

President's Message from Cathy Trevino

October already, good grief. Thank you to everyone who was at our well attended Fall Kick-off event on Sept. 25th. We had great speakers, good food, and lots of information and ways to stay involved for all our busy members. Thank you, Jan Demonsy, for coordinating our visit to Las Posas County Club.

With cooler weather and some CA fall looking leaves, its beginning to look like Oct. I had the pleasure to visit the beautiful state of CO last month and enjoyed plentiful green trees, mountains and even real rain. An extra, was a surprise bout of COVID which was very mild, however persistent. Thank goodness for those vaccines and boosters.

This is the last 2 weeks of National Hispanic Heritage Month which is a national celebration of the role that people from Spain, Central and South America and the Caribbean have played in the culture and history of the United States. It may seem odd to start a celebratory month on the 15th, but the significance of this is that many of the countries to the south of us declared independence from Spain in mid-September. In Ventura County we are lucky be steeped in f Hispanic heritage, like great food, colorful dance groups, music, architecture, hard working farm workers putting food on our tables, and dedicated citizens making a difference in all sectors. AAUW published the "Latina Initiative: Status of Latinas in the United States," a report highlighting the role Latinas play in US success and the challenges Latinas face with income inequality, the impact of COVID-19, and other structural inequities. Read the entire report at: https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2021/07/StatusOfLatinas_2.0.pdf.

We are also less than 40 days away from another very important nationwide election. Our Nov. 8th election includes 7 statewide propositions put to the vote by politically powerful interest groups or our lawmakers. The outcome of this election which includes city council, Ventura County Board of Supervisors, as well as the propositions, can have drastic consequences for our way of life and the freedoms we have come to enjoy. Oct. 24th is the last day to register to vote so feel free to ask everyone you know if they have done so. Our friends at The League of Women Voters Ventura County have put together candidate forums, nonpartisan Proposition pro/con sheets, and an excellent piece on how to know if something is disinformation. See below in our Beacon.

Starting this month, AAUW-CA will present 4 online events featuring the 39 CA fellows and a bit about their research projects. You can register to join in or view the recordings later at: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/aauw-2022-fund-events/>.

Please spend some time acquainting yourself with the candidates, check out the list of scheduled forums and even attend one of the two live sessions to show your support for your candidate. Please share these forums widely because as is said, "a picture is worth 1000 words." Author's Day, our biggest fundraiser, is fast approaching and will be a stellar event as usual. Tickets are going fast and you can purchase yours today. Our new emailed Directory will be coming out soon and you don't want to be left out. Double check your records to make sure you renewed this year.

Let's remember to make a difference and Move Forward Boldly.

October Meeting – Join us on Zoom!



AAUW Camarillo General Meeting

Det. Erica Escalante



Guest Speaker
Senior Detective
Erica Escalante
Oxnard PD

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

WHEN Tuesday October 11, 2022
TIME 7:00pm – 8:30pm
WHERE On Zoom
[Zoom meeting ID: 434 977 1701.](#)
[Passcode 631686](#)
Questions?: aauwcamarillo.programs@gmail.com

Please join us to welcome Senior Detective Erica Escalante of the Oxnard Police Department. Erica will share her nontraditional path to a career in the traditionally male dominated field of law enforcement. Detective Escalante is the sole Financial Crimes & ID Theft Investigator for Oxnard PD and will share some resources to keep us safe.

Erica is currently in her 25th year at the Oxnard Police Department. She developed an interest in law enforcement and community policing in particular and began her career as a Computer Network Engineer in the Information Technology Department. She became a sworn Law Enforcement Officer in 1998.

She also created their LGBTQ+ training program in 2017 and continues to serve as LGBTQ+ Community Liaison.

Erica earned a B.A. in Linguistics and Slavic Languages from Stanford University and an M.A. in Linguistics TESL from CSU Northridge

A Peek of Kick Off 2022

We mixed and mingled, reconnected with friends and met new ones. Our keynote speaker was Christian Alonso, Planned Parenthood of California's Central Coast Director of Public Affairs. He painted a chilling picture of the chaos, cruelty and damage sown by the Jackson Women's Health Decision that rolled back Roe v. Wade. California's Proposition 1 would protect abortion rights by enshrining them in California's constitution. Learn more how California is leading the way at abortion.ca.gov.



2022-2023 Calendar Highlights

Oct. 11 – General Meeting, 7pm on Zoom – Guest Speaker, Det. Erica Escalante, Oxnard Police Dept.

Oct. 12 – Board Meeting, 5pm, all are welcome*

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!!

Nov. 9 - Board Meeting, 5pm, all are welcome*

Dec 1. Camarillo Ranch House Tour and lunch.

Dec. 11 – Ain't Misbehavin' at the Rubicon Theatre

Jan 28, 2023 - Interbranch Council Luncheon

March 15, 22, and 29 - Knowledge Bowl

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

Authors' Day – November 5, 2022

***** TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE *****

AUTHORS' DAY

Nov. 5 - Las Posas Country Club

\$70 per person

[\$35 tax deductible]

Join us for our signature fundraiser. Enjoy a few hours on a Saturday afternoon eating lunch with friends, touching base with those you haven't seen in a while, listening to four author speakers, getting their personal autographs in your books, taking chances on our fabulous opportunity baskets, checking out the beautiful succulents for sale by Janet Lindquist and Jerrie Newman, and all the while remembering that your attendance is helping to further our scholarship fund both for CSUCI women and future Tech Trek girls. See flyer on the next page for details. Tickets will sell out.

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**

CHECKS PAYABLE TO AAUW

INCLUDE MEAL CHOICE ON YOUR CHECK:

- CHICKEN BREAST MADEIRA
- 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*

The 59th AAUW Camarillo KNOWLEDGE BOWL

March 15, 22, and 29, 2023



The first AAUW Camarillo Knowledge Bowl was held in 1964. It was the idea of past AAUW president, Betty Rutherford. The team from Hueneme High School was the first winner and the first school on the Betty Rutherford Perpetual Trophy. This trophy is kept at the school of the first-place team until the next competition. The program is open to public and private high schools in Ventura County.

During the competitions, students are asked questions on a variety of topics including geography, history, literature, math, science and current events. The questions are researched and written by branch members, former Knowledge Bowl participants and members of the community using sources such as websites, TV shows like Jeopardy and textbooks. You never know when the idea for a question will happen. Contact Mary Goldberg at marygoldberg@gmail.com if you would like to research and write questions for these competitions.

The Investiture of CSUCI President Richard Yao, PhD

AAUW Camarillo had the great honor of being invited to celebrate the Investiture of the 4th President of CSUCI, Dr. Richard Yao. We are delighted that Dr. Yao will be one of the speakers at next year's Interbranch Council Luncheon. The event also celebrated the 20-year anniversary of CSUCI, with the theme, "Honoring Our Past – Building the Future." The future is bright under Dr. Yao's compassionate, data-driven, student-centered leadership. Did you know he's the 2nd CSUCI president who is a psychologist? The other is in the picture at lower right, Erika Beck, PhD, third president of CSUCI, now the President of CSUN.



TECH TREK Alumnae Group (TTAG)



What a joy to gather our summer Tech Trek class to share their experiences from camp. This year's event included other Tech Trek alumnae, families, and AAUW members, making it a real party. The girls played some games and brainstormed activities they'd like to do as a group to further their Tech Trek experience. Thanks to all who attended, especially Jennie Baker and Gladys Ochangco, who facilitated the event, Vanessa Otto and Linda Stinebaugh, who helped organize, and Kristi Akl and KidSTREAM for the fabulous space to meet. TTAG will convene monthly!

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee

Read Banned Books!!

Watch for news about our next book selection, which will be taken from the rapidly growing list of books that are being banned throughout the United States. FYI, most of these books are banned for themes related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Stop the madness! Have you read any of these on the 2021 list of most frequently challenged books? We are thinking of starting with #1 on the list.

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/top10#2021>

Contact Gloria@strongerleader.com for more information.

PM Book Review

We have selected the books we wish to read for this new season 2022-23. On **Oct. 24 at 7:00 p.m.** we will be discussing *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult at the home of Joyce Klemman. Please contact her at email rjklemman@roadrunner.com if you plan to attend or not. We will be splitting our time in the future between homes and Zoom. Looking ahead, our **Nov. 14** book selection is *Travels with Charley* by John Steinbeck. We'll meet at Jerrie Newman's house.

The remainder of the season lines up with:

A Mountain of Crumbs - Elena Gorokhova

The Lincoln Highway - Amor Towles

The Midnight Highway - Matt Haig

The Firekeepers Daughter - Angeline Boulley

The Song of the Jade Lily - Kristy Manning

Sumer on the Bluffs - Sunny Hostin

Save the Date! IBC Luncheon, Saturday January 28, 2023

Equity Through Higher Education

Lori Varlotta, PhD, President of California Lutheran University
Richard Yao, PhD, President of California State University Channel Islands

We are honored to bring together the university presidents of two of Ventura County's 4-year universities to discuss the role of Title IX in promoting underserved and underrepresented students in STEM fields. There will be opportunity for questions following the presentations. Please feel free to invite friends for this interesting program. Lunch tickets are \$45. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Public Policy by Kathy Long

Proposition 1: A YES vote would change the CA state constitution to expressly include existing rights to reproductive freedom—such as the right to choose whether to have an abortion and use contraceptives. It would expressly ensure that abortion protections couldn't be changed without voters weighing in, explicitly prohibiting the state from denying or interfering with personal choices related to reproductive care.

Our Nov 8th election includes 7 statewide propositions. Unfortunately, it only takes a simple majority of voters for drastic changes to occur. Sadly, often “simple majority” means uninformed majority.

Proposition 31: Flavored tobacco, a great example of the “politically powerful interest group – the tobacco industry. The ban was passed by the CA legislature and signed into law by Gov Newsom in 2020 but in 2021 was placed on hold after a referendum by the tobacco industry challenging the law, it qualified for the November 2022 ballot. Major tobacco companies already have poured in tens of millions of dollars to persuade Californians to vote against Proposition 31 and allow the sale of flavored tobacco products to continue. (LA Times)

Proposition 28: Arts funding at public schools. This ballot measure would provide additional funding for arts and music education in all preschool and K-12 public schools, including charter schools. School boards would be required to certify each year that the money was used to pay for arts programs, and post them online.

A "yes" vote supports this ballot initiative to:

- require an annual source of funding for K-12 public schools for arts and music education equal to, at minimum, 1% of the total state and local revenues that local education agencies receive under Proposition 98;
- distribute a portion of the additional funding based on a local education agency's share of economically disadvantaged students; and
- require schools with 500 or more students to use 80% of the funding for employing teachers and 20% to training and materials.

A "no" vote opposes requiring an annual source of funding for K-12 public schools for arts and music education equal to, at minimum, 1% of the total state and local revenues that local education agencies receive under Proposition 98.

AAUW CAMARILLO MEMBERS ON THE NOV. 8TH BALLOT

AAUW does not take positions on candidates for office, but we provide AAUW Camarillo members who are running for office an opportunity for a statement.

SUSAN SANTANGELO/CANDIDATE FOR CAMARILLO CITY COUNCIL: Hello friends! I am Susan Santangelo, the current Vice Mayor of Camarillo, and I'm running for re-election to the City Council, District 2. I am very proud of my first term accomplishments, including supporting local businesses, adopting 100% clean energy with CPA, addressing the housing crisis, completing the desalter, preventing unwanted airport expansion- all while maintaining a balanced budget and healthy reserves during a pandemic. I am the most qualified candidate to represent District 2 and seek your support. Please visit VoteSusanSantangelo.com to learn more about me, my accomplishments, my qualifications, and to donate and/or volunteer! Thank you!

MARTITA MARTINEZ-BRAVO/CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL: My name is Dr. Martha Martinez-Bravo and I'm running for Camarillo City Council to represent the voice of our community. I reside in Camarillo with my three children and my husband. I am a child of a Ventura County farm-working family; I was the first in my family to obtain a bachelor's degree, and then continued to receive my master's and doctorate in Clinical Psychology. I am a community leader through my church, my children's schools, and as Executive Director in the nonprofit sector. As a member of AAUW, I help coordinate the Women In History program at La Mariposa School. In addition to my qualifications, I am the only woman running in District 5. I believe the voice of a mother and a woman at City Council is crucial for the overall wellbeing of our community. Learn more at BravoforCamarillo.com

PATTY LERNER/CANDIDATE FOR PVSD SCHOOL TRUSTEE: I believe that dedicating time and positive energy to strengthen the education of children is one of the best investments we can make for our community. For nearly three decades, I have committed my time and leadership skills to support education at all levels of the Pleasant Valley School District. In 2006 I was elected for one term as Trustee to the PVSD Board. In 2021, I was unanimously appointed as a Trustee for PVSD. You will find me on the November 8 ballot as a candidate for Trustee, PVSD. I would be honored to continue serving our community. Lernerforschoolboard.com

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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.

Social Events

Join AAUW Camarillo Branch at the

RUBICON THEATER



Sunday, December 11 at 2:00pm
with dinner afterwards

Save the dates for two fun social events. Contact Julie for more info on each great opportunity to learn, be entertained, and connect with other AAUW Members.

More information coming in the November Beaccon
Contact: Julie Mohr 805-217-1394



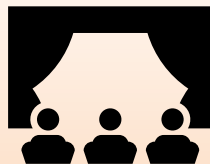
Join AAUW Camarillo Branch for
an escorted, one hour tour of the

Camarillo Ranch House

Thursday, December 1
Tour begins at 11:00am
Cost is \$5 per person,
payable at the event

STAY FOR AN OPTIONAL LUNCH
AT **INSTITUTION ALE COMPANY**
3841 MISSION OAKS BLVD
(ACROSS THE STREET FROM
THE RANCH HOUSE)

RSVP to Julie Mohr 805-217-1394



Member News

The 2022 Dons and Doñas



Left to right: Brenda Brueckner, Karen Gatchel, Wayne Brueckner, Mary Ann Novak, Betty Weyek, Helen Faul, David Tennesen, Curt Luft, Mary Goldberg, Gwen Speakes, Diana Hagen, Don Howald

Congratulations to all the Dons and Donas, especially longtime AAUW members Mary Goldberg and Diana Hagen. AAUW Camarillo members are always well-represented in this honor by the Pleasant Valley Historical Association. Thank you for all the good work you do for our community!

FOR THOSE WHO WOULD GOVERN

First Question: Can you first govern yourself?

Second Question: What is the state of your own household?

Third Question: Do you have a proven record of community service and compassionate acts?

Fourth Question: Do you know the history and laws of your principalities?

Fifth Question: Do you follow sound principles? Look for fresh vision to lift all the inhabitants of the land, including animals, plants, elements, all who share this earth?

Sixth Question: Are you owned by lawyers, bankers, insurance agents, lobbyists, or other politicians, anyone else who would unfairly profit by your decisions?

Seventh Question: Do you have authority by the original keepers of the lands, those who obey natural law and are in the service of the lands on which you stand?

by Joy Harjo, in *All We Can Save: Truth, Courage and Solutions for the Climate Crisis*

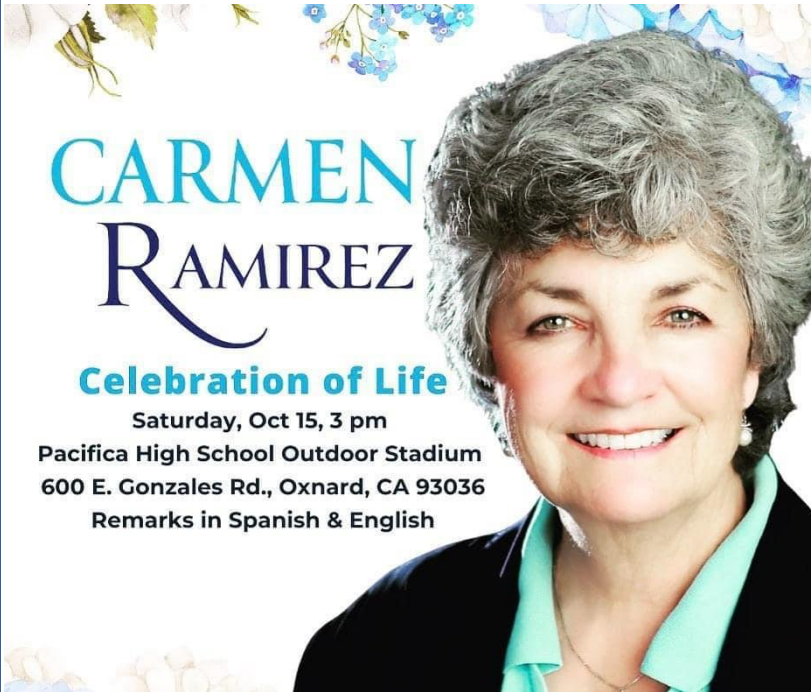
Submitted by Vanessa Otto



Camarillo (CA) Branch

BEACON

October 2022



CARMEN RAMIREZ

Celebration of Life

Saturday, Oct 15, 3 pm

Pacifica High School Outdoor Stadium
600 E. Gonzales Rd., Oxnard, CA 93036
Remarks in Spanish & English

The community lost a great champion in Ventura County Supervisor Carmen Ramirez. Join us in celebrating her remarkable life on Saturday, October 15. Contact Cathy Trevino aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com if you'd like to sit together.

Camarillo Branch

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2022-2023

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Membership

Not a member? Join anytime!
Renew or Join Now!

National's online system is down for maintenance, so in the meantime, 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@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 _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: (H) (____) _____

(C) (____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Highest
College Degree: _____

University/college: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Dues Schedule: Circle one:

General Member **\$110**

Student Affiliate \$0

(Includes local, state & National Dues)

Check Payable: "AAUW Camarillo Branch" and mail to:

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Camarillo, CA 93011
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