

The President's Message

Happy New Year, AAUW Camarillo! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

We had a lovely time at Jerrie and Martin Newman's for our Holiday Pot Luck. We are so grateful they continue to host this wonderful opportunity to get together. Special thanks to Janet Lindquist and her husband, Larry Dresser, who helped from start to finish, and our very hospitable hospitality co-chair Nancy Walters, who greeted at the door AND collected funds for Axxess books, centerpieces and more. Great company, tasty foods, and a nice celebration

I hope your 2018 goals include a renewed commitment to AAUW's many activities that benefit women and girls. Learn more about Title IX, the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in all areas of education, at the AAUW Inter Branch Council (IBC) Luncheon on January 27th. Registration information on p. 3. Let's make sure we are well-represented with members from Thousand Oaks and Simi Branches!

Also, see inside for upcoming trainings, film screenings, and other events that highlight issues women are facing in the current political climate. This issue of The Beacon is packed full of great information and activities to share.

As the year begins, dozens of our members are gearing up for the busiest program time of year in March with Women's History, Knowledge Bowl and Tech Trek interviews. Please consider making one of your resolutions to volunteer for one of our great programs. Or how about a leadership role on the board? We are a nice bunch to spend some extra time with, working on causes that are near our hearts. In fact, I didn't get a President-Elect for Christmas! How about the New Year??

Wishing you peace, joy, health, prosperity and equality in 2018 and beyond.

Gloria Miele
President, AAUW Camarillo

IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION

AAUW California Re-Vote Scheduled for January 9-11, 2018

The September 2017 member vote to return AAUW California to a Public Benefit Corporation failed because of 26 “No” votes. Although 99% of votes were “Yes,” it was not enough. Our state’s corporate regulations require a unanimous “Yes” vote to change the status of a corporation.

AAUW California will conduct a re-vote January 9-11, 2018 in hopes of avoiding costly and time-consuming legal options.

The FAQ piece has been updated and expanded on the AAUW California website and can be downloaded and distributed to your members or included in your branch newsletter. Encourage your members to thoroughly read this piece and address any additional questions or need for clarification to governance@aauw-ca.org. It is critical that all members voting cast a “Yes” vote to change the status to a Public Benefit Corporation in order to move the organization forward.



SAVE THE DATE!

Author’s Day 2018

**Saturday, October, 20th
Four Points Sheraton,
Ventura Harbor**

Don't Miss the IBC Luncheon



The Power of Nine

*** Title IX** is the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in all areas of education. It applies to women and men, girls and boys, staff and students in any educational institution or program receiving federal funds. It covers everything from athletics to transgender issues. This year's IBC luncheon will feature a discussion panel with local Title IX Coordinators who are working hard to ensure that every Ventura county student, teacher, and staff person is protected under Title IX.

2018 IBC Luncheon

AAUW Ventura County

January 27, 2018, 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m.

Los Robles Greens Country Club

299 S Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91361

**** Contact your branch's AAUW-IBC Committee representatives for further information.**

REGISTRATION —> R.S.V.P. by January 20, 2018

☐ Yes, I plan to attend the IBC luncheon and have included my check for \$35 per ticket.

☐ Yes, I can help defray the cost for a college student to attend this event. I am enclosing an additional \$_____ to cover the ticket(s).

☐ Sorry, I am unable to attend. I am enclosing a contribution of \$_____ to AAUW-IBC.

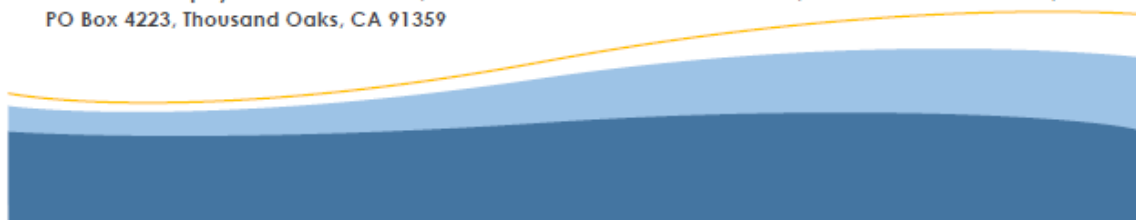
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My Telephone & Email: _____

My Guests' Name(s): _____

Total Number Attending: _____ Amount of Check Enclosed: \$_____

Make checks payable to AAUW-IBC, and mail with this form to AAUW-IBC, Attention: Bonnie Shubb,
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AAUW earns \$10 for every \$30 book purchased. We've already earned \$150! Use it for a year's worth of savings.

Contact Gloria to get yours! Visit Axxessventura.com to learn more.



EVENT PLANNER NEEDED

Our Branch needs more fundraising ideas. The only fundraiser this year is Author's Day, and lovely and successful as it was, it is not enough to cover all our operating expenses AND 3 scholarships AND College Women's Leadership conference AND 10 Tech Trek girls. We are going to have choose some of these to drop OR we can try some new ways to raise funds!

We have the asset of the Women in History scripts, costumes, props and willing actresses. It has been suggested that we could piggy-back on the existing preparations. Some of these scripts could be melded into an evening of entertainment to which we could sell tickets. We also had a Tech Trek parent who is a professional DJ volunteer his services for a dance or evening out.

If you're a member who loves to plan events, parties and bringing people together for a good cause, perhaps you'd like to be part of a committee to organize and produce such an evening. Contact Vanessa or Gloria with your ideas!

Great Decisions: Discussions on World Affairs

By Meg Perry

All members are invited to join our chapter's Great Decisions group in 2018 to engage in discussions about current world-impacting topics. A different topic is covered each month. The timely subjects are contained in a booklet and video provided by the non-partisan Foreign Policy Association.

Our Great Decisions group will begin in **February**. Meetings are held monthly from 4-5:30 on the fourth Friday of each month at the Leisure Village Recreation Center.

This month, Jerri Newman will contact those who ordered the 2018 booklet to arrange pick up.

For more information about joining the group or purchasing the booklet, please contact any of the following chapter members:

Jerrie Newman martjerrie@roadrunner.com

(805) 389-3064,

•Meg Perry am23perry@gmail.com

•(805) 796-5950, or

•Shari Zaiger sharizaiger@roadrunner.com

•(805) 386-2691.

Bridge News for January and February

Bridge games are at noon and hosted by members:

Date	Host
January 12	Evonne Peterson
January 26	Jan Beat
February 9th	Nancy Jaeger
February 23rd	Jeanne Biggs

Contact Nancy for more info.



Membership Directory Info!!

Email Gloria (aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com) for an electronic copy or to arrange to get your booklet.

Please review your entry and email corrections to Shari Zaiger at sharizaiger@roadrunner.com or call 805-386-2691. Thank You!

Ventura County Women's Forum Presents: Domestic Violence and Adverse Childhood Experience



Mitigating Childhood Exposure to Domestic Violence Trauma

Monday, January 8, 2018

Ventura County Community Foundation, 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd., Camarillo
Networking **5:15**, Introductions & Announcements **5:40**, Program **5:50 - 7:00** pm

The Adverse Childhood Experience Study (ACE) sheds light on the exposure to domestic violence and trauma has on children. With an increasing number (both locally and globally) of children witnessing domestic violence in their home, agencies such as the Coalition are taking a broader look at resiliency factors, children who abuse in later life, and unmitigated trauma. ACE is a profound way to look at the cycle of violence on both a national and community level.

Dr. Caroline Prijatelj-Sutton is the Executive Director of Coalition For Family Harmony. She holds a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology and has worked with the Coalition for over 10 years. She lives in Ventura County with her husband and son.

The Coalition for Family Harmony is a 40-year-old non-profit agency dedicated to assisting victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault by providing prevention, intervention, and education. By providing holistic services the Coalition is bringing individuals from crisis to confidence through advocacy, shelter, rape crisis response and counseling.

Cost: members FREE / non-members \$10 suggested donation. Annual membership is \$15 for individuals;
\$25 for organizations. You can join/renew at the door or through our website: vcwf.org

CHANNEL
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Free Documentary Screening Equal Means Equal

Equal Means Equal offers an unflinching look at how women are treated in the United States today by uncovering outdated and discriminatory attitudes that influence seemingly disparate issues, from workplace harassment to domestic violence, rape and sexual assault to the foster care system, and the healthcare conglomerate to the judicial system. Director, Kamala Lopez, reveals the inadequacy of present laws that claim to protect women, ultimately presenting a compelling and persuasive argument for the urgency of ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment.

Admission is free, but space is limited. Register at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/equal-means-equal-free-screening-tickets-39713368755>



FEB 8TH 6PM
VENTURA COLLEGE

Co-hosted by The Acorn Project, Ventura College, Ventura County Women's Political Council, Ventura County Women's Forum Collaborative, Ventura County reproductive Rights Network, Ventura County League of Women Voters, Justice for All, Ojai NOW, The Coalition for Family Harmony, and WIN/CAWA. To learn more, visit: www.equalmeansequal.com.

Meet-n-Greet Breakfast Cancelled for January

Please join us instead at the IBC Luncheon on Title IX in Thousand Oaks.

Public Policy Matters!

By Kathy Long, Public Policy Chair

The AAUW mission is to support educational opportunities for women and girls, and the Dream Act was passed to do just that. Now it's at risk.

DREAMERS –Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), a federal program started in 2012, has offered opportunity for children brought to this country illegally by their parents to attend school, work, and contribute to our economy without fear of deportation. Children must have arrived before 2007, be under age 16 at the time of arrival, and have no criminal record. The program requires renewal every two years.

There are approximately 800,000 recipients in the program, all in limbo until Congress takes action to renew or end the program. In September of this year, the President issued an order giving Congress six months to draft steps to address the existing DACA recipients and ultimately end the program. The data on the performance of Dreamers shows 97% are either in school or employed; one-quarter are in higher education institutions; and another third in high school and advancing to higher education. Research also shows increase wages and workers in the labor force, reduced number of families in poverty, improved mental health outcomes, and no major adverse impacts from this program.

AAUW National is strongly advocating for Congress to act to protect the DACA recipients –they are part of our communities and they dare to dream of a better future for them and their family. Go to AAUW.org to learn more, voice your support and encourage Congress to act to support our Dreamers. May 2018 inspire all of us to dream and advocate for a stronger, better country and community. Happy New Year!

Women in History Volunteers Needed

by Kathy Van Slyke

Would you like to help dress Sacagawea, Florence Nightingale, Queen Elizabeth or other famous women in history? You can do just that the evening of Monday, Feb. 5 when you help with costumes at Women in History Training. Whether or not you've ever portrayed a role, we can use a few hands in helping women choose the appropriate costume pieces. If you're interested in participating, contact Kathy - email [nkvanlyke@verizon.net](mailto:nkvanslyke@verizon.net) or 482-3744. Time commitment is one evening.

PM Book Review

Our next meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Janet Jacobs. We will be discussing the novel ***The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*** by Lisa See. Please phone Janet [484-8069], or leave her an email [janrose1@aol.com] whether or not you plan to attend.

For those of you wishing to read ahead, our book selection for the Feb. 26 meeting is *The Little French Bistro* by Nina George.

Time for a Call or Visit?

We occasionally receive word that members are in hospital or rehab and could use a phone call or a visit. Interested? Contact Gloria for more details. Aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com

AAUW Member Opportunity Branch Membership Vice President Position Open by Shari Zaiger

This is a **wonderful opportunity to become involved in your AAUW Branch's Leadership.** Responsibilities of the Membership Vice President include:

- Plan and implement strategies for improving new member recruitment and retaining members;
- Develop membership;
- Promote AAUW Membership.

Special bonus! Jan Ackerman is available as a resource and coach for this position. When Jan was the Branch's Membership Vice President, she implemented creative and successful ideas to encourage members. If you have not had the opportunity to work closely with Jan, this is the perfect time. Jan has been instrumental in the success of our Branch. She is a wonderful mentor and inspiration.

The approximate time required for this position is 1-2 hours per week. For a comprehensive position description and additional information, contact Shari Zaiger, (805) 386-2691, or sharizaiger@roadrunner.com.

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IMPORTANT DATES AND ACTIVITIES

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**Save The Dates for
Knowledge Bowl!**

March 7 (Pacifica HS), 14 and 21 (TBD).
Please contact Rebecca Pecsok
(rpecsok@gmail.com) or 805-207-
5405 to volunteer!

Calendar of Events 2018

Save these dates! We are having many meetings on the first and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Our volunteer needs increase through March, with Women in History and Knowledge Bowl. Please consider offering your time and talents!

Jan 27- IBC luncheon
Feb. 6 – Board Meeting
Feb. 27 - General meeting
March 6 - Board meeting
March 7, 14, 21 – Knowledge Bowl
March 27 - General meeting
April 3 - Board meeting
April 24 - General meeting
May 1 - Board meeting
May 7 and 9 – Creative Arts
Workshop Registration
May 22 - General meeting
June 5 - Board meeting
June General meeting – TBD
July 9-27 – *49th Annual Creative Arts Workshop*

Know Someone Interested in Joining AAUW? Great!

Please share the info below!

It's easy to join online with a credit card
using this direct link:

[https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/
NewJoinBranch_Enter.asp?branchid=CA013
2](https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/NewJoinBranch_Enter.asp?branchid=CA0132)

Select New Member and for "Member Type"
choose MOB-Branch Member.

Join between January 1 and March 15, and
half year dues apply. Annual dues are due
by June 30 of the same year.

You can also join and pay with a check.
Complete the New Member Form on the next
page. Follow the instructions on the Form.

Not sure if AAUW is a good fit ?

Attend the monthly Meet-n-Greet Breakfast on
the last Saturday of most months at 9:00 AM –
the next one is February 24th.

OR attend the next Branch General meeting on
February 27th (details in the next Beacon).
Guests are always welcome.

For questions please contact Shari Zaiger,
Camarillo Branch Membership at 805-386-2691
or sharizaiger@roadrunner.com.

Welcome New Members!!

Denise Landolfi
Patt Carney
Diane Boughton
Barb Pileri
Nicki Coble
Grace Lovejoy
Connie Halpern

New!!

Tech Trek Named Sponsorships

Would you like to make a special gift to sponsor
one or more girls for Tech Trek? You will meet
the girl you sponsor at a private send-off
luncheon in July before they go to camp. We
currently have three named sponsors who are
sending one or more girls to camp: Dora Prehar,
Vanessa Otto and Pam Perkins-Dwyer. A \$1,000
donation sends a girl to camp for a life-changing
experience. Contact Vanessa (votto@ootto.com)
for details.



American Association of University Women



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