

The President's Message

Hello, AAUW Camarillo!

I hope 2018 has started well for you. Our organization has hit the ground running, with last weekend's interesting and informative IBC Luncheon and preparations underway for our spring programs with some unexpected challenges. I'll get to that.

IBC was great, with a panel of four school administrators talking about how Title IX, the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education, is applied from Kindergarten through post-secondary. Children in the lower grades learn about being good citizens in person and online. Biases and assumptions like, "Boys will be boys," or "Oh, she didn't mean it," are addressed and discussed by teachers, students, parents and administrators. Lessons of shared responsibility teach that we all need to speak up when we know someone is being treated wrongly. At the secondary and more so at the college level, frank discussions of sexual behavior are needed for effective conversations about consent, when no means no, and more importantly, when yes means yes. Title IX provides guidance and systems that protect all students, regardless of gender or sexual orientation, to receive equal access to education. Barriers to implementation are financial (it's expensive to build equivalent locker rooms, fields, etc.), dealing with bias and the media. Learn more by downloading AAUW's fact sheet: <https://www.aauw.org/files/2017/06/title-ix-quickfacts-nsa.pdf>

Dozens of AAUW members and friends are gearing up for Knowledge Bowl and Women's History, which had its first training and costuming session this week **without** its amazing Chairwoman, Kathy Van Slyke, who's had some health challenges the past two months. We all wish Kathy well and a speedy recovery. In the meantime, many members have stepped up while Kathy is down. We could use more help, especially this Monday, Feb. 5 for costuming. We also need a handful of members who are willing to serve as costume hosts from March 1-17. Details inside.

Thanks for all your support of AAUW!

Gloria Miele

President, AAUW Camarillo

Programs

A Year of Lunching Dangerously

Join us for our general meeting, with guest speaker and longtime Ventura County Star journalist, Colleen Cason, who will talk about lessons learned from a series of lunch conversations with people with differing political opinions.

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

7-9 pm

Trinity Presbyterian Church

2304 Antonio Ave, Camarillo



IBC Luncheon: Title IX



Panelists Shanda Weaver, Principal, SVUSD; Carol Bjordhal, Dir Student Services, PVSD; Kim Stephenson, Principal, ACHS; Brittany Grice, Sr. Dir for Equity and Inclusion, CSUCI.

Programs

Women's History Training Begins – Help Needed!!



What a turnout for our first Women's History training of the season. Dozens of performers came to Dos Caminos school to try on costumes, learn about the program and get training on their individual scripts for classroom performances. An army of AAUW volunteers were there to help and have been working diligently to fill the gaps due to Kathy's illness.

We have another training and costume fitting on **Monday, February 5th from 5:00-8pm at Dos Caminos**. We could use more help for greeting/registering school performers, handing out materials and choosing costumes. Please contact Ann Kahng at [805-383-1528](tel:805-383-1528) or akahng@gmail.com.

We also need 4 or 5 members who can do costume distribution from their homes during the program – March 1-16. We will assign each person the costumes for one or two characters. Performers will pick up and drop off costumes from your home *on your schedule*. If you are available in the late afternoon and early evenings in that timeframe, we really need your help.

Please contact Ann for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES AND ACTIVITIES

Volunteer for Knowledge Bowl!

Knowledge Bowl is a competition featuring high school students from all over Ventura County. On three consecutive Wednesday's in March, teams compete in a round-robin quiz bowl tournament similar to Jeopardy. And did you know AAUW Camarillo has organized this competition since 1964!?

Volunteers, including question readers, judges and timers, are needed all three nights:

March 7 - Adolfo Camarillo High School

March 14 - Pacifica High School

March 21 - Oxnard High School

No experience is necessary. Help with one or more nights at this fun and lively event.

Contact Rebecca Pecsok
at rpecsok@gmail.com to sign up
for a spot.

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!

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

April 27-29 – State Convention

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

October 20 – Author's Day

AAUW Reads: Book Groups

Nonfiction Book Group News

Five of us had a lovely meeting this month in the rain. actually in spite of the rain. We thoroughly discussed *Nothing to Envy* and marveled how timely the book was given current events, but also how North Korea has changed since the book was published. We missed those who couldn't make it.

We picked our next three houses and our next four books, changing a few from our last list:

February: *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande at Celina Biniaz's

March: *The Rise of the Rocket Girls* by Nathalia Holt at Jerrie Newman's

April: *Thank You For Being Late* by Thomas Friedman at Nancy Walters

May: *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond (from Pres. Obama's book list) at Faye Villa's

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00.

PM Book Review

Our next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joyce Klemann. Remember that Joyce and Helen exchanged meeting dates, so be careful not to show up at the wrong house. We will discuss the Nina George novel ***The Little French Bistro***. Please phone Joyce [484-1343], or leave her an email [rjklemann@roadrunner.com] whether or not you plan to attend that evening.

For those of you reading ahead, our book selection for March 26 is ***The Secret Wife*** by Gill Paul. An interesting book with plenty of history.

Great Decisions: Discussions on World Affairs

Topic 2: RUSSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY

When: 3:30-5 pm Friday, Feb. 23

Where: Leisure Village's Recreation Center (Garden Room)

Under President Vladimir Putin, Russia is projecting an autocratic model of governance abroad and working to undermine the influence of liberal democracies, namely along Russia's historical borderlands. Russia caused an international uproar in 2016, when it interfered in the U.S. presidential contest. But Putin's foreign policy toolkit includes other instruments, from alliances with autocrats to proxy wars with the U.S. in Georgia, Ukraine and Syria. How does Putin conceive of national interests, and why do Russian citizens support him? How should the United States respond to Putin's foreign policy ambitions?

Our chapter's Great Decisions meetings – **the fourth Friday of each month** -- are informal and invite discussion. First, we read a brief chapter in our booklet. When we meet, we watch a video on the month's topic and then discuss it for about an hour. This is a safe, informative, and non-political venue to discuss important and current foreign policy matters. No experience is necessary!

Bridge News

Bridge games are at noon and hosted by members:

Date	Host
February 9th	Nancy Jaeger
February 23rd	Jeanne Biggs
March 9	Donna Herleikson-Ryden
March 23	Evonne Peterson

Contact Nancy Jaeger for info.



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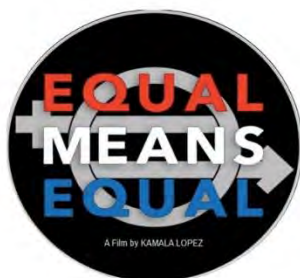
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IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION



Save the Dates!
Friday, April 27-Sunday, April 29th
Irvine, CA

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/register-aauw-california-convention-2018/>

Contact Gloria (aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com) to discuss carpools, room sharing and other options if you're interested in attending!

Meet and Greet Breakfast!

Join us for a fun social gathering.
Bring friends of prospective members

Saturday, February 24, 2018
Good Morning Cafe
315 Arneill Rd #101, Camarillo

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Public Policy Matters!

By Kathy Long, Public Policy Chair

Where do I start with this public policy update? If you've been following Washington, and I know you intelligent and informed members do, it's daily chaos! As of this writing, the Tax Reform measure was passed and we don't expect to see the real impacts until this time next year. Then, Government closed for the weekend over the stand-off on the Dreamers, the Wall, and immigration. In three days, agreement was reached for short term funding to keep the doors open up to February 8th. In that deal, finally, the long-delayed six-year renewal of the low-income family children's health insurance program CHIP was passed. So, now thousands of children can continue to receive health care.

The Dreamers –DACA is still undecided with the March 5 date looming per the Administration challenge. It appears that there is a commitment by the Senate Majority leader to reach a bi-partisan agreement by then –stay tuned. This issue will impact 800,000 young people and is already having a negative impact on some trying to renew their status. Other issues include the border wall and security.

Now here at home, the new legislative session is underway, with new bill proposals being formed. Some of the laws passed last year of interest include: No California School employee can carry a concealed weapon on campus –prior rule left to discretion of school officials; schools can no longer deny a lunch to a child whose parents haven't paid their meal fees; Schools in low-income areas must provide free sanitary products to girls in grades six-twelve; new parents at small businesses of at least 20 employees will be able to take up to 12 weeks of un-paid leave to care for the child and not lose their health coverage; CA's equal pay law has been expanded to government jobs in effort to remove gender-biased pay rates; and finally, more parents taking high school equivalency or English-language courses will be eligible for subsidized child care.

That's just some of the new laws. In the recent state budget proposal, the Governor included the potential for more funding for Community Colleges and a modest increase in funding for early childhood education. That increase only brings to 15% of the children served in need of childcare –working families need childcare. So stay active with the AAUW 2-minute Activist link as they advocate for our issues. Updates on new state law proposals will be out next month.

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:

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

Join between February 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 . Guests are always welcome.

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

Like to Party?

You know who you are. You love to plan parties and bring people together for a good cause. We've had some interest in having a committee plan another fundraiser.

Contact Vanessa or Gloria for more information!

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.



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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