

The President's Message

Summertime is upon us!

It's hard to believe how quickly the year is speeding by. Graduations and weddings and vacations are coming and going, and our program year is almost at an end.

But not without two more meetings: June 7th with guest speaker Hannah-Beth Jackson at the Somis Thursday club; and July 8th with our end of year tea and Board installation. More details inside and coming soon.

Of course Creative Arts Workshop and Tech Trek both start in July. If you're able, please try to visit one of these programs. Creative Arts Workshop is still looking for student volunteers and a knitting instructor. See inside for more info.

In May, members enjoyed an informal gathering at Relm and in June others met to see the documentary RBG. Keep your eyes open for more opportunities to gather throughout the summer. Watch your email or our Facebook page.

And Save the Dates!

Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018, Annual Planning Meeting 9:30-11:30 (meeting, then stay for lunch! \$20 – Spanish Hills Country Club

Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018. 1:30-4pm – Kick Off! Spanish Hills Country Club

Hope to see you soon.

Gloria Miele

President, AAUW Camarillo

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We are sorry to share the news of Kathy Van Slyke's passing on June 2, 2018. A longtime, active member of our branch, she was the backbone of our Women in History program. She will be greatly missed.

You will receive a separate email with further information as we receive it. In the meantime, our hearts go out to Noel, her family and all who loved her.



Upcoming Meeting

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, as well as a bill to ensure more women serve on corporate boards. We are delighted she is taking the time to speak to our group!

Co-hosted by the Somis Thursday Club
5380 Bell St, Somis (corner of Somis Rd.)

AAUW Adopts a Poll

Thanks to Stephanie Zierhut and Nancy Walters for recruiting 30 people to cover the polls on election day. Thanks to all who are volunteering!

And don't forget to vote June 5th!!

Programs



Details on refreshments
coming in a separate email.

July Meeting: Installation of Officers
and Tea Party!
Sunday, July 8, 1-3pm

Thanks to PVHS for providing space for our end
of year event.



The Ventura County Women's Forum Collaborative will be having lunch at Kim Stephenson's house on Saturday, June 30, 11:30 am, to discuss new directions for the organization. If you have ideas on how the VCWFC can best serve our community, or if you would be interested in serving as treasurer for the organization, please RSVP for the luncheon to Kim at kimstep@rocketmail.com. She will give you her address and details upon RSVP.



Meet and Greet



An impromptu gathering at RELM wine bar in Camarillo. The ambiance, the food and drinks, and of course the conversation and company were all terrific. And we welcomed new member, Carol Mack and guest Ebony Ann Blaze.

Below, members after watching RBG.

Ideas for other gatherings? Email aauw.president.camarillo@gmail.com



Meet and Greet Breakfast, Saturday, June 24, 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
Manny & Eggs 6.95
Avocado & 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 sauce or tomato 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
Machaca & Eggs + cornucopia 7.95
Chilaquiles & Eggs 5.95
Quesadilla Huevos 5.95
Chorizo & Eggs + cornucopia 7.95

OVER THE BORDER ITEMS SERVED
ALL DAY EVERY DAY

A la carte items

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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Calendar of Events 2018

June 7, 7pm. Hannah Beth Jackson,
Somis Thursday Club, 7pm

July 8, 1-3. Installation of Officers
and End of Year Tea, Pleasant Valley
Historical Society

July 9-27 – 49th Annual Creative Arts
Workshop

July/August – Tech Trek

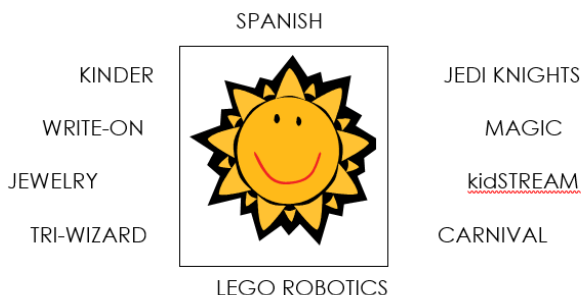
Aug. 16. Annual Planning Meeting
9:30-11:30, optional lunch after,
Spanish Hills CC

Sept. 23. 1-4– Kick Off! Spanish Hills
CC

October 20 – Author's Day

Dec. 1 or 2 – Holiday Party

CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP



Teenage Helpers Needed!!

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

We are still in need of high school and
college student volunteers to work with
young children at Creative Arts Workshop,
July 9 - 27, 2018, from 8:30am to noon.

Contact Karen Allen,
alwaysbusy1716@gmail.com



**That's how much
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in your life.

As an AAUW member you can gift one year
of AAUW national membership to as many
recent college graduates as you like **at no
cost to them or you.**

More info at
<https://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>

AAUW Interest Groups: Book Groups

Nonfiction Book Group News

The AAUW Nonfiction Book Group will now return to meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. Here are the books, dates, and locations for our June and July meetings:

The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics

by Daniel James Brown

June 12th, Tuesday, 1:00 pm, at Barbara Hilburn's. Please

RSVP: hilburndesigns@gmail.com or (805) 647-8970.

Leonardo da Vinci

by Walter Isaacson

July 10th, Tuesday, 1:00 pm, at Nancy

Walter's. RSVP: nejwalters285@gmail.com or (719) 395-6531.

The Fiction Book Club is off for the summer and will be back in September.



It's a party!

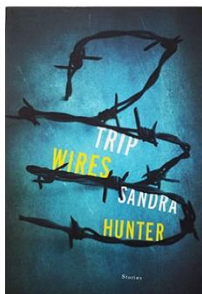
Join us for the launch of
TRIP WIRES, stories
by Sandra Hunter

Poetry--music--comedy--and LIVE painting!

Saturday June 9
5pm-8pm
Mrs. Fig's Bookworm
93 E Daily Drive, Camarillo

Bring a camping stool/
folding chair/cushion

www.sandrajhunter.com



Speaking of books...

AAUW Member and
Author's Day speaker
Sandra Hunter has invited
us to her book launch at
Mrs. Fig's (owner, Connie,
is also a member!!).

Details at left.

Great Decisions: Discussions on World Affairs

Topic 6 – U.S. GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AND THE MILITARY

When: 3:30-5:00pm Friday, June 22, 2018

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

Of all NATO allies, Turkey represents the most daunting challenge for the Trump administration. In the wake of a failed military coup in July 2016, the autocratic trend in Ankara took a turn for the worse. One year on, an overwhelming majority of the population considers the United States to be their country's greatest security threat. In this age of a worsening "clash of civilizations" between Islam and the West, even more important than its place on the map is what Turkey symbolically represents as the most institutionally Westernized Muslim country in the world.

Topic 7 – SOUTH AFRICA'S FRAGILE DEMOCRACY

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

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

The African National Congress (ANC) party has governed South Africa since the end of apartheid in 1994. But the party today suffers from popular frustration over official corruption and economic stagnation. It faces growing threats from both left and right opposition parties, even as intraparty divisions surface. Given America's history of opportunistic engagement with Africa, there are few prospects for a closer relationship between the two countries. Meanwhile, a weaker ANC could lead to political fragmentation in this relatively new democracy.

Bridge News

The bridge group will have a meeting on June 9th at Janet Lindquist's. We will not meet again until September.

Contact Nancy Jaeger for info
805-484-3778



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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Public Policy Matters!

Thoughts and Prayers and Tears

Kathy Long, Public Policy Chair

AAUW promotes the economic, social, and “physical well-being of all persons.” That is a broad umbrella statement in many ways and yet provides for endless advocacy opportunities. As quoted at the state convention, AAUW members are “dangerously educated women”, so I know you are all informed, and probably yet again, shocked, angry and saddened for our country with the latest school shooting in Texas. We dedicate our time, talent and treasure to advance educational opportunities for girls and women in our communities. Yet, today, we spend more time discussing how to make our schools safe for our children, teachers and staff. The sadness is seen and heard following the many incidences of schoolyard shooting and as a nation we are questioning how we will end this epidemic. There are many parts to the scenarios we’ve read and discussed with family and community: the lack of campus resources; the underfunded needs of the mentally ill; lack of support for our veterans and homeless; the personal rights of individuals; and the desires we all have for safe communities.

On the legislative front at the Federal level, nothing is moving forward with real reform outcomes. Fortunately, our state has some of the strongest laws that govern ownership and use of firearms. Still, we fall victim to the lack of Federal laws with clear prohibitions. In March, California Senate Resolution No.24 put forward by Senator Jackson urges the Congress of the United States to reauthorize and strengthen the Federal Assault Weapons Ban of 2018, a ban that was in place through the 90’s and was allowed to sunset. A ban that was proven to reduce the number of mass shootings in our country. U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein has championed the reinstatement of this ban, yet to be acted on by Congress. Additionally, CA Senator Jackson’s resolution “calls on CalPERS to engage with companies in which it is invested that produce or sell firearms to determine a reasonable method for those companies to withdraw from the production and sale of firearms or to produce a plan to divest from those companies, as specified.” CalPERS is one of the biggest employee pension systems in the nation and its reach and clout is powerful to the corporate bottom-line. We have seen many times where effective boycotts have moved the social justice discussion and resulted in a positive outcome for our society. Protecting our schoolhouse, our school yards, our school children, will take all of us to move the discussion to action, not just thoughts and prayers. Too many tears have been shed and our country, unlike the majority of the world countries, has not done enough to protect our future. You can track SJR No. 24 via the California Legislative Information site leginfo.legislature.ca.gov.

Senator Jackson will be speaking to us June 7th on many topics and we will have an opportunity to discuss this further. The time is now for a nationwide “call to action” to promote the well-being of our children and our communities.

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.

Voting opened on April 25, 2018, and will 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.

Membership Dues Update: DUES ARE DUE!!

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.

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 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 or 805-386-2691.

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 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 30th 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.

Dues are Due! Pay online or by check, using the form below.
Thank you!



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:

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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.

AAUW Board Update

The following board positions are still open for 2018-2019.

President-Elect
VP of Membership

Positions can be shared and come with lots of support. Please contact Gloria for more information if you're willing to serve!

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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