



Camarillo (CA) Branch

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February 2020

A Message from Gloria Miele, Co-President

WE WON!!!

Congratulations to AAUW Camarillo for being recognized as the ***Camarillo Top Ten Community Awards Service Organization of the Year***! The timing is fantastic for 2020, as we celebrate 100 years of women's suffrage and over 55 years of our branch making a difference in the community. An honor like this spotlights our mission promoting equity for women and girls through voting, education, advocacy, and the amazing programs we provide the community. Dozens of our members are working so hard right now on projects related to all of these areas. I hope each and every one of you embraces this recognition for your efforts. In addition, two of our members received awards: Founding Member Val Raines was recognized with the Stan Daily Lifetime Achievement Award, and Stephanie Zierhut was named Senior of the Year. The Gala Awards event is on March 20th from 6-9 pm at the Serra Center. Details on tickets coming soon.

As you know, you don't win an award like this without having a lot to do! March is a big month for our organization. Knowledge Bowl and Women in History are in full swing with preparations. Thanks to Mary Goldberg managing Knowledge Bowl. See inside for how to volunteer! Thanks also to the amazing Women in History Committee, who held training last week and will organize over 90 volunteers who will do first-person portrayals in the classroom.

At the same time, we are part of Vision 2020 Ventura County, a coalition of local women's organizations celebrating the centennial of women's suffrage. If you missed the IBC luncheon, check out the photos inside from a wonderful event. We had record turnout and enjoyed the suffrage play provided by Vision 2020. On March 8, we are sponsoring an International Women's Day event at the Museum of Ventura County.

If you're as excited as we are about our growth and impact in the community, join us at an upcoming meeting or event. If you can't make meetings but have a few hours a month to volunteer, we always have tasks that can be done at home. Contact me or Jan or just show up!

Speaking of volunteers, we still need a few early-riser poll workers for our adopted polling station. You must attend training in February to work on March 3. It's another great way to be involved in the democratic process.

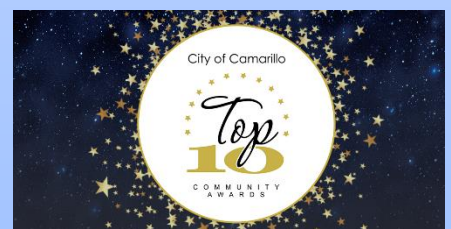
Come celebrate all of our good work at our first general meeting this Monday, February 3, at 7:00 pm, at Studio Channel Islands Art Center. Dr. Kathleen Wheeler will discuss how to accomplish the art of "respectful conflicts" at home, at work, and in the community, a skill I know I can brush up on. More info inside. Note that we are meeting in Classroom A4, NOT the Blackboard Gallery. AAUW Members will be near the gallery to help direct you to the meeting space.

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General Meeting, Monday, Feb. 3



AAUW CAMARILLO GENERAL MEETING

RESPECTFUL CONFLICT

WHEN: February 3, 2020

TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

WHERE: Studio Channel Islands, 2222 Ventura Blvd, Camarillo, CA

→ **NOTE: UNPLANNED LOCATION CHANGE TO CLASSROOM A4** ←

Divisive. Polarized. Ugly. These words are used often to describe the state of our nation, as well as get-togethers with family and friends, right now, especially when the subject of politics comes up.

So, why not just avoid these kinds of discussions altogether? Because conflict is inevitable, and we need to be able to talk with each other! Without the ability to stay in the conversation and guide the conflict in a productive direction, there is no way forward--for our nation or for our relationships with those closest to us. **Tools for respectful conflict can be learned and implemented, so that dinner is not spoiled, and relationships stay strong and even get stronger.**

AAUW's Public Policy Priorities highlight the value of "creating a diverse culture of involvement, respect, inclusion and connection, where the richness of ideas, backgrounds and perspectives is fully appreciated and utilized." Cultivating skills for creating and navigating respectful conflict is a great place to start.

Hear more and learn tools for creating and navigating "respectful" conflict at our next general meeting. Guest presenter **Dr. Kathleen Wheeler** has four decades of experience in the field of Organization Development, where she has helped thousands achieve organizational and career objectives through developing leadership, communication, conflict resolution and teamwork skills.

The general meeting is open to members and non-members. Invite family, friends, neighbors – anyone who might benefit.



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AT 5:00 PM**

**GENERAL MEETING
AT 7:00 PM**

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ATTEND THE
GENERAL MEETING**



2020 Snip and Save Calendar

February 3 – 5:00 Board Meeting; 7pm General Meeting, Classroom A4, Studio Channel Islands
 February 8 – 11:30am – VC Women's Political Caucus Luncheon celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage and Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson – ticket info in Beacon.
 February 12 – Nonfiction book group
 February 14 – Bridge
 February 24 – P.M. Book Review
 February 28 – Bridge
 February 29 – Meet and Greet Breakfast, Agave Maria's
 March 3 – California Primary Election. Get out the vote! Early risers contact Nancy to work the 6-10am shift at our Adopt-a-Poll location!
 March 4, 11, 18 – Knowledge Bowl 2020
 March 8, 1-4pm – Int'l Women's Day Forum, viewing of *Legalize Equality*, Museum of Ventura County. AAUW Camarillo table and cosponsor. <https://www.theacornproject.com/>
 March - Other meetings cancelled – thank you for volunteering for Women in History and Knowledge Bowl
 March 20 – Top Ten Community Awards, 6pm, Serra Center
 April 6 – 5:00 Board Meeting; 7pm General Meeting, Blackboard Gallery, Studio Channel Islands
 April 16-19 – AAUW CA Convention, Milbrae, CA, <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-convention/>
 May 4 – 5:00 Board Meeting; 7pm General Meeting, Blackboard Gallery, Studio Channel Islands
 May 17 – Rebozo Festival, Grantee Awards
 June – Installation of officers and member tea, TBD
 Aug. 23 – A Toast to Tenacity! Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Suffrage, Museum of Ventura County

IBC Celebrated 100 Years of Women's Suffrage

Women in all white, including member Ladeane Taylor (2nd from left), marched in the Rose Parade with the Suffrage Float!



Dawn Dyer and Ventura County Vision 2020 group did a play and program.



Members Mary Lingua and Colleen Robertson brought their sisters!



Knowledge Bowl, March 4, 11, 18 2020

Volunteers are needed for our 57th annual competition! Eleven high school teams from all over Ventura County are preparing to participate in our 57th annual program.

The dates and locations for Knowledge Bowl 2020 are:

March 4th at Pacifica High School – practice round and competitions starting at 5:30pm

March 11th at Buena High School – competitions starting at 5:30pm

March 18th at Adolfo Camarillo High School – competitions and awards starting at 5:30pm

Volunteers are needed to serve as question readers, judges and timers. You can volunteer for one, two, or all three nights, but if you're new to this event, try to attend on March 4th, when a practice round will be held at the beginning of the evening to give students, coaches and volunteers a chance to review the process.

Sign up now on SignUp Genius <http://bit.ly/KnowledgeBowl2020>

Geography, history, math, science, literature, and people are a few of the subjects covered in our program. I am compiling questions for our competitions and would like your contributions. Please send me 10-20 questions on favorite topics by February 15, 2020.

Here are some questions from 2017 – how many can you answer?

1. What musical instrument did Sherlock Holmes play?
2. What amendment provides that "all persons born or naturalized in the United States are citizens of the United States"?
3. What is the name for a protein that acts as a biological catalyst?
4. With acute appendicitis, the appendix may burst, spreading the infection throughout the abdominal cavity, causing what condition?
5. An electric toaster draws a current of 4 amps when plugged into a 120-volt line. What is its resistance?

For more information, contact Mary Goldberg at marymgoldberg@gmail.com or (805) 248-4572.

Early-Bird Poll Workers Needed!

We are almost fully staffed for the primary election poll. We need just **three more people** for the first shift: 6am to 10am. If you're an early riser who wants to be part of the democratic process, contact Nancy Walters - nejwalters285@gmail.com or 719-395-6531. You will also need to attend a poll worker training. [Click here](#) for schedule.



Meet and Greet Breakfast Saturday, February 29th at 9am

Agave Maria's Mexican Restaurant

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- Chicken, beef, pork, chorizo
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- Refried or black beans
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OVER THE BORDER ITEMS SERVED
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Bacon (1 or 2 pieces)	1.00/1.95
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Toast	.50/1.00
Eggs (1 or 2 eggs)	1.75/2.95
Yogurt & granola	3.95

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Celebrate International Women's Day!

AAUW Camarillo is cosponsoring. Meant to engage women 25-40, we will have a table. Want to work a shift? Contact Gloria. Learn more at <https://www.theacornproject.com/>

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DOORS OPEN AT 11AM, PROGRAM FROM 11:30AM-1 PM

P.M Book Review

The book we'll be discussing on February 24th is The Dollhouse by Fiona Davis. It's an interesting book in terms of its varied characters and the dress and customs of that era. We'll be meeting at the home of Jerrie Newman at 7:00 p.m. Whether you plan to attend or not, please RSVP to her by email or phone at (805) 389-3064.

There are three books remaining on our list. So, those of wishing to read ahead they are: The Language of Hoofbeats by Catherine Ryan Hyde, The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson, and Becoming by Michelle Obama.

February Bridge News

The bridge group will meet twice in February. On February 14th we will be at the home of Nancy Wood. February 28th will be hosted by Carol Haverty at the Las Posas Country Club.

Great Decisions is Back!

Climate Change and the Global Order

Friday, February 28th, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Leisure Village's Recreation Center (Garden Room)

Climate change has become one of the defining issues of our time. As much of the world bands together to come up with a plan, the U.S. remains the notable holdout. What is the rest of the world doing to combat climate change? What impact will the effects of climate change have on global geopolitics?

Are you curious about how foreign policy takes shape? You can learn more with the AAUW Great Decisions group. 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 at home. 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 contact Nancy Walters if you would like to attend, so she can put your name on the guard gate list at Leisure Village (nejwalters285@gmail.com or (805) 465-0362). We encourage all members and guests to join in the conversation.

You may see complete list of topics for the year and more information at the Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions website: https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/ (see the topic resources column on the right).

Nonfiction Book Group Update

We had a great meeting in January with a wide and free-ranging discussion beginning with the book Prisoners of Geography that became quite profoundly personal and moving.

Because three people are taking Tuesday morning classes with Ollie, for the next two months we will meet Wednesday afternoon. This means our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 12th at 1:30pm at Jerrie's. (Martin is now rapidly recovering from Valley Fever.)

On Wednesday, March 11th we will meet at Nancy's to discuss The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate—Discoveries from A Secret World, by Peter Wohlleben. Here's a review from the New York Times: <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/30/world/europe/german-forest-ranger-finds-that-trees-have-social-networks-too.html>

Ready to Launch! AAUW's Women in History Program

Big THANKS to the Women In History Committee – Merrill Berge, Judi Gill, Ann Kahng, Cheryl Mastrovito, Betsy Metzger, Karen Normington, and our new recruit Cynthia Coler. The WIH Training Meeting on January 27, 2020 was a genuine success. WIH has over 90 volunteers this year! To make that happen, first there were months of communication with the schools and work on volunteer forms by Merrill followed by many laborious hours of detailed performance scheduling by Judi and Merrill. Ann, Betsy and Cheryl reviewed and updated the WIH scripts. Concurrently, Ann planned the Training Meeting details and staffed the meeting with trainers. Betsy generated several creative power point programs for our new WIH; and Cheryl gathered and organized the complete set of props for the this year's WIH. True multi-taskers! Karen, Cynthia, Mary Goldberg (our unofficial member), and I assisted with the Training Meeting and costumes. We welcome Cynthia to the crew – she's already set about mending costumes. Looking forward to our March performances. P.S. If you are a member of other organizations, we could provide a WIH performance for a program.



WIH Training

Prop Help Needed!

AAUW Women in History needs to borrow a magnifying glass and microscope for props for Elma Gonzales, the first Mexican American woman scientist in the UC system. If you can help, please contact Cheryl Mastrovito at 805-377-1450 or Ann Kahng at 805-701-3448 no later than February 27th. We would like to borrow them for the month of March. Thank you!

Your Vote is Your Voice!!

MARCH 3 – PRIMARY ELECTION DAY here in California!! Voting guides will be arriving between January 23rd and February 11th. Vote by Mail Ballots will be in your mailbox February 3rd to 25th. **You may register to vote at any time, including on March 3rd, at any polling place.** There are 457,322 registered voters in Ventura County, with total population from last census (2010) of 854,223. So why is this important to you, our county, our state, our country? Because on your ballot will be candidates asking for your vote at all these levels, some with long term consequences.

Certainly, we've all been saturated with the Presidential races – lots of debates, ads, airtime on the good, the bad and the ugly. Also included on the ballot will be the House of Representative seats important to our county: Congresswoman Julia Brownley (District 26) is up for re-election and facing three opponents. District 30 incumbent Brad Sherman is up for re-election and has four opponents. Finally, District 25, vacated in November by Katie Hill, has 13 candidates vying for that seat!

Some of you are probably aware of the state ballot candidates running for Assembly and Senate:

- SD19, Hannah-Beth Jackson's termed out seat, with three candidates; and
- SD27, where Henry Stern is up for re-election with 2 opponents.

For the Assembly Districts:

- AD37, an open seat with seven candidates;
- AD38, an open seat with seven candidates; and
- AD44, with incumbent Jacqui Irwin up for re-election with one opponent.

Additionally, there are numerous Superior Court Judge seats on the ballot.

Finally, the County Board of Supervisors has three seats open on the ballot. Districts 1 and 5 are the first districts faced with open seats due to the County's term limits ordinance.

- District 1 (Ventura/Ojai), where Steve Bennett termed out (running for AD37), has two candidates – **this race will be DECIDED on March 3rd;**
- District 3 (Camarillo/Santa Paula/Fillmore/Port Hueneme/South Oxnard), where **the race between incumbent Kelly Long and challenger Kim Marra Stephenson will be DECIDED March 3rd;** and
- District 5 (Oxnard), an open seat, has five candidates – this race is likely to go to a November run-off.

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Your Vote is Your Voice!!

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This represents the first time in years that there could be a significant shift in the make-up of the Board of Supervisors, and in 2022, Supervisor Linda Parks is termed-out.

The Board's role:

- to oversee the land use laws for the unincorporated lands – farming, oil/gas drilling, wildlife corridors, and sustainability of open space lands;
- the health/welfare of the poor, homeless, mentally ill; and
- support for the public's safety, Sheriff and Fire services.

The Board sets countywide ordinances governing watersheds, animal services, air quality, transportation, and numerous quality of life policies. So, these March 3rd ballot decisions will set the course for our county for the next 8-12 years and will make a significant difference for the social, environmental, and economic health of our county!

We encourage you to VOTE, spread the word and encourage others to VOTE.

Kathy Long
Chair, Public Policy

AAUW State Convention: Registration Open!!

What can YOU do at the convention?

- Meet and learn from inspiring, like-minded women across the state
- Learn from workshops, plenaries, films and speakers
- Hear from AAUW National CEO Kim Churches
- Be part of a hands-on project and help the women and girls in Rwanda
- Take 1000 steps to bring equality to women and girls
- CELEBRATE the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote

Reminder

- HOTEL registration deadline is March 20th
- CONVENTION registration deadline is April 10th

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-convention/>



Corresponding Secretary

It is my privilege to send out correspondence/ greeting cards on behalf of our branch to thank donors, celebrate life events, comfort those who are ill or grieving, and more. Please send requests to me, Diana Dingler (805) 987-8013.

You can also submit member news to include in the Beacon to camarillo.beacon@gmail.com.

Welcome New Members!!



Sarah Golden
Betsy Willey
Celina Zacarias



2019-2020 DIRECTORY IS COMING!

WATCH YOUR MAILBOX

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

1. Violin
2. 14th Amendment
3. Enzyme
4. Peritonitis or sepsis
5. 30 ohms

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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

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