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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



**Wishing you a
Covid-free Summer!**

Diane, Sonja, Valerie,

Gina, Penny, Kay,

Marianne, Tami

and Robin

ELECTED OFFICERS 2021-2022

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 2021-2022

By-Laws	Open
Newsletter Editor	Open
Social Media	Kelly Burke
Webmanager	Open

ADMINISTRATIVE

Auditors	Sue Jentis Open
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 Gail Pitters

Tech Trek

Program Chair	Ginny Gregor
Com. Fundraising	Open
Schools Liaison	Ginny Gregor
Book Lovers Luncheon	Open

STEM Stars

Program Chair	Sonja Wendt
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Women in History

Program Co-Chairs	Debbie McIntosh Louise Willard
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*President's Column***Stepping Forward into Growth**

“In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or step back into safety.”

Abraham Maslow

June brings us the start of another year for our AAUW Santa Clarita chapter. While we cannot see the future clearly, we do know we want to move forward for 2021/2022 and out of the safety of staying home! We want to meet in person, hold our programs, resume our interest group activities, and grow our chapter. To accomplish these things, we all need to step forward and contribute to the chapter so that we can continue to support our AAUW mission: **to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.**

With growth comes change. Our chapter has some significant changes coming this summer besides the usual board transitions. We want to recognize and thank Diane Bartley and Nancy Heinisch for their years of service to AAUW Santa Clarita. They have both notified me that they are stepping down from their positions as Tech Trek chair/Book Lovers Luncheon chair and Newsletter Editor, respectively. Many thanks to these ladies for their numerous contributions to our chapter, helping guide it to where it is today.

Please take a moment to think about where your next growth opportunity with our chapter is. Take a look at the list to the left; anywhere it has “Open”, we need filled. Without these positions filled, we cannot continue our mission. Please email or call me to discuss or ask any questions.

I appreciate all of you and the wonderful board members I get to work with every month for our chapter. I hope you are ready to take the step forward into growth

Diane

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*A Heartfelt Thanks*

I would like to say how much I appreciate your confidence in me in handling the Tech Trek program on your behalf. It has been, and will continue to be, my focus to help this program serve as many 7th grade girls who love science as possible.

It has been my honor to have represented our chapter as the Zonta “Women in Service” nominee this year. Thank you.

Ginny Gregor

P.S. I couldn't do any of Tech Trek without Diane Bartley!



Photo: Judy Evridge

Happy Birthdays

June

- 2 Judith Wood
- 3 Lorraine Bowman
- 4 Arlene Saretsky
- 19 Ruth Smith

July

- 2 Maxine Johannsen
- Elizabeth Swallow
- 7 Gloria Halbfinger
- 13 Linda Metz
- 15 Jenewyn Van Wie
- 27 Marianne Bakic
- Gloria Ruiz
- 28 Sandra Cattell

August

- 8 Deborah McIntosh
- 10 Diane Trautman
- 12 Tami Reyna
- 17 Gail Pitters

Penny Van Dyke, 2nd VP Membership
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AAUW National Election 2021 Results are in!

The board-recommended ballot initiative to remove the college-degree membership requirement did not receive the two-thirds vote required to enact a bylaws change.

Only 23% of all eligible voters voted; of those who voted, 63% were in favor of the change.

Complete result data can be found at aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/.

Julia Brown, AAUW Board Chair, stated "It's clear that momentum is shifting toward a more inclusive membership, and we will raise this issue for a vote again in future years."

Addressing Discrimination against Black, Transgender and Gender Non-conforming People

AAUW members can address the challenges faced by black, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals by advocating for legislation that assures an even playing field and addresses the unique housing and healthcare challenges faced by this population.

These will help us achieve AAUW-California's public policy goals of equality, inclusiveness and financial security for all women. AAUW California supports "freedom in definition of self-identity" as critical to ensuring justice for a diverse and inclusive society.

Robin Clough, Public Policy
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AAUW Funds Reminders: Notecards and Ralphs

You should have received your notecards in May. Remember that a donation for these will support AAUW's commitment to advance equity for women and girls. (If you are not going to use your notecards, please know that Tech Trek would love them.)



Also using the Ralphs Grocery Community Rewards Program supports 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 that 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.

Kay Moioffer, AAUW Funds

Keep the questions coming to **ASK US FIRST** at askusfirst@aauw-ca.org to get an answer to any question.

Interest Groups

Interest Group Chairs

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

Virtual Tech 2021 Trek Camp

We will have 26 girls attending the 2021 Virtual Tech Trek Camp, which will be held in three sessions this summer: June 21 - 25, July 12 -16 and July 26 -30

Eleven of the attendees are from the 2020 camp that was cancelled last summer, and 15 are from the 2021 camper group who were nominated by their counselors in February as outstanding STEM students.

The breakdown by school of those 26 campers is as follows:

- 4 from Rio Norte
- 2 from La Mesa
- 6 from Rancho Pico
- 7 from Arroyo Seco
- 4 from Placentia
- 2 from Sierra Vista
- 1 from Castaic

We look forward to hearing about their experiences in September!

Winey Ladies to Meet

Winey Ladies will meet Thursday, June 10, at 5 pm, via Zoom.

*Debra Halcrow, Winey Ladies Chair
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Time to Renew your Membership

If you have questions regarding renewing your membership contact Penny Van Dyke, 2nd VP Membership, pennyscv@aol.com.

Morning in the Park Lit June 2021

“It was a dark and stormy night”

No, wait, it was a bright and sunny morning at Central Park when we held our May 25th meeting to discuss *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. This was our first in-person meeting since the onset of the pandemic and it was so enjoyable to see each other again! We had 10 attendees. Pat Horanberg provided a biography of the author along with questions to get the discussion rolling. Everyone liked the book; keep your eyes out for the movie which is now on the streaming services.

We will have another Morning in the Park meeting in June. Our selected book is *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. It’s a best seller and is available in paperback, electronic form, inexpensive hardback, and the libraries (although they seem to be backlogged with requests). Arlene Saretsky will be discussion leader.

Date - Tuesday, June 22

Time - 10 am

Location - Central Park is located at 27150 Bouquet Canyon Road in Saugus. Turn into the Park and proceed about half-way down, between the ball fields. There’s a large walkway leading to a restroom and we’ll be set up there on the grass adjacent to the walkway.

Bring - A lawn chair, water or a beverage, and a hat in case of sun or breeze.

Betsy’s cell phone is 661-645-9384 if you need to call.

Hope to see you then!

*Betsy Swallow, betsy.swallow@att.net
Rose Drye, rosedrye474@gmail.com*









Mystery Lit met at Hart Park last week for the first face to face gathering since February of 2020. Zoom meetings were a great way to keep in touch and to discuss our books but our park meeting was a welcome return to normal. We will continue to meet in the park for the near future. While we met at Barnes & Noble our membership was open to all, so it was not exclusively an AAUW group, and we plan to continue that policy.

We meet the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 am.

*Louise Schultz, Mystery Lit Chair
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JUNE 2021 INTEREST GROUPS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 MEMORIAL DAY 	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm Zoom RSVP Tami Reyna reyna812@earthlink.net	9	10 WINEY LADIES 5 pm Zoom Debra Halcrow debhalcrow@hotmail.com 	11	12
13	14 FLAG DAY 	15	16 LUNCH BUNCH Deborah Harris laprofa@yahoo.com	17 MYSTERY LIT 10:30 am Hart Park Louise Schultz louise50@pacbell.net BRIDGE Roberta Kessler rkessler1367@gmail.com	18	19 JUNETEENTH
20 	21 FIRST DAY OF 	22 MORNING LIT IN THE PARK 10 am Central Park Betsy Swallow betsy.swallow@att.net	23 	24 BRIDGE Roberta Kessler rkessler1367@gmail.com	25	26
<p style="margin: 0;">← FIRST SESSION VIRTUAL TECH TREK CAMP →</p>						
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<p style="margin: 0;">Don't forget to order your personalized magnetic name tag to wear to our events. Contact Diane Millikin for details.</p>						

