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**Elected Officers 2021-2022**

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**School Liaison** Ginny Gregor  
**Book Lovers Luncheon** OPEN

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**Program Chair** Sonja Wendt

**Women in History**

Debbie McIntosh & Louise Willard



### **President's Note:**

This month brings our first in person event -- how exciting! I hope to see you at our holiday brunch on Dec. 11 @ 11:00am. Remember to don your festive green and red or an “ugly” holiday sweater, put a sprig of holly in your hair and jingle bells on your toes, and don't forget to wear your mask of course!

Looking forward to 2022. We will have some in person events (Book Lovers/Humanities fundraisers and our end of year lunch, I hope). We will also have online meetings as well, so watch for the newsletter or email blast each month with details. As we end 2021, may we take time to be thankful for all that we have, celebrate that we are stronger together in AAUW, and enjoy the holidays this year.

My wish for all of you is joy, peace, and good health in 2022!

*Diane Millikin*

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## AAUW Santa Clarita Holiday Brunch, Gift Exchange & Ugly Sweater Contest

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m.

**Casa Canela, 27647 Bouquet Canyon Rd.  
Santa Clarita, CA 91350**

**\*\*\$21.50 per person, RSVP by December 6** and send check or Venmo to:

Diane Millikin, 22348 Circle J Ranch Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Venmo [dianemillikin@gmail.com](mailto:dianemillikin@gmail.com), 412-418-6685, ID: Diane-Millikin

Look for my picture to confirm you have the right person.

Vaccinations or negative Covid-19 test within 72 hours required (bring proof) and masks must be worn when not eating/drinking. For extra safety, we will be on the patio so dress accordingly – it has a roof and walls but partially open air.

- Dress festively/wear an ugly sweater – awards given!
- Bring a wrapped \$15 gift for a fun gift exchange if you want to participate
- Bring an item or two to help others this holiday season – see below
- We are looking forward to seeing you and celebrating the holiday season!

We may not be the only party on the patio – it is very large, and also very well-spaced, so we will not be having a speaker or meeting. We can make some announcements, but will be good neighbors to the other customers.

You will have the choice of 1 of the below entrées and a beverage. You will make your selection at the venue from one of these 5 options:

- Vegetarian Eggs Benedict w/fries or fruit
  - Belgian waffles topped with strawberries, apples or Nutella and a side of fruit
  - Breakfast burrito with fries, beans or fruit
  - Mexican Cesar Chicken Salad (gluten free) or Vegetarian Mexican Cesar Salad
  - Cheeseburger with either a side salad, fries, onion rings or sweet potato fries
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- Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Soda - Fountain Drinks
  - Orange, Apple, Cranberry, Red Grapefruit or Tomato Juice (no refills on juice)

In the holiday spirit, donations will be accepted for the Bella Vida Senior Center Homebound Seniors for care packages created by the Career Visions Work Force Prep Class at Saugus High School.

Items needed: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, deodorant/antiperspirant, toothpaste/brushes, lip balm, body powder, bath robes and pajamas for male/female. Cash donations are also welcome.

If you cannot attend the holiday luncheon, but would like to donate items, please call Louise Willard 661-212-9429 before Dec. 12 to coordinate. Thank you

Greetings AAUW Winey Ladies:

Just a reminder because the Holidays are upon us and many of us have Holiday get togethers.

Winey Ladies will be gathering together in-person on Thursday December 9, 2021 at 5:00pm.

- I have made reservations at the "new" Reyes Winery on Main in Old Town Newhall for rooftop wine tasting.
- The address is: 24329 Main Street, Newhall
- The cost of a glass of wine is approximately \$10.00 and a starter is about the same price.
  
- The official opening of Reyes Winery on Main is December 3, 2021.
- I will need a RSVP by Tuesday December 7, 2021 by noon to secure seating.
- I will send a follow-up email closer to December 9, 2021.

Any questions, please contact me by email at [debhalcrow@hotmail.com](mailto:debhalcrow@hotmail.com) or my cell by phone message or text at 661 904-7610.

Thank you,  
*Debra Halcrow*  
**Chair**  
**Winey Ladies**



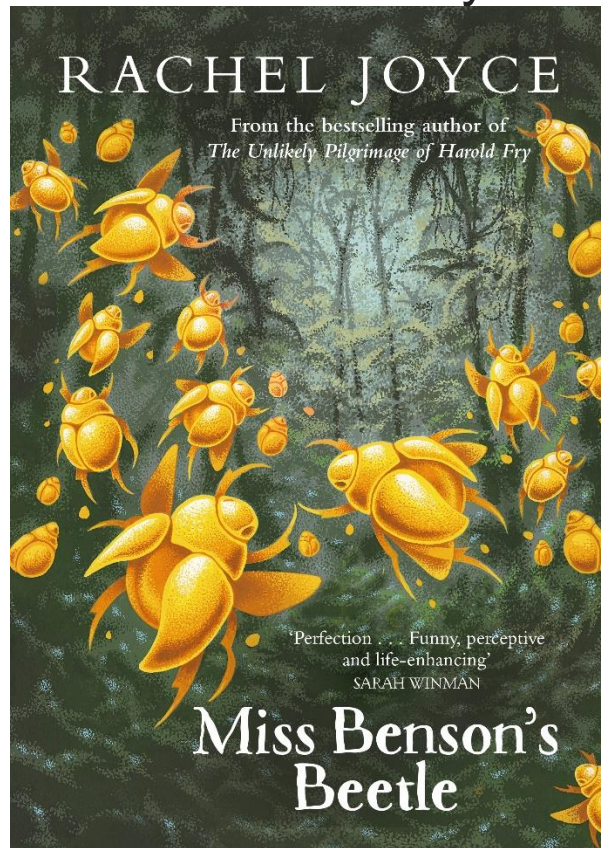
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## DAY TIME LIT

Daytime Lit will meet on Tuesday,  
**December 28, 11:00, at Panera Bread**  
on Golden Valley Rd.

We'll be discussing  
*Miss Benson's Beetle* by  
Rachel Joyce.

If any questions, please contact  
Barbara Oliver or Betsy Swallow.



### Announcing the Book Lovers' Luncheon – What is new this year!

What made you join AAUW? For me, it was seeing the returning Tech Trekkers speaking about their camp experiences during the September Welcome Home and Donor Appreciation Event. My daughter, Claire, had been selected to participate that year. I watched with tears in my eyes realizing that the future was unfolding before me. I was listening to future doctors, scientists, engineers, and researchers describe how they found inspiration to pursue their passions in high school and beyond. These girls were just twelve, but were now young women with a purpose. What an amazing program this is!

Our Tech Trek program is near and dear to many of us. Families pay just \$50 dollars to attend, but the remainder of the \$1200+ cost per camp is paid by donations and our AAUW SCV fundraising efforts. We try to send 25 campers annually, thanks to the grant writing efforts of Diane Bartley and Ginny Gregor. Our Book Lovers' Luncheon is our premier fundraising event. The more people we can interest in attending the event, the more campers we can sponsor.

Our goal this year is to have 80 people attend to net \$4000. To achieve this goal, which is double the attendance in 2020, we'll all need to invite a friend to come. Please be thinking about who you might ask. Our events are the perfect way to introduce potential new members to the good we do!

We have an exciting new venue to announce.... drum roll, please!!

The Book Lovers' Luncheon will be held on 2/15/2022 at the Culinary Institute at College of the Canyons! We will be served an *elegant* multi-course lunch in a spectacular setting, prepared and served by student chefs. I promise it will be delicious! There are even vegetarian and vegan options. We have a great program planned as well. I'll share more about the program next month.

Here is what you can do to help:

- **Save the date for 2/15/2022, time TBD**
- Ask a friend to save the date too! (Or two friends! Or three!)
- Consider a donation to Tech Trek. We will share 2022 camp costs in January once announced. If you would like to make your donation before the end of this calendar year, please contact Ginny Gregor.
- Share our event with other organizations that you may be involved with.
- Are you willing to donate 2 hours of time? We can use some help preparing for this event to make it great!



## **New! Community Happenings Email Distribution Coming**

Wouldn't it be fun to go to interesting local events? I think it would be even nicer to go with an AAUW friend. We'll be gathering Community Happenings and distributing a semi-monthly email to all members (unless you tell us to opt out). If you run across an event that you think would be fun, please send it in, and let us know if you would like company so we can include your name in the announcement. Members can contact you directly if interested in attending. Please note, that these are not announcements for organized AAUW field trips or official events. They are just notices to help connect people with common interests.

We'll begin this new communication once we have a volunteer who would like to collect and disseminate the information. Would you like to volunteer?

Contact Sonja Wendt.



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### *A Word about Membership*

Our membership has been steadily declining in the past few years. We have only about 60 members, and only about 15 are actively participating. We have so many wonderful and inspiring things we do for the community of Santa Clarita: Tech Trek, Stem Stars, Humanities Scholarships, Women in History, and a variety of interest groups. To keep these going, we need more people to join our branch.

This is a great time to invite people to our events. Our engaging zoom meetings are free and a good way to try us out. Do you have friends, daughters, nieces, spouses, sons, or son-in-law that would be interested in furthering our great programs? Maybe someone who might be attracted to the culinary delights of our Book Lovers' Luncheon this year? Men and women with an Associate's degree or higher are eligible for membership. Let's invite them, introduce them, and make them feel welcome and connected so they want to come back.

Let's all join Penny Van Dyke, VP of Membership, in the work of increasing our members by talking to people you think would be great additions to our branch. [Contact Penny for more information or for brochures.](#)





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## LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will be meeting December 15, 2021.

Location TBA

THANK YOU,

Debbie H.



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## Mystery Lit

**Meets December 16<sup>th</sup>**

***MYSTERY LIT BRUNCH***

Thursday of the month at 10:30am.

Please [RSVP](#) to *Louise Schultz*  
at 661-904-1030

On this day of giving, I hope you'll donate to the organization that has made the world a better place for women and girls for 140 years and counting. **Now through December 31 of this anniversary year, your gift will be matched up to a record-breaking \$75,000!**

**MATCH MY GIFT** 

Every member of AAUW's 15-person board of directors, which I am proud to lead, contributed to the match, the largest in our history. It's a testament to how invested we are in gender equity—and I know you share that commitment.

**Please, help us meet our ambitious goal of raising \$14,000 for Giving Tuesday—which we'll double to \$28,000.**

Because of generous donors like you, AAUW played a crucial role in shaping women's history, including:

- Giving \$115 million in educational funding to more than 13,000 women in 150 countries ... from Marie Curie, the first woman to win a Nobel prize, to Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, the first woman and first African to lead the World Trade Organization.
- Supporting over 125 plaintiffs in groundbreaking gender equity cases.
- Passing hundreds of pieces of equity legislation, from the Equal Pay Act of 1963 to Title IX in 1972 to the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009.

We couldn't have done any of it without you—just as we can't rise to meet today's challenges or anticipate tomorrows without your continued support.

On this special day of AAUW's special year, [please give generously to blaze the equitable future we all want.](#)

Sincerely,



Julia T. Brown, Esq.  
Board Chair



**NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS**

Please have *all items* for January's newsletter to us by December 22, 2021.

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*

# December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Deadline to RSVP for Holiday Brunch	7	8 Happy Birthday BETTY GRANGER	9 Winey Ladies 5 pm	10	11 HOLIDAY BRUNCH @ CASA CANELA 11am
12	13 Happy Birthday LYNN PRAGER	14	15 LUNCH BUNCH	16 MYSTERY LIT BRUNCH	17	18
19	20 Happy Birthday COLLEEN MULBRECH and PENNY VAN DYKE	21	22 Deadine to submit for January Newsletter	23	24 Happy Birthday RICK MCINTOSCH  CHRISTMAS EVE	25 Happy Birthday BARBARA OLIVER  CHRISTMAS DAY
26 BOXING DAY	27	28	28 Daytime Lit 11 am	29 Happy Birthday JACQUE SNYDER	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

