



Camarillo (CA) Branch

# BEACON

June 2020

## ***A Message from Gloria Miele, Co-President***

Dear Members,

I hope you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. I've enjoyed seeing some of you on Zoom for brainstorming calls, meetings, happy hours, and breakfasts. We have managed to stay connected through technology these past few months and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. If we are able to meet in person again, it will most likely be in small groups on large patios or other outdoor spaces. Expect a call in the coming weeks as a few of us check in and see how you're doing. As you can imagine, we are doing our best to regroup and continue to address our mission in this different context and appreciate all the feedback and help we have already gotten from members.

As we strive for greater equity for women and girls, we cannot overlook the systemic racism that is bringing our country to its knees. Racial and gender inequity are inextricably linked. And throw in a pandemic, where women of color are on the front lines in greater numbers as essential workers and at greatest risk. I am so sad and angry over the brutal murder of George Floyd and so many black and brown people as white supremacy, police brutality, and hate crimes continue to rise.

In an effort to focus on the fight against racism, we are selecting a book to recommend for our membership and community at large: *AAUW Camarillo Reads*. Three titles that continue to come up in conversation are:

[Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?: And Other Conversations About Race](#)  
[How to Be an Antiracist](#)  
[White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism](#)

Please review the links to the books and [click here to vote](#) for which book you'd most like to read (or let us know if you have no preference). Each person will be responsible for getting the book, but we could figure out a way to share copies (disinfected of course). We will also explore placing an order at The Bookworm. Please reply by the end of the week, and we will send out details and logistics in a separate email.

Finally, you should have received your membership renewal email. I do hope you continue as a member. We have opportunities to make an impact in being antiracist, supporting educational activities for our whole community, and getting out the vote, all so essential right now and the focus of our branch for the coming year. And speaking of voting, we've got an excellent slate of nominated officers for the 2020-2021 program year. See next page for details. You can still submit nominations. We will vote at the meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to your continued support and participation.

Onward, Gloria

## 2020 Snip and Save Calendar

June 9 – 10am, Nonfiction Book Group

June 10, 5pm – Zoom Happy Hour

June 14 , 1pm, Election, Installation of Officers and “BYO” Tea

June 26, 3:30pm - Great Decisions

June 27, 9am – Zoom Meet and Greet Breakfast

Aug. 26, 4-6pm Toast to Tenacity! Celebrating 100 Years of Women’s Suffrage virtual event

Sept. 13, 1pm – AAUW Fall Kick Off – we are exploring outdoor venues where we can physically distance within guidelines for gathering at that time. TBD

November 7 – Authors Day – save the date for possible online event.

## 2020-2021 Board Nominations – Elected Officers

### **Co-Presidents**

Jan Demonsy and Gloria Miele

### **VP Membership**

Cathy Trevino

### **VP Programs**

Open

### **Secretary**

Mary Goldberg

### **Treasurer**

Vanessa Otto

### **Co-President-Elect**

Open

You can submit nominations anytime prior to the June 14<sup>th</sup> election. Please attend the meeting and let your voice be heard for a quorum!

## Creative Arts Workshop Pivots for COVID-19

Creative Arts Workshop had a fabulous second year of registration online for 11 classes being offered for nearly 600 activities!! Thank you to both those who were able to get the word out and to those who registered. Registration is STILL OPEN until June 13<sup>th</sup> at [cawregistration.net](http://cawregistration.net). Families will pick up materials (kits and/or information) at kidSTREAM Children's Museum (the old Camarillo Library) between 9:00a.m. and 12:00 noon on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wishing everyone a terrific time engaging with your sweet ones!

Fondly, Karen Allen  
CAW Director

# Election and Installation of Officers and Member Tea

## Sunday, June 14, 1pm

### **Special Guest Speaker** **Vice Mayor Susan Santangelo** **Nursing and Governing During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Vice Mayor Susan Santangelo will discuss her experience in public office on the Camarillo City Council, from campaign to today, while working in health care at Casa Pacifica and becoming Vice Mayor right before COVID-19 hit. Please join, as well as to celebrate our outgoing board and vote in our new one!

Register here: <https://uclahs.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrceuqrTooHdIV54Ymx7fHt0G6TCw00QCc>

Susan has been a Camarillo resident since 1976. In high school, she began working in the Emergency Room at St. John's Hospital and fell in love with nursing and crisis. A graduate of Santa Clara University with a bachelor's degree in Psychology, she attended nursing school at LA County-USC Medical Center School of Nursing, became a Registered Nurse in 1993, and began her nursing career in that same Emergency Room at the now St. John's Regional Medical Center and quickly became a health care leader. Susan returned to graduate school in 2015 and now holds a master's degree in Nursing. In 2017, she was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing for Nursing Leadership. She is currently the Assistant Director of Health Services at Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families.

As Susan watched national politics and became more civically involved, she realized that she wanted to play a larger role in the leadership of our community. She ran for city council and was elected Camarillo City Councilmember in November of 2018. She was appointed Vice Mayor in December of 2019. This year has been especially challenging with the Covid-19 Pandemic and its effects on our entire community, but she is proud of the work the council and city staff are doing to protect the health of the residents, help those in need, and support local businesses.

Susan has two sons, Nick- a sophomore at the University of Washington and Matt- a graduating senior at Rio Mesa High School, who will attend the University of Utah in the fall. She is so proud of them and loves watching them make their way in the world.



## Virtual Meet-Ups – Happy Hour and Breakfast!

### Bring Your Own Beverage or Breakfast

Online gathering opportunities

Happy Hour, Wednesday, June 14, 5pm

Breakfast, Saturday, June 27, 9am

Online via tablet/computer/smartphone

<https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/2177801950>

By phone

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 217 780 1950

*DID YOU KNOW?* You can just use the phone feature to call into the audio of the meeting. No computer required (but it is nice to see the faces!) [Download Zoom](#) and find helpful videos and other resources to get started. Text Gloria at 805-216-8403 if you have trouble entering the meeting.



The “before” times



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## Virtual Vision 2020 Date Change! August 26<sup>th</sup>, 4pm



The Toast to Tenacity will celebrate 100 years of women’s suffrage and the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment. We have switched to a virtual format, so the event will be on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, Vision 2020 Ventura County is releasing a series of videos from the suffrage play! Follow their Facebook page for more info, as well as performances from AAUW members.

<https://www.facebook.com/Vision2020VC/>

Want to submit your own 30-60 second suffrage video? Start by chanting, “Use your voice. Use your vote!” Introduce yourself and say you’re an AAUW member, then tell your voting story. Why is voting important to you? Who’s your favorite suffragist and why? What’s a standout voting experience? Send clip to [aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com](mailto:aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com).



## Nonfiction Book Group

Whatever our reactions to *The Mosquito* book (which were varied), we all agreed that we learned quite a bit about history from it. It was great seeing you all. We are definitely getting more proficient with Zoom.

In June, we will read *An Atheist's History of Belief* by Matthew Kneale. We will meet on Zoom on June 9th at 10:00 a.m. This book is \$1.00 for a used copy at Abe Books. There is a \$4.00 used copy at eBay. Kindle is \$9.99. Amazon has used hardcopies starting at \$4.00. Also, there are a great many reviews of this book. We should have a very interesting discussion in June.

If anyone not in our group would like to join, please email me, and I will include you in the Zoom link email on June 8th.

We discussed another book, *Talking to Strangers* by Malcolm Gladwell, but it did not get as good a review as his other books. I will compile a new list of books. Meanwhile, we do have our old list below. See if there are any books we should reconsider.

Barbara Hilburn  
hilburndesigns@gmail.com

## Author's Day Update

Because of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, we have decided that we will postpone this year's event. We are sorry to do so as it has been an extremely popular event over the years, but in light of this unique situation, we have little choice. We are still on the books at Spanish Hills, and are reserving the date of **November 6, 2021**.

For this year, we are considering if we may do something virtually with the authors. This is only in the planning stages, so watch for future information.

## AAUW Resources

[Read AAUW California's newsletter here](#). Check out page 11, which acknowledges our IBC luncheon focused on the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment!

Don't forget that AAUW has an excellent, free, online pay equity program [you can access here](#). Spread the word! Share with new grads. Take the course yourself!

## Scholarships

We awarded scholarships to three Tech Trek alumnae who are heading off to college. Congratulations to Anna Enos, Sierra Klemann, and Karinna Dillard.

We are in the process of reviewing AAUW CSUCI Reentry Student Scholarships and will report on those winners in the next Beacon.

On May 27, 2020, the AAUW Inter Branch Council of Greater Ventura County (Camarillo, TO and Simi Chapters) met to make selections regarding candidates for IBC scholarships. Candidate applications were submitted in two categories: 1) women returning to college after a break in education; and 2) young women going to college after graduating in 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were fewer applicants to consider. However, the Council members reviewed eight applications and awarded a \$500 scholarship to four of the candidates. Winners will be published in the next Beacon.

## Women in History Update

On May 5, 2020, the Women in History Committee met virtually to select the women to be presented in March 2021. We think these portrayals will catch the attention of our elementary students when they come to life via volunteer performances. The selections are:

Laura Ingalls Wilder:	Author and Early American Settler
Lois Lowry:	Author of The Giver and Number the Stars
Carman Camarillo:	Rancher/Influential in Local History
Harriet Tubman:	Leader of Underground Railroad
Sylvia Earle:	National Geographic Ocean Explorer
Susan Butcher:	Iditarod Dog Sled Racer who Overcame Dyslexia
Jane Goodall:	Environmentalism/Studied Chimpanzees (alt)

At this point, it's difficult to know how we will bring Women In History program into the schools, but we will adapt to meet the needs of the teachers and their classes.

## Bridge Update

Since "social distancing" and mask wearing are still in effect, we will probably not be playing bridge until September. It is hard to spend so much time at home without physically interacting with your friends. Hopefully things will improve a lot in the next few months!

## Great Decisions

### U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle

Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:30p.m.

GoToMeeting (we are temporarily meeting online)

*Combatting illegal immigration has become a priority of the Trump administration. The Northern Triangle of Central America, made up of Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, is a special target of the administration, which hold the nations responsible for the large flow of migrants from Latin America to the U.S. With funds from the U.S. cut, how can the Northern Triangle countries curtail migration?*

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, **before the meeting, at home, we read a brief chapter in our booklet and watch a 20-minute video on the month's topic** (see this year's videos [here](#)). This month's video on YouTube is entitled *Northern Triangle: The Origins of America's Migrant Crisis*.

On the meeting day and time, we sign into the GoToMeeting website and discuss the topic 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 Elizabeth Holder at [egholder@gmail.com](mailto:egholder@gmail.com) if you would like to join us; she is our GoToMeeting host. Elizabeth will send an explanatory email about GoToMeeting to you and subsequently will email the group sign-in number to you each month. We encourage all members and guests to join in the conversation.

You may see a complete list of topics for the year and more information at the Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions website: [https://www.fpa.org/great\\_decisions/](https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/).

## P.M Book Review

We have concluded our group meetings as of May 25th. Everyone who belongs to our evening book group is now free to read her own selections throughout the months of June, July, August, and September. Please keep track of your favorites. We will reconvene on September 28th, perhaps via Zoom again, to hash out our reading selections for the coming season. Have a happy and safe summer, dear friends.

P.S. Please join us in selecting and reading a book about racial equity for AAUW Camarillo Reads! See more info in the President's Message.

## Public Policy by Kathy Long

### START, STOP, STALL

By now we know that the State of California is facing a \$54-Billion shortfall/budget deficit. Deficits are looming in most all municipalities as a result of the pandemic, the rapid erosion of tax revenues and the demands from a beleaguered public for health and human services support. California, long known as the 4<sup>th</sup> strongest economy in the world, has experienced a collapse in a matter of weeks due to the pandemic. In addition, there are increasing costs; perhaps as much as \$13-Billion due to demands on caseloads of programs such as Medi-Cal/public health insurance program; and CalWORKs, the welfare assistance program. And, discussions in Sacramento include extension of state unemployment benefits lasting into 2021, with the unemployment rate climbing above 20%.

Not included in the above, the impact on K-12 education funding could be severe, as schools receive 40% of the state's General Fund revenues; their cut could be more than \$18 Billion. This cut would be up against schools being asked to do more when it comes to distance learning and providing meals. This will of course impact all schools in our county as the "new normal" is worked on for the next school year.

All of the state legislators are working to lessen the impact and must propose changes to the draft budget to finalize the plan by June 15<sup>th</sup> per the State Constitution. There may also be last minute legislation pushed through in answer to the budget pressures.

[Leginfo.legislature.ca.gov](https://leginfo.ca.gov) is the direct website to look at proposals and see what our state legislators are carrying in this cycle.

Speaking of legislation, nationally our Representative Julia Brownley is sponsoring 51 total bills in this year, ranging from those supporting Veterans, addressing green energy, agriculture, economic start-ups, and to stop Vaping Ads that target our youth. Of those bills, three have passed out of the house to the Senate: HR3224 - increase access to Department of Veterans Affairs for medical care for Women Veterans; HR840 - assisting Veterans to get greater access to Child Care; and HR95 – Homeless Veterans Families Act which would update the per diem calculation for entities furnishing services for homeless vets to include funding for minor dependents. You can show support at [juliabrownley.house.gov](https://juliabrownley.house.gov). As of now, not much is getting off the Senate floor – it's going to be a long, tough year for many reasons. So, stay safe, stay healthy and stay engaged on-line. Let our leaders hear from you!



## Member News



*Congratulations to  
Dr. Colleen Robertson*

*Superintendent, Somis Union School District  
On Her Retirement!*



## CSUCI News



[Click here for a message from President Beck about CSUCI's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.](#)

👑 Longtime member Shirley Randall thanks AAUW for our support in the Alma Via 2020 Glam-Ma's in Tiaras contest, where she won Ms. Glam-Ma! Wonderful to see her still radiant and active in her new community! 👑

Ms. Glam-Ma - Shirley Randall  
Miss AlmaVia - Jeri Hydrick  
Miss Gardens - Donna Katzen



## Jan Beat in Hospice Care

Jan is a longtime member of our branch and is living with her daughter and is under hospice care. If you'd like to be in touch, her address is:

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## Camarillo Branch Board of Directors and Chairs 2019-2020

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## More on Membership

### Dues are Due!

**Did you see your personal membership renewal email?? If not, please contact Jan Demonsy, 805-419-4607 or email [aauwcamarillo.copres@gmail.com](mailto:aauwcamarillo.copres@gmail.com)**

New members can also use the link below to join.

[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. Annual dues are due by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the same year.

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](#)

For questions please contact Jan Demonsy, 805-419-4607 or email [aauwcamarillo.copres@gmail.com](mailto:aauwcamarillo.copres@gmail.com)

American Association of University Women



**Member Form – Please print, complete and mail**

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