



Camarillo (CA) Branch

BEACON

December 2019

A Message from Gloria Miele, Co-President

Happy Holidays! Hope you had a delicious Thanksgiving and are ready for any and all holidays you celebrate. Did you know there are dozens of cultural, religious, and secular festivals and holidays from now through the end of the year (e.g., Three Kings in January)? I usually say Happy Holidays, and, if I know what holiday you celebrate, I say "Merry Christmas," "Happy Kwanzaa," "Happy Hanukkah," "Happy Yule," etc. Recognizing someone else's reality brings us closer together. Let's approach the season with gratitude, openness, and good cheer, no matter how we say it!

Unfortunately we are canceling the Holiday Pot Luck. Jerrie's husband Martin has been ill, and while he's on the mend, we will wish him well from a distance and let his recovery hasten without 30 or more people for dinner.

While I personally had to miss Authors' Day, I've heard longtime members say it was one of the best ever. Kudos to Diana and her team for pulling off a record-breaking fundraiser. If anyone took pictures, please pass them along.

I am super excited for what our branch has in store for the new decade! We will be celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage until the official anniversary of Aug. 26 1920, when the 19th Amendment was certified by U.S. Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby, and white women finally achieved the long-sought right to vote throughout the United States. For women of color, the right came later and was undermined in many states before their rights were protected by law.

Join us for a suffrage march in the Camarillo Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Kathy Long is coordinating, so contact her for info on logistics. We will march with the AAUW Camarillo Banner! On January 11 at the Interbranch Council luncheon, Dawn Dyer and the Suffrage Players will do a Suffrage Skit, and Dawn will give a fun, historical presentation about the history of women's suffrage and how women today can focus our efforts on achieving equality. Our community partners National Association of Women Business Women and Vision 2020 Ventura County are promoting the event. I love seeing the women's organizations across Ventura County collaborate to highlight voting rights for all. Our Women in History program includes Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B Anthony, as we bring the importance of voting into the classroom.

Speaking of Women in History, we need a few more volunteers to portray these amazing women. Our members have mad skills, so teachers, performers, and speakers, use those skills to bring history alive for kids in Camarillo. See more info inside. [Click on this link to volunteer!](#)

2020 will also come with a new membership directory. Watch out for yours! We also have more excellent programs scheduled in the Blackboard Gallery, so mark your calendars and keep reading your Beacon! And start planning now for State Convention April 16-19 in the Bay Area.

Grateful for all of you. Wishing you and yours a warm, wonderful, peaceful holiday season. Gloria

Ventura County Interbranch Council (IBC) Luncheon



Unfinished Business

Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Suffrage in America



To celebrate the 100-year anniversary of passage of the 19th Amendment, and the January 11th birthday of suffragist Alice Paul, this year's IBC luncheon will feature a presentation by award winning businesswoman Dawn Dyer and her Suffrage Passion Players. Dawn is the Public Policy Director of NAWBO Ventura County, Founder & Chair Emeritus of the Ventura County Housing Trust Fund, and a California delegate to Vision 2020: National Women's Equality Coalition. The group will perform a one-act Suffrage Play, followed by Dawn's inspiring recount of the fight for Women's Right to Vote. She'll also review key indicators of women's equality today, and discuss actions being taken to achieve economic, political and social equity for women.

2020 AAUW Ventura County Annual IBC Luncheon

January 11, 2020 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Los Robles Greens Country Club

299 S Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91361

**** You are encouraged to come dressed in modern-day or historic suffragist attire ****

REGISTRATION —> *Deadline to register Friday, January 3, 2020*

—> Register by **MAIL** with this form

☐ Yes, I plan to attend the IBC luncheon and have included my check for \$40 per ticket.

☐ Yes, I can help defray the cost for a college student to attend this event. I am enclosing an additional \$_____ to cover the ticket(s).

—> Register **ONLINE** with EventBrite at <https://aauwibc2020unfinishedbusiness.eventbrite.com>

—> Unable to attend? Make an IBC Scholarship or STEM Education **DONATION** (available by mail only)

☐ I am enclosing a contribution of \$_____ to AAUW-IBC.

My Name: _____

My Telephone & Email: _____

My Guests' Name(s): _____

Total Number Attending: _____ Amount of Check Enclosed: \$_____

Make checks payable to AAUW-IBC, and mail with this form to AAUW-IBC, Attention: Jan Demonsy,
744 Valley Vista Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010



Thanks to our community partner for cross promoting this event—NAWBOVC.org



2019-2020 Snip and Save Calendar

~~Sunday, Dec. 8 – Holiday Pot Luck~~ — **CANCELLED**

Saturday, Dec. 14 – Camarillo Christmas Parade, Women's Suffrage March.

January 6, 2020 – Board Meeting, Time and Location TBD

Jan. 11 – IBC Luncheon: Celebrating 100 years of Women's Suffrage, Los Robles CC

Jan 29 – Women in History training, Dos Caminos School, 5:30pm

Feb 3 – 5:00 Board Meeting; 7pm General Meeting, Blackboard Gallery, Studio Channel Islands

March 4, 11, 18 – Knowledge Bowl 2020

March - 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

May 17 – Rebozo Festival, Grantee Award!

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.

Authors' Day 2019

- A smashing success -

A heartfelt thanks to all of you who attended our fabulous Authors' Day this year! You helped to make it the best we've had in years. A special thank you goes out to the tireless committee members who worked so diligently throughout the year to create an event we shall never forget. Kudos go to Jane Akune, who found just the right mix of authors who entertained us with not only their background information, but downright hilarity. Kudos also go to Jan Demonsy and Janice Lindsay, who shopped for bird houses every weekend, to make each table unique and attractive. And, a big thank you to the committee members who made those outstanding opportunity baskets, in most cases donations to our Branch: Francie Baron, Jan Demonsy, JoAnn Cataldo, Jerrie Newman, Jan Ackerman, Celina and Binnie Biniatz, Janet Lindquist, Barbara Hilburn, Julie Mohr, Merrill Berge, Jane Akune, and Diana Dingler. Thanks also to our two check-in ladies, Anita Kuzas and Kim Boudro, who handed out the correct name/table cards so expertly typed up by Joy Hart. Your hard work is appreciated by the entire membership!

P.S. LEFT BEHIND AT AUTHORS' DAY: A guest (dark haired woman, perhaps in her 60s, purchased one of the bird houses that were for sale and forgot to pick it up at the end of the event. Please contact Diana Dingler (805) 987-8013, who brought it home for safe keeping.

Meet and Greet Breakfast Cancelled for December
See you Saturday, January 25th 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, and toast with syrup & butter

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| Potatoes & Toast | 3.95 |
| Bacon & Toast | 4.95 |
| Ham & Toast | 6.95 |
| French Toast (2) | 3.95 |
| French Toast & Eggs(2) | 6.95 |

Over the Border

Served with refried or black beans

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| 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

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| 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 |

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See you in January!



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by Dec. 15!



P.M Book Review

We will be meeting on December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Redrow. As you may recall, our meeting date was changed due to the fact that we had no meeting in November. We will be discussing Isabel Allende's publication entitled *Maya's Notebook*, which is very well written and chock full of information. Please phone or send an email to Linda on whether or not you will attend [lcredrow@yahoo.com or (805) 383-6267].

December Bridge News

The bridge group will only play one time in December. It will be at the home of Janet Lindquist on Friday, December 13th, 2019. In the new year we will play on January 10th at Nancy Wood's and January 24th at Jeanne Biggs' home.

AAUW Celebrates 100 Years of Suffrage at the Camarillo Christmas Parade

Nothing says holiday cheer like a parade to celebrate the season AND the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in 2020. Let's educate Camarillo about women's hard-fought right to vote with an old fashioned march. Wear historical or modern-day suffragist attire. Bonus points if you can work in the Cosmic Christmas theme! All ages and genders, members and nonmembers welcome. Contact Kathy Long (805-217-5389 or kathylong220@gmail.com) with questions about logistics, costumes, signs, etc. (some examples below). Watch your email and RSVP to our [Facebook event](#) for emerging details! Staging begins at 9am near Temple and Las Posas. Parade route ends at Community Center Park (Carmen and Burnley).



Make Women's History Come Alive - Volunteer!

Celebrate Women's History Month

Become a Woman in History!

Make History Come Alive in Front of Students' Eyes



Learn and share with students...fun for everyone! AAUW-Camarillo's WOMEN IN HISTORY PROGRAM invites you to portray one of the following important women to schools in the Camarillo area in MARCH 2020.

Grades K-3:

Elma Gonzalez – Research Scientist & Professor

Grades K-5:

Marla Runyan – 1st Legally Blind Olympian

Elizabeth Blackwell – 1st Female Physician

Grades 3-8:

Rosa Parks – Civil Rights Activist

Elizabeth Cady Stanton - Suffragist Leader

Eleanor Roosevelt – 1st Lady, Diplomat, Activist

Ruth Bader Ginsberg – Supreme Court Justice

Rachael Carson – Biologist, Environmentalist

Georgia O'Keefe – American Modernism Artist

Grades 5-8:

Clara Barton - Founder of the Red Cross

Queen Hatshepsut - Egyptian Pharaoh

Deborah Samson - Revolutionary Soldier

Queen Elizabeth - British Monarch



Last year, Katy Lyon as AMELIA EARHART used an airplane prop made by student Andrew Torti.

Interested in portraying one of these women to students in their classrooms?

These are fun, interesting, interactive performances, with time for student participation and questions, usually 20 minutes in total. The AAUW-Camarillo will provide you with a Training Orientation (where you will meet other performers), scripts, extensive background material, props, and costume suggestions/lending options.

For more information or to volunteer to become a Woman in History, please contact Merrill Berge, 805-208-6058 text/talk OR womeninhistory.merrill@gmail.com.

Sign-up with this quick and easy WIH volunteer form link:

[Women in History Volunteer Form 2019-2020](#)

Knowledge Bowl, March 4, 11, 18 2020

Mark your calendars for our 57th annual Knowledge Bowl. This program is open to public and private high schools in Ventura County. Students are questioned on a variety of subjects including general knowledge, history, geography, current events, math and science.

March 4th at Pacifica High School

March 11th at Buena High School

March 18th at Adolfo Camarillo High School

Send me a note at marymgoldberg@gmail.com if you would like to submit questions for these competitions. To give you an idea of the types and formats of the questions, here are a couple from last year (find the answers later in the Beacon!).

1. What noble gas, discovered in 1898 from the residue of liquid air has the atomic number 54?
2. During WWI, what did the Germans call their cannons that could shoot 1,785-pound projectiles?
3. Who was the first woman to serve as president of the Philippines? She restored democratic rule after the long dictatorship of Ferdinand Marcos.
4. Nancy Grace Ronan recently passed away at age 93. She was affectionately known as “the mother of the Hubble” for her role in developing what?
5. What is the name of the first city to incorporate in Ventura County?

Mary Goldberg

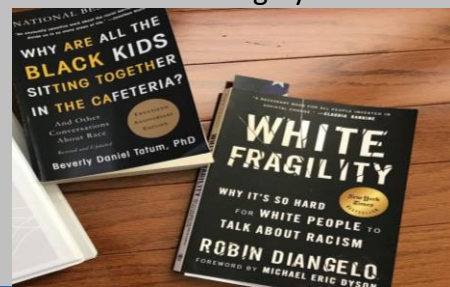
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New Committees Forming

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 celebrating 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. We'd like to start a book group. The titles below are highly recommended.



Public Policy

AAUW Leads the way!

As Washington's Senate gridlock continues, over 275 bills languish on the Senate floor without action, bills that address health care, housing, climate change, public safety, veterans, etc. Our Ventura county Federal Congressional and Senate representatives continue working to advance sensible legislation, identify funding to support our communities and advance our quality of life. That is accomplished through information, advocating, and supporting our leaders. As we sort through the political future, the concern and key issue must be to demand fair elections, at all levels, and to inform ourselves with the facts.

H.R. 4 – Voting Rights Advancement Act is before the House and will ensure fair, nonpartisan, and protection from interference. Now is the time to contact house representatives and ask them to vote YES. Go to AAUW.org and sign up for Fast Action – an easy way to have your voice heard!

The October CA-AAUW provided a report on the 14 AAUW bills signed into law by Governor Newsom. Following are some of those bills:

AB 9 – extends the time for filing harassment and discrimination claims from 2 to 3 years, allowing survivors additional time to seek redress;

AB 59 – directs county election officials to consider a vote center location on a public or private university with the intent to increase youth voter turnout;

AB 170 – closes gap in law to ensure that employers do not resort to subcontractor agreements for purposes of avoiding liability for sexual harassment claims;

AB 218 – increases the civil statute of limitations period for commencement of a sexual assault cause of action – sufficient time to access civil remedies;

AB 381 – ensures that prevention and bystander intervention outreach on dating violence information is made available to incoming students;

AB 543 – ensures that all 9th through 12th grade students receive a written policy on sexual harassment information during orientation; and

SB 809 – mandates that public postsecondary institutions provide notice to students to ensure that pregnant and student parents are aware of their Title IX rights.

Great body of work and advocacy! 2020 will be a momentous year, a year to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote; the State of Virginia could adopt the ERA, and it will be resurrected; and of course, the elections. So, have a joyous holiday and be kind to one another!

Member News

Rosalie Stewart has been a continuous member of AAUW since 1949. She was AAUW president of the Oxnard Branch numerous times. When the Oxnard Branch dissolved, Rosalie joined AAUW Camarillo. Both of her daughters, Rosemary O'Hara, and Bunny Stewart, are also members.

Rosalie, (92) has just been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, which appears to be progressing rapidly. She is at home - where she wanted to be - with her husband Bill. Their wonderful family is there with them also.

She would welcome cards, visits, phone calls. Her information is in the directory. Or contact Janet Lindquist (805-437-6244) for more information.

2019-2020 DIRECTORY IS COMING

A NEW DIRECTORY IS COMING IN JANUARY. 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

Are you smarter than a 12th grader?
Knowledge Bowl Answers Below

1. Xenon
2. Big Bertha
3. Corazon Aquino—president from 1986-1992
4. Hubble Space Telescope
5. San Buenaventura-Ventura in 1872

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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 aauwcamarillo.copres@gmail.com

American Association of University Women



Member Form – Please print, complete and mail

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: (Home) (_____) _____

(Cell) (_____) _____

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Highest College degree: _____

University/College: _____

Student:

Student Graduation Date: _____

Student Degree Sought: _____

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Circle one:

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Student Affiliate \$ 0

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