

President's Message from Cathy Trevino

Dear Members,

Fall greetings busy women. I hope this finds each and every one of you rested, relaxed, and fired up with new gusto for our task at hand. In July AAUW Camarillo sent 19 girls to UCSB for Tech Trek Camp, in August, our Planning meeting provided ideas for many great programs and events to further our mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Our much anticipated, Fall Kick-off, with engaging speakers, delightful food, and a chance to find just the right activity for your interests, will be held at the beautiful Las Posas County Club on Sunday Sept. 25th at 1:00 pm. See more later in this issue.

The recent Supreme Court decision taking away a woman's right to plan when, or if, to have a family, shakes me to the quick. This is a right I have embraced for nearly 50 years. Two-and one-half generations of Americans have lived, some complacently, with this choice at hand, and now, in many states, it is gone. Our November ballot measure in CA, Proposition 1, would amend our CA state constitution to say that the state cannot deny or interfere with a person's reproductive freedom and that they have the fundamental right to choose whether or not to have an abortion and whether or not to use contraception.

Women's rights are human rights, and as members of AAUW, we have toiled tirelessly for generations to improve the lives of women and girls. The careers and lives of women of child rearing age, our daughters, and granddaughters, are no longer in their own hands. Women of underrepresented and marginalized racial and social classes are the most vulnerable to this issue since we live in a country lacking accessible maternal health care, paid caregiving leave and workplace protections for pregnant workers. This is a glaring **CALL To ACTION!** We must work to pass voting rights legislation, add the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution and restore reproductive rights to all who experience pregnancy.

"Each time a woman stands up for herself
without knowing it possibly,
without claiming it,
she stands up for
all women." MAYA ANGELOU

Let's all stay engaged during this important election year and honor the memory of our late heroine to all, Ventura County Supervisor, Carmen Ramirez, and fight to make life better for those struggling with strife, racism, and the institutions that maintain this status quo and help their voices be heard.

Join Us for Kick Off 2022



AAUW Camarillo 2022-2023

Kick-Off Meeting

WHEN: September 25, 2022
TIME: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
WHERE: Las Posas Country Club

Please RSVP with the number of guests by September 19th

RVSP Online with Eventbrite: <https://AAUWCamarilloKickoff2022.eventbrite.com>

Questions? aauwcamarillo.programs@gmail.com

Reconnect with old friends, meet new and prospective members, enjoy light refreshments and celebrate AAUW programs like Knowledge Bowl, Tech Trek, Speech Trek, Women in History, and more! Meet our CSUCI Scholarship Awardees and learn what we have planned for the year ahead and how you can get involved in promoting gender equity for women and girls.

Our Keynote Speaker is Christian Alonso, Director of Public Affairs for Planned Parenthood of California's Central Coast. Christian will talk about the impact of the *Dobbs v. Jackson* SCOTUS decision on women's rights and what we can do to ensure women have the right to make their own healthcare choices. He will give us insight into California's constitutional amendment to enshrine a pregnant person's right to abortion, which will be on the ballot in November.

From AAUW's Statement Condemning the SCOTUS ruling:

"Being able to choose whether and when to become a parent improves women's well-being and fosters economic security – a crucial component of AAUW's mission. This is particularly important in a country that lacks accessible maternal health care, paid caregiving leave, and workplace protections for pregnant workers."

Read the full statement [here](#).

Guest Speaker

Christian Alonso
Director of Public
Affairs
Planned Parenthood of
California's Central
Coast

Learn more about
upcoming meetings,
programs & events

Meet our CSUCI
AAUW Scholarship
Winners

Light refreshments

All are welcome
You do not need to be
an AAUW Member to
Attend



Women in History Trivia - Test your knowledge!

1. Who became the first female Secretary of State of the US, appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1997?
2. Who became the US delegate to the United Nations who championed and won approval for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948?
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Congratulations 2022 Camarillo Branch Named Gift Honorees

The AAUW Fund is a funding source for many of our great AAUW programs and grants and fellowships. The Education and Training Fund supports STEM and Title IX programs. The Economic Security Fund sponsors pro pay equity work, Start Smart, Work Smart and The Legal Advocacy Fund. The Leadership Fund promotes campus activity projects and sponsors the annual conference, NCCWSL (National Collegiate Conference for Women Student Leaders)

Since many of these areas are well funded with endowments, of late, the national leadership has asked our membership to make their 100% tax deductible donation to the "Greatest Need Fund" allowing the money to go where it is most needed. Our branch members contributed over \$4,000 this past year to these funds.

In recognition of these donations, each branch is asked to name members who have contributed greatly to the success of the AAUW missions at the branch level based on the cumulative dollar amount donated. We have earned four honorees this year who have helped keep AAUW Camarillo known in the community and contributed continuously and tirelessly. Our honorees are:

Merrill Berge, Jan Demonsy, Mary Goldberg, Kay Wolverton Ito

TECH TREK NEWS, by Vanessa Otto

The nineteen Tech Trek campers sent to UCSB by the Camarillo Branch have all successfully completed their week-long camp's adventure. They have all written us thank you notes. Here are two from our 12-year-old girls:



Dear AAUW Camarillo Branch:
Thank you so much for sponsoring me to have this amazing experience to go to Tech Trek camp at UCSB. This whole time has been so amazing and fun. I've met powerful, influential people who teach us in so many ways. I cannot express how grateful I am to you all for choosing me to spend a week at UCSB. Through this I learned how to properly introduce myself in an assertive way... For biology my teacher is Scott Simon, the REEF and Marine Biology teacher here at UCSB. He is always joking around and staying positive. All the other teachers were super great, and I had lots to learn in each subject.

The REEF was so exciting because in one room we were able to touch and hold different marine life from the ocean around Santa Barbara. REEF stands for Research Experience and Education Facility. At night we would get great talks about college. Then one of the volunteers had a comedy show that made everyone die laughing. She had dressed in a old-fashioned sleeping gown, a cape, crown, and purple sparkly high heels. Everything I learned this week I will always remember.

In conclusion, I will always be in your debt for this spectacular camp you all funded me for this summer. Every day was something new: a boat ride, comedy night with many twists and turns, interesting classes, the chance to speak with amazing women and so much more. This was truly an amazing experience. Thank you so so sooo much for it

From, ID

Dear Camarillo: Thank you so much! I am so grateful that you sponsored me to come to this awesome camp. I am so glad that out of so many girls, I got picked, and I am so thankful.... Now I have some ideas on what I want to be when I grow up. This camp is something I will not forget.

Tech Trek was amazing. For one, the food was sublime. The pizza, pasta and desserts were especially good. But it was so much more than the food. Here, I got to learn about forensics, marine biology, aerospace, and robotics. And the best part was, it was all hands on and fun. I even studied concepts like aerodynamics and really basic physics, and it wasn't even boring. The classes were fun especially robotics and marine biology where I got to do an escape room and pet aquatic animals.

As for the events, they were even better. On Tuesday we went on a boat trip to study plankton. We saw adorable dolphins. It was really majestic like being on a cruise ship overlooking the sea. Then there was math night where Virginia did standup comedy. She had us laughing like crazy. And I made some friends here, my roommate Jesse is the best roommate ever. And I was part of a group making a project, solving problems of the future and we had to incorporate physics, marine biology, aerospace, and robotics as a solution. I liked the aerospace class because I got to learn about drag, thrust, and lift by launching paper planes. Overall, it was a fun experience.

I have so much gratitude for you deciding to send me here. I had a lot of fun. I am so grateful not to have missed out on this opportunity. The subjects were amazing. I never knew learning could be so much fun. Overall, a million expressions of gratitude for your decision to send me here.

Sincerely yours, SSS

I think these two examples show we are getting a great return on our Tech Trek investments. We have already received a nice grant from Oxnard School District to get us started on our 2023 program. Your assistance in getting more grants and contributions would be very valuable.

If you would like to meet our alumni girls and hear more about their experiences, come to our wrap-up/reunion program on September 16, 5:30pm at the kidSTREAM Museum. RSVP requested as we will serve a simple dinner to attendees. See elsewhere in this newsletter for more info on that. --Vanessa Otto votto@ootto.com

TECH TREK at UCSB in July 2022 was another Big Success



After 2 years without in-person camp, our Branch was able to send 19 girls at \$1,000 each, to one of two week-long Tech Trek camps at UCSB this July. Thanks to our Tech Trek Branch Coordinator, Vanessa Otto, for navigating the sometimes-impossible newly implemented software; Pam Cwiklo for her contacts in the Oxnard School District; the interview day gang including Pam Cwiklo, Jennie Baker, Cathy Trevino, Colleen Robertson, Jan Demonsy and Gladys Ochangco; Teen Tech Trek Alumni Group members, Malani D, Emmie H, and Dylan Z.

The team did an exceptional job this year of finding girls from various school districts around western Ventura County, PVSD, Mesa Union, Somis, Camarillo CAPE, and Oxnard Elementary. The greater part of the funding came from the **Gene Haas Foundation, Author's Day, and Oxnard School District**, providing funding for 4 girls.

Kudos to Branch members, Former TT state coordinator, Linda Stinebaugh, who has taught coding class at camp forever, and Susan Pease, our retiring Director of TT UCSB for your tireless contribution of 15 years of dedication to the amazing opportunity we give these girls.



2022 Snip and Save Calendar

Sept. 14, 5pm – Board Meeting, all are welcome*

Sept 16, 5:30-7:30pm – Tech Trek Alumnae Group Pizza Party, KidSTREAM.

Sept. 24, 9am – Meet and Greet Breakfast, Agave Maria

Sept 25th 1-4, Kick Off, Las Posas Country Club

Oct. 12 – Board Meeting, all are welcome*

Oct. 13 – General Meeting on Zoom (TBA)

Oct. 29. 9am – Meet and Greet Breakfast, Agave Maria

Nov. 5, Authors' Day, Las Posas Country Club

Nov. 8, General Election – Don't forget to VOTE!!

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

Social events in September/October:

- 9/19/22 3:30pm and 6:30pm Foreign Film Series at the Plaza Cinemas 14 at 255 W 5th ST in Oxnard sponsored by the Oxnard Film Society (<https://www.oxnardfilmsociety.org/>) Shows are on the first and second Mondays of every month at 3:30pm and 6:30pm Cost is \$8.
- 9/28/22 7:00pm Camarillo Senior Center. There is a monthly free performance at 7pm by the Classical Guitar Center, last Wed of the month
- 10/12/22 11:30am - Guided Tour of the Camarillo Ranch House followed by a lunch across the street with more details next month

TECH TREK ALUMNAE GROUP (TTAG)

Welcoming the new 2022 Campers with a Pizza Party

It's always such a joy to bring back our summer's Tech Trek class to share their experiences from camp. This year's event will take place on Friday Sept. 16th from 5:30-7:30pm at **kidSTREAM** Museum in Camarillo, 3100 Ponderosa Dr.

Returning and new Tech Trek families and all branch members are invited to welcome and celebrate our new Alumnae. Reservations are necessary to ensure enough food for all. We hope to see many of you there.

Please RSVP on the Eventbrite Link

<https://bit.ly/meetthenewTechTrekCrew>

or by EMAIL: AAUW.Camarillo.President@gmail.com
to reserve your spot no later than Sept. 12th.



PM Book Group

Our first meeting of the season will be on Monday, **September 19th at 7:00 pm** at the home of Jane Akune, where we will pick the books, we wish to read for this season. Please bring your list. Any questions please call Diana Dingler at [805] 987-8013.

Authors' Day – November 5, 2022

*** * * * * GET READY, IT'S COMING FAST * * * * ***

Tickets will be available at our upcoming Kick Off scheduled for Sept. 25 at 1:00 p.m. at the Las Posas Country Club. This year, the Authors' Day tables will seat 8 in case you wish to bring along several friends or family and reserve/pay for an entire table. Single tickets, of course, are available as well.

Please review the flyer that appears in this Beacon to review the authors who will be speaking, and also the meals being offered. We have planned a good program for you again this year with lots of terrific opportunity baskets, door prizes, plus Janet and Jerrie's super succulent table. Remember, this is our largest fundraiser of the year, so we hope to see you there to support our scholarship endeavors.

NOTE: We are still in need of a few more fairly new book donations to use as part of our table decorations at Authors' Day. We prefer hardbacks, but trade paperbacks are ok if they are in good condition. The two drop off locations are: Diana Dingler at 938 Fairchild Avenue in the middle of town, and Janet Lindquist at 32106 in Leisure Village. Please bring them by November 1st.

Any questions: phone Diana Dingler [805] 987-8013 ddingler2028@gmail.com

Congratulations to Mary Goldberg, a 2022 Doña Honoree

Mary Goldberg is one of the twelve Don and Doña Award recipients being honored by the Pleasant Valley Historical Society on September 17th. Don and Doña honors have been awarded for the past 58 years to long-time local residents who are nominated for making a difference in our community through their professional and volunteer efforts for at least twenty years. Congratulations, Mary!! So well deserved!!

If anyone would like to attend the event and celebrate Mary and the other honorees, tickets can be purchased at the PVHS website: <https://pvhsonline.org/don-and-dona-barbeque/>

AUTHOR'S DAY FLYER

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY WOMEN
CAMARILLO BRANCH

AUTHORS' DAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2022

10:00am - 2:30pm

Las Posas Country Club, Camarillo

Tickets \$70

(\$35 of each ticket is tax-deductible)

- LUNCH
- SPEAKERS
- BOOK SIGNING
- DOOR PRIZES
- BASKET RAFFLES
- SILENT AUCTION

FOR TICKETS OR INFORMATION
CALL 805-987-8013

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- OVEN ROASTED SALMON
- CAULIFLOWER STEAK WITH QUINOA
PILAF & VEGETABLES

Julie Clark - Suspense Thriller

Author of the best-selling book *The Last Flight*

J. Ryan Stradal - Indie's Choice Award Winner

Best-selling author of *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*

Debra Thomas - Winner of Contemporary Fiction Awards

Teacher, writer, immigrant advocate, and author of *Luz*

Carol Finizza - *Murder on a Hollywood Beach*

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee

The committee and book group are on a break for the Fall, but the work of DEI never stops. All of our AAUW programs will all include reflections on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Want to join the committee? Have some ideas to strengthen our efforts? Contact Gloria@strongerleader.com.

Great Decisions

Our discussions on foreign policy-- Great Decisions – has one more meeting topic for this year. Around next February we'll be soliciting for more participation. We're also trying to find a new venue for meeting. Please reach out to Nancy Walters for more information.

Women in History Trivia - ANSWERS

1. Who became the first female Secretary of State of the US, appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1997? **Answer: Madeleine Albright**
2. Who became the US delegate to the United Nations who championed and won approval for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948?
Answer: Eleanor Roosevelt
3. Who wrote "The Feminine Mystique" in 1968, and became a leading figure in the Women's Movement? **Answer: Betty Friedan**

Meet and Greet Breakfast September 24, 2022, 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 at 9am on the patio. Call Judi Gill with questions. 805-482-7608



Public Policy by Kathy Long

Last month we lost a dear friend, a local champion for women, the underserved, the most vulnerable residents of our community, with the passing of Board of Supervisor Chair Carmen Ramirez.

The tragedy in Oxnard occurred as she was doing what she loved, going to join friends and community at an outdoor concert. She was known and loved by so many countywide for her dedication to “good government” and her tenacity in fighting for environmental and social justice.

Her roots as a legal aid attorney, serving the most vulnerable, also provided her the legal foundation to take on and defeat a proposed Liquefied Natural Gas terminal from being built off the local coastline. Carmen always showed strength and courage when standing up for environmental justice and doing the right thing—the just thing. As the first Latina woman elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2020, after serving for 10-yrns on the Oxnard City Council, Carmen was at her best as a public servant. She made everyone she met feel like a friend and special.

A community memorial is being planned. May she rest in power, may she rest in peace.



Legislative Updates

Federal Legislation: The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act ([H.R. 1065/ S. 1486](#)) is so important, it would require employers to make reasonable accommodations to protect the health of pregnant workers, such as letting them carry bottles of water or take restroom breaks. This legislation clarifies that it is unlawful to discriminate against pregnant workers by forcing them out of their jobs unnecessarily or by denying them reasonable accommodations that would allow them to keep working and providing for their families. Contact Representative Julia Brownley to express your support: 202-225-5811

Locally, big wins! Representatives Bennett and Limon successfully authored, passed, and received the Governor's signature to prohibit Gunshows at our Ventura County fairgrounds, effective January 2023! Additionally, Senator Min/Orange County achieved signature to prohibit Gunshows on all state-owned properties/fairgrounds, January 2023. Three other gun legislative proposals are advancing for signature. Our state has the toughest gun laws in the nation, but as we know, not enough until assault weapons are banned. Also, on April 11, 2022, the Attorney General signed ATF final rule 2021R-05F, **Definition of "Frame or Receiver" and Identification of Firearms**. "Ghost guns". The rule went into effect August 24, 2022, banning Ghost Guns.

Next month updates on more legislation adopted and what to expect on the November ballot! If you are interested in legislation, please let me know.

Kathylong220@gmail.com.

≧ WHEN WOMEN VOTE, ≦
THEY CHANGE THE CONVERSATION.

Membership News, VP Maria Tagliaferri

AAUW Camarillo Branch – Reminder to Renew your Membership for 2022-2023!

Your membership renewal is vital to the AAUW mission on the national, state and most important, locally, right here for the Camarillo branch! **If you have not already renewed, now is the time to do so for the July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023, year.**

Annual dues are \$110 (\$67 National, \$20 CA, \$23 Branch) and **are due by September 30, 2022.**

1. Mail a check for \$110 payable to “AAUW Camarillo Branch” to:
AAUW Camarillo Branch, P.O. Box 862, Camarillo, CA 93011.

2. Online at AAUW National – my.aauw.org

Scroll down to “Don’t have an account?” to reset your password and begin the online process using your email address, not your member number. Once logged in, you will join by selecting 3 membership types: National (\$67), California (\$20) and Camarillo Branch Member \$23 (select CA-0132 Camarillo).

Tips and reminders for the online renewal process:

- Complete the password reset the very first time you login.
- If you don’t receive the password reset email, *be sure to check your spam folder!*

The password reset email will come from: American Association of University Women
infosf@aauw.org. Subject Line: AAUW Password Reset Requested.

- Make sure to use your email address and not your member number when logging in.
- Use the same email address you renewed with in 2021.
- **You can log in, but my account says I’m not a member.** You have created a new account in error and a duplicate record new member number. National must fix this so please let me know if this happens to you!

You can find short step by step videos that provide assistance for logging in and joining online at <https://www.aauw.org/membership/new-systems-update>.

If you have any questions at all, please don’t hesitate to contact Maria Tagliaferri, Membership VP at riatag62@gmail.com or 805-236-0630.

MEMBER NEWS

Welcome to New Members, June/July 2022

Debi Kruchowy Donna Swift
Geri Lisanti-Levy Rachel Holst

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.
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.
5. When the badge is ready, Aswell will call you for credit/debit card payment and ship directly to you.

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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@gmail.com for any other membership questions or to find out how to get involved in the membership committee!



New Member Form: Please print

Name _____

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Phone: (H) (____) _____

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Highest
College Degree: _____

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