



Camarillo (CA) Branch

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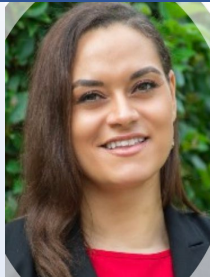
September 2021

## ***A Message from Cathy Trevino, Co-President***

Dear Members, Welcome back to our 2021-2022 membership year. I am pleased to be your Co-President working with such a dedicated Board and membership. It seems we were just getting used to going out in public again and storing our stash of color coordinated masks, and now we are pulling them out again. In spite of this hopefully short set back, AAUW Camarillo is up and running, and we have already held a Summer Social Patio Party in Oxnard in July where five women became new members. In August we had a very successful and well attended planning meeting at the Somis Thursday Club. While our membership embraces and encourages the AAUW Mission Statement where we work toward advancing equity for women and girls through research advocacy and education, we must continue to empower the change we want to see. We need to continue providing our educational and informative programs and activities to accomplish our goals. National AAUW started a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee in the fall of 2020. One of the key goals within the plan is: Embody the goals and spirit of inclusion, diversity and intersectionality across all AAUW activities and participants. Our branch needs members on our DEI committee and is awaiting your support to help us deepen the understanding of the ways in which diversity, equity, inclusion and intersectionality are relevant to everyone. Contact Gloria Miele at [Gloria@strongerleader.com](mailto:Gloria@strongerleader.com) to join.

Advancing an agenda like this takes volunteers. Board members, committee members, task forces, hourly volunteers, all provide the power we need to organize and provide these programs. We have an amazing group of hard-working dedicated members who have the opportunity to grow and help produce positive changes in so many ways. Please see where you can make a difference and jump in. Whatever time you have available, there are opportunities for you to partake. Contact the project coordinator or a board member and the right occasion and timeframe will be offered to you. We have a fabulous September Fall Kick-off event planned for Sunday, September 26th from 1-4pm at the Las Posas Country Club and hope to see you there, masked, of course. Author's Day, Nov. 6th at Spanish Hills Country Club is our major fundraiser and needs to be well attended to further our mission. Watch for details and get your tickets before they sell out.

Warmest Regards,  
Cathy Trevino, Co-President  
[AAUW.Camarillo.President@gmail.com](mailto:AAUW.Camarillo.President@gmail.com)



AAUW Camarillo 2021-2022

## Kick-Off Meeting

**WHEN:** September 26, 2021

**TIME:** 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**WHERE:** Las Posas Country Club

Please RSVP with the number of of guests by September 21<sup>st</sup>  
Space is limited.

RVSP Online with Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/AAUW-2021-KickOff>  
Questions? [aauwcamarillo.programs@gmail.com](mailto:aauwcamarillo.programs@gmail.com)

Reconnect with old friends, meet new members, enjoy light refreshments and celebrate AAUW programs like Women in History, Knowledge Bowl, Tech Trek, Speech Trek and more! Hear from Tech Trek Campers and meet our CSUCI Scholarship Awardees.

Our Keynote Speakers are Dr. Martita Martinez-Bravo and Rabiah Rahman of the Social Justice Fund of Ventura County (SJFVC). Founded in 2004 by philanthropic and nonprofit leaders in Ventura County, SJFVC has worked to promote fairness, equity and human rights by educating the community about social justice issues and providing financial support to organizations and projects that address root causes of social problems.

Dr. Martita Martinez-Bravo is the Executive Director of the SJFVC. Martita is a Mom of 3 who lives with her husband and family in Camarillo. She was born and raised in Oxnard and is the oldest of nine children, from a Mexican-American family. Her father worked as a farm worker in Ventura County during her childhood. Martita earned her doctorate degree in clinical psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology at AIU after graduating from UC Irvine with a major in Psychology & Social Behavior and a minor in Educational Studies. A leader in the community, she has served on several boards including kidSTREAM Museum and was the former President of the LULAC Camarillo. She is also active member at Padre Serra Church and a member of AAUW Camarillo and has been the Women in History school coordinator.

Rabiah Rahman is the Board Vice-Chair for the SJFVC. She is also an attorney and earned her J.D. from University of California Berkeley School of Law. Her firm, Rabiah at Law, focuses on representing employees. Rabiah is a proud Californian, raised in the Central Valley and currently resides in Ventura County. She has dedicated her legal career to defending workers' rights throughout the State of California. Rabiah is a leader, advocate and a voice for social justice.

Martita and Rabiah are sure to inspire and challenge us all to join them in being advocates, activists and allies for social and racial justice.

## Guest Speakers

**MARTITA MARTINEZ-BRAVO,**  
Executive Director

And

**RABIAH RAHMAN,**  
Board Vice-Chair

**Social Justice Fund of  
Ventura County**

Learn more about  
Planned Meetings,  
Programs & Events

Hear from 2021 Virtual  
Tech Trek Campers

Meet our CSUCI AAUW  
Scholarship Winners

All are welcome, but  
space is limited.  
Please RSVP above. We will  
follow COVID guidance.  
You do not need to be an  
AAUW Member to Attend



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## ***Great Ideas Generated at Planning Meeting***

Our AAUW Camarillo Planning Meeting took place on August 24, 2021 at the Somis Thursday Club and created some great new ideas. To generate some background for discussion, Cathy conducted an introductory exercise on what it means to “Embrace, Encourage & Empower” others. The theme for the meeting was Diversity with three topics of focus: Retention of Members; Fundraising; and Connections with California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI). We broke into three groups to brainstorm and came up with some exceptional results.

The Membership Retention Group generated several productive ideas: 1) offer Zoom access to live meetings for those who cannot attend in person; 2) record meetings to be watched at home later; 3) send WIH presentations to other organizations; 4) present WIH recorded presentations at a General Meeting; 5) encourage members to invite friends to meetings and events; 6) contact other organizations to offer talks about AAUW Camarillo; and 7) create a buddy system for ride-sharing.

The Fundraising Group also produced valuable suggestions: 1) build a Tech Trek camper – similar to the “Build a Girl” concept; 2) FarmRaiser Fundraising which would need a cause – perhaps a Women’s Shelter; 3) approach local businesses such as Amazon, Amgen, Harbor Freight or engineering firms for direct grants for Tech Trek and AAUW programs; 4) table at the Farmer’s Market with donated items for sale and membership info; 5) get a booth at the annual Community Center Rummage Sale and sell members’ donations; and 6) prepare AAUW Camarillo information packets for potential business donors.

Not to be outdone, the CSUCI Group offered multiple proposals: 1) offering a Great Decisions group at CSUCI; 2) branch participation and support in student groups on campus; 3) recruiting Tech Trek instructors; 4) having an AAUW Camarillo booth at the Career Fair or Volunteer Fair; 5) mentoring and networking regarding careers; 6) offering Salary Negotiation and Resume Building programs on campus; and 7) encouraging student participation in Women in History.

Let’s put some of these great ideas into action! Please contact Jan Demonsy, 805-419-4607, or Cathy Trevino, 805-757-3677, if any of these ideas catch your attention.



## 2021 Snip and Save Calendar

September 8, 5pm. Board Meeting. All are welcome on Zoom.\*

September 10 and 24 – Bridge

September 26, 1pm, Kick Off! Las Posas Country Club, Keynote Speakers: Dr. Martita Martinez-Bravo and Rabiah Rahman from the Social Justice Fund of Ventura County

Nov 6, Authors' Day, Spanish Hills Country Club.

September 27, 6:30pm, PM Book Group

September 28, 7pm. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Meeting\*

\*Zoom meeting ID: 434 977 1701. Passcode 631686

### Summer Social and Planning Meeting



We had a lovely gathering on the patio at Seabridge in Oxnard. We welcomed five new members on a perfect summer evening. Thanks to Cathy Trevino for offering and organizing the beautiful space and to the board and many members who brought food and drinks to share. Have an idea for a social? Let us know!



Thanks to all who brought wonderful energy and ideas to the planning meeting, to Vanessa Otto for arranging the space, and to Janet Lindquist and Nancy Walker for hospitality.



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
AAUW - Camarillo Branch

Invites you to our annual  
**AUTHORS' DAY**  
Fundraiser

Enjoy lunch, speakers, and book signings  
as we raise money for local University and Tech Trek  
scholarships

**November 6, 2021**  
10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Spanish Hills Country Club - Camarillo**  
**Tickets - \$60 each**  
(\$30 tax deductible)

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**Featured Authors:**

**Sue Cameron** – *Author of four books, columnist, & consultant to the stars*  
From graduating from USC's Journalism School to joining Hollywood Women's Press Club

**J. Ryan Stradal** – *Writer of novels, foodie culture of the Midwest*  
From graduating from Northwestern Univ to becoming winner of the WILLA Literary Award

**Betty Hectman** – *Writer of Cozy Mysteries*  
From a Fine Arts major to a prolific writer of handicraft mysteries

**Isla Morley** – *South African Born Author*  
From Johannesburg, London, Honolulu, as a magazine editor, to non-profit work, & novelist

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**For tickets or information call: 805-987-8013**

Make checks payable to AAUW.

Or order online <http://bit.ly/AuthorsDay2021> (\$5 service fee per ticket).

Please include on your check your choice of meal:

Beef Teriyaki, Turkey Cobb Salad, [a Vegan choice if requested]

Don't miss our biggest fundraising event of the year. Tickets are going fast! Please contact Diana Dingler if you have any questions at 805 987-8013 or email at [ddingler2028@gmail.com](mailto:ddingler2028@gmail.com). You can also purchase tickets online at <http://bit.ly/AuthorsDay2021> (\$5 service fee per ticket).

We need more books for our table decorations, and also a few more raffle baskets if you are amenable to donating one. Contact Diana for more information.

## PM Book Group

Our first meeting of the season is scheduled for **Monday, Sept 27 at 6:30 PM.** Please **note the earlier hour.** At this meeting we will be discussing the books we read over the summer, and selecting what we want to read for the 2021-2022 timeframe. The meeting will be held outdoors at Jerrie Newman's house at 872 Grada Avenue in the Camarillo Estates area [805 389-3064]. Bring a sweater or jacket as it gets cool at night. For more info: call Diana at 805-987-8013.

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

The Antiracism Book Group has evolved into the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. We will continue to read as a catalyst to conversations about diversity, equity, and inclusion and what actions we can take to address racist policies in our community, our country, and our world. Zoom meeting ID: 434 977 1701  
Passcode 631686

We will reconvene Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to discuss a plan for the year, including picking chapters from "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Oluo as a monthly focus. [Join the Facebook group.](#) Email ([Gloria@strongerleader.com](mailto:Gloria@strongerleader.com)) for info.

## Bridge is Back

The AAUW Bridge Group has been playing all summer and have been glad to be able to do so. In September we will be playing on the 10th at noon at the home of Cyndy King-Levander. On September 24th we will be at the home of Janet Lindquist. For October 8 we will be at Evonne Peterson's and October 22nd Nancy Wood will be the hostess. We can always use more additions to our substitute list, so if you are interested please call me, Nancy Jaeger at 805-484-3778.

Meet and Greet Breakfast is Back, Saturday, 9/25 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 on the patio. Call Judi Gill with questions. 805-482-7608





## Great Decisions

### Is globalization really at an end, or in need of a refresh?

Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:30p.m.

*This is our final discussion group meeting of 2021.*

*With the passing of the Brexit vote and Donald Trump's America First doctrine, protectionist policies have become more prevalent, challenging globalization. What is globalization and how will it be affected by protectionist trade policies? How will the United States and the world be affected by such policies? Is globalization really at an end, or in need of a refresh?*

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.

On the date and time above, we will meet at Jerrie Newman's home and discuss the topic for about an hour. Alternatively, you may join us on GoToMeeting. Please contact Nancy Walters at [nejwalters285@gmail.com](mailto:nejwalters285@gmail.com) or 719-395-6531 if you would like to join us online. If you would like to join us in person, please contact Jerrie Newman at [jerrieneuman8@gmail.com](mailto:jerrieneuman8@gmail.com). RSVP is a MUST!!

This is a safe, informative, and non-political venue to discuss important and current foreign policy matters. No experience is necessary! 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/).

## AAUW's Free Online Salary Negotiation Programs Work!!



AAUW's free salary negotiation tool can help narrow the pay gap. [Click here to check out Work Smart!](#) Share with at least 5 people you know. A great summer project, especially for new grads.

## Catching Up on Public Policy by Kathy Long, Public Policy Chair

Some action on the Federal/Biden Administration of interest, certainly the Infrastructure proposal that would send millions of funding to local jurisdictions for roads, bridges, waterways, and broadband. The bill received Bi-partisan support, but is not yet signed ---stay tuned.

With the Afghanistan tragedy now consuming much of the airways. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) joined Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) to urge the Biden administration to address the quickly deteriorating situation in Afghanistan that threatens the lives of tens of thousands of Afghan partners. The Senators called for the urgent evacuation of Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) applicants and their families, as well as to expand the Afghan SIV program and streamline the application process.

At home, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) joined Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) in announcing legislation to hold accountable online gun marketplaces that allow illegal gun sales to be conducted on their platforms. *The Accountability for Online Firearms Marketplaces Act* would ensure that websites like Armslist no longer enjoy blanket immunity under Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, and can be brought to justice for violations of law. This bill will ensure that online firearms marketplaces are held accountable for the gun deaths they bear responsibility for. Online gun marketplaces like Armslist can evade basic background check laws by allowing unlicensed sellers to sell guns to anyone, without a background check, no questions asked. This ACT is not yet signed into law.

At the State level, Senator Min and Limon bill SB 264 to prohibit gunshows on state publicly owned lands (fairgrounds) is still working through committee, Appropriations next stop. Assembly Bill 92/Limon on Childcare and Preschool Family Fees also still working through Appropriations committee. The Family Fees would be assessed on a more equitable sliding scale based on family income. Affordable childcare helps to stabilize the economy. State bills are lagging due to continued focus on Covid. Senator Limon also sponsoring SB 737 California Student Opportunity and Access bill, to help homeless and foster youth to access pathways to college, receive student tutoring/coaches and improve their success rates for college.



## Catching Up on Public Policy (continued)

Assemblymember Steve Bennett sponsoring AB 824, bill that would authorize county boards of education and charter schools to also appoint one or more high school pupils as members of their governing bodies in response to petitions from high school pupils enrolled in their county, or in their charter school, as appropriate. The bill would require policies and procedures for the selection of pupils to serve on a county board of education to ensure and protect the privacy of each pupil, and of the parents or guardians of each pupil, involved in proceedings before the county board of education acting in its capacity as an appellate body.

Next up: County Redistricting! Happens every 10-yr, based on recent census. The Board of Supervisors has called for series of public meetings to gather public comments and suggestions on the re-drawing of Supervisorial lines /maps—5 Districts must be of balanced population. Upcoming meetings can be found on the County's redistricting process and how you can participate, visit [ventura.org/redistricting](https://ventura.org/redistricting) or email [redistricting@ventura.org](mailto:redistricting@ventura.org).

Make sure to vote in the California special election September 14<sup>th</sup>. Ballots were mailed to all registered voters in mid-August. More information available at <https://votersedge.org/en/ca>.

Want more information on AAUW's public policy priorities? Visit <https://www.aauw-ca.org/public-policy/>

## Broadband Update by Betsy Metzgar

The vital importance of affordable and accessible Broadband internet connectivity is being recognized at the federal, state and local levels. The U.S. Senate passed a Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill that includes authorization for \$65 billion in Broadband investments. At the time of this writing, the bill is being sent to the House for approval. This bill is a huge investment in roads, public transit and water as well as Broadband. President Biden has said it will "transform America."

On the State level, Governor Newsom signed into law State Bill 156 that will provide \$6 billion in Broadband funding for education, telehealth and businesses across California, with emphasis on "last mile" connectivity reaching to underserved communities.

Locally in Ventura County, Bill Simmons of the Broadband Consortium Pacific Coast reports this exciting news: "We're exploring conducting a pilot demonstration of an approach to create last mile connectivity and provide digital literacy training. South Oxnard and Santa Paula are on the short list of areas to demonstrate the approach. We're told that significant resources are on their way." Our AAUW Camarillo branch will continue to advocate for equitable broadband access for our community.



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## Membership News: Don't Forget to Renew!



My name is Maria Tagliaferri, and I am honored to be your new AAUW Camarillo Branch VP of Membership. I want to share our mission with as many smart, dynamic women as possible and will work hard to be your "go to" contact for all things regarding membership! Questions? 805-236-0630 or [riatag62@msn.com](mailto:riatag62@msn.com). Thank you to all members who have already renewed for the 2021-2022 membership year which began 7/1/21. Your \$100 includes membership in AAUW National (\$62), CA (\$20) and Camarillo Branch, serving Western Ventura County (\$18). Please renew your commitment and membership today!

1. Mail a check to our Treasurer, Vanessa Otto, 3286 Penzance Avenue, Camarillo, CA 93012.

2. Renew directly through AAUW National! If you don't know your membership number, email me at [riatag62@msn.com](mailto:riatag62@msn.com). I will also send a live link directly to the renewal page. The direct link to renew is: <https://ww3.aauw.org/login/>

3. You can also go to [AAUW.org/Membership](https://www.aauw.org/Membership), click on Membership Services Database on the right side and it will bring you to the same page as I reference above. Login with your membership ID and password and on that first page you'll see "Renew my Membership" in the list on the left-hand side.

## Tax Preparer Needed

AAUW RESOURCES: We are in need of a Tax Preparer for our branch. If you know or can refer, please send contact information to Vanessa Otto at [votto@ootto.com](mailto:votto@ootto.com) Donated services appreciated!

## Member News

### Welcome to New Members, June-August

Colleen Briner-Schmidt  
Gwendolyn Dophna  
Ellen Israel  
Pamela Holley-Wilcox  
Susan Goetz  
Mandeep Turna  
Dr. Anita Nelson  
Susan Hord

Robin Webster  
Margaret Eldredge  
Marjorie Baxter  
Marsha Polacek  
Mary Goodman  
Karen Robinson  
Bonnie Severns

We look forward to meeting you soon!



*We send our sympathies to Vanessa Otto, whose husband Oberdan Otto, also Jennifer Baker's father, passed away in August. We give Vanessa, Jennie, and all those who will miss him our very best wishes for comfort during this difficult time.*

### Camarillo Branch Board of Directors and Chairs 2021-2022

**Jan Demonsy**

**Cathy Trevino**

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## Membership

### Not a member? Join anytime!

Renew or Join Now!

New members can use the link below to join.

#### [AAUW Camarillo Branch New Member Join Link](#)

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.

OR Join at a live event and new members receive 50% off National dues.

Join and pay with a check by printing this page, then completing the Member Form at right. Follow the instructions on the Form.

Share with a friend!

Visit the Branch Website for more info: [AAUW Camarillo \(CA\) Branch website](#)

Contact Membership VP Maria Tagliaferri at 805-236-0630 or [riatag62@msn.com](mailto:riatag62@msn.com) for any other membership questions or to find out how to get involved in the membership committee!

American Association of University Women



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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: (Home) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest College degree: \_\_\_\_\_

University/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Degree Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

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Circle one:

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NEW General Member \$100

Life Member \$38

Student Affiliate \$ 0

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