAUW.

Next month we welcome to the board Gina McDonald Co 1st VP Programs and Tami Reyna Recording Secretary, as Tami adds this to her plate, along with being our hospitality chair.

For our May event, please join us at the **Zonta Women in Service Celebration May 15th at 11 am on Zoom. All are invited to attend this free event but must RSVP to womeninservice@scvzonta.org to receive the Zoom link. Our nominee is Ginny Gregor and I encourage everyone in the chapter to attend and show our support for Ginny!**

It is great to hear so many of us are getting vaccinated and starting to meet in person with friends and family again. AAUW Santa Clarita, under the jurisdiction of AAUW National and AAUW CA, must follow the Los Angeles County guidelines, so we are not there yet due to our group size. We will remain virtual through June and hope to be able to resume in person gatherings by the fall.

Until then, I will see you online!

Diane

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Deadline for the June issue of
The Santa Clarita Valley Voice is
May 24th
Editor Nancy Heinisch

AAUW Funds Reminders

One fund raising effort for AAUW is made as painless as possible using the Ralphs Grocery Community Rewards Program. If you are a rewards member and would like to support AAUW Funds, you can register online at www.ralphs.com or call Ralphs at 800.660.9003 and they will register you. Our NPO is 83349 (the name is AAUW-FF Santa Clarita Branch).

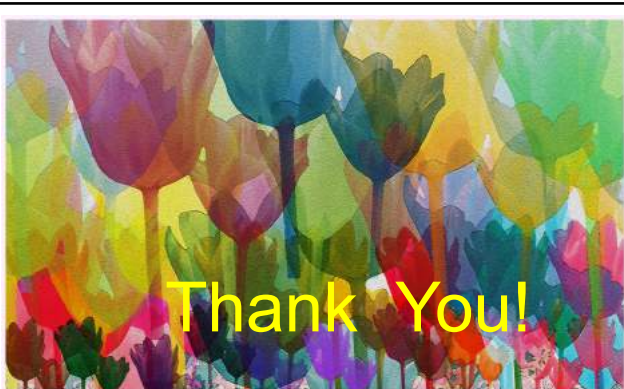
Friends and family members can also register and designate our chapter as the recipient of the community rewards their purchase generates.

Food4Less also offers a Community Rewards Program. To receive a rewards card and instructions, please contact Kay Moioffer at 661-291-1674 or moioffer@ca.rr.com.

Individual accounts must be renewed each year beginning September 1st in order to continue generating the rewards for our chapter.

Also, AAUW notecards will be coming to you soon with new designs. A donation made for these notecards will go to AAUW Funds and give our chapter credit toward a Named Gift Honoree for 2022.

*Kay Moioffer
AAUW Funds*



I want to thank AAUW members, friends and families for your support and participation during the pandemic for the Humanities Sees's Candies Fundraiser.

We raised nearly \$600 for the College of the Canyons Humanities Scholarship Fund.

The money raised can help students purchase books, supplies or a new laptop computer to further their education.

We look forward to future AAUW Humanities Scholarship fundraisers and your continued support.

*Debra Halcrow
Humanities Chair*

Zonta Women in Service

AAUW Santa Clarita Valley is proud to present Ginny Gregor as our honoree for Zonta's 36th Annual Women in Service Award. Ginny Gregor is a cornerstone of our Tech Trek Program. Her role is to find the 7th grade girls who would benefit the most from this amazing program.



Ginny jumped in with both feet when she learned about AAUW and Tech Trek. As a middle school science teacher for 30 years, Ginny had seen many girls with talent in science and math drift away from these subjects. To Ginny, these girls are special and Tech Trek is a way for them to learn how special they truly are.

Ginny was able to capitalize on her relationships in the William S. Hart School District to get the word out to counselors and seventh grade science and math teachers about the Tech Trek program. She developed relationships at each middle school and raised support for the Tech Trek program. Now, each school considers the program a priority and faithfully nominates four to five top seventh grade girls each year for the program.

Ginny runs the selection process which begins in February. Upon their return from camp at the end of the summer, Ginny emceeds a welcome home event. The girls, now truly young women, are poised, confident, and strong. They are eager to share their experiences. They shine. To see them is inspiring. They are our future. Ginny's many hours and months of work come to fruition. This is Ginny's favorite time of the year.

Alumni Tech Trek campers continue to share their enthusiasm for the Tech Trek experience with Ginny, sharing updates on their high school pathways, reflecting the strong bond built between the campers and Ginny from their first introduction.

Tech Trek is one of our AAUW branch's key initiatives and takes many volunteers to be successful. We are so grateful to have Ginny as the liaison to our local schools and to orchestrate the selection of the participants. Since Ginny joined AAUW in 2011, she has been instrumental in sending over 150 girls to camp. She has made a world of difference to these young women.

In addition to her work on Tech Trek, she volunteers at the Hart district by providing counseling services and grief counseling. Ginny has been an officer of the Santa Clarita Scholarship Foundation since 2011. She also volunteers at schools for young reader groups, and is an active member of her church where she volunteers in the finance ministry.

Thank you Ginny for all of your effort to help make the Tech Trek experience so important for these girls! We are hoping many members can attend the Zonta event for all honorees on May 15th

*Sonja Wendt
President Elect*

Voting Reminders

Voting on the AAUW National proposed bylaws amendment that eliminates the degree requirement for membership closes on May 17th at 2 pm PDT.

AAUW California election is April 16th-May 7th.

Interest Groups

Interest Group Chairs

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



Women in History 2021

Of the six schools who said that they would do the Women in History Program this year, none of them did the characters we selected if they did it at all. One of the schools performed women whom we have done in the past (because they did our program last year, just before the shutdown). Most of the schools were transitioning back into the in-classroom education during March and dropped their plans to do it.

Louise Willard was the only person from this year's women authors -- Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Sulphur Springs Elementary School performed six women whom we had previously done and provided their videotapes. With Louise, this made an interesting program. With Dianne Millikin's tutoring, we showed the videos with introductions by Debbie.

The women who joined Laura Ingalls Wilder were Grace O'Malley, Shirley Temple, Coco Chanel, Maya Lin, Betsy Ross, and Queen Isabella.

Hopefully, things will return to normal next year.

*Debbie McIntosh and Louise Willard
Women in History Co-Chairs*



Morning in the Park Lit

Greetings fellow readers!

At long last we'd like to try an in-person meeting in a socially distant outdoor setting, Santa Clarita's Central Park. We'll meet on Tuesday, May 25, at 10:30 am. Central Park is located at 27150 Bouquet Canyon Road in Saugus. Please park near the basketball courts/exercise equipment and we'll set up in that vicinity. Bring a lawn chair and your own beverage and/or snack. A hat is helpful if it is breezy or too sunny.

Our book is "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles; it is also a feature film starring Tom Hanks. In the aftermath of the Civil War, an aging itinerant news reader agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people in this exquisitely rendered, morally complex, multilayered novel of historical fiction that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust. Pat Horanberg will be our discussion leader.

Since enjoyable books are often turned into movies, I'll take this opportunity to put in a plug for the new Laemmle Theatre in downtown Newhall. I've seen a film there and have nothing but good things to say. Parking is very convenient in the adjacent parking structure and you just walk a few steps across a courtyard to the theatre. The interior design is sleek and modern, the staff cheerful and helpful, and the seats and aisles are roomy. They have a concession stand, but I didn't try any of the snacks. There were perhaps ten people in the theatre I was in, although I'd expect numbers to grow as word gets out what a nice theatre this is. Overall, it was a very pleasant, civilized experience.

Hope to see some of you at Central Park on May 25 at 10:30 am!

Betsy Swallow, Afternoon Lit Co-Chair
betsy.swallow@att.net

Time to Renew your Membership

Did you get your personal email reminder to renew your annual dues? Dues are \$102. The email allows you to pay by credit card. If you want to pay by check please mail your check to Marianne Bakic, 28823 Phantom Trail, Santa Clarita, CA 91390.

MAY 2021 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 MAY DAY  |
| 2 | 3 | 4 NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY | 5 CINCO DE MAYO | 6 | 7 VOTING ENDS FOR 2021 AAUW CA NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS | 8 |
| 9 MOTHER'S DAY  | 10 | 11 BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm Zoom RSVP Tami Reyna reyna812@earthlink.net | 12 | 13 WINEY LADIES 5 pm Zoom Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com | 14 | 15 ZONTA WOMEN IN SERVICE 11 am Zoom RSVP to womenin- service@scvzonta.org |
| 16 | 17 VOTING ENDS ON ELIMINATING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR AAUW MEMBERSHIP | 18 NATIONAL NO DIRTY DISHES DAY | 19 | 20 MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE nancyheimisch@att.net | 25 MORNING LIT IN THE PARK Central Park 10:30 am Betsy Swallow Betsy.swallow@att.net | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 MEMORIAL DAY  | | | | | |



Photo Judy Evridge

Happy May Birthdays

Kelly Burke May 07
 Diane Weber May 09
 Debra Halcrow May 11
 Stephanie Dietrich May 12
 Diane Kreyenhagen May 19

Penny Van Dyke, 2nd VP Membership
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