

## ***Co-President's Message from Cathy Trevino***

Happy New Year AAUW Camarillo!

A wise person once said, "What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year" Then there was this other wise guy who said, "We all get the exact same 365 days. The only difference is what we do with them".

Well, be proud of yourself for being a member of AAUW, where we are making a difference in the lives of many people daily. If you are a less than engaged member, now is the time to read this entire issue of "The Beacon" and volunteer for something that interests you and join friends, new and old, in making a difference. Remember, "a single loyal friend is worth more than a house full of pesky relatives" (another wise person said).

Many thanks to our party-hearty member, Jerrie Newman, for once again opening her home for our annual December holiday party. Jerrie's hospitality and sixth sense for knowing just what guests want, made for another friendly and warm gathering.

Thanks also to those who contributed to our raising \$1,070 for the CASA Kids Enrichment Fund. Our money was later doubled by a CASA anonymous donor allowing foster children in Ventura County to have a better Christmas because of our help.

Our numerous committees are hitting the new year running with programs such as Women in History, Speech Trek, Knowledge Bowl, and Tech Trek. There's always room for more.

Your long-awaited updated Branch Directory is almost finished and will be emailed to you early in January. Thank you, member Linda Stinebaugh, for reformatting and adding our newer members.

Our Interbranch Council annual luncheon takes place January 15<sup>th</sup> at Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks. The Ventura County IBC consists of the Camarillo, Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley branches and is your chance to meet and greet other AAUW members and see the expanse of our organization at the local level. Our featured program will include women who are currently holding elected office. This is a great time to invite a guest to hear these inspirational speakers doing just what AAUW promotes, advancing equity for women and girls. Call or email a friend and carpool to hear our Camarillo Branch member, Celina Zacarias, Director of the Port of Hueneme speak about "The Road to Elected Office" See the flyer below for details and where to send your check. The deadline is fast approaching.

We are always open to new, great ideas, so please share.

May your year be filled with happiness, health, joy and love.

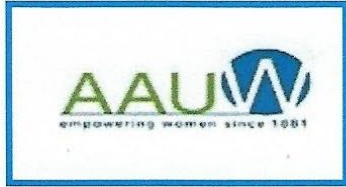
Cathy Trevino, Co-President



Camarillo (CA) Branch

# BEACON

January 2022



AAUW Interbranch Council Luncheon  
Saturday, January 15  
11:30 AM Los Robles Greens  
299 South Moorpark Rd. Thousand Oaks

## *The Road to Elected Office*



*Three women will speak about their careers, their education path to office and what life events sparked their interest in being elected to public office.*

Celina L. Zacarias ~ Oxnard Harbor  
District Commissioner



Jacqui Irwin ~ Assemblymember  
for the CA 44th Assembly District

Ruth Luevanos ~ Simi Valley City Council Member



Reservations can be made by mailing your **\$40 check**-made out to AAUW-  
**Jan Demonsy**

744 Valley Vista Dr. Camarillo, CA 93010  
Please have all reservations in by January 4.

## 2021-2022 Snip and Save Calendar

1/12/22 – Board Meeting, 5pm– all are welcome\*  
1/14 and 1/28 - Bridge  
1/15/22– Inter Branch Council Luncheon, Los Robles Greens, 11:30am  
1/25- Women in History Training Meeting, Dos Caminos School Auditorium, 5pm  
1/25 – DEI Committee, 7pm\*  
1/29 – Meet and Greet Breakfast  
2/9 -- Board Meeting, 5pm– all are welcome\*  
March 11-18 – Women in History  
March 16, 23, 30, 2022 – 58<sup>th</sup> Knowledge Bowl  
July 5-22- Creative Arts Workshop at KidSTREAM  
\*[Zoom meeting ID: 434 977 1701. Passcode 631686](#)

### IBC Luncheon

#### **LET'S ALL SHOW UP AT THE IBC LUNCHEON TO KICK-OFF 2022 IN GRAND STYLE !**

We all have a great opportunity to meet, greet, and eat with each other on January 15, 2022. Our AAUW Inter-Branch Council (IBC) is hosting a luncheon at Los Robles Greens, 299 South Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks on Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. The theme of the program is “The Road to Elected Office” and our speakers are AAUW members – one from each of the three Ventura County AAUW Branches. Our branch is proud to present our own Celina L. Zacarias, an elected Commissioner of the Oxnard Harbor District, who will be opening the program. Celina will be followed by Ruth Luevanos, a hardworking Simi Valley City Council Member. The final speaker from Thousand Oaks will be Jacqui Irwin, our esteemed Assembly Member for the California 44<sup>th</sup> Assembly District from Thousand Oaks. Each one of these women has gone through the arduous task of running for office and is ready to share what sparked their interest in choosing the political path. We hope to have time for a question and answer session after the individual speakers. Tickets are \$40 and Jan Demonsy is collecting checks; 744 Valley Vista Dr. Camarillo, CA 93010. Have questions, call Jan, 805-419-4607; or email, [aauwcamarillo.copres@gmail.com](mailto:aauwcamarillo.copres@gmail.com) .

P.S. We are taking Covid precautions at the door so please bring your vaccination card to show you are up to date with the latest healthcare preventions.



## PM Book Group

Happy New Year everyone. May we all make this a new chapter in our lives for 2022, and read many more insightful, thought-provoking books that both enrich our lives and enhance our understanding of the varied cultures and beliefs that exist in our world. Our book for the month of January is ***The Last Flight*** by Julie Clark. It is a fascinating tale of changing identities. We will be meeting via Zoom on Monday, **January 24, 2022** at 7:00 p.m. Those of you wishing to read ahead, our book for February is *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams.

## Bridge News

On January 14, we will be hosted at Las Posas Country Club by Carol Haverty. January 28 Cyndy King-Levander will be our hostess at her home. If anyone is interested in being a substitute in this group, please let me know. Nancy Jaeger (805) 484-3778

## Nonfiction Book Group

This month we are meeting on January 4, the first Monday, at 10:00 am at Marianne Flam's house. Marianne is our newest member. We are reading ***Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty*** by Anderson Cooper and Katherine Howe  
Marianne's Address: 1856 Powell Dr, Ventura. (805) 766-7613.

Our Next Books (voting results):

February ***The Mother Tongue: English and How It Got That Way*** by Bill Bryson

March ***Come Fly the World: The Jet-Age Story of the Women of Pan Am*** by Julia Cooke

April ***Midnight in Washington: How We Almost Lost Our Democracy and Still Could*** by Adam Schiff

Contact Barbara Hilburn – [hilburndesigns@gmail.com](mailto:hilburndesigns@gmail.com) for more info.

## Meet and Greet Breakfast January 29, 2022

### 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



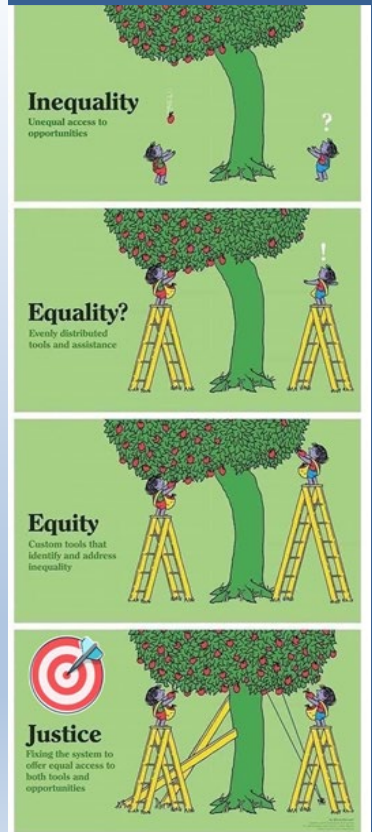
## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee

January 17<sup>th</sup> is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Let's join the local community for a virtual event, [the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Ventura County MLK Jr. Day](#) sponsored by the City of Oxnard. More info on next page.

The DEI committee meets January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via zoom, with a discussion of Chapter 6 – “Is police brutality really about race?” from *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo.

[Join the Facebook group.](#) Email [Gloria@strongerleader.com](mailto:Gloria@strongerleader.com) for info.

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## Great Decisions Returns in 2022

Our discussions on foreign policy-- Great Decisions --will resume Friday, March 25, and continue every fourth Friday for 8 months. The venue, indoor/outdoor/on-line, will be determined later. Given the complexity that the pandemic adds to foreign policy, we're likely to have some lively discussions!

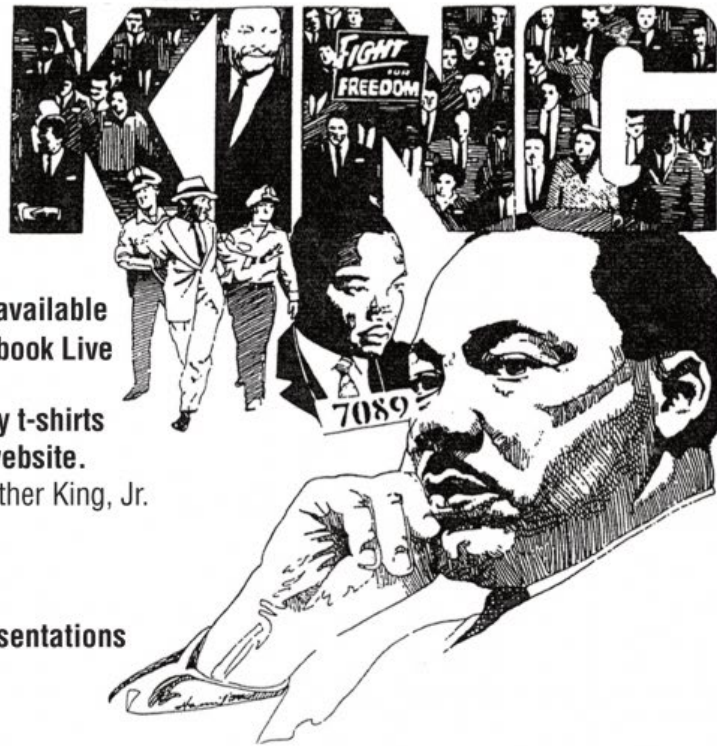
We did not take orders for the briefing books this year. You can order a copy of the \$35 book at 1-800-477-5836 or at [sales@fpa.org](mailto:sales@fpa.org). The briefing book might be available on Amazon and it might also be available as a digital book—TBD: Stay tuned!

2022 Virtual MLK Celebration

## 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Ventura County MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

### MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022

**“One People,  
One Nation, One  
Dream... Let’s Keep  
Moving Forward”**



**10:00 AM**

Join us for the LIVE broadcast available online through Zoom and Facebook Live

Commemorative 2022 MLK Day t-shirts available for purchase at our website. Proceeds support the Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee of Ventura County.

PROGRAM INCLUDES:  
Entertainment, Music and Presentations from Community Members

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:  
Professor Perry Martin, Jr.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SPEECH EXPO WINNER:  
Paulina Betancourt, Thurgood Marshall Elementary School, Oxnard

For more information, visit:  
[mlkday2022.com](http://mlkday2022.com)



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## Tech Trek Committee Volunteers Needed

Help us find and select our Campers for Tech Trek of 2022. The work for this result is compressed into the months of January through March. We will be getting a very late start this year because many of the details about the state project are still unsettled, and there is new staff at every level. Its not yet clear whether the process will be paper-based as in previous camp years, or whether the online process used in 2021 will be implemented. (Each has advantages and drawbacks.)

To volunteer and serve on this AAUW Camarillo committee you would: accept assignment of one or more middle schools in Ventura County. When information and forms are finalized, contact or visit the Principal at your school(s) to explain the program and get the contact details for the science and math teachers there who have 7th grade girls in their classes. Then contact or visit those teachers to again explain the program and the nomination process. Thus to elicit 1-2 good Nominations from each of your teachers. The next task is to turn those Nominations into completed Applications. We need to get parental permission to talk to the girls, then disseminate information and forms. Not all Nominations turn into completed Applications! We aim to get 1-2 Applications from each of 6-8 schools.

If they go with the online process, you will have to be willing/able to check email twice a day during the 3 month application period. Late in March, we interview the applicants and make selection of our Campers. The girls are delightful and this is the reward for all the work to get them on our program.

Let me know if you can adopt a Middle School:  
Vanessa Otto 805-389-0063 [votto@ootto.com](mailto:votto@ootto.com)





## Bring History Alive

### Last call for volunteers for Women in History

Become a woman in history and play an important part in this rewarding, long-time AAUW Camarillo tradition. We will be making a COVID-careful return of our very popular Women in History program in Camarillo area schools: PVSD March 7-11; All Others (St. Mary Magdalen, Somis, Mesa Union, CAPE, University Prep), 3/14-3/18. Volunteer performers make this program possible by bringing women in history to life in first-person classroom portrayals. AAUW coordinates the costumes and props, provides the scripts and offers a night of training on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, Dos Caminos School Auditorium, to guide performers. Performances will be held in school auditoriums for small classroom groups. Performers must be vaccinated and perform with masks. Projection equipment will be on-hand to enlarge props for all to see. We help you step-by-step. Choose your volunteer preferences using this easy form:

[Access the Women in History Volunteer Form 2021-2022 here.](#)

#### **Elementary: 20 minute performances**

Laura Ingalls Wilder - author of the "Little House Books" and her life growing up.

Jane Goodall - world renowned environmentalist known for her work with chimpanzees and planet/forest advocacy.

Susan Butcher - four- time Iditarod dog sled race winner who set new standards for dog care.

Nancy Lopez - barrier breaking Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) player who won 48 LPGA Tour golf tournaments.

#### **Middle School: 40 minute performances**

Clara Barton - founder of the Red Cross

Queen Hatshepsut - long reigning Egyptian ruler

Debra Sampson - fought in the Revolutionary War as a man.

We look forward to having you join in this fun, educational experience for both performers and students! For questions or more information, please contact:

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## Public Policy by Kathy Long

As we say good bye to 2021, there are many stories to tell depending on perspectives, as to wins and losses. Although COVID is still devastating thousands, the vaccines are working and businesses and people are adjusting to what may be the new normal for months ahead. In Washington D,C, under President Biden, the largest Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Bill in decades was passed. This agreement will put billions into roadways, bridges, waterways, broadband, schools and community improvements. Projects over time will generate jobs, raise wages and invest in the future. Our Congresswoman Julia Brownley worked to support these measures. The next step to Build Back Better, which focuses on much needed social investment is still stalled in Congress, so look ahead in 2022.

STATEWIDE: We have success stories with our representatives on health care and disaster response; the most robust small business relief package in the country, unprecedented direct financial and rent relief for Californians, the largest increase in homeless housing in state history, universal Pre-K, and a historic \$15 billion climate package to tackle wildfire and drought challenges and advance California's nation-leading climate agenda.

Governor Gavin Newsom recently signed Senate Bill 48 - The Alzheimer's Dignified Diagnosis Act, authored by Senator Monique Limón (Ventura-Santa Barbara). SB 48 creates a first in the nation innovative program to give Medi-Cal providers training, validated assessment tools, and payment incentives for conducting cognitive health assessments to achieve the statewide goal of improved Alzheimer's detection and diagnosis. Also signed, Assemblymember Steve Bennett's [AB 941 Farmworker Resource Centers](#) – Establishes a grant program to fund the creation of farmworker resource centers at the county level; and [AB 674 SNAP Foster Youth](#) – Increases former foster youth participation in CalFresh by requiring counties to provide information regarding CalFresh eligibility to young adults exiting the foster youth system. And, \$5 million in state grants were recently announced, a result of efforts by Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin and a coalition of over 20 Assemblymembers to secure funding for the Gun Violence Prevention Program in the 2021-2022 Budget Act. We are fortunate in Ventura County to have representatives Brownley, Limon, Irwin and Bennett working for us!

Update on our support for enhanced Broadband access via U.S. Senator Alex Padilla comments on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill: California is well positioned to benefit from broadband access funds included in the recently passed and signed [Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal](#) (IIJA). California is a little bit ahead of the game because of how long we've been at this," he added that the state is not starting from scratch in terms of state level investment and commitment to broadband infrastructure. "We know with increasing precision where the underserved areas of the state remain and what the ballpark costs are to connect people." AAUW Camarillo will continue to answer the call to advocate for equitable internet access in our community and state.

## Public Policy (Continued)

Public Policy Committee member Merrill Berge submits this important "heads up" for the June Primary:

What does our water and farmland have to do with consistent oil permits on the ballot this June?

We are so fortunate to live in Ventura County with our protected open spaces and productive farmlands. The Oxnard Plain we see driving on the 101 is deep, fertile soil designated of "statewide importance". This \$2 Billion agricultural economy is only possible and completely dependent on our local groundwater supplies. In addition to irrigating our crops, drinking water for over 400,000 residents, one-half of Ventura County, comes from local groundwater aquifers in Oxnard, Santa Paula, Fillmore and Ventura.

Two years ago the United States Geological Survey (USGS) took samples from water wells on the Oxnard Plain as part of a study on critically overdrafted aquifers. They found petroleum related gasses in water wells used for irrigation near an oil and gas drilling site using an "extreme extraction" cyclic steam process to drill down through levels of water aquifers to reach thick, carbon intensive tar sands oil found below the Oxnard Plain.

This tar sands oil and gas operation in the middle of our Oxnard farmlands is just one of 78 "antiquated" oil and gas permits from the 1930's, 40's and 50's that cover thousands of acres throughout our county and over 3000 active and idle oil wells. These old permits allow any number of wells to be drilled, any kind of drilling method to be used, and they never expire, passing from one company to another when sold. Ventura County is the only county in California with these "antiquated" oil and gas permits.

Last fall, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors approved updating these old permits to be consistent when new drilling is proposed. In response, the oil industry spent \$1 million for paid petition signature gatherers and collected the required number to put it on the ballot. This coming June, a "YES" vote will confirm the Ventura County Board of Supervisors decision to make these "antiquated" permits consistent with all other permits, with modern day reviews to help protect our precious local water supplies.

## Member News – Gardening Teachers Needed

Member Bea Sandy is a long standing volunteer at Cornerstone Christian School (at the corner of Las Posas and Arneill) to tend the school's demonstration gardens. She would like to have additional volunteers to plant, weed and teach. They meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 3 to 4:15pm. If this is something you would be interested to join, contact Bea: 805-484-2245

## Member News

AAUW Members Gloria Miele, Celina Zacarias, Maria Tagliagerrri, and Gladys Ochangco enjoyed the CSUCI President's Holiday Party on a rainy December night.



## Order Your Name Tag Today



The 1 ½ by 3" aluminum full color badge has a magnetic fastener. Follow these easy steps and the badge will be mailed directly to you from Aswell Trophy in Oxnard. The cost of the badge is \$16.00 (\$12.00 plus \$4.00 shipping).

1. Send an email to Aswell Trophy at [aaaswell@aol.com](mailto:aaaswell@aol.com).
2. Identify yourself as AAUW Camarillo branch member and you want to order a name badge.
3. Provide your name, home address, phone number and email contact information.
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## Membership

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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 Tagllaferri 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



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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Student:

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