



Camarillo (CA) Branch

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January 2019

The President's Message

Happy New Year. Hope you all had good holidays.

We are entering the busy program time of year. Our first meeting is a very special one, with glass artist Frances Elson presenting on her family's experience as Holocaust survivors. She tells the story through her art. There's nothing like a first hand experience and story to leave an impression. Bring a friend or family member. Students welcome! See inside for details.

The IBC luncheon on Feb. 16th will focus on pay equity for women. With the audacious goals of training 10 million (!!) women through Work Smart and Smart Start programs by 2022 and achieving pay equity by 2030, AAUW is leading the way in a national effort to help women get their fair share. We'll have a panel discussion, including representatives from AAUW California's financial literacy team, and CSUCI Chief of Staff and AAUW member Dr. Genevieve Evans Taylor, who trains college women in salary negotiation. Space is limited. See inside for details.

In March, Women in History and Knowledge Bowl begin Thanks to all who are working on these projects. Look for other volunteer announcements inside.

Our fundraising efforts are going well. We received a 10k grant from the Eugene V. Haas Foundation for Tech Trek and CSUCI scholarships. Our total profit from Author's Day was over 4K, and we have had some very generous members donate for one or more Tech Trek scholarship. We earned nearly \$300 on Axxess book sales, and other donations. We also applied for a grant from the Rebozo foundation. While we did not receive funds on this first try, they were very impressed with Tech Trek and encouraged us to apply next year. Know of other sources for fundraising? Let us know.

I hope 2019 is happy and healthy for all and that I see you at an upcoming AAUW event!

Best,

Gloria Miele

Aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com

General Meeting, Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Glass artist Frances Elson presents

"BROKEN...A Holocaust Memorial in Fused Glass"

Tuesday, January 8, 7pm

Somis School Cafeteria

5268 North St., Somis (Park and enter on West St.)

A Holocaust Survivor, Fran has been working for years on a project about her family's story. Her presentation recounts her family's history and the lessons we can learn about the fragility of our freedoms. It debuted earlier this year to a very warm reception, and we are honored to offer this presentation to our members and their guests.

Special opportunity! On Saturday January 12 from 2-5 pm we are invited to visit Fran's studio: 6351 Baja Vista, Somis.



Women & Money

Getting & Keeping Your Fair Share



A new survey finds that women are less likely to ask for a raise compared to men. There are lots of reasons why. But how do we change this trend? AAUW is working with partners across communities, cities, and states to offer free salary negotiation workshops and to eliminate the gender pay gap for good. AAUW believes that pay equity and equal employment opportunity are matters of simple fairness. This year's IBC luncheon will highlight AAUW's efforts in narrowing the pay gap, including financial literacy and salary negotiation training, and feature a panel of workshop trainers who will help us learn and pass along new skills to improve pay equity.

2019 IBC Luncheon

AAUW Ventura County

February 16, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 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 Monday, February 4, 2019

—> Register Online with EventBrite at <https://aauwibc2019womenandmoney.eventbrite.com>

(OR)

—> Register by Mail with this form

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.

My Name: _____

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: Pat Becker,
2999 Yucca Dr., Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012

Meet and Greet Breakfast, Saturday, Jan, 26, at 9am

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
Ham & Eggs	6.95
Asado & Eggs	7.95
Carnitas & Eggs	6.95

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

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

Over the Border

Served with refried or black beans

Huevos Rancheros	6.95
Machaca & Eggs & tortillas	7.95
Chilaquiles & Eggs	5.95
Quesadilla Huevos	5.95
Chorizo & Eggs & tortillas	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 salsa or tomatillo salsa
- Dry or Wet red or green sauce

OVER THE BORDER ITEMS SERVED
ALL DAY EVERY DAY

À 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

MICHELADAS ~ MIMOSAS ~ BLOODY MARYS

Volunteers Needed for Women in History Training

Women in History training will be on January 28, 2019 at Dos Caminos Elementary School's multipurpose room. Setup will be at 5:00 p.m. Training will be from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Cleanup needs to be completed by 8:00 p.m. We will be needing help with setup, registration, hospitality, membership, training, costumes and clean up. Are you available to lend a hand for an hour or two?

Please contact Ann Kahng at akahng@gmail.com or (805) 383-1528

Knowledge Bowl 2019

Looking for a fun and easy way to get involved with our branch?

No experience required!

January is here, and the countdown to one of our branch's favorite programs has begun. Knowledge Bowl is a round-robin quiz bowl tournament similar to Jeopardy. High school students from Ventura County compete over three Wednesdays in March.

The dates and locations for Knowledge Bowl 2019 are as follows:

March 6 – Hueneme High School – mini practice round and competitions starting at 5:30 p.m.

March 13 – Pacifica High School (located in Oxnard) – competitions starting at 5:30 p.m.

March 20 – Adolfo Camarillo High School – competitions and awards starting at 5:30 p.m.

Volunteers serve as question readers, judges and timers. A minimum of 12 volunteers are needed for each night of the competition. You can volunteer for one, two, or all three nights, but if you're new to this event, try to attend March 6 when a mini practice round will be held at the beginning of the evening to give students, coaches and volunteers a chance to review the process.

Contact Mary Goldberg at marygoldberg@gmail.com or (805) 248-4572 for more information, or sign up to volunteer now on SignUp Genius [HERE](#).

Questions are compiled from a variety of sources. Thank you to Kathy Long for writing questions on government and history and to Bernadette Lau for questions on anatomy. If you would like to send in questions on a topic of interest to you, contact Mary at the above email by January 31, 2019.

Here are a couple of questions from our 2016 competitions. (Find answers later in this issue):

- a. *Tomorrow is Another Day* was the original title of what novel by Margaret Mitchell?
- b. What type of orbit is assumed by a satellite that remains in the same position relative to a point on the Earth's surface?
- c. After a peasant uprising, she decided against her proposed 1767 reforms for serfs.
- d. If one gallon of paint covers 400 square feet, how many gallons are needed to put two coats on a wall 7 feet high and 300 feet long?
- e. A molecule of what explosive gas used for fueling cutting torches consists of two carbon atoms and two hydrogen atoms?

Have a Very Happy New Year!!

Mary Goldberg
AAUW Knowledge Bowl

Calendar of Events, 2019

January 8 - 5:30pm Board Meeting, 7pm General Meeting, Somis School Cafeteria. Fran Elson, speaker.

January 26 - Meet and Greet Breakfast, 9am, Agave Maria's

January 28 – Women in History Training, Dos Caminos School, 6-7:30

Feb. 5 – Board Meeting – Time and location TBD

Feb 16 – IBC Luncheon, AAUW Programs for Pay Equity - Financial Literacy and Negotiation Skills. 11:30-2pm, Los Robles Country Club. Registration info coming in Jan.

March 6, 13, and 20, 2019 – Knowledge Bowl.

Nov. 19 – Author's Day!!

Tech Trek Kicking Off

January is the month we contact our local middle schools and ask them to nominate girls for Tech Trek camp. If you would like to improve our Tech Trek outreach, this is the time to do it. Science teachers must nominate 7th grader candidates during the month of January. The girls have the month of February to complete their applications. We will make our selection of 10 campers in March. Last year these schools made valid nominations: Mesa Union, Los Primeros, Monte Vista, Cabrillo, Juan Lagunas, CAPE, Las Colinas.

These schools, however, did not respond to requests for nominations, or their student did not complete the application: Rio Vista, Cesar Chavez School, Curran School, Kamala School, Haydock Academy, Pleasant Valley School of Engineering and Arts and Somis Middle School.

If you live near any of these schools, or have a special relationship with the staff at any of the Ventura County middle schools, you are needed now. I will give you additional materials to clarify the nomination process and the selection criteria. The teacher recommendation letters are a critical part of the evaluation process. These letters have varied considerably in their quality, so you may be able to improve the quality as well as the number and coverage of the nominations.

Let me know if you can help. Contact me as soon as possible!

Vanessa Otto
votto@ootto.com

Nonfiction Book Group

The AAUW Nonfiction Book Group is **welcoming new members** and has made some scheduling and procedural changes. First, we are moving the meetings to 10:00 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month, and we will not change this time. As long as one person can come, we will not cancel a meeting. And second, we will try to insert some lighter books in between the heavy books – still all nonfiction books, though.

Our next meeting is on January 8th at 10:00 a.m. at Barbara Hilburn's house: 392 Sonoma Court, Ventura. We will read Grandma Gateway's Walk by Ben Montgomery, a journalist's biography of the unassuming but gutsy 67-year-old Ohio grandmother who became the first person to walk all 2,050 miles of the Appalachian Trail three times and influence improvements in the trail. This book is readily available and is a lighter read.

If you want to attend or just have questions, please contact Barbara Hilburn at hilburndesigns@gmail.com

Going forward, on February 12th, we will meet at Nancy Walker's house and read Who We Are and How We Got Here: Ancient DNA and the New Science of the Human Past by David Reich. This book will be more difficult to borrow as it is new, but it did receive the most votes.

On March 12th we will meet at Janet Lindquist's house. We will read My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel by Ari Shavit. We agreed to add this book at the December meeting. It is a book of interest, older and easily available.

We do not have a host for April 9. We will read How to Change Your Mind by Michael Pollan.

Happy New Year!

How many Knowledge Bowl Questions Did You Answer Correctly?

- a. Gone with the Wind
- b. Geosynchronous
- c. Catherine the Great
- d. 10.5 gallons
- e. Acetylene (Uh-set'-uh-lean)

Learning, Playing, Connecting

PM Book Review

We are back on our regular schedule—the fourth Monday of the month, so our next meeting will be on January 28, 2019 at the home of Mary Rockwell where we will discuss the book *Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate. Please phone Mary at (805) 484-1305 to let her know whether you plan to attend. Cris Binda and Mary are switching hostess months (but not books!), so please take note.

Bridge News

On Friday, January 11, 2019 we will meet at noon at the home of Evonne Peterson.
On January 25, 2019 we will meet at the home of Jeanne Biggs.

Great Decisions

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

Here are our upcoming 2019 topics:

- Refugees and Global Migration
- The Middle East: Regional Disorder
- Nuclear negotiations: Back to the Future?
- The Rise of Populism in Europe
- Decoding U.S.-China Trade
- Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics
- The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested
- State of the State Department and Diplomacy

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program provides background information and policy options for the eight most critical issues facing America each year and serves as the focal text for discussion groups across the country. The mission of the Foreign Policy Association today, as it has been throughout its 100-year history, is to serve as a catalyst for developing awareness, understanding, and informed opinion on U.S. foreign policy and global issues. Through its balanced, nonpartisan programs and publications, the FPA encourages citizens to participate in the foreign policy process.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Ann Wasson at (805) 419-4509 or amwasson@gmail.com. We'd love to order a booklet for you!

Public Policy Matters

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary word for the year 2018 is [JUSTICE](#). It was a top lookup throughout the year with the entry being consulted 74% more than in 2017. The concept of justice was at the center of many national debates in the past year: racial justice, social justice, criminal justice, economic justice. Much of the discussion revolved around the exact meaning of “justice” in the realm of the executive branch of government responsible for the enforcement of laws; there is a lot of news coming out of the the Department of Justice and the on-going Mueller investigation. There are areas of social justice that resonate in our communities and challenge us to think about both the country we believe in and about what 2019 will bring us in balancing justice for all.

The end of 2018 brought a budget-battle government shut-down that has seen over 800,000 Federal employees furloughed: TSA, Coast Guard, forest firefighters, law enforcement and corrections personnel. Federal buildings and parks were closed, and the economic bottom line resulted in negative impacts to related businesses. The collateral damage also included the sunset of the Violence Against Women Re-Authorization Act, passed by President Obama in March 2013. As of now, January 1st, the impacts are non-payment of contracts/services and no new grants or programs; the risk lies in getting it reauthorized. We must track this and advocate for women in the new legislative session.

Meanwhile, U.S. Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Senator Dianne Feinstein is working to improve the lives of the immigrant children incarcerated at our borders, asking for a full accounting of the conditions at the border. As the new Congress steps in, expect to see legislation to address the injustice occurring around these children.

U.S. Senator Kamala Harris has put forward bills addressing the needs of the mentally ill, specifically in rural areas, and the need for more mental health professionals. She also co-authored a Federal Anti-Lynching bill that finally made it out of the Senate – imagine, that such a bill is even necessary in the 21st century!

Our state legislature will convene in January, and the bill writing process will begin for 2019. The Public Policy Committee will continue to track the “sausage making” at all levels to keep you informed and advocating for justice and equality in 2019. AAUW.org and AAUW-CA.org are good websites to keep you informed and passionate about our mission – check it out!

Kathy Long, Chair

Membership

Give a Grad the Gift of AAUW Membership!

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. Anyone who has completed their undergraduate degree in the past two years is eligible to receive one free membership from an AAUW member. This is a membership to AAUW National. If the Graduate resides in Ventura County, I recommend you also include an annual Camarillo Branch membership for only \$10. This is a significant discount from our annual dues amount.

For more information or to gift a Graduate please contact Shari Zaiger, Camarillo Branch Membership at (805) 386-2691 or sharizaiger@roadrunner.com.

Member News!

Any news to share? Milestones or awards to celebrate? Email camarillo.beacon@gmail.com and let us celebrate with you!

Welcome New Member

Susan Seats

Any marchers out there?

Saturday, January 2019 Third Annual Women's March

There are events in LA and Ventura. Many of our members have marched in the past. Email Gloria if you're interested in marching with AAUW!

More on Membership

Not a member? Or know someone who would be a great addition?

(1) You may join and pay online with a credit card using the New Member Join link below. Right click on the link and 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 1st and March 15th, half-year dues apply. Annual dues will be due by June 30th of the same year.

(2) Or you may join and pay with a check. Complete the Member Form in this Beacon. Follow the instructions on the Form.

Not sure if AAUW is a good fit for you? Try attending the monthly Meet & Greet Breakfast, 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!

(3) OR check out the Branch Website here:
[AAUW Camarillo \(CA\) Branch website](#)

(4) OR attend the next Branch General meeting. Guests are always welcome.

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

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Camarillo (CA) Branch

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Name _____

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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.

The Membership Committee Needs You

Here's a chance to collaborate with others to expand our membership, invite your friends, and sustain our AAUW Branch. This newly formed committee is looking for participants who are willing to share networking skills and like to meet new members, but who also have limited time for committee meetings. Help us generate some innovative ways to "grow our group"! To learn more, please contact Jan Demonsy, Camarillo Branch VP of Membership, at (805) 419-4607 or pocateraj@aol.com.

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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