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### **Elected Officers 2021-2022**

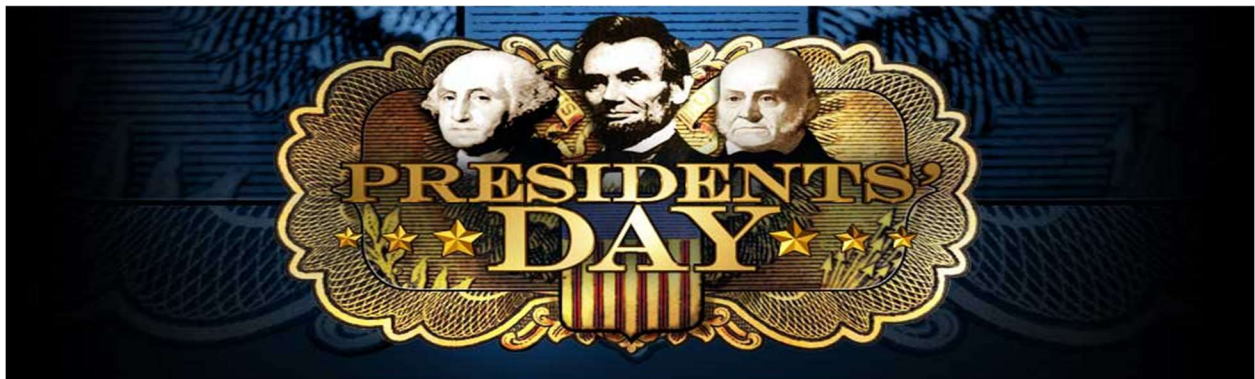
**President** Diane Millikin  
**President Elect** Sonja Wendt  
**1<sup>st</sup> Co-VP Programs** Valerie Jones  
**1<sup>st</sup> Co-VP Programs** Gina MacDonald  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership** Penny Van Dyke  
**AAUW Funds** Kay Moioffer  
**VP Finances** Marianne Bakic  
**Public Policy** Robin Clough  
**Recording Secretary** Tami Reyna  
**APPOINTED OFFICERS 2021-2022**  
**By-Laws** Barbara Oliver  
**Newsletter Editor** Jodi Guerrero  
& Louise Willard  
**Social Media** Kelly Burke  
**Webmanager** Rick McIntosh  
  
**Co-Auditor** Sue Jentis & Lorraine Bowman

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Corresponding Sec.**  
**Hospitality** Tami Reyna  
**Internal Communications**  
Louise Schultz  
**Directory** Louise Schultz  
  
**Publicity** Sonja Wendt  
**Telecommunications**  
Linda Metz  
  
  
**Program Chair** Sonja Wendt

### **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 Pitter  
**Tech Trek**  
**Program Chair** Ginny Gregor  
**Com. Fundraising** OPEN  
**School Liaison** Ginny Gregor  
**Book Lovers Luncheon** Sonja Went  
**STEM Stars**  
  
  
**Women in History**  
Debbie McIntosh & Louise Willard



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## **President's Note:**

### February President's Note

Will YOU Be Our Valentine? As we are once again derailed from meeting in person, the business of our chapter moves forward. We are forming the nominating committee to develop our 2022-23 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/zoom meetings of your time. Can you help us out with this task? Show your love of AAUW and our chapter and your appreciation to your current serving board and contact me by Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup> to volunteer to be on the nominating committee, or better yet, to accept a nomination when asked. Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day and hope to see you online at our next meeting!

Diane Millikin

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## **Childcare Relief AAUW's Top Priority**

AAUW is calling on the 117th Congress to ensure that a permanent paid leave program, childcare funding and the Child Tax Credit are included in the budget reconciliation process.

The state of U.S. childcare is deplorable compared with other developed nations, especially with respect to affordability.

This fact has been brought home to us ever more vividly during the current pandemic. Women, who still bear the majority of child caring, have left the workforce in the millions due to the absence of basic childcare services and the cost associated with it.

Childcare relief remains the top priority of AAUW California this year. Please be sure to contact your Senator and let them know of your AAUW membership and your commitment to ensuring our Nation's future. - *Public Policy Robin Clough*



Santa Clarita Tech Trekker Terra Lee Update

**Terra Lee did an extraordinary presentation about the impact of participating in Tech Trek in one of our past programs. At that time, she shared her interest in neuroscience, so I connected her to my daughter, Catie Chang, who is a professor and researcher in that field at Vanderbilt University. Terra attends Valencia High School as did Catie and a bond was instantly formed.**

**The excitement was palpable when last month the two met in person for the first time while Catie was in town for winter break.**

**I learned that Terra, a senior, joined Catie's lab virtually and her input has been invaluable. During their intense conversation, Terra continually lauded our AAUW Chapter and credited Tech Trek for opportunities and growth. "It changed my life!" She remarked.**

**Terra has applied to Vanderbilt University and another update may soon be shared with you. 😊**



Terra on left, Catie on right

## **Our Book Lovers' Tech Trek Fundraiser has changed to a virtual event, new date to be announced.**

In case you missed this update, please know we have been notified by COC that our event at the Culinary Institute must be postponed, due to the current COVID surge. In true COVID fashion, we are being fluid and working quickly to replan the event as a zoom meeting. Details will be announced soon and the event is expected to be sometime in spring. We also plan to have a second fundraiser in-person at the COC Culinary Institute when that venue becomes available to us again.







**We have all experienced a change in our lives with COVID being introduced! Now that we are two years into this pandemic, it might be the time to review your estate planning documents or create one if you have not already done so.**

**Randall F. Kaiden, J.D., LL.M. (Tax), a State Bar of California Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, and Principal Attorney at Kaiden Elder Law Group, PC, will be speaking to us regarding the importance of having the right estate plan in place – one that addresses issues that arise during life as well as different methods for easy and conflict free distribution of our estates at death. He will also be discussing changes to the “legal landscape” as it relates to estate planning, tax laws and the growing area of elder care law.**

**To get the most out of this presentation, review your current estate planning documents and have them with you when you attend this meeting. Once the presentation is completed, you'll have a better understanding of your plan and whether changes need to be made. Also, Mr. Kaiden will stick around for a quick question and answer session at the end, so please feel free to ask questions. Plan on joining our Zoom meeting on February 19, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.**

**Daytime Lit will meet Tuesday, February 22, 11am, outdoor patio of Panera Bread on Golden Valley Rd. Our discussion book is "Eternal" by Lisa Scottoline.**

**Reminder: Attendance limited to members who are fully vaccinated, including booster shot. Please contact Betsy Swallow or Barbara Oliver with any questions.**



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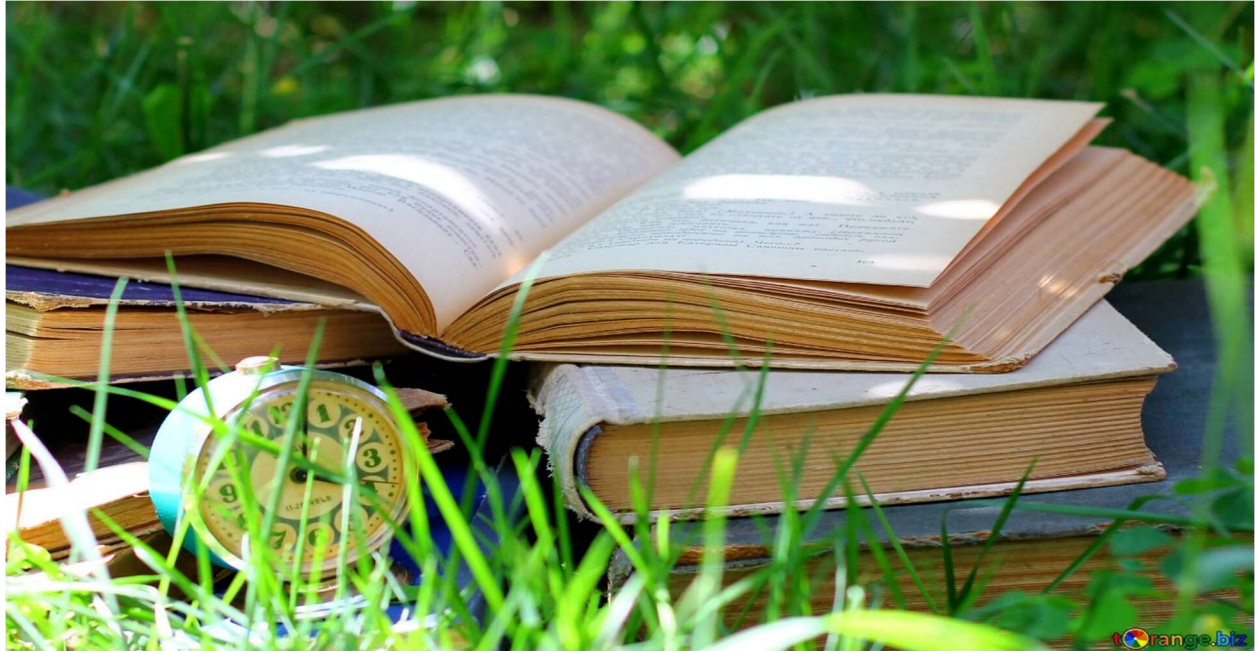
**Winey Ladies will be cancelled on Thursday  
February 10th."  
Thank you, Debra Halcrow.**



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**Mystery Lit** our meeting this month is Feb 17. We will be reading  
Suburban Dicks written by Fabian Nicieza



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### **2-22-2023 Book List Mystery Lit**

Jan	The Last Thing He Told Me	Laura Dave
Feb	Suburban Dicks	Fabian Nicieza
Mar	The Less Dead	Denise Mina
Apr	The First Rule of Ten	Gay Hendricks
May	The Thursday Murder Club	Richard Osman
June	Mr. Churchill's Secretary	Susan MacNeal
July	Billy Summers	Stephen King
Aug	Lightning Strike	William Kent Krueger
Sept	The Madness of Crowds	Louise Penny
Oct	The Herons Cry	Ann Cleeves
Nov	The Passengers	John Marr



## GREETINGS FROM THE CEO: NEW YEAR, NEW UNITY

Happy New Year! I'd like to start the year with a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to AAUW's year-end giving campaign. I'm delighted to report that—because of you—our donations far exceeded our largest-ever matching gift of \$75,000 in honor of AAUW's 140th anniversary. The match was made possible through the generosity of [AAUW's board, volunteers and staff](#). Combined with your generosity, we're poised to do great things for women and girls in 2022.

This is also an opportune time to reflect on all we accomplished together in 2021. [AAUW's Year in Review](#) highlights the year in activism, research, learning, programs and partnerships. And our shareable [2021 By the Numbers graphic](#) emphasizes the breadth of our efforts, from four new research reports to \$5 million in educational funding to women scholars and community projects. Never doubt the difference you're making!

Sincerely,



*Gloria Blackwell*



**NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS**

Please have *all items* for FEBURARY's newsletter to us by February 22, 2022.

Louise M. Willard email [willardlmw@gmail.com](mailto:willardlmw@gmail.com)

And

Jodi Guerrero email [jguerrero@hartdistrict.org](mailto:jguerrero@hartdistrict.org)




Thank you for your continued support,

Jodi and Louise

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 BRIDGE	11	12
13 Happy Birthday VALERIE JONES  SUPER BOWL 	14  VALENTINE'S DAY 	15  Happy Birthday CANDACE FORD	16 LUNCH BUNCH	17 Mystery Lit	18	19 ESTATE PLANNING PROGRAM 11AM
20	21 PRESIDENT'S DAY 	22 DAY TIME LIT 11am, Panera Bread on Golden Valley Rd.	23	24 BRIDGE	25	26 Happy Birthday PHYLLIS DOZIER
27	28					

