The President’s Message . . .

Dear AAUW-Camarillo Members:

We had the usual enthusiastic crew for the Tech Trek feedback session. Thanks to Janet Lindquist et al for the pizza dinner. The girls, as always, were grateful for their special experiences. I hope we have fostered a new crew of STEM workers!

I looked out for you at our October meetings in order to hand off the Branch Directories. If we did not connect at any of those meetings, then I will mail your directory to you after the October Meet & Greet event.

I hope you were able to attend our October General Meeting with a presentation on the Galapagos Islands by our past president Rebecca Pecsok. It was wonderfully informative. It was only recently that I read *The Beak of the Finch*, and Rebecca was able to add to my knowledge, as well as share many beautiful slides.

Our most important fund-raiser, the Authors Day, is almost upon us. Please sell tickets to the event, or open your checkbook and make a contribution to our scholarship fund. See inside for more details.

Be sure to see inside also for Janet Lindgren's excellent summary of the November Ballot propositions.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be Monday, November 17 at the home of Eileen Rinde. Directors are required to attend, and members are warmly invited to come too. There will be no November or December General Meetings due to the Authors Day Luncheon and the holidays.

See you at the Authors Day Luncheon! 

*Vanessa.*
Here’s an interesting article that may inform your choices. The Huffington Post published an op-ed written by AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa Maatz. In her “Open Letter to Women Voters,” Maatz urges women to educate themselves about the issues in the upcoming midterm elections and encourage others to vote on Tuesday, November 4.

An excerpt:

“The media has reported that some candidates are, unbelievably, avoiding talking about social issues. I guess the new mantra is, "If you can't say something that women voters will like, say nothing at all." Other candidates have said that equal pay and access to birth control are not issues that voters care about. And some groups are trying to appeal to women as if voting were the same as dating (Just say yes to the dress, er, candidate!). Besides being downright insulting, none of these scenarios reflects the power of women's vote -- our vote. As the majority of voters in 2012, women dictated the outcome of elections. The voting gender gap is expected to be larger than usual in many states this year. Candidates need to be clear that they ignore us at their own peril.

We want the facts, and we need to speak our minds between now and November 4. And on Election Day, we need to vote in our interests. Let’s start conversations about the issues that affect us and our families -- especially if candidates avoid, obscure, or minimize our concerns. Candidates who aren't talking about women's issues (which, let's face it, are family issues) are ignoring not only a key voting bloc but also an essential part of an elected official’s duties. No surprise here: Politicians routinely make decisions on issues that affect women and families, including our paychecks, access to reproductive health care, and education funding. We need to know where our candidates stand so that we can identify those who would best represent our values and those who would roll back our rights.”

Read the full letter at http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lisa-maatz/an-open-letter-to-women-v_b_5952380.html
Tech Trek

Decision to Pursue STEM Curricula

Thirty-two percent of respondents said they went on to participate in after-school or extracurricular STEM activities during high school, and many started, led, or joined STEM-focused clubs. Others volunteered for or competed in STEM-related activities.

Students commented on the unique value of their one-on-one experiences at Tech Trek as distinct from what they did at school. Many remembered the camp’s creative approach through “eye-opening,” hands-on activities.

“The short time I spent at Tech Trek gave me the confidence to do what I love by taking advanced math and science courses,” said one respondent, who went on to major in biology and neuroscience.

Tech Trek alumnae surpass the national average in most advanced math and science courses:

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87% of respondents had completed algebra II, compared with 78 percent of female students and 73 percent of male students nationally.

The majority (73 percent) of respondents were enrolled in four-year college or university programs and expected to graduate within four years from the time of the survey, and 23 percent were attending two-year colleges.
Tech Trek National News

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One wonders how many Tech Trek graduates work in the Silicon Valley . . . and how many fewer there would be without Tech Trek’s influence on young women. It’ll take more than an act of Congress to get more women into tech, according to former Homeland Security Secretary and current President of the University of California system Janet Napolitano and former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm. They said during a POLITICO Women Rule event in San Francisco that changes may have to come from companies — or from women themselves. In recent months, major technology companies have been publishing statistics about their workforces, revealing the vast majority of their employees are male. About 30 percent of the workforces at Apple, Google and Twitter are women, and most tech giants report similar statistics. At LinkedIn, that figure is 39 percent, at Facebook it’s 31 percent, and at Yahoo, it’s 37 percent. Quite a few tech firms, however, have yet to release such data — especially among venture capital firms.

Napolitano suggested she would consider moves to encourage transparency in the tech industry. She pledged at the event to inquire as to whether the University of California could demand that investment firms receiving money from the school system disclose their employment figures. Napolitano urged women to “raise their hand” and get into politics and technology themselves. “Take a leadership role whenever you have the opportunity,” she said. “If you have any instinct for it at all, think about raising your hand and running.”

THE AUTHORS ARE COMING . . .
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12TH ANNUAL AUTHORS’ DAY FUNDRAISER
Four Points Sheraton Hotel – Ventura
Saturday, Nov. 15  10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Tickets - $50  ($25 tax deductible)

Tickets are still available to this fabulous, all-important event, but time is running out! We must give our final count to the hotel by Nov. 10th. So please contact Diana Dingler (987-8013) for either single tickets or a ticket packet of 9. Remember, this popular event is where we derive the bulk of our scholarship money that we award to our very deserving Re-Entry and Tech Trek recipients.

As was mentioned in the last Beacon, this year’s authors are Lian Dolan, Woody Woodburn, Jennifer Niven, and Drew Daywalt. Luncheon choices are Slow Roasted Tri-Tip, Lemon Dill Salmon, or Rigatoni Primavera.

CALL NOW - DON’T MISS OUT ON A FUN DAY

** Centerpieces for the Authors’ Luncheon! **

We still need a few more books to help complete table decorations for our fundraiser. If you have any fairly recent, gently used hardback or paperback books to donate, please drop them off at any of the following locations between now & November 10.

Diana Dingler  938 Fairchild Ave.  •  Jane Akune 2462 Brookhill Dr.
Janet Lindquist 32106 Village 32 (Leisure Village)  •  Vanessa Otto - 3286 Penzance (Village by the Park)  •  Anita Kuzas - 1625 Heritage Trail (Mission Oaks)
There are six propositions on the November ballot. Detailed information is provided in the ballot information guide, both for and against the propositions. Many statewide organizations have studied these propositions and taken a position which they provide for their members. Newspapers also take a position.

I have researched these recommendations and compiled them into a reference chart. I hope your review of the information will help your decision when you vote.

Janet Lindgren

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AAUW-Camarillo Meet & Greet Breakfast
at The Breakfast Cafe
317 Carmen Drive, Camarillo (in the same parking lot as Michaels and Trader Joe's)
Saturday, November 29, 2014 at 9:00 AM
Take a break from shopping on Thanksgiving weekend and come to our monthly Meet and Greet breakfast! This is always a pleasant social gathering, and a very nice breakfast, too. We will have the annual directories – please come by and pick it up. Save us some postage!

Come a little early to place your order! Bring friends and prospective new members!
Vanessa & Gloria
DAYTIME BOOK GROUP

We have our books, meeting dates and hostesses chosen through the month of May 2015! Please feel free to join us. Our meetings start at 1:00 pm on the designated dates below. Please call or email the hostess if you will be joining us.

November 11  Home of Jan Cheveres  
*Letter to My Daughter* by Maya Angelou  (Paperback)  
From the mellifluous voice of a venerable American icon comes her first original collection of writing to be published in ten years, anecdotal vignettes drawn from a compelling life and written in Angelou’s erudite prose.

December 9  Home of Janet Lindquist  
*A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah

January 13  Home of Barbara Hilburn  
*Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo (Paperback)

February 10  Home of Faye Villa  
*No Place to Hide* by Glenn Greenwald (Hardback)

March 10  Home of Jerrie Newman  
*Orange Is The New Black* by Piper Kerman (Paperback)

April 14  Home of Celina Biniaz  
*Let’s Explore Diabetes With Owls* by David Sedaris (Paperback)

May 12  Home of Eileen Rinde  
*The Romanov Sisters: The Lost Lives of the Daughters of Nicholas and Alexandra* by Helen Rappaport (Hardback only at this time)
THE P. M. BOOK REVIEW

There will be no meeting for the month of November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

However, we will be meeting early the following month, December 1, at the home of Barbara Bergman (482-2610) at 7:30 p.m. We will be discussing the fascinating book *Empty Mansions*, a grand, mysterious tale of rages-to-riches prosperity and the responsibilities and privileges that come with great wealth. Please phone Barbara if you plan to attend. Remember, it is Christmas time, and she will have her home all decked out.

For those of you wishing to read ahead, following are the other books we have selected for the remainder of the season:

- **January 26**  *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd
- **February 23**  *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion
- **March 23**  *The Light Between The Oceans* by M.L. Stedman
- **April 27**  *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin
- **May 18**  *What She Left Behind* by Ellen Marie Wiseman

For More Information contact: Diana Dingler - 987-8013
Puzzle:

Puzzle #1:
After a recent spate of home improvements, four couples were having a dinner party to discuss the additions to their houses.

Alan had not recently had a new bathroom. Kara had not yet done her kitchen, but perhaps would update it next. Brian, who is married to Maud, had not had new windows. Laura delighted in showing photographs of her new conservatory. Neither Charles nor David had a new kitchen. Julie had not had new windows. Alan, who also had not had windows, is not married to Laura and Charles is not married to Kara.

Who is married to whom and what work had they recently undertaken, assuming that each couple had one improvement and no two couples had the same improvement?

Answer on Page 13

Coming in January!

**Interbranch Council Luncheon**

11:30 a.m., Saturday, January 24, 2015
Los Robles Greens Golf Course, 299 S. Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks

The speakers will be a panel of professionals talking about the subject of human trafficking and sex trafficking. Tickets will be $30. Watch for more information and an order form in the December Beacon.
Are you interested in the history of Camarillo?

Gerry Olson has written a book to celebrate Camarillo’s 50th Anniversary entitled:

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The book costs $10 from the author.

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**Puzzle #2:**

A man wanted to encrypt his password, but he needed to do it in a way that he could remember. He had to use 7 characters consisting of letters and numbers only (no symbols like ! or <). In order to remember it, he wrote down, "You force heaven to be empty." Can you tell what his password was?

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**Sunday, December 14th 6p.m.**
Please RSVP to Janet Lindquist at 437-6244 by December 10th.

When you respond, please state what you will bring – appetizer, salad, veggie, carb or dessert. (If there is too much of one type of item, you may be asked to bring something else.) Please bring enough to serve 12 people. Soft drinks will be provided; if you would like wine or cocktails, please bring your pleasure.

Jerrie must limit the number of guests to 60, so get your reservation in early!

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Public Policy Meeting

Planned for January 2015

Please Join Your Local Public Policy Committee Committee Currently Being Formed
For More Information Please Contact:
Pamela Perkins-Dwyer
845-464-7515 (cell)

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Thank You For Your Generous Support!
Calendar of Events

**NO General Meetings in November or December**

Please note the following dates/events:

**2014**

- **November 15th**: Authors’ Day
- **December 14th**: Holiday party at Jerrie Newman’s. (Look for details on page 11) RSVP Now!

**2015**

- **January 27th**: Sheila Lowe will discuss Handwriting Forensics
- **March**: Theatre party at the Rubicon
- **April**: Afternoon Family excursion to PV Historical Museum
- **May 17th**: Santa Barbara Symphony

**Puzzle Answers**

#1:
Alan is married to Julie and they had a new kitchen.
Brian is married to Maud and they had a new bathroom.
Charles is married to Laura and they had a new conservatory.
David is married to Kara and they had new windows.

#2
Try to pronounce the sentence like these characters: u472bmt