

## ***The President's Message***

Dear Members,

It seems appropriate that we end up talking about money in April, with tax season upon us. April 10 is Equal Pay Day, the date signifying how far into the year a women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. Don't forget to wear red on April 10 to symbolize that women are in the red due to the wage gap. More online resources at <http://www.equalpaytoday.org/equal-pay-day-2018/>

We've got a great program this month On Tuesday, April 24, with a showing of the abbreviated version of the documentary Equal Means Equal. A CSUCI Gender Studies professor is joining us to moderate the discussion.

The other money issue is that dues are going up to \$100 per year. With National raising dues, it brought to our attention that we hadn't raised our branch dues in quite some time. Over the years, our expenses have increased and our fundraising has decreased, so a minimal dues increase is a way to start addressing our need for more revenue in order to continue all of our excellent branch programs, like Women in History and Knowledge Bowl, which so many of our members supported this past month. Please see membership info in this issue to learn more about changes in our dues.

We are also looking at restructuring some of our programs. Many volunteers have been in charge of activities for literally decades and are ready to pass the torch. We will be circulating a survey next month to determine interest. We appreciate everyone's efforts!

Also mark your calendar for Thursday, June 7, when State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson will join us to talk about legislation and other actions she's taking to increase equality for women in California.

Summer will be here before you know it! And we still have a couple of board positions that need to be filled! Hope to see you at a meeting or event soon.

*Gloria Miele*

*President, AAUW Camarillo*

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## Upcoming Meetings

**Tuesday, April 24, 7pm**

**Trinity Presbyterian Church  
2304 Antonio Ave., Camarillo**



If you've not seen this powerful documentary about discrimination against women in the United States and the need for an Equal Rights Amendment, join us for a compelling evening. We will view the abbreviated version of the documentary, then have a discussion moderated by CSUCI Assistant Professor of Sociology, Lindsay O-Connor, Ph.D.

**Save the Date: Thursday, June 7, 2018, 7pm**

## Guest Speaker



Senator Jackson has spent her career fighting for issues important to women. Just last month she introduced Senate Bill 1300, comprehensive legislation to fight sexual harassment in the workplace. We are delighted she is taking the time to speak to our group!

## AAUW California State Convention



**Friday, April 27-Sunday, April  
29<sup>th</sup>  
Irvine, CA**

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

## Can a Girl Catch a Lift??



**Alumnae Tech Trek Campers Need a Ride!**  
**Tech Trek's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Reunion**  
**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 12-4**  
Irvine Marriott 18000 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine

Our Branch has sponsored 3 Tech Trek alumnae who would like to attend the events at the convention and serve as our "ambassadors". However, they need a ride to Irvine to do so.

If you are available to attend this event, and would be willing to drive the girls, the Branch will pay for your lunch and reimburse you for mileage if you'd like!

Please let Vanessa know as soon as possible if you can help out and join us for a great celebration of Tech Trek. Email Vanessa [votto@ootto.com](mailto:votto@ootto.com)

## Celebrate Tech Trek (All Are Welcome!)

Luncheon 12:00-2:00 PM \$50 – register online at AAUW California website ([aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org))

Tech Trek Reunion Reception, 2:00-4:00 PM (no charge, RSVP via email to [techtrek@aauw-ca.org](mailto:techtrek@aauw-ca.org) required)

## Women in History a Huge Success!

Thanks to over 75 volunteers in 12 area schools who created over 100 first-person, classroom performances as part of the Camarillo AAUW "Women in History" program. These women help history come alive in our schools for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

With Kathy Van Slyke's illness, so many members and nonmembers stepped up to make sure the program continued. Special recognitions go to Ann Kahng, Merrill Berge, Judi Gill, Jan Demonsy, and Karen Normington who all embraced and took on one or more integral components of the program. Many others helped, including opening their homes for costume and prop distribution, which was essential to our success. THANK YOU!!!

We will have a debriefing meeting Saturday, April 7, 1-4pm at Gloria's house. If you helped, have any feedback or would like to be more involved, this is the meeting for you. Contact Gloria for more information: [aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com](mailto:aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com)

Pictured at right (clockwise from center: NASA computer scientist Katherine Johnson; expedition guide Sacagawea; flag maker Mary Pickersgill; Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Lowe; Red Cross founder Clara Barton; and La Mariposa coordinator, AAUW member Martita Martinez-Bravo.



## Meet and Greet Breakfast, Saturday, April 28 at 9am

### NEW LOCATION!

**Agave Maria's Mexican Restaurant**  
710 Arneill Rd, Camarillo (across from CVS)

Join us for a fun social gathering at a new spot with a full breakfast menu. Bring friends or prospective members.

### AGAVE'S BREAKFAST MENU

WEEKENDS from 8am to 11:30am

#### Breakfast

Two eggs any style, breakfast potatoes

Potatoes & Eggs	4.95
Bacon & Eggs	6.95
Waffles & Eggs	6.95
Asada & Eggs	7.95
Chorizo & Eggs	6.95

#### Omelettes

Three eggs, breakfast potatoes

Cheese Omelette	6.95
Garden Omelette	7.95
Steak or Ham Omelette	8.95
Spinach & Feta Omelette	7.95
Avocado Sunrise	7.95

#### Egg Burrito 7.50

Scrambled eggs, cheese and your choice of:

- Chicken, beef, pork, chorizo
- Bacon or ham
- Refried or black beans
- Red chile or tomatillo salsa
- Dry or Wet red or green sauce

#### From the Griddle

Served with syrup & butter

Pancakes - short stack (2)	3.95
Pancakes - full stack (4)	4.95
Pancake & Eggs (2)	6.95
French Toast (2)	3.95
French Toast & Eggs (2)	6.95

#### Over the Border

Served with refried or black beans

Huevos Rancheros	6.95
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Chilaquiles & Eggs	5.95
Quesadilla Huevos	5.95
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Bacon (1 or 2 pieces)	1.00/1.95
Oatmeal or Fruit	2.95
Toast	50/1.00
Eggs (1 or 2 eggs)	1.75/2.95
Yogurt & granola	3.95

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## Congratulations, Buena High School, Knowledge Bowl Winners!

By Rebecca Pescock

Congratulations to Buena High School, this year's winner of the 2018 Knowledge Bowl Betty Rutherford Trophy. Newbury Park High School took second place and St. Bonaventure High School took third place. Eleven schools participated. As usual, this year's competition was full of fun, with many students showing off their school spirit with custom-designed Knowledge Bowl t-shirts. I would like to thank the following AAUW members, family & friends for their dedicated help in putting this competition on for our local students: Laura McAvoy, Sol Chooljian, Vanessa Otto, Jennifer Baker, Mary Goldberg, Kay Wolverton Ito, Cheryl Mastrovito, Jerrie Newman, Barbara Britt, Kathy Long, Gloria Miele, Joyce Resnik, Bob Improta, Merrill Berge, Janet Lindquist, Diane Zeamba, Pat Ehret, Chris Ehret, Elizabeth Holden, Dee Dee Resnik.

After over 20 years of being involved with the Knowledge Bowl program, I have decided that it is time to step away and hand it off to someone else. Don't worry! There are timelines, procedures, and resources that will enable new leaders to pick up right where I am leaving off.

If you are interested, please contact me and/or Gloria Miele. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside so many of our amazing AAUW members, and I am so lucky to have been able to make an impact on the students of Ventura County. We live in a very special place!



## Membership Dues Update

### Membership Dues Increase This Year

The AAUW National and the Camarillo Branch Boards have voted to enact the first dues change in almost a decade. Effective March 2018, annual dues for Camarillo Branch members will increase by \$15 to \$100 (National dues increase by \$10 and Branch dues increase by \$5).

Annual dues currently account for a small percent of AAUW's annual budget. The dues increase will help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's programs. The National programs supported by the increase include salary negotiation workshops, groundbreaking research, advocacy efforts, campus leadership programs, and so much more. The local programs include our outstanding Women in History and Tech Trek programs.

We do great things together - thank you for your continued support.

The annual Membership dues drive has begun. Annual dues will now be \$100. A Renewing Member Form is below to facilitate your dues payment with a check. You will also receive an email invoice on April 4th from [memberinfo@aauw.org](mailto:memberinfo@aauw.org) with an option to pay your dues online with a credit card.

Please notify Shari Zaiger about all changes to your contact information!

We realize the dues increase is unexpected. If the cost increase is a challenge, please take advantage of a Dues Increase Waiver Program available to Branch members this year. Contact Shari Zaiger at [sharizaiger@roadrunner.com](mailto:sharizaiger@roadrunner.com) or 805-386-2691 and request to participate with the Dues Increase Waiver Program. Your annual dues will remain at last year's dues amount of \$85. Make your request immediately. This is on a first come first served basis due to limited availability. Your request must be received by June 1, 2018.

Thank you for supporting AAUW.

Contact Shari Zaiger with questions at [sharizaiger@roadrunner.com](mailto:sharizaiger@roadrunner.com) or 805-386-2691.

## AAUW Reads: Book Groups

### Nonfiction Book Group News

Our next two meeting dates have changed to the second Monday of the month.

Please join us on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 1:00pm at Janet Lindquist's to discuss:

**Rise of the Rocket Girls**  
**by Nathalia Holt**

Address: 32106 Village 32, Camarillo

Email: lindquistjb@hotmail.com (You may not be able to reach Janet by email for a few days; her computer is being fixed.)

Phone: (805) 437-6244

The May 14th meeting will be at Faye Villa's.

### PM Book Review

Please join us on April 23, 2018 at 7:00pm to discuss:

**The Lake House**  
**by Kate Morton**

This book also has a Reading Group Guide consisting of a series of questions and topics for discussion at the rear of the novel. It has been published as a trade paperback as well.

We will meet at the home of Jerrie Newman [389-3064]. Please give her a call to let her know if you plan to attend or not.

## Great Decisions: Discussions on World Affairs

### Topic 3: Media and Foreign Policy

When: 3:30-5:00pm Friday, April 27, 2018

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

*State and non-state actors today must maneuver a complex and rapidly evolving media landscape. Conventional journalism now competes with user-generated content. Official channels of communication can be circumvented through social media. Foreign policy is tweeted from the White House and "fake news" has entered the zeitgeist. Cyberwarfare, hacking and misinformation pose complex security threats. How are actors using media to pursue and defend their interests in the international arena? What are the implications for U.S. policy?*

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.

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(805) 386-2691.

## Bridge News

Bridge games are at noon  
and hosted by members:

### Date

April 13

April 27

### Host

Donna Herleikson-Ryden

Diana Hagen

Contact Nancy Jaeger for info  
805-484-3778





## Programs

### Ventura County Women's Collaborative Forum Presents:



## Women's' Crucial Role In Combating Climate Change Monday May 14, 2018

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

Since the Beijing Women's Conference in 1995, women have been striving for more opportunities to manage natural resources and to safeguard the environment. Today, unequal access to education and health care persists, further reducing women's agency with this issue. As a result, we've seen worsening climate pollution that disproportionately impacts women. Jan Dietrick, founder of Citizens' Climate Lobby Ventura, will speak about women in climate leadership and stewardship, the education of girls as a climate action, climate literacy, and the carbon tax policy designed to help women and other vulnerable communities.

**Jan Dietrick** was a participant at the US Preparatory Meeting (in Oakland) to the 1995 UN 4th World Conference on Women which is the inspiration for this Women's Forum. Her focus was and continues to be preventing harm from pesticide use. She has a Master's Degree in Public Health. She is a member of the Ventura County Farm Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce. She is the founding Chair of the Ventura Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby.

**Citizens' Climate Lobby** is an international grassroots organization fighting climate change. Political will does not start with politicians but with us. CCL creates political will for climate solutions by enabling individual breakthroughs in the exercise of personal and political power. By building relationships with Congress, CCL seeks bipartisan legislation to reduce greenhouse gases, grow the economy, and save lives.

**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](http://vcwf.org)

## Calendar of Events 2018

April 3 - Board meeting, Jan Ackerman's, 7pm  
April 24 - General meeting, Brief Screening of Equal Means Equal, with Discussion  
April 27-29 – State Convention  
May 1 - Board meeting  
May 7 and 9 – Creative Arts Workshop Registration  
June 5 - Board meeting  
June 7, Hannah Beth Jackson  
July Installation of Officers and Meeting – TBD  
July 9-27 – *49<sup>th</sup> Annual Creative Arts Workshop*  
October 20 – Author's Day

## Creative Arts Workshop:

**\*\*Service Hours for High School and College Students Available in July\*\***

We are looking for high school and college students volunteers to work with young children at Creative Arts Workshop, July 9 - 27, 2018, from 8:30am to noon. Please contact Mrs. Allen for questions:  
[alwaysbusy1716@yahoo.com](mailto:alwaysbusy1716@yahoo.com)  
Thank you!

Check out the AAUW website for this year's Creative Arts Workshop offerings: [the new "full" brochure is now online!](#) If you are interested in helping during registration (May 5, 2018, 8:30 - 11:30am), please contact: Karen Allen @ [alwaysbusy1716@yahoo.com](mailto:alwaysbusy1716@yahoo.com)  
Thank you!

## CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP

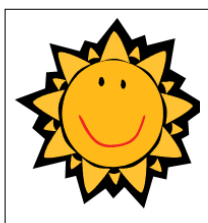
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## Public Policy Matters!

### DEEPER IN DEBT: WOMEN AND STUDENT LOANS

#### WOMEN TAKE ON MORE STUDENT DEBT THAN MEN ... BUT ARE PAID LESS AFTER COLLEGE

Between 1976 and 2014 the price of college attendance more than doubled, but household incomes barely budged. Today most students must bridge the gap between income and cost with student loans—followed by student debt. Women take on more loans and take longer to repay their debt, thus women hold almost two-thirds of the outstanding student loan debt in the United States.

Following graduation, women repay their loans more slowly than do men, in part because of the gender pay gap, and they are also more likely to struggle economically during repayment. This means that women may have to put off saving for retirement, buying a home, or starting a business.

Student debt is a systemic and national problem that disproportionately impacts women. AAUW members can help make changes to reduce women's student loan debt burden:

Congress must protect and expand Pell Grants for low-income students to reduce the amount of student loan debt they must take on to complete a degree.

State and federal legislators should increase funding for public colleges and universities and support efforts to move toward tuition- and debt-free options for students.

The department of education and lawmakers should make it easier for students to enroll in income-driven repayment options to help mitigate some women's financial difficulties.

Institutions can address the academic and financial needs of traditional and nontraditional students, such as access to child care.

Learn more and **take action** at: [HTTP://WWW.AAUW.ORG/RESEARCH/DEEPER-IN-DEBT/](http://www.aauw.org/research/deeper-in-debt/)

*Adapted by Michele St. Clair, Public Policy Director, AAUW Healdsburg Branch, from <https://www.aauw.org/resource/deeper-in-debt-one-pager/>*

## AAUW National News

### **National Bylaws Amendments:**

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments that we believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls.

The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the AAUW website, the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW's mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

The first two proposals would bring AAUW's board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

The board recognizes that we have not traditionally put proposals up for vote outside our AAUW National Election, but these proposed changes have been under consideration for several years by both the Governance Committee and the board, and we believe it is important to move forward without delay to position the organization for greater growth.

Members can comment on the proposed amendments and submit their own proposals from February 22, 2018, through March 22, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.

We encourage you all to engage in respectful debate that has always been a hallmark of the AAUW community, exercise your vote, and encourage fellow members to do the same.

You can direct any questions or concerns to [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org).



## More on Membership

Interested in joining AAUW?

Or have a friend who would be a great addition?

Here's how to proceed:

- (1) You can join & pay online with a credit card using the orange New Member Join link below. Right click on the link & then select open hyperlink

[AAUW Camarillo Branch New Member Join Link](#)

This is a direct link to The Camarillo (CA) AAUW Branch. You will select New Member and for Member Type choose MOB-Branch Member. If you join between January 1 and March 15, half year dues apply. Annual dues will be due by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the same year.

- (2) You can also join & pay with a check. Complete the New Member Form in this Beacon. Follow the instructions on the Form.

Not sure if AAUW is a good fit for you? Attend the monthly Meet-n-Greet Breakfast. This is held on the last Saturday of most months. Refer to the article in this Beacon for specifics. This is a pleasant social gathering for members and potential members. Hope to see you there! OR attend the next Branch General meeting. Guests are always welcome.

Please pass along this information to a friend!

For questions please contact Shari Zaiger, Camarillo Branch Membership at 805-386-2691 or [sharizaiger@roadrunner.com](mailto:sharizaiger@roadrunner.com).



### Renewing & New Member Form: *Please Print*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/partner (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest College degree: \_\_\_\_\_

University/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Schedule: **Circle one:**

General Member \$100

Life Member \$41

Student Affiliate \$ 0

(Includes local, state & national dues)

Write check payable to: "AAUW Camarillo Branch" and mail to:

Camarillo AAUW  
P. O Box 862  
Camarillo, CA 93011

Visit our website! <https://camarillo-ca.aauw.net/>

For questions contact Shari Zaiger, Membership at 805-386-2691 or [sharizaiger@roadrunner.com](mailto:sharizaiger@roadrunner.com).

## **AAUW Member Opportunity Nominating Committee Needed**

According to our bylaws, we need five members to serve on the nominating committee to secure nominations for the open 2018-2019 board positions.

Please contact Gloria for more information if you're willing to serve!

[AAUW.camarillo.president@gmail.com](mailto:AAUW.camarillo.president@gmail.com)  
805-216-8403

## **NEED A NAME BADGE?**

If you are a new member, or if you'd like an alternative to your older name badge, here is your chance! The new badges are more colorful and easier to read. They are comprised of an aluminum plate mounted on blue plastic with either a pin or magnet backing.



If you would like to order a badge, please mail a check for **\$10** made out to "AAUW Camarillo," to: **Ann Wasson 210 Frenchys Cove #3 Camarillo, CA 93012.**

Please make two notes on the check:

1. Your name as you wish it on the badge and
2. Whether you would prefer a magnet back or a pin back.

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