

A Message from Jan Demonsy

Dear Members,

Sending all of you an enthusiastic first “Hello” as your new Co-President-elect with my friend and compatriot, Gloria Miele. Thankfully, Gloria has considerable knowledge and experience in this position which I hope will “rub off” on me. Plus, we have a fun and experienced board to help. It is an honor to be serving with these fine women.

My membership with our Camarillo Branch of AAUW has not been lengthy, but it has been full of wonderful and enlightening experiences. My neighbor Joan Woodward was my first AAUW contact. She is a “breath of fresh air” and promptly invited me to join what I called the Camarillo Peace Pole Committee and AAUW. I joined the Peace Pole Committee, but had not yet retired from practicing law, so told Joan I would join AAUW after retirement. But, Joan persevered -- I found myself agreeing to help teach a class in the summer Creative Arts Workshop Program in 2016. It was a Grandmother’s heaven interacting with the children. Naturally, joining AAUW was the next step and the women I met at my first “meet and greet” cemented the deal.

At the fall Kick-Off Meeting, I learned about the Women In History program from Kathy Van Slyke. Being a “ham” at heart and loving costumes, I quickly fell for the WIH program. Kathy put me to work pronto making an inventory of the costumes. Thanks to Ann Kahng and her WIH expertise, that project was completed. Since that time, it’s been great fun to search with Janice Lindsay for vintage hats and costume items at thrift shops and weekend garage sales. Yet, the biggest treat has been portraying famous historical women to make them come alive in the Camarillo schools. My favorites -- Grandma Moses, Molly Brown and Amelia Earhart.

Another of my favorite activities with our AAUW branch is Author’s Day. It’s a true pleasure working with Diana Dinger and her committee on our branch’s largest fundraiser. What could be better – hearing from successful authors about their interesting books and enjoying good food with great company?

Another joy with AAUW is the “Two-Minute Advocate”!! This National AAUW link presents a fabulous opportunity to make a difference! It is so easy to send a message to our California representatives in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. I feel like I have a new voice and it’s clear that I am being heard. I encourage all of you to try it.

Finally, it has been a rewarding experience to serve this past year as the VP of Membership for our branch. We have formed a Membership Committee and worked hard to “grow the group”. Our next General Meeting is June 8, 2019, 2:00-4:00 at the Camarillo Historical Society, where we will have elections, board appreciation and installation. We will also welcome AAUW California’s President-Elect, Dianne Owens, as our speaker. Please join us for a lovely afternoon.

Yours in AAUW,
Jan Demonsy



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June 2019

Join us for a special June Meeting



AAUW Camarillo General Member Meeting &

TEA PARTY

Our last general meeting for 2018-2019 will be a potluck Tea Party featuring guest speaker Dianne Owens, President Elect, AAUW-CA. Prospective new members and guests welcome.

You are invited to bring your favorite teacup and a dessert, finger sandwiches, scones or some other tea party finger food to share.

WHEN: June 8, 2019

TIME: 2 pm – 4 pm

WHERE: PV Historical Society Museum & Botanical Gardens, 720 Las Posas Rd, Camarillo, CA 93010

RSVP by June 5

Online at Eventbrite: <https://aauw-camarillo-june-2019.eventbrite.com>

OR to Nancy Walters by email (nejwalters285@gmail.com) or phone - 719-395-6531

Carpool if you can. Parking is limited.

Welcome Guest
Speaker
Dianne Owens
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Celebrate
Outgoing Board
Members

Elect & Install New
Board Members

Enjoy a
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Calendar of Events

June 8 - Board Election and Installation –2-4pm, Pleasant Valley Historical Society

June 28 – Great Decisions, 3:30-5pm

June 29 – Meet and Greet Breakfast, Agave Maria's

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

July 26 – Great Decisions, 3:30-5pm

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

September 23 – PM Book Review

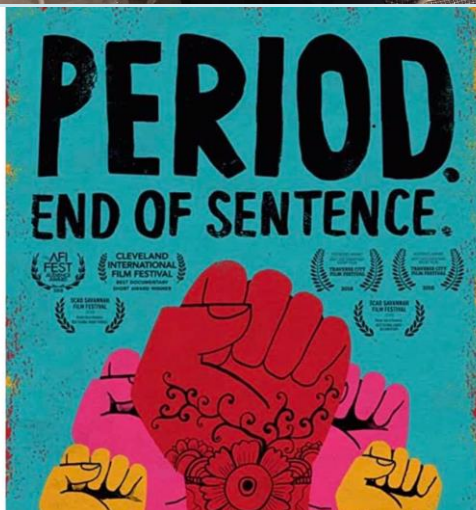
November 16 – Authors' Day fundraiser luncheon

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

June Meeting



Thanks to AAUW member Dr. Colleen Robertson, Superintendent of Somis School, for hosting our meeting, which included viewing the 2019 Oscar winner for Best Documentary Short, "Period. End of Sentence" about Indian women who fight the stigma surrounding menstruation and begin manufacturing sanitary pads.



We discussed the stigma women face about menstruation around the world. On a local level, we discussed how sex ed and menstrual hygiene are addressed from middle school through college, how schools ensure girls' reliable and unashamed access to pads and tampons, and what steps we can take to help. Viewings and discussions like these are a start. Consider donations of pads or tampons to the food bank. If you're interested in learning more about funding a pad machine for women in India, email Gloria.

Meet and Greet Breakfast, Saturday, June 29, 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
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

Happy 50th Anniversary to Creative Arts Workshop!

Cleaning out your sewing or craft areas?

Creative Arts Workshop has many projects happening this summer and can use the following items:

- Yarn (any color, thickness)
- Buttons (any size, shape, color)
- Gems, jewels, etc.

Felt (any color, at least 5"x5")

Miscellaneous craft items

(googly eyes, corks, popsicle sticks, velcro, pipe cleaners, flowers, etc.)

If you can donate any of the above, please contact Karen Allen for pickup (by the end of June) alwaysbusy1716@yahoo.com.

Don't forget about signing up for this year's workshop: cawregistration.net. Thank you!



Authors' Day, November 16, 2019

Please put this date on your calendar to ensure that you don't miss our largest fundraiser of the year! We are continuing to work hard on this event, hoping to make it a huge success, as it has been in the past. The tickets will be ready and available for purchase at our upcoming Kickoff in September! Stay tuned for more information.

The author/speakers we have secured to date are below. A fourth is being pursued.

Nicole Mones – A newly launched textile business took Mones to China in 1977, after the end of the cultural revolution. She traded textiles with China for 18 years before she turned to writing about that country in the form of novels, nonfiction, and articles about Chinese cuisine. She is a member of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

Paddy Hirsch – A supervising editor at NPR by day, Hirsch is a fiction and nonfiction author, journalist, web video host, financial blogger, and a commentator on the economy and financial markets. He was a 2014 winner of the Edward R. Murrow award for excellence in reporting.

Diane Mautner – Diane Mautner is an author, playwright, and speech and language specialist by trade. She has written three books, one being the acclaimed, fabulously illustrated, children's book *Prisoner #147* about a mischievous raccoon — an exciting adventure from beginning to end.

Arts Alive



We had fun “womaning” a booth at Studio Channel Islands’ Arts Alive. We plan for more booths at the Farmer’s Market and other community events that welcome nonprofits to participate for free. If you know of any, contact Jan Demonsy. We want to get out into the community and find our people! Thanks to Cathy Trevino, Merrill Berge, Elizabeth Holder, Jan, Gloria and Kay Ito for working the booth, Dave Epelone for help with set up and clean up, and Kim Stephenson, Susan Santangelo, and three generations of Bea Lutterbeck’s family of strong women for visiting!

Nonfiction Book Group

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 10:00 a.m. on June 11th at Anita Roll's house.

In *Earning the Rockies*, Kaplan undertakes his own cross-country journey to recapture an appreciation of American geography often lost in the jet age. Kaplan reminds us of an overlooked source of American strength: the fact that we are a nation, empire, and continent all at once. *Earning the Rockies* is an urgent reminder of how a nation's geography still foreshadows its future.

Our July book will be *The Drowned and The Saved* by Primo Levi. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on July 9th. The host is yet to be decided.

In his final book before his death, Primo Levi returns once more to his time at Auschwitz in a moving meditation on memory, resiliency, and the struggle to comprehend unimaginable tragedy. Levi breaks his book into eight essays, ranging from topics like the unreliability of memory to how violence twists both the victim and the victimizer. He debunks the myth that most of the Germans were in the dark about the Final Solution or that Jews never attempted to escape the camps. As the Holocaust recedes into the past and fewer and fewer survivors are left to tell their stories, *The Drowned and the Saved* is a vital first-person testament.

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

P.M Book Review

We are off for the summer now. There will be no further meetings from June through August, so enjoy your independent readings. We will meet again on September 23rd when we will select books for the coming season. Have a great summer!



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.

Great Decisions

Decoding U.S.-China Trade

Friday, June 28th, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

[Leisure Village's Recreation Center \(Garden Room\)](#)

Though arguably the most advanced economy in the world, the United States still uses centuries-old numbers to measure trade. These antique numbers mangle understanding of the U.S.-China trade relationship, shrinking America's true economic size and competitiveness, while swelling China's. Bad numbers give rise to bad policies that ultimately kill U.S. jobs and cede market share to China. What other tools can the United States employ to counter China's unfair trade practices? There are several available, yet they remain mostly unused.

Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics

Friday, July 26th, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Leisure Village's Recreation Center (Garden Room)

Cyber conflict is a new and continually developing threat, which can include foreign interference in elections, industrial sabotage and attacks on infrastructure. Russia has been accused of interfering in the 2016 presidential elections in the United States and China is highly committed to using cyberspace as a tool of national policy. Dealing with cyber conflict will require new ways of looking at 21st century warfare. Is the United States prepared to respond to such threats?

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 20-minute 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! Please do contact one of us if you would like to attend, so we can put your name on the guard gate list at Leisure Village.

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

- Nancy Walters nejwalters285@gmail.com (805) 465-0362,
- Ann Wasson amwasson@gmail.com (805) 419-4509, or
- Jerrie Newman martjerrie@roadrunner.com (805) 389-3064.



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CHOICE – RAISE YOUR VOICE!

AAUW supports the right of every woman to safe, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services. This position stems from AAUW's Public Policy Priorities, which advocate "to guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society. AAUW supports choice in the determination of one's reproductive life . . . increased access to quality, affordable health care and family planning services, including expansion of patient rights."

Republicans in the U.S. House and Senate have undertaken several efforts to threaten women's health care, and it is anticipated that more will be attempted, especially reducing funding for Planned Parenthood, which primarily provides routine health services for women and men. Efforts to impede women's health care decisions are unconstitutional and undermine the important role doctors play in helping women make decisions about their reproductive health.

Most recently, six states have signed into law the "heart-beat" 6-week abortion limitation (Georgia, Ohio, Mississippi, Kentucky, Iowa and North Dakota), which virtually removes a woman's decision-making about her pregnancy. This is primed to go to the U.S. Supreme Court and will be the test of the governing nearly 50-yr. old Roe v. Wade decision. If you wish to stand up to defend a woman's right to choose for herself, now is the time to write your legislative leaders and other members of Congress nationwide and to participate in local rallies/movements to raise your voice. We will watch for expansion of this type of legislation to other states.

CONTACT INFO: To reach your California senators, visit www.Harris.Senate.Gov and www.feinstein.senate.gov, which take you to their contact pages to submit comments directly. As this issue builds, advocacy is imperative to reach out to both sides of the aisle to create pressure. Planned Parenthood is a good site to advocate for/with. And here's [a list of other organizations](#) if you wish to support women in the states that have enacted the 6-week heart-beat legislation.

As the Beacon goes dark for the summer, look for e-mail blasts to keep informed on these issues we are tracking:

- o Status on Gun Shows at the Fairgrounds;
- o Local support needed for the Oxnard Performing Arts Center and Carnegie Museum;
- o Legislative actions from Sacramento; and
- o Continuing national issues in Washington D.C. such as the issue above.

The Public Policy committee will work on timelier advocacy opportunities for members as the legislative and policy items evolve. E-mail blasts, writing to our elected representatives, appearing at hearings – these things do make a difference. It's important that we step up and engage on issues important to us. Please let me know if you want something tracked, or you're tracking, so we can let members know. I can be reached at kathylong220@gmail.com. Have a wonderful summer!

Public Policy Chair, Kathy Long

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.

AAUW Re-Entry Scholarship Applications Under Review

We received twelve applications for our 3-4 scholarships for CSUCI reentry students. What an impressive group! Member volunteers using a standard rubric to review the applications and will determine the awards before July 1. We look forward to announcing the scholarship recipients and inviting them to attend our Kick-Off meeting, Sunday, September 8.

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.

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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



Member Form – Please print, complete and mail

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: (Home) (_____) _____

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Highest College degree: _____

University/College: _____

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Student Graduation Date: _____

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Circle one:

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