

Santa Clarita Valley Voice



Help Wanted

We need some photos/documents scanned. This can be done at your convenience and is a great way to assist the chapter on a short-term basis, without the commitment of being on the board and without leaving the house! Please contact Diane for more info.

Membership Renewal

September 30 is the last day to renew and be included in the new directory.



Great Discussions, Afternoon Lit and Mahjong

Did you participate in one of these interest groups? Do you want to see it continue? If so, please volunteer to coordinate it. Otherwise, it will be phased out. Please contact Diane if interested.

President's Message

Welcome to our 54th year of the Santa Clarita Branch of AAUW. As I sat down to write this, the movie Groundhog Day was playing in my mind. I'm sure most of you have heard of it or seen it; it's a film from 1993 starring Bill Murray who portrays a cynical television weatherman covering the annual Groundhog Day event in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania who becomes trapped in a time loop, forcing him to relive February 2nd repeatedly. If you haven't seen it, you might want to add it to your watch list, as we stay home and stay safe-again.

Your board met via Zoom on August 10 and made the decision to stay virtual for everyone's safety. We are planning our annual fall kick-off meeting for September 25th at 11:00. Details and the agenda will be sent to you at the mid-month update. Tentative plans include meeting the new board members, hearing from our activity chairs, voting on the budget, seeing some of our Tech Trekkers, and enjoying a visit from Laura Ingalls Wilder. Please plan to join us!

Please join me in welcoming Jodi Guerrero back to our chapter. Jodi and Louise Willard are our new newsletter editors!

Our theme this year is, "We are Stronger Together". Our Santa Clarita Branch of AAUW is stronger because of you, our members, working together. Without you, we wouldn't have our Tech Trek program, our Stem Stars program, our COC scholarships for science and humanities, and our Women in History program. We will continue to be stronger together to advance equity for women and girls.

See you online, again!

Diane Millikin

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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

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 college/ university institution partners.



Upcoming Webinar: Date Change

Thursday, September 30, 2021 4pm ET

In Conversation with Dr. Rajika Bhandari
America Calling: A Foreign Student in a Country of Possibility

Join us for a discussion with AAUW fellowship alumna Rajika Bhandari, PhD., a nonprofit executive and an international higher education expert, to discuss her upcoming book, *America Calling: A Foreign Student in a Country of Possibility*, which will be released on September 14. *America Calling* is both a deeply personal story of Dr. Bhandari's search for place and voice, and an incisive analysis of America's relationship with the rest of the world through the most powerful tool of diplomacy: education.

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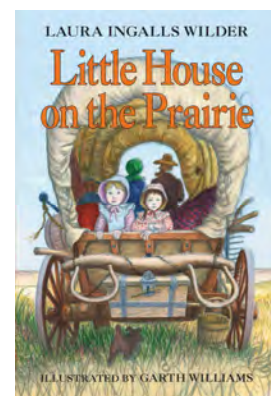
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September 25, 2021

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Enjoy a ZOOM
- meeting and learn
- About and meet (re-enactor) Laura Ingalls Wilder



Elected Officers 2021-2022

President Diane Millikin
 President Elect Sonja Wendt
 1st Co- VP Programs Valerie Jones
 1st Co- VP Program Gina McDonald
 2nd VP Membership Penny Van Dyke
 AAUW Funds Kay Moioffer
 VP Finances Marianne Blakic
 Public Policy Robin Clough

APPOINTED OFFICERS 2021-2022

By-Laws Barbara Oliver
 Newsletter Editor Jodi Guerrero & Louise Willard
 Social Media Kelly Burke
 Webmaster Rick McIntosh

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 Treck

Program Chair GinnyGregor
 Com. Fundraising OPEN
 School Liaison Ginny Gregor
 Book Lovers Luncheon OPEN

STEM Stars

Program Chair Sonja Wendt

Women in History

Program Co- Chairs
 Debbie McIntosch & Louise Willard



TITLE IX OPENS OLYMPIC DOORS TO MEDALS

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Behind every female athlete is Title IX, a federal law prohibiting sex discrimination in education. Enacted in 1972 thanks to Representative Patsy Mink, this groundbreaking legislation unleashed the potential of more than half the population.

AAUW (American Association of University Women) strongly supports the vigorous enforcement of Title IX which set the groundwork for Santa Clarita's Allyson Felix to become the winningest Olympic athlete in US track and field history. Local Olympian Abbey Weitzeil received a silver and bronze, and our Brittany Cervantes performed remarkably. Gold medalist Katie Ledecky credits Title IX for its impact on women participating in sports made clear by the glorious results at the Tokyo Olympics.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6 	7 Anne Schmidt & Dianne Sindermann	8	9 BRIDGE 1pm Roberta Kessler rkessler1367@gmail.com	10	11 
12 Patricia Kelley	13	14 Board meeting Zoom 6:30 pm	15	16 Mystery Lit 10 am Louise Schultz louse50@pacbell.net	17	18
19	20 Gina MacDonald	21	22 Lunch Bunch Debra Harris laprofa@yahoo.com	23 BRIDGE 1pm Roberta Kessler rkessler1367@gmail.com	24 Tracey Carpentier	25
26 Elaine Garcia	27	28	29	30		