

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

Dear Members,

Women's History month is big for our branch. This year, I was especially inspired on March 8, International Women's Day, with all the uplifting posts from friends highlighting the remarkable accomplishments of women all over the world. My Facebook news feed was full of inspirational messages and photos. As I scrolled through, I noticed that most of the posts were from other women. So were the "likes" on my posts. So I took a closer look, and out of my over 1,500 "friends," I saw only one (yes, one) man post something about International Women's Day.

Do men think women's equality is just for women? Because we need allies and believers in women to stand up and be proud about it. A big part of the oppression of women stems from the gender roles that keep us behaving in the same ways over and over and over.

Encourage the men in your life to speak up for women. Our partners and sons, brothers and uncles, dads, cousins, colleagues, and friends need to join us in support of women's equality. With only half the population speaking up about it, we will never fix the gender pay gap or high rates of violence against women or the lack of women in STEM fields. There's lots to be done, but we need to do it together.

Speaking of doing things together, March was a great month for our AAUW programs to have a mission-driven impact on students grades K-12 all over the county. Our Women in History program once again was a great success in local schools. Knowledge Bowl was also fantastic, with 11 teams competing over three weeks (winner info inside!). None of our programs could happen without the league of volunteers who step up. Thank you all!!

We are very excited about our next general meeting April 11, when we will meet at KidSTREAM Children's Museum. Get an insider's look at this developing, hands-on resource for kids right in our backyard! All the details are in the Beacon, including info on Pay Equity Month!

Hope to see you at an event soon!

Best,

Gloria Miele

[Aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com](mailto:Aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com)

## General Meeting, Thursday, April 11, 7pm

We couldn't be more excited to have our next meeting at KidSTREAM, the emerging children's museum in Camarillo.



3100 Ponderosa Drive, Camarillo

At the site of the old library on Ponderosa, get a peak at the spectacular repurposing of this space. We'll have a visit from famous California women in history. Member Joyce Studebaker will also talk about her Gold Star Mother program.

Bring a Friend!! April is the perfect time to join AAUW. Join at an event (general meeting, meet and greet breakfast) and membership through June 2020 is **only \$71!** Come early to check out the Board Meeting at 5:30. All are welcome!



## Celebrating Women in History!

This year, students in 11 area schools celebrated Women's History month with the annual Camarillo AAUW "Women in History" program. In addition to committee members Ann Kahng, Jan Demonsy, Judi Gill, Cheryl Mastrovito, Betsy Metzgar, Karen Normington, Janice Lindsay and Merrill Berge, each school's Women in History representative helped to recruit and coordinate over 70 volunteers for this annual event.

Moms, aunts and grandmothers portrayed 12 important women with first-person performances, helping to make history come alive right in front of students' eyes. Approximately 10,000 area K-8 students saw at least one of the following:

- Sally Kristen Ride (Grades K-3) First American woman to go into space.
- Mae Jemison (Grades K-3) First African American woman to be an astronaut, also scientist and doctor.
- Maria Tallchief (Grades K-3) First Prima Ballerina as well as first Native American prima ballerina
- Pocahontas (Grades K-3) Native American heroine. Helped establish Jamestown Colony
- Amelia Earhart (Grades K-8) A pioneering aviator who paved the way for women to become commercial and military pilots as well as astronauts. She was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.
- Maria Echaveste (Grades K-8) An attorney and former Presidential advisor at the White House who grew up in Oxnard working in the strawberry fields with her family.
- Julia Morgan (Grades 4-8) First woman licensed in California as an architect. Designed Hearst Castle and introduced the concept of reinforced concrete.
- Susan B. Anthony (Grades 4-8) Championed women's right to vote; was arrested and jailed when she cast a vote in 1872.
- Deborah Samson (1760-1827) (Grades 5 or 4-5) Disguised herself as a man and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War
- Queen Hatshepsut (18th Dynasty) (Grade 6 only) First and only woman pharaoh of Egypt.
- Queen Elizabeth I (1533-1603) (Grade 7 only) Queen of England during Renaissance period.
- Clara Barton (1821-1912) and the Civil War (Grade 8 only) During the Civil War she distributed supplies to the battlefields and nursed the sick and wounded. Founded the American Red Cross.



Left and right: At Rancho Rosal, Julia Morgan (Emily Pusateri) shows an architectural model, while Amelia Earhart (Cindy Gipson) tells students about her adventures. Middle: At Los Primeros, Amelia Earhart (Katy Lyon) visits with Andrew Torti. Andrew, Betsy Metzgar's grandson, is also a volunteer. He made 2 model airplanes used as props for the school performances.



## Knowledge Bowl 2019

We have completed our 56th Annual AAUW Knowledge Bowl. I am always amazed at the enthusiasm and the wide range of facts known of the team members and at the dedication of the coaches.

Ninety-five students from eleven Ventura County high schools participated this year. The schools included: Adolfo Camarillo, Buena, Channel Islands, El Camino High School at Ventura College, Hueneme, Newbury Park, Oxnard, Pacifica, Rio Mesa, St. Bonaventure, and Santa Paula.

A special thank you to our members, family, and friends who volunteered at the competitions: Rebecca Pecsok, Barbara Britt, Bonnie Godfrey, Cheryl Mastrovito, Dr. Colleen Robertson, Dr. Sue Parsons, Dr. Gloria Miele, Jennie Baker, Jessica Maiten (a new member), Judi Gill, Kathy Long, Colleen Scott, Kay W. Ito and her son Jack, Laura McAvoy, Sol Chooljian, Merrill Berge, and Nancy McGinnis. I would also like to thank those who submitted questions: Bernie Lau, Kathy Long, Jack Ito, and Devin Romines. Thank you to Kay W. Ito for the photography!

- Mary Goldberg, Knowledge Bowl Chair

### **Newbury Park High School Knowledge Bowl Champions**



Second Place Winners: Buena High School



Third Place Winners: St. Bonaventure High School

Meet and Greet Breakfast, Saturday, April 27, at 9am

## Agave Maria's Mexican Restaurant

710 Arneill Rd, Camarillo (across from CVS)

Join us for great food AND conversation the last Saturday of the month.



<b>AGAVE'S BREAKFAST MENU</b> WEEKENDS from 8am to 11:30am	
<b>Breakfast</b> <i>Two eggs any style, breakfast potatoes</i>	<b>From the Griddle</b> <i>Served with syrup &amp; butter</i>
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Happy 50th Anniversary to Creative Arts Workshop!



This is the year to celebrate the amazing work our branch has done for the past 50 years for the children in the community. This year's brochure will be available on our website, and limited quantities are available at the Camarillo Library.



Registration for classes begins at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> online at: [cawregistration.net](http://cawregistration.net). If you have questions, please email Karen at [info@cawregistration.net](mailto:info@cawregistration.net).

Thank you for your support!

Karen Allen



## Nonfiction Book Group

We had a good turnout at Janet's in March and a wide-ranging discussion on Ari Shavit's book, *My Promised Land*.

Our next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on April 9th, Tuesday, at Jerrie Newman's house (872 Grada Ave., Camarillo). We have decided to read *Becoming* by Michelle Obama for this April meeting.

See you then.

Barbara Hilburn  
hilburndesigns@gmail.com

## P.M Book Review

This month's book club meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Barbara Bergman (6650 Paseo Noche). Please drop Barbara an email or give her a call at (805) 482-2610 to let her know whether you will be attending the meeting or not. All are welcome to attend.

We will be reviewing the book *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* written by Gail Honeyman, which takes place in Scotland. The main character is a somewhat quirky individual, but her story is both moving and compelling, and as the book jacket says, "Eleanor Oliphant has learned how to survive—but not how to live".

## Bridge

The Bridge Group meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. On April 12<sup>th</sup> we will be at the home of Nancy Wood, and on April 26<sup>th</sup> Diana Hagen will be the hostess. On May 10<sup>th</sup> Evonne Peterson will be the hostess, and on May 24<sup>th</sup> Donna Herleikson-Ryden will hostess.

Nancy Jaeger

## Authors' Day is Coming

**November 16, 2019**  
**Four Points Sheraton Hotel**

Please don't forget this important date. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we are working hard to ensure that it becomes another successful event that you will enjoy attending. We are working on this year's author/speakers and will publish them as soon as all are confirmed. Stay tuned – and be sure to add the date to your calendar! The programs that we sponsor from the proceeds of this event are critical to our success and AAUW's mission.



## Great Decisions

### Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?

Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
Leisure Village's Recreation Center (Garden Room)

*Nuclear weapons have not gone away, and the Trump administration has brought a new urgency, if not a new approach, to dealing with them. The President has met with Vladimir Putin as the New Start Treaty with Russia comes up for renewal in 2021, the first presidential summit ever with Kim Jong-un occurred to discuss denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula, and President Trump has decertified the Obama nuclear deal with Iran. To what degree should past nuclear talks guide future U.S. nuclear arms control negotiations? Can the art of the deal apply to stabilizing our nuclear future?*

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 short 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!

For more information, please contact any of the following chapter members:

Nancy Walters at [nejwalters285@gmail.com](mailto:nejwalters285@gmail.com) or (805)465-0362

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Ann Wasson at [amwasson@gmail.com](mailto:amwasson@gmail.com) or (805)419-4509

We'd love to have you join us! Call one of us to be added to the list at the guard gate for our next meeting at Leisure Village.

## Public Policy Matters

### Closing the Gap – April is Equal Pay Month

In 1945 the Women's Equality Bill, the first Federal Pay Equity legislation was introduced by AAUW member Rep. Chase Going Woodhouse (D-CT). In 1963 the Equal Pay Act became law. Going forward various bills were introduced, but they are yet to be passed. President Obama signed an Executive Order in 2014, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, only to be rescinded by the current administration. This left it to the states to step up and pass laws, such as last year, when California passed Senator Hannah Beth Jackson's California Fair Pay Act SB358, protecting women in the workforce.

In this state, as of 2016 the earnings ratio exists of 88% differential between men and women, with an even larger gap for women of color. Nationwide the gap still hovers around 80 cents for every dollar a male worker earns. The consequences of this disparity impacts women, families and the long-term health of every community. Research has found that 42 percent of mothers with children under the age of 18 are their families' primary or sole breadwinners. Making ends meet, creating a future for their families, is substantially impaired by this pay inequity. Clearly the gap still exists! Congress must act on bills such as the Paycheck Fairness Act, the Pay Equity for All Act, and the Fair Pay Act — all vehicles to advance equity for all women in the workforce. Let them know by tracking the AAUW 2-Minute Advocacy calls to action!

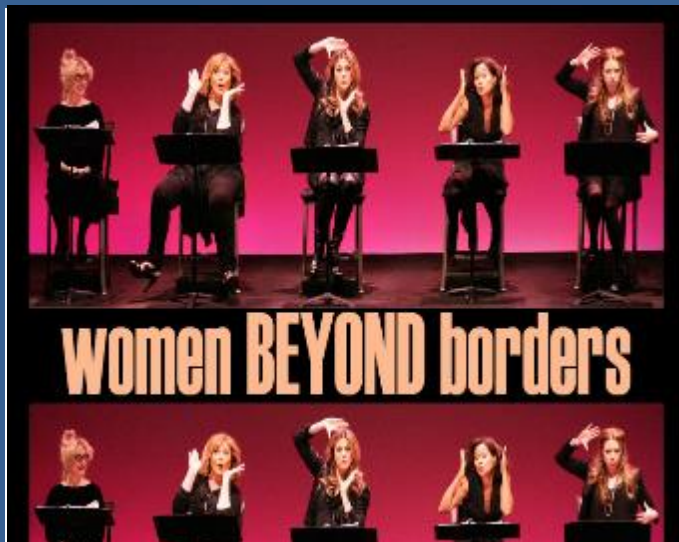
Our State legislatures have been busy, with all bill submittal closing on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are now starting the 30-day laborious process of committee(s) review and action. Here are a few bills we are tracking here in California: SB-534/Bradford – requires insurance companies writing more than \$100 million in premiums to file reports on their investment in women/minority owned business and the diversity of their Corporate Boards; AB-271/Cooper & Burke, along with SB-171/Jackson – would require the State Dept. of Human Resources to evaluate Civil Service classifications and prepare reports every two years on the gender/ethnicity pay equity, where there exists an underrepresentation of women and minorities, and to prepare a plan if a discrepancy is found; AB-798/Burke – Child Poverty – proposes to take the findings from the task force work "Lifting Children and Families out of Poverty" and implement the recommendations – more on that to come.

All these bills can be tracked at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>. Bottom line, the gap still exists, and it's only through advocacy and leadership that we will continue to bring parity for all women in the workforce.

Kathy Long, Chair  
Public Policy



## Possible Theatre Outing!



If we have at least ten members interested, we will determine date (last week of April or first week of May) and pricing (no more than \$60/person, depending on how many in our group).

If you are interested, please contact Ann Kahng at [akahng@gmail.com](mailto:akahng@gmail.com).

The Rubicon Theatre presents a World Premiere drama, *Women Beyond Borders*. Some years ago, a groundbreaking group of local women artists determined to make art that could affect positive change. They sent small wooden boxes to women throughout the world and asked them to create works of art around the idea of Women Beyond Borders. What came back started a global phenomenon – astonishing pieces, along with statements that were by turn exquisitely beautiful, deeply painful, joyously uplifting and full of heartbreak and anger.

Presented in the style of *Love, Loss and What I Wore*, the actresses will perform stories, poems and songs about transcending geographical, emotional and spiritual barriers. Join us for a moving, funny, and poignant piece of work.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



## April is Pay Equity Month

Did you know that men are four times more likely to negotiate their salary than women?? AAUW has a tool developed to help us catch up. [Click here to check out Work Smart](#), AAUW's free online salary negotiation tool! Share with at least 5 people you know!

## Calendar of Events

April 9 – 10:00 a.m. Nonfiction Book Group meeting  
April 11 – 5:30 p.m. Board meeting - kidSTREAM Children's Museum  
April 11 – 7:00 p.m. General meeting – kidSTREAM Children's Museum  
April 12, 26 – Bridge  
April 26 – 3:30 p.m. Great Decisions meeting  
April 27 – Meet & Greet 9:00 a.m. at Agave Maria's  
April 29 – 7:00 p.m. P.M. Book Review meeting  
Through April 27 – *Broken: A Holocaust History in Fused Glass* at the Museum of Ventura County in the Community Gallery  
May 4 – 7:00 a.m. registration opens for Creative Arts Workshop  
May and June meeting dates TBD  
May 10, 24 – Bridge  
Sept 8 – Kick Off, Spanish Hills CC, 1-4  
November 16 – Authors' Day fundraiser luncheon  
January 11, 2020 – IBC Luncheon: Celebrating 100 years of Women's Suffrage

## Member News

### **Moorpark College Writers Festival: Friday April 5, 2019, 8:00am to 5:00pm**

Nationally acclaimed performers and writers: Meliza Bañales, Liska Jacobs, Christiana Morgenroth, Mark Sarvas, David Rocklin, and Crystal Salas.

Workshops: fiction, poetry, intro to zines and stand-up comedy.

Individual consults on submitted manuscripts (2 double-spaced pages). Each teacher accepts up to 5. First come first served! Coffee, breakfast, snacks, lunch, and free parking included.

#### **Registration:**

Mar 1-Apr 4: \$70: at the door: \$75

Group discount 10+ people: \$50 per person

Ticket + \$30 student sponsorship now to Mar 31 \$55, then \$65.

Donations of \$30 scholarships for students to attend the festival are welcome. We're reaching out to underserved high schools in Camarillo and Oxnard where there is a lot of creativity and enthusiasm, but not many \$\$\$. Your donation will make a student writer very happy, and your name will be printed in the Champagne and Chocolates section of the program.

Sign up: <http://bit.ly/2VrO8sD>

Consults: send submissions to Sandra Hunter, [sandrahunter@vcccd.edu](mailto:sandrahunter@vcccd.edu)

## 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](mailto:sharizaiger@roadrunner.com).

### Congratulations, Karen Allen, Volunteer of the Year, 2019 Camarillo Chamber Top 10 Awards



### AAUW Re-Entry Scholarship Application Available

Applications are OPEN for CSUCI Re-Entry scholarships. Female students in good standing at CSUCI who had a break in their education are eligible to apply. Details on our web site at <https://camarillo-ca.aauw.net/scholarship/>

## More on Membership

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

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 1<sup>st</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>, a small discount will be applied. Annual dues will be due by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the same year. Get a 30% discount when you sign up at a meeting or event (Meet and Greet, General Meeting, etc).

Join and pay with a check by completing the Member Form at right. 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!

Visit the Branch Website for more info: [AAUW Camarillo \(CA\) Branch website](#)

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](mailto:sharizaiger@roadrunner.com).

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## Committee Members Needed!

**Scholarship Committee:** Works with President to distribute, receive, and review applications for CSUCI scholarships. Last year we created an application and rubric, so this year will be easy peasy!

**Nominating Committee:** New officers must be nominated in the Spring. We need five (5) members to serve on the committee, which can meet by phone.

Please contact Gloria if you're willing to help! [Aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com](mailto:Aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com) or 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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