

President's Message from Cathy Trevino

It's finally election time and in less than one week there should be a lot of changes on the political front. No matter the outcome on November 8th, the members of AAUW Camarillo will continue to have plenty of work to get done. Thank you to the candidates who have stepped boldly forward and put themselves out there to help the underserved, right many wrongs and contribute to making life easier and more equitable at all levels of public service.

A big thanks goes to our October Zoom meeting speaker, Oxnard Police Sr Detective Erica Escalante, for sharing her unique life path from a language student at Stanford to a career in law enforcement. We must also give thanks to the Authors' Day Committee who has worked tirelessly preparing for our fabulous upcoming Authors' Day for 2022. This major fundraiser helps support our efforts within the community as well as AAUW-CA initiatives and research from national AAUW. Many of our other programs are in the formation phase with committees working behind the scenes to provide our most excellent and well-known Women in History, Knowledge Bowl, Speech Trek and Tech Trek.

Thank you, members of AAUW Camarillo, for your continued support, hard work and membership. Have a thankful month and enjoy family and friends with great gusto! Read further in the Beacon and see the various programs and events of interest and help out. There is just the perfect job for any amount of time you can give.

Happy Thanksgiving! I've included more "food for thought" from my poet friend in La Quinta, CA, Dianne Shackelford.

DECISIONS, DECISIONS

As SCOTUS takes a seat again,
we wait with bated breath
dreading they will sentence
our past victories
to death.

Will it be the right to vote
or marry whom you choose?
Swept away by those
who never walk
in others' shoes.

The die is cast
the deck is stacked
the damage has been done.
Tearing down our triumphs
Has so callously begun.

How many decades will elapse
till they can be re-won?
But fear not, armed and dangerous,
you get to keep your gun.

By Dianne Shackelford

AUTHORS' DAY ATTENDEES:
Just a reminder that you might want to bring
some small address labels to affix to raffle
tickets you may purchase.
See you on November 5th!

Access the League of Women voters candidate forums [HERE](#)



TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST

Send emails and texts to our legislators to fight for equal pay, family leave, stopping sexual harassment, equality in education and more. Sign up to get regular alerts and take swift, timely action in 2 minutes.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access AAUW's Two-Minute Activist tool on the AAUW website

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



2022-23 Calendar Highlights

- Nov. 5 - Authors' Day, Las PosasCountry 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

2023

- Jan 28 - Ventura County Interbranch Council (IBC) Luncheon
- March 6 through 10 and 13 through 17 - Women in History
- March 15, 22, and 29 - Knowledge Bowl

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

BOOK REVIEW

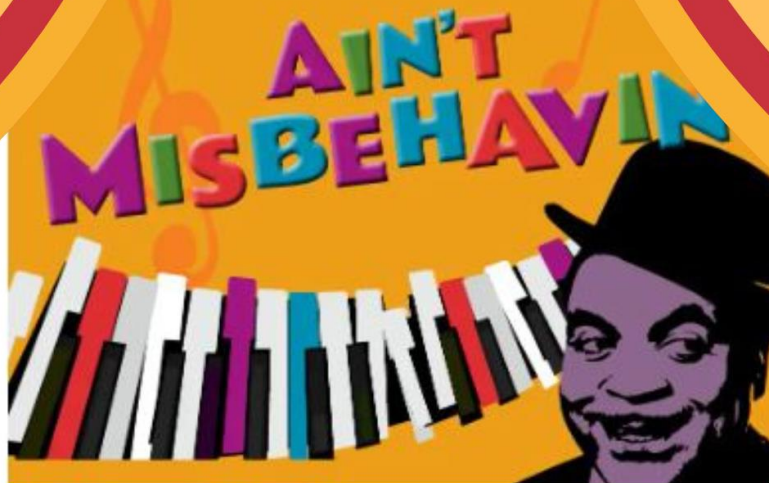
Our November 8 book is ***Talking to Strangers*** by Malcolm Gladwell. We will meet at Jerrie Newman's at 10:00 am. Address: 872 Grada Ave., Camarillo; Phone: (805) 389-3064; Email: jerriewman8@gmail.com
See the books and dates for the next six months reflecting your votes. All dates are on the second Tuesday of the month.

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| December 13 | <i>The Hoard</i> by Marie Favereau |
| January 10 | <i>River Kings: A New History of the Vikings from Scandinavia to the Silk Road</i> by Cat Jarman |
| February 14 | <i>Dinners with Ruth</i> by Nina Totenberg |
| March 14 | <i>The Snow Leopard</i> by Peter Matthiessen |
| April 11 | <i>Maiden Voyages</i> by Sian Evan |
| May 9 | <i>Alice: Alice Roosevelt Longworth</i> by Stacy A. Cordery |

Of course, the order of the last three which all received three votes can be changed. Also, we can later add other books if we agree to do so.

Join AAUW Camarillo Branch at the

RUBICON THEATER



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

**For more information contact
Julie Mohr 805-217-1394**

KNOWLEDGE BOWL

Fourteen schools are participating in our 59th event! We welcome first time competitors La Reina High School and Villanova Preparatory School. They will be joined by returning schools:

Adolfo Camarillo High School; Buena High School; Channel Islands High School; El Camino HS at Ventura College; Hueneme High School; Newbury Park High School; Oxnard High School; Pacifica High School; Rio Mesa High School; Rancho Campana High School (2nd year); Santa Paula High School; St. Bonaventura High School

Sign-ups to volunteer at the competitions will be available in January 2023. Competitions will be held at:

March 15-Hueneme HS
March 22-Buena HS
March 29-Camarillo HS

We are looking forward to exciting competitions in March 2023!

PM Book Group

We will be meeting at the home of Jerrie Newman on **Monday, Nov. 14, at 7:00 p.m.** to review the classic *Travels with Charley* by John Steinbeck. Please give her a call 805-389-3064 or send her an email martjerrie@roadrunner.com letting her know if you plan to attend or not. 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

WOMEN IN HISTORY RISE AGAIN!

As many of you know, one of our best known AAUW Camarillo programs, Women in History, was unable to perform in the schools for the last two years. Alas, WIH was struck down by the pandemic. This year the Supt. of Pleasant Valley School District gave us the green light to perform in the schools. As before, we're recruiting performers to make "history come alive" again in the PVSD elementary schools the week of March 6 – 10, 2023. We'll also perform in other schools the following week. To accomplish our WIH program, we are [seeking volunteers](#) -- Camarillo moms with schoolchildren, AAUW members, and women who love theatric performance to portray one of five unique and remarkable women:

Susan Butcher (1954-2006)

- Four-time winner of the Iditarod Race in Alaska
- Difficulty with dyslexia and ways she compensated
- The Iditarod and how dogs and musher communicate
- Suitable Costume: anything one would wear to the snow

Jane Goodall (1934 – present)

- Discovered many facts about chimpanzees; is working to save them
- Discussion of how she studied the chimpanzees
- Discussion of environmental problems that chimpanzees face
- Suitable Costume: khaki pants or shorts, khaki or white blouse, and sandals

Nancy Lopez (1957 – present)

- One of the premier figures in women's golf history
- Well known for her spectacular performances in the 1970's and the 1980's
- Did much to increase the popularity of women's professional golf
- Suitable Costume: tee shirt and long pants or golf skirt

WOMEN IN HISTORY RISE AGAIN! (continued)

Harriet Tubman (1820? - 1913)

- Early life on plantation as slave and ultimate escape
- Underground railroad rescues and activities
- Civil war activities and service to others during that time
- Suitable Costume: long dress or long skirt and blouse--AAUW has some to lend

Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867-1957)

- Author of the *Little House* Books which she started writing when she was 65
- Stories of her childhood – a time very different from the present
- Suitable Costume: prairie dress or long skirt and blouse--AAUW has some to lend

We will be offering an evening WIH Training Meeting for all volunteers in late January 2023 at one of the PVSD schools. We will provide information to all volunteers as soon the location and timeframe are certain. Also, we will provide each performer with a full script, tips on how to perform, and information on how to obtain all the necessary props. For Laura Ingalls Wilder and Harriet Tubman, we will also be lending costumes. We are hoping for a robust attendance. If you are interested in participating, please fill out this [Volunteer Form](#) and press the button to send it to one of our WIH Committee members.

GREAT NEWS FROM INTER-BRANCH COUNSEL

Just giving everyone the “heads up” to save the date Saturday, January 28, 2023 for the IBC Luncheon from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks. The program focuses on “Equity Through Higher Education-Title IX and Beyond” and offers two outstanding speakers, Dr. Richard Yao, PhD, President of California State University Channel Islands, and Dr. Lori Varlotta, President of California Lutheran University. Each will be speaking about Title IX and how they are utilizing it to promote underserved and underrepresented students in STEM fields. There will be a question-and-answer session following the speaker’s presentations. Please feel free to invite friends for this interesting program. Lunch tickets are \$45.

Public Policy by Kathy Long

As the community still mourns the passing of Ventura County Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, and now celebrates the appointment of Oxnard City Councilwoman Vianey Lopez to step up to serve as Supervisor of the 5th District, we should take some time to recognize the importance of these “firsts.” Carmen was the first Latino woman to serve on the Board, bringing a strong personal perspective to county government public policy. She was an advocate for the underserved minorities, those without access to health care, living wage jobs, and affordable housing. She stood strong to oppose corporate companies that dismissed a communities’ need for clean air and water. Vianey Lopez brings a strong academic background, along with deep family roots in the Oxnard community. The Latino woman’s perspective brings in cultural understanding and empathy to decision-making impacting health, welfare and public safety needs of the community. Another first at the County seat is the selection by the Board of the new Chief Executive Officer, Sevet Johnson. As a minority woman, with strong professional credentials, experience in health care and behavioral health, she is committed to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. She will bring the many perspectives of her life’s experiences to the role of growing a county that embraces all people. Women in leadership create paradigm shifts that make a difference. On our local ballots, there are many women running for office. It takes courage to do so. Please give them your full consideration. Please VOTE Tuesday, November 8th.

Membership News, VP Maria Tagliaferri

I am excited by the focus suggested by our AAUW CA State Membership Team for 2022-2023 which is “We have a plan - Let’s Grow!” AAUW is challenged by a diminishing membership and a surprising lack of public awareness about the important work we do as an organization. As members, we have a choice. We can repeat negative thoughts about getting older, feeling burned out and what is the point if the community does not know who we are. Or we can change our mindset and radiate energy that says to people “We are vibrant and smart. We are action people. We are Ambassadors.” This is the confident and optimistic message to be shared with family members, friends and the community at large. This is how we attract new members! What if each and every one of us invites one person to be part of something bigger that can change the lives of women and girls? This how we grow! I hope to provide our members inspiration throughout this year to become Ambassadors of our Camarillo AAUW Branch. I hope you’ll join me!

Membership News, VP Maria Tagliaferri (continued)

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

It is not too late to renew your membership for 2022-2023! If you are not sure if you have renewed yet, please send me an email at riatag62@msn.com. I can check our current roster and also send renewal instructions directly to your inbox if needed. Annual dues are \$110 (\$67 National, \$20 CA, \$23 Branch).

- 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.**
- **“I 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.

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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Join Now!

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

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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**

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(Includes local, state & National Dues)

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