

The President's Message

Dear Members,

Do you know what I love most about this organization? The opportunity to connect with like-minded women in our community. Whether you make it to a general meeting, like the one we had at KidSTREAM, attend a special event, like Author's Day, enjoy a book or discussion group, or just [follow us on Facebook](#) (you do, right?), we have so many chances to connect, either in person, by phone or remotely, around our mission of promoting equity for women and girls.

Who are the women in your life who are making a difference? Invite them to an upcoming meeting to learn more AAUW and the work we do toward our mission of gender equality. It's membership season, after all. Don't forget to renew your membership too. You should have already received an email with instructions. See inside for more details.

It's also time for AAUW elections. AAUW California sent an email with an easy click through to vote. If you haven't gotten it, check your spam or other folders. Make sure to review each candidate's profile. I'm looking at candidates who represent our region and the diversity of our membership.

We are also finalizing our slate for the 2019-2020 year board and will be distributing later this week. Thank you for your patience as we work out the details for our last events of the membership year.

I'm also really excited about our new membership committee that met last week. We worked on strategies to recruit, engage and retain members. Keep your eyes open for information on "pop-up" member mixers and other activities in addition to our monthly meetings and regular programs. We will also be having a mixer in Ventura or Oxnard for our members who live in West County and more activities with CSUCI.

We also have some short-term projects that we could use some help with. Most involve work from home computer tasks. If you've got some time and talent, especially with programs like Publisher or Adobe, please let me know.

Best,

Gloria Miele

Aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

May 4 –Registration is open for Creative Arts Workshop
- limited classes available cawregistration.net

May 8 –Board Meeting, 5:30pm, Gloria's house.
Members welcome!

May 25 – Meet and Greet Breakfast, 9am, Agave
Maria's

May 29. 7pm, General Meeting, Somis School
Multipurpose Room

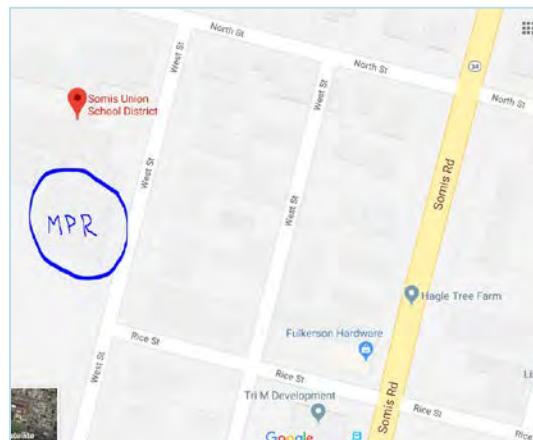
June Board Election and Installation – Date TBD,
Pleasant Valley Historical Society

July and August – Pop-up Member Mixers and Planning
meeting. Watch your email for details!

Sept 8 – Kick Off, Spanish Hills Country Club, 1-4

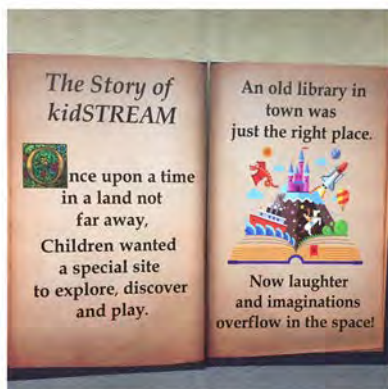
November 16 – Authors' Day fundraiser luncheon

January 11, 2020 – IBC Luncheon: Celebrating 100
Years of Women's Suffrage



See map for location of Somis
School Multipurpose room,
circled in blue. Park on West St.
for easy access!

April Meeting



We had a terrific meeting at KidSTREAM. KidSTREAM Founder and new AAUW member Kristie Akl showed us the vision and the beginnings of an amazing children's museum in Camarillo. We also enjoyed Women's History performances, including one by new member Stephanie Cruz. Finally, member Joyce Studebaker who told us about [American Gold Star Mothers](#) and the great work they do for moms who have lost a child in military service. Click the link above to learn more.

Meet and Greet Breakfast, Saturday, May 25, 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.



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
Avado & Eggs	7.95
Cavitas & 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

Happy 50th Anniversary to Creative Arts Workshop!



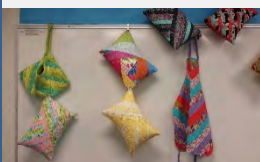
This is the year to celebrate the amazing work our branch has done for the past 50 years for the children in the community. This year's brochure will be available on our website, and limited quantities are available at the Camarillo Library.



Registration for classes begins at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4th online at: cawregistration.net. If you have questions, please email Karen at info@cawregistration.net.

Thank you for your support!

Karen Allen



Nonfiction Book Group

We had a wonderful meeting in April. We all enjoyed **Becoming** by Michelle Obama and had plenty to say about the book, about Michelle and Barack, and about past and present politics!

Our next meeting will be on the second Tuesday of May, May 14th, at 10:00 am at Nancy Walter's house. Our book will be **How to Change Your Mind** by Michael Pollan:

The book is roughly divided in thirds. The first part is about the history of psychedelics — LSD and psilocybin mushrooms — in the U.S. The second part documents people's "trips" and their reactions to the drugs, ending with Pollan's three trips on three different psychedelics. Finally, Pollan covers present-day research on the drugs and their amazing effects on various human maladies.

Our June book will be **Earning the Rockies: How Geography Shapes America's Role in the World** by Robert D. Kaplan. We will meet at Anita Roll's house.

Our July book will be **The Drowned and The Saved** by Primo Levi. The host is yet to be decided.

If you would like to join us, please contact the host for the meeting. We welcome new members!

P.M Book Review

May is our last meeting of the season. We will be reviewing **Killers of the Flower Moon**, which is a non-fictional book focusing on the Osage Native American murders in Oklahoma and the birth of the FBI. It was published in 2016. Our meeting will be held on May 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kathy Yanov. Please give her a call at (805) 484-8187 or send her an email letting her know whether or not you plan to attend.

Bridge

Evonne Peterson is the hostess on May 10th, and Donna Herleikson-Ryden will host on May 24th.

Our final meeting before summer break will be at the Las Posas Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on June 14th, hosted by Carol Haverty at the Tennis Club House.

Authors' Day is Coming

November 16, 2019

We are working diligently on acquiring our next group of authors/speakers. We have so far secured three! When the fourth is in place, I will be notifying you of their names and genres. In the meantime, we are working on securing items for our theme and will be setting up our yearly committee meeting sometime for early June. If any new members wish to volunteer, you are most welcome to a fun committee. Stay tuned for further announcements!

Public Policy Matters (1/2)

Have you read the Mueller Report? This is not the space to comment nor express opinion on the Mueller Report – that is left to the many pundits, the public, and our elected leadership to cull out what it all means. Consequently, not much has advanced legislatively at the federal level. Congresswoman Julia Brownley has sponsored numerous bills to benefit our veterans, and Senators Harris and Feinstein are tackling gun control and immigration, in the face of much division in both houses. So, as we monitor slow-moving federal legislation, we will take the opportunity to focus locally on our back yard!

The primary local issue is at-large vs. district-based elections. For information about that, please see the following article.

Another local issue garnering attention is a proposal by Peak Oil to drill 79 wells between Rice Avenue/Camarillo airport/East Fifth Avenue. On May 23rd the Board of Supervisors supported a 45-day moratorium, noting concerns with water contamination in the Fox Canyon Aquifer. The USGS (federal agency) will determine the rules on this proposal, but this is an important environmental matter to monitor. For further information, go to the County's website under Board of Supervisors Agendas <https://www.ventura.org/board-of-supervisors/agendas-documents-and-broadcasts/>.

We've been following the discussion regarding gun shows at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. At this juncture, the Board still reviewing legal options regarding the contractual agreements with Gun Shows of the West and whether to extend future agreements or to discontinue. Recently the Cow Palace/fairground arena in San Francisco took a position to not allow gun shows. County fairgrounds are on state-owned land, but they don't receive a subsidy from the state for the operations of the fairs. The Board of Directors of the Ventura County Fairgrounds undertook the review of options last fall and is expected to make a decision in next couple of months.

As reported last month our State legislatures have been busy with bill submittals as they go through the committee process; the adopted ones will be complete in late May/June with the Governor's signature needed to enroll. Here are a few bills we continue to track:

SB534/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;

AB271/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 under-representation of women and minorities; preparation of a plan, if a discrepancy is found, is also required.

Public Policy Matters (2/2)

AB798/Burke – Child Poverty – proposes to take the findings from the task force work “Lifting Children and Families out of Poverty” and implement the recommendations. This is a significant report that will spin off many future policies.

All of these bills can be tracked at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>. Whether you care about elections, environment, children and families, advocacy often starts at the local level, to become informed, and to challenge us all to be engaged!

Locally, the City of Camarillo, under litigation threat, moved to hold public meetings to gather input on how best to draw the population voting lines for future council elections. In January, the Council adopted a resolution to move from at-large Council representation, to district-based. The public was invited to develop/submit maps that met the equal population criteria.

Many factors may be considered, but population equality is the most important. Other factors include: Communities of interest; Be compact; Be contiguous; Have visible (natural and man-made) boundaries; Include respect for past voter selections; and Plan for future growth.

A community of interest is a neighborhood or community that would benefit from being in the same district because of shared interest, view or characteristics. Possible community features or boundary definitions include: School attendance areas; Natural neighborhood dividing lines such as roads, hills or highways; Areas around parks and other landmarks; City borders; Common issues, neighborhood activities or legislative/ election concerns; and shared demographic characteristics (such as similar levels of income, education or linguistic isolation, ancestry [not race or ethnicity], languages spoken at home, percentage of immigrants, single-family and multifamily housing units).

On May 22nd, the Council is slated to finalize the maps, with formal adoption on June 12, 2019. This process has been used by many jurisdictions, and it should result in a representation that will allow for neighborhoods to become more informed and perhaps engaged in what makes our community a great place to live, work and raise our families. You can review the maps submitted by the public and the city at [https://www.cityofcamarillo.org/district-based elections/index.php](https://www.cityofcamarillo.org/district-based%20elections/index.php) (the maps submitted are at the bottom of the page).

This public policy will change the face of our Council and the long-term picture of Camarillo ---so take a look and add your voice!

[Kathy Long](#)

Chair, Public Policy

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.

Introducing the Membership Committee

This announcement serves to formally introduce the new AAUW Camarillo Branch Membership Committee for 2019. The members are:

Elizabeth Holder
Candy Lingl
Kathy Yanov
Jan Demonsy

Cathy Trevino
Martita Martinez-Bravo
Shari Zaiger

We had a great first meeting on May 1, 2019 and discussed ways to focus on expanding our branch, addressing how we can retain current members, and furthering community awareness about AAUW and its mission. You have not missed your chance – if you would like to join in our efforts, feel free and please contact Jan Demonsy at 805-419-4607 or pocaterraj@aol.com.

AAUW Re-Entry Scholarship Application Available

Applications for CSUCI Re-Entry scholarships are due May 24th. 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/>

Dues are Due!

Annual Membership dues for FY2019-2020 are due. Annual dues are \$100. Please pay your dues promptly.

All Members who have dues due received a dues invoice via email from memberinfo@aauw.org on April 25th. You can also use the Member Form in this issue to pay your dues.

Please update your contact information if needed. If you are not sure of your dues status, please contact Shari Zaiger, Camarillo Branch Membership at 805-386-2691 or sharizaiger@roadrunner.com. *Thank You!*

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.

Camarillo Branch Board of Directors and Chairs 2018-2019

Gloria Miele

President

Aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com

Jennie Baker

VP, Programs

Ann Kahng

Recording Secretary

Vanessa Otto

Treasurer

Jan Demonsy

VP, Membership

Shari Zaiger

Membership Treasurer

Diana Dingler

Corresponding Secretary

Kathy Long

Public Policy

Pam Perkins-Dwyer

Past President

Nancy Walters/Janet Lindquist

Hospitality

Kay Ito

Communications and PR

Ann Wasson

Beacon Editor

Gloria Miele

Beacon Design and Layout

Open position:

President Elect

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 1st and March 15th, a small discount will be applied. Annual dues will be due by June 30th 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.

American Association of University Women



Camarillo (CA) Branch

Member Form – Please print, complete and mail

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (Home) (_____) _____

(Cell) (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Highest College degree: _____

University/College: _____

Student: _____

Student Graduation Date: _____

Student Degree Sought: _____

Dues Schedule:

Circle one:

General Member, Renew \$100

NEW General Member \$100

Life Member \$41

Student Affiliate \$ 0

(Includes local, state & national dues)

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

Member News



<https://www.keyt.com/news/women-beyond-borders-premieres-at-rubicon-theatre-in-ventura/1075322641>

AAUW members enjoyed an afternoon at the theatre at the inspiring Women Beyond Borders. See it and the accompanying exhibit at the Museum of Ventura Co.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



Welcome New Members!

Allison Powell
Stephanie Cruz
Kristie Akl

Welcome Back Returning Member!

Carrie Hughes



The Gift of Preparation

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, a great graduation gift! Share with at least 5 people you know.

Member News

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSUCI presents


OLLI
Curiosity Never Retires
 CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS

Voices from the Holocaust

Thursday, June 6, 2019
 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Del Norte Hall, Room 1500
 CSUCI North Quad

- ▶ 9-9:30 a.m. Registration
- ▶ 9:30-10:15 Lee Edwards
- ▶ 10:30-Noon Fran Elson
- ▶ Noon-12:30 p.m. -Break
- ▶ 12:30-3:00 Celina Biniarz

**LEE EDWARDS**

A survivor of the Holocaust and Kindertransport, at 96 years young, my story begins when my parent sent me to England in 1939 to escape the horrors of the Nazi occupation in Germany. My voice is one of many children who made the voyage to an unknown place, not knowing a soul. My experiences took me back to Europe to assist in the war effort and where I met my future husband.

Lee was presented with the Woman of Valor award by the Jewish community in October 2018.

**FRANCES ELSON**

My story begins with my parent's experiences in the Holocaust, then tracing the family's journey to relocation camps from Poland to Kazakhstan to Germany and finally finding freedom in Canada. I share the legacy of my parents and express the fragility of our freedoms through the fragility and great strength of fused glass.

Fran's "Broken" fused glass project is now on display at the Museum Ventura County.

**CELINA BINIARZ**

As a Holocaust survivor thanks to Oskar Schindler, my story begins in Poland, but continues to Czechoslovakia to escape and finally to having our humanity restored in Bavaria. As the youngest girl on Schindler's list, my stories tell of family, struggle, the camps and how we survived.

Celina, now 87, observes that "Schindler saved my life, but Steven Spielberg 'gave me a voice' following a half-century of near silence."

Registration opens May 21 - limited seating
ext.csuci.edu/holocaust or call 805-437-2748 ext 0 or 2
Free event • Open to the public



Camarillo (CA) Branch

BEACON

May 2019

Advertisements

JENNY LOERA
Property Manager

1511 Flynn Road
Camarillo, CA 93012

CAMARILLO
SELF-STORAGE

Boxes & Packaging Supplies • Auto • Boat & RV Parking

Gate Hours
6AM - 8PM

(805) 987-1313
Fax (805) 484-3251
www.storewithus.com

Mary Elise Gianos, M.D.
ALLERGY, ASTHMA & CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY

3901 Las Posas Road
Suite 203
Camarillo, California 93010
(805) 482-5518

CHARLOTTE CRAVEN
MAYOR
(805) 388-5307
FAX (805) 388-5318



CITY OF CAMARILLO

601 CARMEN DRIVE
CAMARILLO, CA 93010
council@ci.camarillo.ca.us



Livingston Memorial
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice
est. 1947
"Home is where the Heart is"

Teresa "Tree" Pavan, BSHS, RN
Vice President / Chief Operating Officer

Tel 805.642.0239 / Fax 805.642.7402
tpavan@lmvna.org
www.livingstonvna.org

Accredited By The Joint Commission • Medicare Certified Home Health & Hospice Agency

1996 Eastman Ave., Suite 101
Ventura, California 93003

Admissions: (805) 642-1078
Admissions Fax: (805) 642-2320



Shelli Wells
Stylist|Owner

Cell: 805.233.4735
shelliwhd@gmail.com

Willem Hair Design
805.484.1028
www.willemhairdesign.com

**See Your Ad
Here!**

Send a business
card and a check
for \$60 to
AAUW Camarillo
Branch
P.O. Box 862
Camarillo, CA
93011

Or email a high
resolution image
to
camarillo.beacon@gmail.com

Sheila Stroecker
Experienced home care

6161 La Cumbre Rd.
Somis, Ca. 93066

(805) 616-9780

TRIP WIRES, stories
Sandra Hunter

Each story evokes a
bold, emotional response.
--Foreword Reviews

Utterly unforgettable.
--Jean Hegland, *Into the Forest*

Buy: <https://amzn.to/2sOx2aF>

