

A Message from Gloria Miele

Hope you're having a good summer. As Jan and I refine our roles as Co-Presidents, we decided to trade off the newsletter cover every month. So it's my turn! Jan and I are having fun spending time together and getting to know each other better. We look forward to working together on all the great ways AAUW fulfills our mission to promote equity for women and girls.

At this point in the summer, Creative Arts Workshop and Tech Trek are complete, and both were a great success. The 50th anniversary Creative Arts Workshop served over 400 children for three weeks, led by Karen Allen, with daily support from Bonnie Ng and Mary Goldberg and treasurer duties by Nancy Yaeger. Meanwhile, in Santa Barbara, Camp Director Susan Pease and State Tech Trek Chair Linda Stinebaugh and a legion of volunteers ran two amazing weeks of Tech Trek camp for over 150 girls from around the region, 12 of whom we sent to camp. We can't wait to hear from the girls at Kick Off! We also had our first-ever summer soirée hosted by Janice Lindsay in her lovely home. [Click here](#) to see pictures from all these events and more.

In July, I attended a state leadership meeting which brought together project chairs from different regions. I was there representing our Interbranch Council. I learned a lot about what's going on at the state level, including the Annual Conference, which will be April 16-19, 2020 at a hotel near the San Francisco airport. We are planning to submit a conference proposal to feature our Women in History program and a performance highlighting women's suffrage.

Speaking of suffrage, I'm sure you know next year is the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, so we are planning programs and events to celebrate! Our Kick-Off speaker, Marsha Bailey, is best known as the Founder and CEO of Women's Economic Ventures, a nearly 30-year non-profit that provides entrepreneurial training and loans to women and men in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. In addition, she is a lifelong, fierce advocate for women's equality, and will talk about our continued quest for equity in the context of women's suffrage. Marsha is one of my personal and professional heroes, and I can't wait for you to also be inspired by her at Kick-Off!

At the Installation of Officers in June, Dianne Owens, AAUW-CA President-Elect, challenged us to write down a commitment to AAUW in the coming year. Is there a program or activity you'd like to be more involved in? Maybe it's just the promise to open and read the Beacon each month. Maybe it's to learn more about what the branch is doing. A great opportunity to get involved is by attending our annual planning meeting Aug. 15. Come share what's important to you about the branch. What kind of meeting would you want to attend? What kind of activities would you like to do? You can come for lunch at noon or meet up with us at 1 o'clock for the planning meeting. Details inside.

Best, Gloria

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2019-2020 Snip and Save Calendar

Keep on top of upcoming events with the calendar below. Whether you screen shot this page, print it out, or add the events to your calendar, we have scheduled meetings through 2020. Plan ahead and join us for your favorites! Our board and general meetings will be by the first Monday of the month, with some exceptions. Check this box monthly for updates. We are also delighted to announce that our October, February, April and May meetings will take place at the Blackboard Gallery at Studio Channel Islands. Something for everyone!

Calendar of Events

Aug. 15 – 2019-20 Planning Meeting, Las Posas Country Club, 1-4 (no host lunch 12pm).
August 23 – Great Decisions 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Aug. 31 – Meet and Greet Breakfast, Agave Maria's, 9am
September 3 – 7pm Board Meeting, Jan Ackerman's
September 8 – Kick Off, Spanish Hills Country Club, 1-4pm
September 14 – AAUW Thousand Oaks Kick Off Breakfast, 8:15-11, Los Robles Country Club
September 16 – PM Book Review – to decide next season's books
September 28 – Meet and Greet Breakfast, Agave Maria's, 9am – always the LAST Saturday of the month, including 10/26, 11/30, 1/25, 2/29, 3/28, 4/25, 5/30, 6/27
Oct. 7 – 5:30, Board Meeting; 7pm General Meeting with Panel: Spotlight on First Gen Latinx Grads, Blackboard Gallery, Studio Channel Islands
Oct. 19 and Nov. 2 - Table at the Camarillo Farmer's Market
November 4 – Board Meeting, Time and Location TBD
November 16 – Authors' Day fundraiser luncheon
December – Holiday Pot Luck - TBD
January 6, 2020 – Board Meeting, Time and Location TBD
January 11 – IBC Luncheon: Celebrating 100 years of Women's Suffrage, Los Robles CC
Feb 3 – 5:30 Board Meeting; 7pm General Meeting, Blackboard Gallery, Studio Channel Islands
March – Women's History Month and Knowledge Bowl – Thank you for volunteering!!
April 6 – 5:30 Board Meeting; 7pm General Meeting, Blackboard Gallery, Studio Channel Islands
April 16-19 – AAUW CA Convention, Milbrae, CA
May 4 – 5:30 Board Meeting; 7pm General Meeting, Blackboard Gallery, Studio Channel Islands
June – Installation of officers and member tea, TBD

2019-2020 Kick-Off



AAUW Camarillo 2019-2020

KICK-OFF MEETING



GUEST SPEAKER: Marsha Bailey, Founder & CEO, Women's Economic Ventures

WHEN: September 8, 2019

TIME: 1 pm – 4 pm

WHERE: Spanish Hills Country Club, 999 Crestview Ave, Camarillo, CA 93010

Please RSVP with number of guests by September 3rd:

- **RSVP Online with Eventbrite:** <https://aauw-camarillo-kick-off.eventbrite.com>
- **RSVP by Email to** aauwcamarillo.programs@gmail.com

Enjoy light refreshments in a beautiful environment with like-minded women dedicated to equity for women and girls. Hear from our college and middle school Tech Trek scholarship winners, learn more about planned meetings, programs and events, and celebrate 100 years of women's suffrage.

We are delighted to welcome guest speaker Marsha Bailey, Founder & CEO, Women's Economic Ventures, who will speak about the history of women's suffrage and where we are today regarding issues of equity and parity for women and girls.

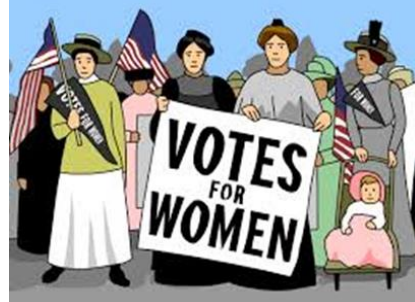
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Learn More about
Planned Meetings,
Programs & Events

Hear 2019 Tech Trek
Campers' Stories

Meet Our CSUCI
AAUW Scholarship
Recipients



2019-2020 Annual Planning Meeting



Thursday, AUGUST 15, 1-4pm
LOS POSAS COUNTRY CLUB
OPTIONAL LUNCH FROM 12-1

All members welcome, especially if you are working on any project or committee. If you're not, it's a great place to learn more about AAUW programs and activities and have some input! The optional lunch for \$20 includes entree, tax and tip. An RSVP is required for lunch attendance since you will need to select your entrée from three delicious choices: 1) Petit Chinese Chicken Salad; 2) Cheese Enchiladas; or 3) Grilled Chicken and Avocado Sandwich. Lunch service includes coffee, hot tea or iced tea. Please RSVP by Monday, 8/12 to Jan Demonsy at 805-419-4607, or email pocaterraj@aol.com.



Tech Trek 2019

Tech Trek UCSB Hypatia 2019



Our branch sent a dozen girls to have a life-changing experience at Tech Trek. Not only did you help raise funds to do so, many of our members volunteered to make it a memorable, safe, fun, and educational week for all. Thanks especially to Susan Pease, Camp Director, Linda Stinebaugh, State TT Chair, Vanessa Otto, our branch TT Chair AND camp TT Treasurer, Bea Lutterbeck and Cathy Trevino, who were dorm moms. See more photos from Hypatia and learn more about camp at

<https://sites.google.com/view/TTucsbhypatia/pictures>

Meet and Greet Breakfast, Saturday, August 31, 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
Asada & 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!

Thank you to the women who started Creative Arts Workshop 50 years ago, and all who make sure it continues!! Over 400 children took classes this year, including those provided by KidSTREAM!!

Pictured, Val Raines, one of the founders, and Karen Allen, who keeps it going. Thanks to Bonnie Ng and Mary Goldberg for being there every day, and Nancy Yaeger for doing the accounting!

What's on tap for the next 50 years? We'd love your ideas. More to come!



Find [more photos from Creative Arts Workshop and other summer events here!](#)

Authors' Day, November 16, 2019

November may seem like a long way off, but ticket selling will begin at our **Kickoff on September 8th**. Please help us to make this year's fundraiser another huge success, so we may continue to award scholarships to deserving women at CSUCI and send at least ten or more bright young 8th grade girls to participate in Tech Trek classes at UCSB during the summer!

Bring your friends and neighbors! Sign up for a table of 9 and have a fun afternoon. It's a great activity for book groups! Authors' Day includes a full hot lunch, four talented author/speakers, available books from Mrs. Figs' Bookworm, door prizes, opportunity baskets, and autograph time. I hope to see you there. For more information contact Diana Dingler at (805) 987-8013. This year's authors are:

Nicole Mones - A newly launched textile business took her to China in 1977, after the end of the cultural revolution. She traded textiles with them 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 - He 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 - She 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.

Alan Jacobson - He is an American author of mystery, suspense, thriller and action novels. Among his works are the FBI profiler Karen Vail series and the OPSIG Team Black series, as well as stand-alone books and short stories.



More For Authors' Day

As we do every year, we are collecting books to use as part of our table decorations at the Authors' Day event. If you have some fairly new hardback and/or trade paperback books that you can donate for this use, please bring them to the home of Diana Dingler, 938 Fairchild Avenue, and place them in the drop box by the front gate. Please no old or yellowed books or those in poor condition. Much appreciated!

MISSING APRONS! The six lovely aprons that Celina Biniarz made for our opportunity prize ticket sellers to wear are still missing. We desperately need them. If you were at the last two Authors' Day events, please think back as to whether you saw them laying on a table at the end of the event, or perhaps saw one of the ticket sellers pick them up to take them home to launder. Or, perhaps you have them yourselves tucked away in a linen closet! Please check. We really need these aprons as soon as possible.

Our ticket sellers in past years have been Jan Ackerman, Francie Baron, Jan Demonsy, Barbara Hilburn, Mark Maidel and Jim Colvin. If you find the aprons, please contact Diana Dingler at (805) 987-8013.

P.M Book Review

Our first meeting of the new season will be on Monday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m. Note that this meeting date was moved up a week, but it will still be held at the home of Jane Akune. Please drop her an email if you plan to attend or not. Any questions in the meantime, contact Diana Dingler at (805) 987-8013.



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.

Public Policy Bits and Pieces Kathy Long, Public Policy Chair

Ventura County is fortunate to have strong women representation at the Federal and State levels of government: Congresswomen Katie Hill and Julie Brownley; State Assembly members Jacqui Irwin and Monique Limon; and State Senator Hannah Beth Jackson. It may appear in Washington that not much is getting done, but a review of bills proposed by the House of Representatives, and stuck on the Senate floor, tells a different story. Bills to fight for women veterans to get equal treatment at the VA (Brownley); Congresswoman Hill's HR1-For the People Act, advocates for shining a light on Campaign Finance "Dark Money", and hundreds more that deserve to be heard by the Senate and voted on, but continue to be bogged down in the political partisan swamp. Our women stay in the fight and raise their voices!

As AAUW nationwide has strongly advocated for equal pay for equal work, our representatives keep it on the active list and continue to advocate for action. As we know, Women make 81 cents, black women 61 cents, Native American women 58 cents, and Latinas 54 cents for every dollar a man makes. This issue will continue to be a priority.

Our State representatives have been very successful in bringing home much needed resources. Assembly member Irwin secured \$5M to fund the infrastructure and site development for a pilot Early Childhood Education center on campus of CSU-CI. She also secured \$3M for local law enforcement to reduce the number of unauthorized guns in our communities. She has led the way in laws related to gun controls in the wake of the Borderline shooting. Assemblywoman Limon and Senator Jackson will be rolling out funds for the Fillmore Library expansion project --\$1.5 M and the Somis Water upgrade project \$2.65 M. In addition, they've both been strong advocates for CA Women's Legislative Caucus. We continue to track their success.

Locally, the proposal for additional gun shows at the VC Fairgrounds passed, allowing for shows through the end of 2019. But in a surprise vote, the motion to continue them was defeated. Allowing for further discussion and advocacy into 2020 --lots of interest! And just last week, the VC Board of Supervisors upheld a citizen's appeal and denied a proposal to expand oil/gas drilling in the Oxnard Plains by a 4-1 vote (Supervisor Long voted to support) This will come back to the Board in September.

As election season gears up for the Primary in March 2020, the Public Policy committee will work to keep you informed on candidates and issues important to AAUW. Stay involved with the 2-Minute Activist/AAUW; and AAUW-CA.org, which just released its [2019-2021 Public Policy Action Priorities](#). Next time someone asks you what AAUW stands for, let them know!

Your feedback is welcome.

Great Decisions

The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested

Friday, August 23rd, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Leisure Village's Recreation Center (Garden Room)

The United States and Mexico have a long, intertwined history, with both countries prominently featured in each other's politics and agendas. The war on drugs, immigration and trade issues have taxed the relationship over the years. What impact will new leadership in both countries have on this crucial partnership?

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.

Seeking Members for Branch Fundraising Committee

The Camarillo AAUW Fundraising Committee would serve to generate philanthropic development and donor stewardship to foster branch sustainability and support its various programs. The committee would have an active and collaborative role in planning fundraising events, identifying grant opportunities, and submitting grant applications. Participation in National AAUW fundraising training may be helpful. If you're interested, please contact Jan Demonsy at 805-419-4607, or email pocaterraj@aol.com.

SELLING "STUFF"

ODE TO THE AAUW YARD SALE
(Coming in September)

*We're having a big sale
And it's gonna be such fun,
Selling all the "Stuff"
Culled from everyone.
Some have extra clothes,
And others extra art;
Shoes and sheets and silver,
With all of those we part.
We're making lots of money
By selling things we'd toss,
And all goes to our club --
There's a win without a loss!*

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 an undergraduate degree in the past two years is eligible to receive one free membership from an AAUW member. If the Graduate resides in Ventura County, please consider including 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 Jan Demonsy, (805) 419-4607 or pocatteraj@aol.com.

AAUW Re-Entry Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to our very impressive and deserving CSUCI reentry scholarship recipients, who each received \$2,000:

Tiana Newell
Maria Lopez Garcia
Jeannie Hernandez

We look forward to meeting them at the Kick-Off and gifting them their free student membership!

Many thanks to scholarship reviewers Mary Goldberg, Rebecca Pecsok, Barb Pileri, and Gloria Miele.

Member News

Congratulations to Rebecca Pecsok for being named a Camarillo Doña for her years of service in our community, including AAUW! She's a Past President and longtime chair of Knowledge Bowl. Well-deserved!!

Learn more about the other honorees and BBQ at

<https://www.pvhsonline.org/don-and-dona-barbeque/>



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 Elizabeth Holder, Camarillo Branch Membership at 805-732-1145 or egholder@gmail.com. *Thank You!*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

MANPREET GILL

MARY LINGUA

DIANE O'NEIL

GENEVIEVE EVANS TAYLOR

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HOPE TO SEE YOU AT AN UPCOMING EVENT!

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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 printing this page, then 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 Jan Demonsy, 805-419-4607 or email pocaterraj@aol.com

American Association of University Women



Member Form – Please print, complete and mail

Name _____

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Phone: (Home) (_____) _____

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