

Co-President's Message from Cathy Trevino

Happy Women's History Month, AAUW!

It started out as Women's History Day, then week, and now month.

International Women's Day has been honored since March 8, 1911 in Germany, Austria, Denmark, and Switzerland. The United Nations has celebrated it since 1975, but in the US, it took the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women to execute a Women's History Week (leave it to California!). Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8th 1980, National Women's History Week. The Women's National History Project lobbied, and Congress came on board in 1987 establishing the whole month of March. As members of AAUW we can be proud that our organization was way out in front celebrating the proud heritage of women and assisting them to pursue higher education when few women had the opportunity. AAUW founder, Marion Talbot gave the call to support funding for women's graduate education at \$1 per member which led to Fellowships, and in 1888, Ida Street received a \$350 grant to study early American Indian history.

In 1920, Marie Currie, a groundbreaking scientist, was helped by AAUW to raise \$100,000 for a gram of radium. The 1950's funded scholars who later became the first women college presidents. Author Susan Sontag and Psychologist, Dr Joyce Brothers were recipients. Following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. AAUW raised \$150,000 for African-American women to study African-American culture, civil rights and peace. Our 1975-76 American Fellow, Judith Resnick, made history as becoming the second female astronaut in space. After she perished in the Challenger tragedy, AAUW members raised \$235,000 to fund an American Fellowship endowment in her name.

As we entered the millennium, AAUW awarded \$4million in fellowships and grants for the first time. International Project Grants were established allowing alumnae to return to their home country and work on projects impacting women and girls.

Thanks to the long-standing generosity of our membership, endowments continue to support women in coming generations. **AAUW-CA branches donated \$494,000 in 2021** to the AAUW Fund, helping to sponsor scholarships, grants, leadership programs, and our Camarillo Branch membership added to that pot with \$4,201.00 in donations. Thank you to our members who contributed, as requested by AAUW National, to the "Greatest Needs Fund" which supplements programs without the large endowments like mentioned above.

Happy Spring, Daylight Savings, St Patrick's Day, International Women's Day, Speech Trek, and Knowledge Bowl, and don't worry, Be Happy.

Speech Trek Finals, Thursday, March 3rd at 6pm

The **Speech Trek** semi-finals were inspiring, with 6 excellent speakers addressing the question:

Has the United States lived up to its pledge of liberty and justice for all? Would requiring the study of diversity, equity, and inclusion, in a high school setting, help ensure liberty and justice for all?"

Join us for the final round via Zoom on **Thursday, March 3rd at 6:00 pm**. The field of 6 was narrowed down to 3 fierce competitors who are working with our tenacious coaches, JoAnn Cataldo and Susan Seats, to bring us a memorable final. Join us to cheer for our semi-finalists competing for \$250, \$200 and \$100 respectively, and a chance to be entered into the AAUW-CA state competition to take place during our Annual Meeting Via Zoom on April 30th. First place in State takes away \$1,500 with other cash prizes as well. Our high school speakers are Victor, from Adolfo Camarillo, Danielle, from Oxnard Middle College, and Greceldy, from Newbury Park.

Join the Zoom Meeting <https://bit.ly/3M2Kuji>

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82259684253?pwd=RkV3SzE1UjBabnZFSFpEa2RJZjVydz09>

Meeting ID: 822 5968 4253

Passcode: 767352

Knowledge Bowl – KB2022!

Which team will take home the Betty Rutherford Perpetual Trophy?

Join us as we return for our 58th Knowledge Bowl!

March 16 Buena High School practice round and competitions starting at 5:30pm

March 23 Pacifica High School competitions starting at 5:30pm

March 30 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. A shorter practice round on March 16 will give students, coaches and volunteers a chance to review the process. We ask that adult volunteers be vaccinated. All participants must wear a mask during the competitions.

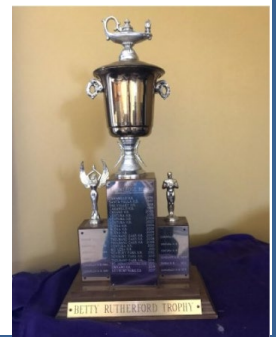
Sign up now on [SignUp Genius](#):

For more information contact

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2022 Snip and Save Calendar

March 3 – Speech Trek Finals , 6:00pm*

March 8 – International Women’s Day

- Ventura County Interbranch Council/AAUW CA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Meeting, 7pm

March 9 - – Board Meeting, 5pm– all are welcome*

March 16, 23, 30, 2022 – 58th Knowledge Bowl

March 22 – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and Book Group, 7pm

March 25 – Great Decisions

April 30th – AAUW California Annual Meeting

*[Zoom meeting ID: 434 977 1701. Passcode 631686](#)

Women in History is ON!

Good News at last!! The Superintendent of Pleasant Valley School District has given the AAUW Women In History Committee the green light to organize and recruit performers to make “history come alive” once again in the elementary schools the week of April 19 – April 22, 2022. We also intend to present the program to additional schools in the following week. In order to accomplish this year’s full WIH program, we are seeking many volunteers, including Camarillo moms with schoolchildren, AAUW members and other women who love theatric performance to portray one of four unique and remarkable women:

Laura Ingalls Wilder – author of “Little House Books” about her pioneer life.

Jane Goodall – world renowned environmentalist working with chimpanzees.

Susan Butcher – 4-time Iditarod dog sled race winner using high sled standards.

Nancy Lopez – outstanding Ladies Professional Golfer winning 48 tournaments.

We are offering a WIH Training Meeting a on March 23, at Dos Caminos School from 5:00pm to 8:00pm to all volunteers. We are hoping for a robust attendance, especially since there are a few new requirements that we need to discuss with the volunteers due to Covid requirements. Please note, PVSD requires volunteers to be vaccinated.

[Click here](#) to access the Women in History Volunteer form and let us know your availability and interest in performing in the schools. We are hoping for a number of volunteers. If you have any questions about the sign up sheet or the WIH program, please contact Cheryl Mastrovino, cherylmastrovito@gmail.com .

PM Book Group

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom once again. We'll discuss the book *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave. Our final two books for the season are:

The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams

A Better Man by Louise Penney

For more info contact Diana Dingler at ddingler2028@gmail.com.

Nonfiction Book Group

We will have our next meeting on March 8, the second Tuesday, at 10:00 am. Jerrie Newman will Host. Our next book is *Midnight in Washington: How We Almost Lost Our Democracy and Still Could* by Adam Schiff. Nancy Walters will host on April 8. *Come Fly the World: The Jet-Age Story of the Women of Pan Am* by Julia Cooke

Future Books to discuss at our March meeting. We will conduct the voting via email.

On the House: A Washington Memoir by John Boehner

Trick Mirror: Reflections on Self-Delusion by Jia Tolentino

X+Y: A Mathematician's Manifesto For Rethinking Gender by Eugenia Cheng

Peril by Bob Woodward and Robert Costa

Race For Profit: How Banks And The Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor

In the Country of Women: A Memoir by Susan Straight

Going There by Katie Couric

Promised Land by Barack Obama

The Undocumented Americans by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio (Nominated for the National Book Award)

Believing by Anita Hill

The Hare with Amber Eyes by [Edmund De Waal](#)

Fifth Risk by Michael Lewis

Dogs on the Trail: A Year in the Life by [Blair Braverman](#)

Maiden Voyages by Sian Evans

Meet and Greet Breakfast March 26, 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



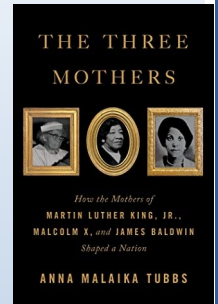
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee AAUW-CA/IBC DEI Meeting, March 8; Book Group March 22, 7pm

Happy Women's History Month. As a woman-focused organization, we are also intersectional, in that we recognize the many identities women have that influence our well-being, success, and the opportunities and barriers we face. In this spirit, we will continue reading *The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation*, by Anna Malaika Tubbs. March 22, 7pm on Zoom.*

[Join the Facebook group](#) for updates and other events and resources.

Email Gloria@strongerleader.com for more info about the DEI Committee. Join us!

*[Zoom meeting ID: 434 977 1701. Passcode 631686](#)



AAUW California D E I Committee News: Please join us for the Ventura County Interbranch Council International Women's Day DEI Event on **Tuesday, March 8th at 7pm**. Elaine Johnson and Janice Lee from AAUW CA will share resources available to us that identify tools and best practices to help us achieve our DEI mission. <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/dei-toolkit/>

Diversity is less about what makes us different and more about understanding, accepting, and valuing those differences. "In diversity, there is beauty and there is strength." Maya Angelou

Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3Hk8fzv>

Reparations 101. Coffee with a Black Guy (CWABG) held a community conversation on the topic this week.

Watch the recording of Thursday's CWABG community conversation, <https://youtu.be/s90fF9a-m6s>

More information on the **AB 3121: CA Reparations Task Force**

<https://oag.ca.gov/ab3121>

Great Decisions Returns

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, is still being considered. 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.

The briefing book might be available on Amazon, and it might also be available as a digital book—TBD: Stay tuned!

Save the Date for AAUW California's Annual Meeting Online

AAUW-California Annual Meeting, Saturday April 30th, 2022 Via Zoom for the third year in a row. Attend at no cost from your office, living room, kitchen, wherever.

Registration information will be available soon from the event website
Find out what's been happening in California this past year. It's a lot!!!!

Do You Love Authors' Day? Then We'd LOVE Your Help!

We are continuing to scout for AAUW members who are willing to step up and take over the running of this important yearly fundraiser. No one has yet stepped forward; therefore, I have compartmentalized the various tasks in hopes that it will seem less daunting, and hopefully many of you will now step forward to take over many of these segments. Watch for an All Hands email for the listing of tasks.

Currently, we have approximately seven consistent members who work on the program, in various capacities, and will continue to do so. What we need are individuals who will complete the tasks at hand, and a leader(s) who will ensure that these elements are being completed. Please let me hear from you. Help us to move forward in ensuring that we have another successful fundraiser. Diana Dingler, ddingler20285@gmail.com.

Teck Trek Update

The sourcing process for Tech Trek summer camp is underway. We got a late start this year because of pandemic uncertainty, but I have good help contacting the schools, and all the processing will be done online, not on paper. We are budgeted to send ten girls to UC Santa Barbara. Virtual digital camp will be available as a backup if it is necessary to close the campuses. Nominations are pouring in. Most teachers want to nominate 4-5 girls, not just one. We will have many more applicants than we can cover. However, it MIGHT be possible to get additional spaces at camp if more money is donated. So, if ever you thought of sponsoring a girl to Tech Trek, this would be the time to do it. Your check to AAUW Camarillo, PO Box 862 Camarillo 93011

Vanessa

Creative Arts Workshop Continues!

Registration begins March 1st...check it out on the new website: kidstream.org
The new location is: kidSTREAM Children's Museum, 3100 E. Ponderosa Drive, Camarillo (the Old Camarillo Library). There are some new looks: three, one-hour classes and three, one-week sessions. Looking forward to seeing many familiar faces...and many new ones, too!
Fondly, Karen Allen...CAW
Director

Public Policy by Kathy Long

March is Women's History Month and Pay Equity Month. This article by AAUW CA Public Policy Committee members, Ginny Hatfield and Shelley Mitchell, captures the mission.

AAUW believes that pay equity and equal employment opportunity are matters of simple fairness. We know that on the average, women earn about 80 cents for every dollar men earn. Started by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996, the goal of Equal Pay Day was to raise awareness about the gender wage gap.

Each year this date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. The date normally moves earlier each year as the wage gap closes, as women's average wages rise faster than men's. Equal Pay Day was traditionally a Tuesday in April, but happily, in 2021, the date was March 24, meaning that things had improved. And this year the news is even better – all women in the aggregate will reach parity with all white men on March 15, 2022. Better, but we're still not there.

On June 10, 2021, the Paycheck Fairness Act, which had passed the House of Representatives and amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 by providing more effective remedies to victims of wage discrimination based on sex, was filibustered in the Senate on a 49-50 vote. Now is the time to let your elected officials know how you feel about this failure to codify pay equity.

AAUW Branches throughout the country have marked this day with activities that highlight the wage gap. Here are some suggestions for things your branch can do.

- Write your representatives in Congress to encourage them to support the Paycheck Fairness Act.
- Encourage your local city council or county board of supervisors to issue a proclamation in support of pay equity.
- Wear Red to symbolize that women's paychecks are "in the red" when compared to men.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local paper or offer to submit an op-ed.
- Share a timely post on social media to spread awareness.
- Hold an event on your local campus and offer cookies to women that are proportionately smaller than the ones you offer to men. Also invite participants to become student affiliate members of AAUW.
- Invite community members to an "unhappy hour."

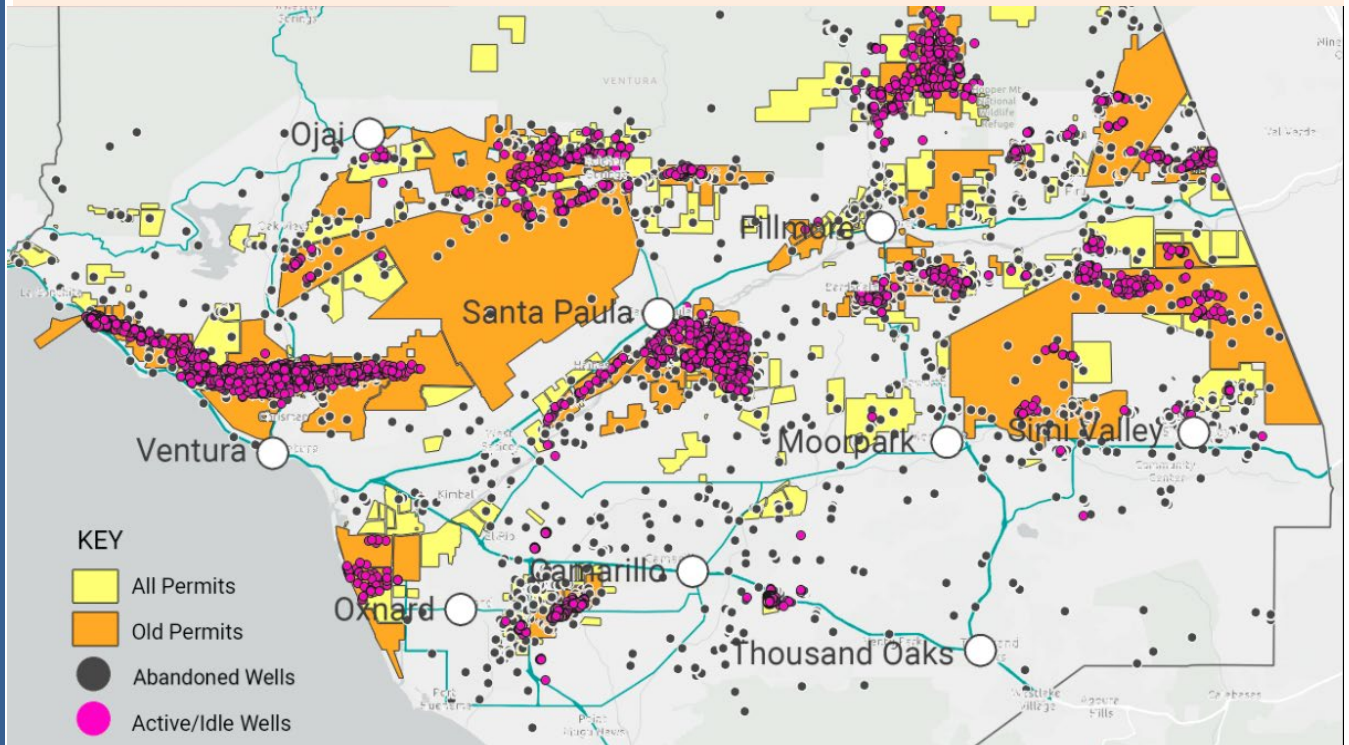
Whatever you decide to do, start planning now. We can't wait for equal pay!

You can get more information and samples of proclamations and letters from the [National Committee on Pay Equity](#). You can also find out more on AAUW National's website on Pay Equity at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/article/pay-gap-faqs/>.

What the heck is an "antiquated" oil permit... and why is it on the ballot in June? From Merrill Berge

An "antiquated" oil permit is one issued anytime between 1900-1970 before environmental reviews were required. These old permits allow any number of wells to be drilled, any method of drilling to be used (i.e. fracking, cyclic steam extreme extraction), never have an environmental review and never expire, passing from one oil company to the next.

This map illustrates that the majority of oil and gas permits in Ventura County are "antiquated" permits covering over 127,000 acres of Ventura County farmlands, open spaces and communities.



More than half of the wells drilled in Ventura County are on "antiquated" permits. 3,026 are active or idle, 2,200 are abandoned and aging in place for a total of 5,226 wells on a permit issued before 1970 and permanently exempt from environmental reviews. Over 1,000 of these wells were drilled through or near an aquifer without any requirement for examining environmental consequences. Especially at risk of oil industry petrochemical contamination are the north county communities of Oxnard, Ventura, Ojai, Santa Paula and Fillmore, whose municipal water systems are completely reliant on local water aquifers.

Antiquated oil permits (continued)

Back in November, 2020, water contamination concerns prompted the Ventura County Board of Supervisors to vote for consistent permits across-the-board to better protect our vital water supplies with modern-day environmental reviews when the oil industry proposed an expansion project or drilled deeper. In response, the oil industry created a political committee, funded with \$1M from Aera Energy and the CA Independent Petroleum Association, and paid signature gatherers to collect enough signatures to put the Board of Supervisors decision to a vote on the upcoming June ballot.

A "YES" vote simply supports the VC Board of Supervisors decision and ensures Ventura County has consistent oil and gas permits that include environmental reviews. Measure A covers the coastal area in Ventura County, Measure B the non coastal areas.

Since this only applies to proposed oil & gas expansion projects or when applying to drill deeper, this will not impact current oil industry employment or productivity. No jobs will be lost, the price of gas will not be affected, oil imports will not increase as a result of this permit consistency so that all businesses play by the same rules.

This is a health and safety issue. Local water aquifers supply more than 400,000 Ventura County residents with drinking water and 85% of the irrigation water used to grow Ventura County crops. A "YES" vote in June will better protect our local water aquifers, the most essential resource of all.

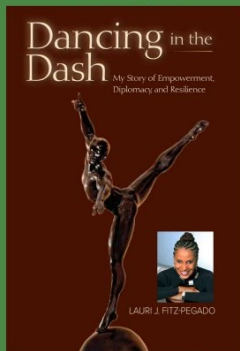
For more information and to get involved: vcsafe.org

Endorsements: <https://vcsafe.org/endorsements>.

A Special Invitation, 3pm Sunday March 6

Lunch & Learn Series

Presented by: Channel Islands Chapter (CA) The Links, Incorporated
Special Guest: Author, Lauri Fitz-Pegado
Interview by: Karen Cox | Discussion by: Link Wendy Eley Jackson



REGISTER NOW via Eventbrite
Date: Sunday, March 6, 2022

Time: 3:00pm - 4:00pm PST / 6:00pm - 7:00pm EST
Registration Fee: \$25
Books may be purchased from:
www.blackbookstore.com

Do you know The Links, Incorporated? An international, not-for-profit organization consisting of more than 16,000 professional women of African descent, they are a volunteer women's service organization with a similar mission as AAUW. In fact, AAUW Camarillo's Past President Pam Perkins-Dwyer is the current President of the [Channel Islands chapter](#) which is holding a fundraiser for their scholarship fund, an author talk by Lauri Fitz-Pegado, who tells her story of diplomacy and resilience through the lens of ballet. Click on the picture to learn more about the online event.

Membership News, VP Maria Tagliaferri

It is not quite time to renew your membership dues for 2022-2023 but if you have not seen the notice in your AAUW CA newsletter, please make a note that 2022-2023, the AAUW National dues will increase by \$5 to \$67 of which \$64 will be tax-deductible. California state dues, although not tax deductible, will remain at \$20 and your branch dues will remain at \$18. So total dues for the 2022-2023 year for all branch members will be \$105. I try to look for good in every situation and I am thinking of the increase as an opportunity for me to grow my support of our AAUW mission, projects and programs across the country as well as right here in Camarillo! I think our members will too when renewal time rolls around!

Camarillo Rotary Scholarships Available



For more than 50 years, the Rotary Club of Camarillo has been actively involved in supporting several community organizations including: Casa Pacifica, The Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo and The Camarillo Family YMCA. One of our goals is to provide scholarships for qualified Graduating Seniors and Vocational/Re-Entry students **with financial need** living in the Camarillo area (Zip Codes 93010, 93012, 93066). The number and value of awards given annually is based on available funds.

Application Due Date: April 1, 2022

THE CURRENT AWARD IS AT LEAST \$1,000 PER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

For more information, contact Mary Lingua at Linguamg@gmail.com

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



News for CSUCI

It's Scholarship Time!

We will be sending out applications for CSUCI women reentry students in the coming weeks. Would you like to be a reviewer? You'll spend up to 5 hours in May or June reading and rating brief applications. It's quite inspiring to learn about the accomplished, persistent women at CSUCI and help decide who gets funded.

Contact Gloria for more information.
gloria@strongerleader.com

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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.
4. Aswell will send a photo of the badge in a few days via email for you to approve. They will also attach an invoice. Once approved, the badge goes into production.
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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 30th 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 for any other membership questions or to find out how to get involved in the membership committee!



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