PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear AAUW Camarillo Members

Thank you for your support of our Branch and Inter-Branch activities in January. Our January general meeting with Dr. Gayle Hutchinson was both interesting and inspiring. And the IBC luncheon was well attended and enjoyed by the attendees. I salute Diana Dingler for her outstanding work in making both of those events so successful.

Our Saturday breakfast Meet & Greets continue to be well attended, and to include several potential new members. Thanks for bringing your friends and other interesting people to these gatherings!

Many of our members were among the hundreds of people at the memorial service for dear Norma Maidel. Our Janet Lindgren spoke on behalf of AAUW of the many friendships she had here and the dedicated support Norma gave our organization and its goals of education and equality. Others spoke of her contributions to CSUCI, the Foreign Affairs Council, and Somis School. Her family members all testified to her sterling qualities and the love they had for her. It was a lovely sendoff for an amazing lady who led an exemplary life. We will miss her very much.

Our Branch has established a scholarship fund in the name of Norma Maidel. If you wish to contribute to the award for this year, please send a check soon to our Treasurer. We have also selected Norma to be the Named Grant Honoree for this year.

In February we are looking forward to an interesting program about Writing your Own History. There are also a couple of openings for the theatre trip on February 22nd. We need your support for the upcoming Knowledge Bowl, and are still seeking someone to manage the costume collection. See inside for more information on all of these.

The Executive Board meeting in February will be on Feb 10th at the home of Sarah Thierriault. Branch members are welcome to attend, if interested.

Yours truly,
Vanessa
BYLAWS AMENDMENT
Our Branch has been contacted by the Headquarters AAUW organization and instructed to change our bylaws to bring certain legalistic portions into conformance with the standard verbiage. They deal with the definitions of the different classes of Members (individual, partner, affiliate). The Branch committee has approved these changes, and as they are "required" we do not actually have to take a vote of the members to adopt them. I'm also reluctant to take two whole pages of the Beacon to write out something of such limited interest.

Therefore, I will email the proposed changes to members on February 1st, and all interested parties should print and read them. The material will also be presented at the FEBRUARY 19th meeting, and a vote of concurrence will be taken, provided we have a quorum of at least 18 members attending.

Vanessa Otto, Co-President

UPCOMING EVENTS!

CAMARILLO BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

DANA TIBBITS
Writer and Personal Historian

Wednesday, February 19, 2014
7:00 p.m.

At the home of

As a graduate of UCLA, Dana became involved in public relations and corporate communications for 30 years. Later, she turned her professional focus to the art, craft, and preservation of life legacies and personal history. She is a firm believer in the power of the true story to shape the way we see our lives and speak to our culture. Our stories connect us to one another, creating vital links between individuals and generations. With that in mind, please join us for a presentation by Dana where she will teach us how to organize and write our personal histories for family use or whatever use you have in mind. Remember, your journey is your legacy. It is important to note that many school children are now being asked to write a brief family history as part of their school assignment.

50th ANNIVERSARY PLANNING MEETING

The Planning Committee for the 50th Anniversary event will be meeting on Monday Feb 3 at 7p at home of Jan Ackerman. All interested persons welcome.
Knowledge Bowl 2014  
March 5th, 12th & 19th

Volunteers are needed to help with the annual Knowledge Bowl competition in March. We need about 12 people to be question readers, judges & timers. No experience is necessary. This competition features high school students from all over Ventura County competing in a round-robin quiz bowl tournament similar to Jeopardy. AAUW Camarillo has been sponsoring this competition since 1964 and it is always a fun and lively event. Please let me know if you are available for any of the dates. You do not have to commit to all three dates. Contact Rebecca Pecsok at orrpecsok@gmail.com

WIH visit info

Women in History is coming up in the Pleasant Valley area schools from March 3rd-14th. If you've never visited a school to see a classroom performance you're missing a great opportunity. Mark the dates on your calendar and we'll include a Beacon article or a separate email with details on how to select a time and day that works for you. If you have questions feel free to call Jan Ackerman at.

AAUW Camarillo welcomes these two new members this month. Print this portion of the page and attach it to your Directory...

Michelle L. Glueckert D'Anna

Gwen Chater
NON-FICTION BOOK GROUP

Barbara Hilburn -

The February book is *I Am Malala* by Christina Lamb & Malala
The location is home of Vanessa Otto
the March book will be *The Monuments Men* by Robert Edsel

P.M. BOOK REVIEW

Diana Dingler -

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jerrie Newman (389-3064). We will be reviewing the book *Honolulu* by Alan Brennert which is a masterful piece of historical fiction involving young Korean women who traveled to Hawaii to become picture brides in 1914. We may also have the fortunate opportunity of participating in a telephone interview with the author himself (thanks to the efforts of Janet Jacobs) if he does not have another engagement. Please let Jerrie know if you plan to attend on the 24th.

For those of you wishing to read ahead, our next book is entitled *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed. It has been on the best seller list lately, and I guarantee your feet will hurt by the time you finish it.
WE REMEMBER NORMA

October 13, 1938 - December 25, 2013

We celebrate the life, love and friendship of Norma Jo Maidel. Born on October 13, 1938, Norma was the only child of local artist, Minalee White, and successful businessman, Charles W. White. She graduated from Pomona College where she met and married Mark Maidel, her soul mate of 53 years. She was a teacher in WA, Santa Monica, Malibu and Somis. She was an education consultant and dedicated her life to philanthropy and education well into her retirement. Norma was involved with numerous organizations including: World Affairs Council, American Association of University Women, Political Caucus, and Cal State University Channel Islands. Norma and Mark traveled the world and shared their knowledge. Norma is survived by her loving husband and best friend, Mark, "son" Terry Walby; sister-in-law Joan Neuhaus; nieces: Suzanne Neuhaus, Catherine Hansen, Caroline Neuhaus Wesley; "grandsons" and great nieces and nephews. Norma will be missed greatly by her family, friends and community. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Serra Center, adjacent to Padre Serra Church, at 5205 Upland Road, Camarillo, 93012 on January 7, 2014 at 1 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Norma Maidel Scholarship Fund for CSUCI, in care of AAUW Camarillo, P.O. Box 862, Camarillo, 93010 or to a charity of your choice. In the words of Kahlil Gibran, "You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." - See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/LATimes/obituary.aspx?n=Norma-Jo-Maidel&pid=168865411#sthash.zN93sBbb.dpuf

NORMA MAIDEL SCHOLARSHIP

Camarillo AAUW will continue to accept donations to the Norma Maidel Scholarship Fund. A committee has been appointed to establish criteria for scholarships to CSUCI funded by contributions to AAUW. Make checks payable to AAUW Camarillo, note Norma Maidel Scholarship. Mail check to AAUW, PO Box 862, Camarillo, CA 93011.

Thanks, Janet Lindgren, Treasurer

STORE SAFE SUPPORTS AAUW WIH

We are delighted to report that we have a new friend of the Branch. Store Safe, which is located at 241 Camarillo Ranch Road, has donated a storage space to the Branch to be a place to store the costumes for the Women in History program. This makes the management of this project much easier (we have a separate storage space for the props used). Still looking for a PERSON to work in this area....
Great Decisions

The Great Decisions group will meet on Wednesday, February 26, from 6-7:30 pm at Linda Cohenour's home, XXXXXXX. The February topic will be "Israel and the US": Modern Israel's struggles with the Palestinians have turned what was meant as a safe haven for Jews into the center of a decades-long conflict. The U.S. has stepped in as Israel's ally due to the two countries' shared values, providing years of unparalleled military and diplomatic support. But now those ties are being tested. The Arab Spring, Iran's nuclear ambitions, failed peace talks, and Israel's own decision to give Washington the cold shoulder have put new strains on the 65-year-old "special relationship." Join us - no experience necessary - for a related video and discussion.

Puzzles

#1 Can you complete the following language equations? For example
24 H in a D is 24 Hours in a Day.

88 K on a P
a P is W a 1000 W
13 S on the A F
2 W on a B
an O has 8 S
1 H W

#2 Suppose I flip two coins, without letting you see the outcome, and I tell you that at least one of the coins came up heads, what is the probability that the other coin is also heads?

(Answers on page 8)
To: AAUW Colleagues

From: Jeanne Adams

Subject: Our Theatre Party and Catered Dinner, Saturday, February 22nd

Just an enthusiastic reminder that our tickets for *Noises Off* are for the 2:00 pm matinee at the Rubicon Theatre, 1006 E. Main St., Ventura.

Fifty-five of us have purchased tickets for this afternoon of hilarious, professional theatre, sumptuous food, wine, and very convivial company. I've given the Box Office a master list of our group's theatre goers and they will issue tickets -with your names on them - to you at Will-Call as you enter the Main Street doors.

The Rubicon doesn't have a parking lot - not even for staff and cast -so please do allow some time to find your spot to park on the streets surrounding the Rubicon. Carpooling is eagerly encouraged!

A few folks have asked about our dinner menu so here it is so that you can prepare your taste buds:

- Caesar Salad
- Tortellini Alfredo with Broccoli
- Macadamia Crusted Chicken
- Rosemary Garlic Focaccia
- Noises Off Cake

Curtain up!
Answer to puzzles (Located on page 6)

#1 88 keys on piano
a picture is worth a 1000 words
13 stripes on the American flag
2 wheels on a bicycle
an octagon has 8 sides
1 hit wonder.

#2 1/3. (Surprised?!)
You might initially think that the answer is 1/2, however, it isn’t.
Before I tell you anything, all you know is I’ve flipped two coins, and the possible outcomes are:
HH, HT, TH, TT
I now tell you that there was at least one head, which eliminates TT, leaving three possibilities. Of these three possibilities, only 1 allows the second head: HH. So the probability is 1/3. QED.

HELP WITH BRIGHTER HORIZONS
The Thousand Oaks Branch has asked for some assistance with their Brighter Horizons project, which will be Saturday March 8 at Cal Lutheran University. Brighter Horizons is a career-day event encouraging math, science and technology for 5th to 9th grade students. T.O. Branch needs help as receptionists/guides on the day, and also for "hostesses" who will guide and assist various speakers. If you can help with this worthwhile AAUW project, contact Linda Pochter or lpochter@roadrunner.com

The AAUW Santa Clarita Valley Branch needs help! They are having their first Authors Lunch called the Book Lovers Luncheon and are having trouble selling the tickets. They would love to see members from other branches attend if at all possible.
Rebecca Corona-Nickerson
661 310 2311