

October 2019

A Message from Gloria Miele

Happy October! We are celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month at our next meeting on Monday, October 7 with a special program, "Empowering Latinas" (think verb AND adjective!). We will highlight women making a difference for the Latinx community in our area. Hope to see you at our new meeting location, the Blackboard Gallery at Studio Channel Islands. Our AAUW branch is also starting a Diversity Committee to ensure that all our programs and activities reflect the diversity of our community and beyond. Contact me or Jan if you'd like to be involved.

If you attended the Kick Off meeting, I hope you were as inspired as I was to meet and hear from our Tech Trek and CSUCI scholarship recipients, Dawn Dyer about the celebration of 100 years of women's suffrage, and catch up on our programs. Our keynote speaker, Marsha Bailey, acknowledged the importance of our group's work to create gender equality. She challenged us to step out of our comfort zones, stop being "nice," and assert our place in the world with confidence, civility and compassion. Don't be afraid of the F-word - feminism is a force that is not anti-man but pro-woman's equality. Marsha generously provided a copy of her remarks. You can read them here.

Someone asked Marsha how to address feminism with daughters and granddaughters who might feel like the work of equity has already been done. She sent a follow up email that said:

'If I had a daughter, here's what I'd say to her: I'd tell her why I consider myself a feminist. About the barriers and discrimination I faced in my own life — much of which was legal. I'd tell her how I grew up just accepting that the status quo was the way it was and there was nothing I could do to change it and how that impacted my life decisions. I'd tell her about the rights that generations of women before us have won for us and that we stand on their shoulders. I'd also tell her that we can't take those rights for granted and must be vigilant. I'd tell her that being a feminist doesn't mean she can't like men. Feminists only want the same rights and opportunities that men have. I know that my experience has made me extremely sensitive to the optics of any given situation. When I see a panel on leadership that includes only white men, I notice. When I see a photo of male lawmakers making decisions about women's rights and bodily autonomy with no women at the table, I notice. When I walk into an important meeting or event and find myself in the distinct minority, I notice. These are the things I hope your daughter will notice as well. There are some things that we have to experience for ourselves before we "get it," but I hate to see younger women assuming that we're all equal now and learning the hard way that we're not.

I'm so proud to be part of an organization like ours that is so focused on women's equality. I hope you are too. I also hope to see you at Authors' Day, our biggest fundraiser of the year. Ticket info inside.

I also want to thank Co-President Jan Demonsey for "presidenting" while I was on vacation. Another example of how we are stronger together!!

Best, Gloria



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October General Meeting and Panel Discussion



EMPOWERING LATINAS

WHEN: Monday, October 7, 2019

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

WHERE: Studio Channel Islands in the Blackboard Gallery

2222 Ventura Blvd, Camarillo, CA

As diverse women, we are defined by more than our gender. There are layers of race, ethnicity, age, sexuality, ability, financial status and more. When we discuss the needs of women, we must include the perspectives of all women. This general meeting will feature a panel discussion with four exceptional, empowered and empowering, Latina/x first-generation university grads who are giving back to their communities. Come hear their stories spotlighting personal challenges and triumphs and learn about local university and community programs that assist Latina/x students and the Latinx community at large. We are excited to welcome panelists:

- Michelle Hasendonckx, EdD, Assistant Director, Student Academic Success & Equity Initiatives, California State University Channel Islands
- Martita Martinez-Bravo, MA, PsyD, Director, Founding Board of KidSTREAM; Executive Director, Social Justice Fund for Ventura County
- Teresa Amescua-Smith, MS, CCC-SLP, Speech / Language Pathologist
- Adrienne Arquijo Morgan, MA, Project Director, Collaborative for Hispanics in Higher Education & Student Success (CHESS), California Lutheran University

AAUW is committed to creating a diverse culture of involvement, respect, inclusion and connection, where the richness of ideas, backgrounds and perspectives is fully appreciated and utilized. Learning about others' experiences and examining the workings of our society, even if it feels uncomfortable sometimes, equips us to better understand and solve systemic problems, correct collective biases and ensure an equal playing field for all. Questions? Email aauwcamarillo.programs@gmail.com



BOARD MEETING AT 5:00 PM

GENERAL MEETING AT 7:00 PM

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2019-2020 Snip and Save Calendar

Oct. 7 – 5:00, Board Meeting; 7pm General Meeting with Special Program: Empowering Latinas.

Blackboard Gallery, Studio Channel Islands

Oct. 11 - Bridge

Oct. 19 - Table at the Camarillo Farmer's Market

Oct. 21 – PM Book Review

Oct. 26- Meet and Greet Breakfast, Agave Maria's, 9am - always the LAST Saturday of the month,

including 11/30, 1/25, 2/29, 3/28, 4/25, 5/30, 6/27

Nov. 2 - Table at the Camarillo Farmer's Market

Nov. 4 – Board Meeting, Time and Location TBD

Nov. 8 - Bridge

Nov 16 – Authors' Day fundraiser luncheon – NEW! Buy tickets online here!!

Nov. 22 - Bridge

Sunday, Dec. 8 – Holiday Pot Luck

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 – 5:00 Board Meeting; 7pm General Meeting, Blackboard Gallery, Studio Channel Islands

March 4, 11, 18 - Knowledge Bowl 2020

Other meetings cancelled – thank you for volunteering for Women in History and Knowledge Bowl

April 6 – 5:00 Board Meeting; 7pm General Meeting, Blackboard Gallery, Studio Channel Islands

April 16-19 – AAUW CA Convention, Milbrae, CA

May 4 – 5:00 Board Meeting; 7pm General Meeting, Blackboard Gallery, Studio Channel Islands

June - Installation of officers and member tea, TBD

Aug. 23 – A Toast to Tenacity! Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Suffrage, Museum of Ventura Co.





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Authors' Day, November 16, 2019

There's still time to get your tickets. 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. New this year: Online Ticket Sales! Click here to purchase your tickets on Eventbrite. Or contact Diana Dingler at (805) 987-8013 for questions or to purchase tickets directly. 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.





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Meet and Greet Breakfast, Saturday, Sept. 28, at 9am

Agave Maria's Mexican Restaurant

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AAUW Camarillo Receives Recognition as a STEM Champion in VC!



AAUW Camarillo was honored by the Ventura County STEM Network (VC STEM) as a 2019 STEM Champion as part of VC STEM's annual STEAMtastic Celebration. The STEM Champion award recognizes "key champions of high- quality STEM learning." AAUW supports STEM education with Tech Trek, as well as Creative Arts Workshop, Women in History, and Knowledge Bowl.

Thanks to Cathy Trevino and Susan Pease for representing our branch and receiving our award.

Big Thanks to the Yard Sale Crew

On Saturday, September 21, 2019, a wonderful crew of three hardworking members, Ladeane Taylor, Karen Partow, and Barb Pileri, toiled from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM selling a massive amount of donated goods, including clothing, children's toys, household goods, kitchen items, linens, crystal, china, and oodles of odds and ends. Naturally, there were long hours of work done in the days before Saturday's sale in setting up and organizing all the "extra stuff" generously donated by our Camarillo Branch members and friends. Due to the efforts of our industrious crew, the yard sale generated a whopping \$762.75 for Women in History! Thanks to all who donated goods and a great big thanks to Ladeane, Karen and Barb (not pictured).







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P.M Book Review

We will be meeting on Monday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. to review *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens at the home of Joyce Klemann. Joyce always does a lovely job of decorating for Halloween.

Please call Joyce, or send her an email if you plan to attend [805 479-0522; rjklemann@roadrunner.com.] All are welcome. If you have further questions, please contact Diana Dingler at 805 987-8013.

Bridge is Back!

On October 11th, Carol Haverty will host bridge. On October 25th we will be at the home of Donna Herleikson-Ryden.

Looking ahead at November, Nancy Jaeger will be the hostess on the 8th and Janet Lindquist on the 22nd.



AAUW's free salary negotiation tool can help narrow the pay gap. <u>Click</u> <u>here to check out Work Smart</u>! Share with at least 5 people you know.

Thank you!!



Many thanks to Susan Pease and Linda Stinebaugh for your years of service to Tech Trek. You've inspired hundreds of girls to love STEM!





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Public Policy

AAUW CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES ARE HELPFUL TO BRANCHES

AAUW California members voted to approve the 2019-2021 California Public Policy Priorities in May. These guide our Public Policy program which supports AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy. Our Public Policy Committee uses these in selecting legislative bills on which we take positions in March each year. You can use them to:

- Use as a guide to plan programs for the year.
- Apply to issues that arise in our community as a guide to decide whether to take positions.
- Include in new member packet and other opportunities to acquaint elected officials, potential new members, and others about AAUW's mission.

Click <u>HERE</u> for the 2019-2021 AAUW California Public Policy Priorities including a copy of the AAUW Public Policy brochure.

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 considering 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 pocaterraj@aol.com.



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Great Decisions

Our chapter's Great Decisions group had its final meeting/discussion in September, but we will gather again at the beginning of November for a social wrap-up. If you are interested in perhaps joining our discussion group in 2020, please call any of the following chapter members – we'd love to have you join us for the get-together!

- 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.

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!

New Committees Being Formed!

The Camarillo AAUW Fundraising **Committee** would generate philanthropic development and donor stewardship to foster our branch sustainability and support its various programs. This committee would have an active and collaborative role in planning fundraising events and researching and obtaining grants for our programs. Participation in National AAUW fundraising training may be helpful. Duties include celebraing successful fundraising by thanking and recognizing donors through branch publications, at branch meetings and with personal thank-yous. Contact Jan for more info.

The Camarillo AAUW Diversity
Committee will ensure that our branch is providing an inclusive atmosphere to enhance a diverse membership that is representative of our community.

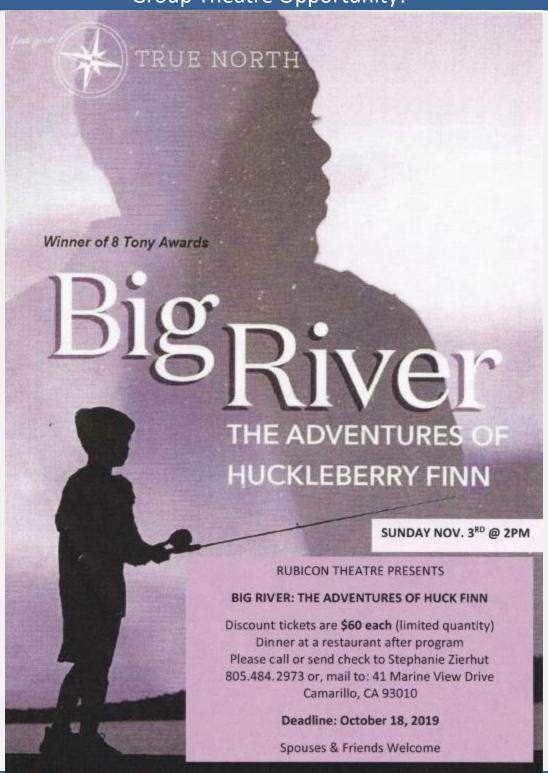
Representation matters! Contact Gloria for more info and how to participate.





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Group Theatre Opportunity!







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Last Chance to Keep Your Membership Up to Date

Annual Membership dues of \$100 for 2019-2020 are due. Please pay your dues before the end of this month – we don't want to lose any members! On November 1, 2019, National Membership will remove the names of all members who have not paid dues. You can 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, at 805-732-1145 or email to Egholder@gmail.com . Thank You!

2019-2020 DIRECTORY IS COMING!

It's been two long years, but a new directory is coming this fall. Please check your 2017-2018 Directory to ensure your contact information is accurate. Even if you don't have a directory and your contact info has changed in the past two years, send any corrections to Elizabeth Holder at Egholder@gmail.com

Camarillo Branch Board of Directors and Chairs 2018-2019

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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: <u>AAUW</u>
<u>Camarillo (CA) Branch website</u>

Attend the next Branch General meeting. Guests are always welcome.

For questions please contact Jan Demonsy, 805-419-4607 or email pocaterraj@aol.com

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