

President's Message from Cathy Trevino

Welcome December

New month, new chapter, new page, and new wishes. May the month give you courage, strength, confidence, patience, self-love, and inner peace. May every day in December fill your days with hope, love, sunshine, and energy. Let there be joy, fun, and laughter. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, New Year, all or none of the above, enjoy traditions old and new with friends and loved ones.

Don't forget to RSVP for our holiday gathering once again at the home of Jerrie Newman **on Sat. Dec. 3rd from 2-5 pm**. Join us to tour the Camarillo Ranch House beautifully decorated for the holidays on **Thurs. Dec. 1st at 11 am** with lunch to follow. Details in this issue of The Beacon.

Plans for 2023 are already going full speed ahead with many of our ongoing programs. It's never too late to step up and do a little something. Our annual Author's Day was a great financial success and enjoyable for all in attendance. Many thanks to the very hard-working committee headed by Diana Dingler. In addition to the wonderful program support these funds provide, we have also been given a fabulous grant from the Gene Haas Foundation for \$10,500. It's so special to know we have an ally in the Haas Foundation that values our Tech Trek and Tech Trek Alumni Group as well as our local CSUCI Scholarships.

Special thanks to those community members who put themselves out there to run for elected office and drive home the points we need to continue to make about pressing for positive societal change, increased inclusion, and diversity in our communities. You won't want to miss our upcoming Inter Branch Council (IBC) Luncheon on **Sat. Jan 28, 2023**, at the beautiful Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks when we will hear "The Road to Higher Education-Title IX and Beyond" with our featured speakers, CSUCI President, Dr. Richard Yao, and Cal Lutheran President, Dr. Lori Varlotta.

It is such a pleasure to serve as the president of this amazing group of active, engaged, and concerned people. Please stay connected either by Zoom or in person, because we would love to see all our members.

Cathy

2022-23 Calendar Highlights

- Dec 1 - Camarillo Ranch House Tour and lunch
- Dec 3 – Holiday Potluck
- Dec 11 - *Ain't Misbehavin'* at the Rubicon Theatre
- Dec. 12 – PM Book Review
- January 1, 2023 – Happy New Year
- Jan 11 – Board Meeting via Zoom* – All are welcome
- Jan 24 – DEI Meeting and Book Discussion
- Jan 28 - Ventura County Interbranch Council (IBC) Luncheon
- Feb. 8 - Board Meeting via Zoom* – All are welcome
- 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](#)

Join Us for a Holly Jolly Gathering



Hello Dear Members,

Once again the Holiday Season is here – doesn't it always seem to come as a surprise? As part of our surprise this year we want to invite all of you to our AAUW Holiday Party on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Jerrie Newman's home, 877 Grada Ave., Camarillo from 2:00-5:00 pm. We're asking attendees to contribute by last name: "A - M" for hearty/savory items and "N - Z" for desserts/sweets. Please email your RSVP to Jan Demonsy at: pocatteraj@aol.com.

May Your Holidays Be Jollidays,
Jan



IBC Luncheon



Ventura County Interbranch Council
Camarillo, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks Branches
are pleased to present their annual luncheon

Equity Through Higher Education: Title IX and Beyond

Saturday January 28, 2023 11:00am- 2:00pm
Los Robles Greens, 299 S. Moorpark Rd Thousand Oaks
\$45 per person



Lori Varlotta, PhD
President
California Lutheran
University

Join us for a
Presidential forum, as
we welcome the
leaders of
Ventura County's
4-year universities
who will discuss
efforts to ensure
equity locally and
beyond.



Richard Yao, PhD
President
California State
University
Channel Islands

Make checks payable to AAUW Camarillo.
Mail to Jan Demonsy, 744 Valley Vista Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010.
Payment must be received by January 15th.

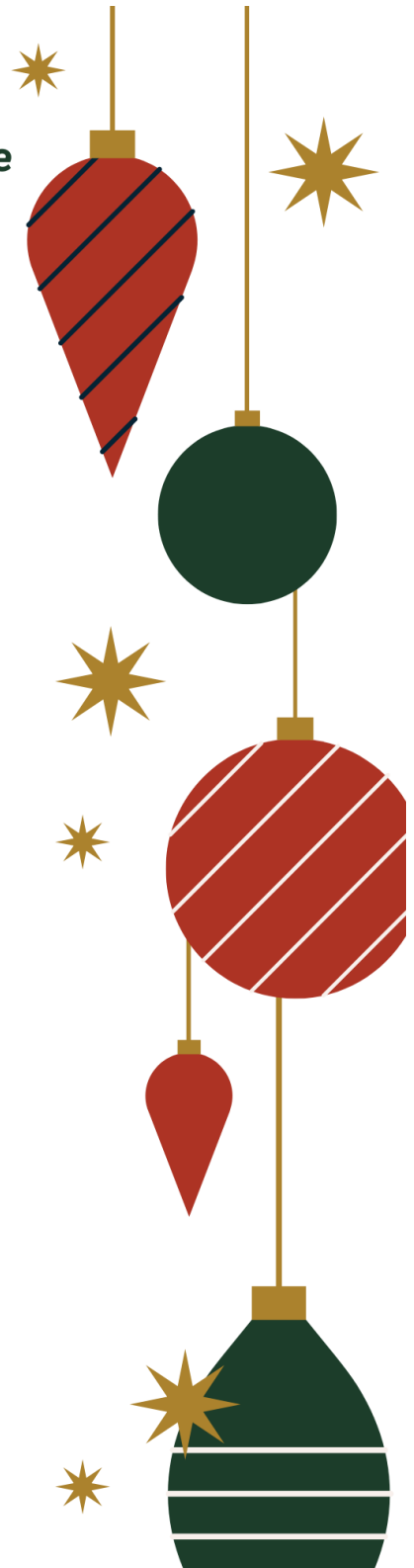
Join AAUW Camarillo Branch for
an escorted, one hour tour of the

Camarillo Ranch House

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

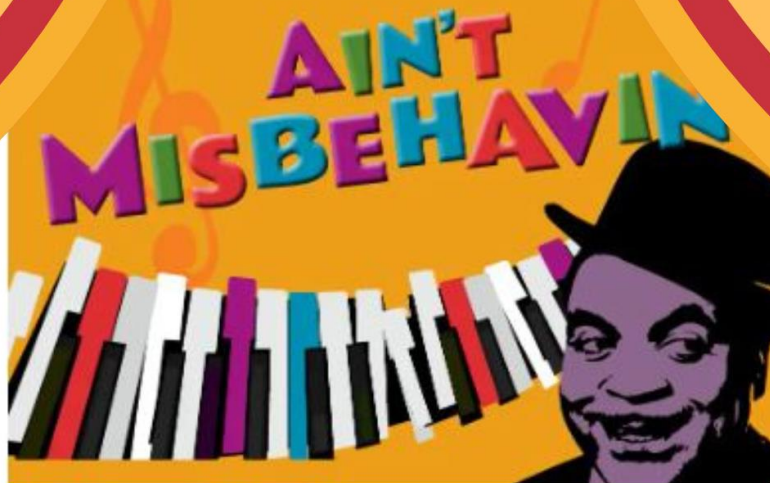
STAY FOR AN OPTIONAL LUNCH
AT **INSTITUTION ALE COMPANY**
3841 MISSION OAKS BLVD
(ACROSS THE STREET FROM
THE RANCH HOUSE)

RSVP to Julie Mohr 805-217-1394



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**

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion 2023

Learn more about AAUW's DEI efforts and resources. Share your ideas to promote greater awareness and action on DEI in our community.

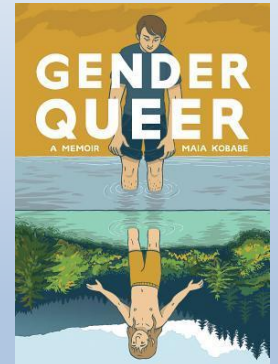
We will also discuss the book, *Gender Queer. A Memoir* by Maia Kobabe.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/42837514-gender-queer>

Tuesday January 24th at 7pm.

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

Contact Gloria@strongerleader.com for more information.



PM Book Review

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Dec. 12, 2022** via **Zoom** at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing the book *A Mountain of Crumbs* by Elena Gorokhova. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom url will be provided shortly before the meeting date. Our upcoming books for the next few months are: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles, *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig, and *The Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley. Please contact Diana Dingler - ddingler2028@gmail.com -for more information.

Authors' Day



WOMEN IN HISTORY -AND OUR SCHOOL KIDS- NEED YOU!

Please fill out the [volunteer interest form](#) as soon as possible.

One of our very best AAUW Camarillo programs, Women in History, is in serious need of volunteers to “make history come alive” for Camarillo’s children. For more than 35 years women from our AAUW Branch as well as mothers, grandmothers, and aunts of school children, along with some “died in the wool thespians,” have come out in droves to portray famous women in the schools. This year we have won the green light of the Supt. of Pleasant Valley School District and other principals of various schools in our area to restore the WIH program. We are busy gathering all the scripts, props, costumes and performance schedules. However, we are falling way behind in our efforts to recruit performers. In order to have performances for all five selected women in the PVSD elementary schools the week of March 6 – 10, 2023, we need a large number of performers. We have also promised to perform in other schools the following week, March 13 – 17, 2023 which would require approximately the same number of volunteers. We’re hoping many are willing to perform both weeks.

This year we need our members to step up more than ever. Our group has many members with years of teaching children; others may have assisted by volunteering in their own children’s education. Please harken back to the joy in expanding the minds of young students and consider portraying one of the women listed below.

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

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

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

We are offering a WIH Training Meeting to all volunteers on January 31, 2023 from 5:00 – 8:00pm at Dos Caminos School. We will provide each performer with a full script, tips on how to perform, and information on how to obtain all the props necessary. For Laura Ingalls Wilder and Harriet Tubman we will also be offering costumes. Please remember, there's always a bit of a thrill in immersing oneself in acting to be another – it's even better when your "acting" also educates young minds to understand the important roles women have played throughout history. Join us!

Fill out the volunteer interest form by clicking [HERE](#), and thank you!

Public Policy by Kathy Long and Bea Lutterbeck

GOV TREK -- A New AAUW California Program to Inspire Girls to Become Political Leaders

AAUW California is announcing a new virtual statewide program, Gov Trek. The goal is to address the shortage of women in political leadership roles by inspiring a new generation to pursue careers in public service and elected office. Gov Trek is open to any girl currently enrolled as a California high school junior or senior, whether in public, private, home, or continuation high schools. Students can register online on a first come, first served basis. The registration deadline is January 14, 2023. The program is free, can accommodate 150 students, and begins **January 28, 2023, concluding April 22, 2023**

Program Highlights

- AAUW California program designed and delivered at no cost to students or branches
- Format consists of five 2-hour, virtual, Saturday sessions
- OUR ROLE TO SERVE AS VOLUNTEERS TO FACILITATE BREAK-OUT SESSIONS. 6 VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE NEEDED.**
- Students participate in interactive group activities that include hearing from women legislators, engaging in career exploration, attending public government agency meetings, identifying public policy issues that matter, learning about the components of a political campaign, and more.
- Program culminates in a team competition to create a realistic political campaign simulation with chance for students to earn prizes.

What Role Do Branches Play?

- Main role is to promote the program** using provided customizable materials and suggested promotional strategies.
- Designate a Gov Trek Branch Coordinator.
- Members encouraged to volunteer as a Breakout Room Facilitators for one or more of the Saturday sessions.

For more information: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/gov-trek/>

SO, the question for our Branch is our engagement, **are there 6 volunteers willing to step up and support this new venture?** IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT ME by December 15th, kathylong220@gmail.com.

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NEWS FROM AAUW California : On November 9, 2022, the AAUW California Board of Directors voted to terminate its account with Twitter effective immediately. This proposal was brought forth by the Public Policy Committee and approved following thoughtful and careful discussion.

The decision was based on a number of actions taken by Elon Musk both before and since his takeover of this social media platform. Primarily, we are concerned that the incidence of hate speech, disinformation, discriminatory and misogynistic rhetoric, and the spread of dangerous and divisive theories will continue to rise under his stewardship. This is not a platform with which AAUW California can any longer associate.

Additional reasons for this decision are laid out in greater detail in the [press release](#). If your branch supports this action, we are asking you to assist us in getting the word out about AAUW California's position by submitting the press release to your local media outlets. Note that it can be customized with your branch information or modified, if desired. Please note that you are NOT REQUIRED to do so.

Branches are certainly free to continue using their own Twitter accounts. However, nothing may be posted on Twitter that appears to be sanctioned by or bear the name of AAUW California.

We believe this action affirms AAUW California's commitment to advancing fair and equitable treatment for everybody in our diverse society and its opposition to hate, violence, and harassment against members of any demographic group.

Membership News, VP Maria Tagliaferri

I have been busy welcoming new members in the past several months and it is honestly my favorite thing to do as Membership Chair. New members are the spark that keeps our branch alive and engaged working towards our mission and goals. Most of our new members come from our current member referrals and as a branch, we are top tier in CA when it comes to recruiting. As always, Author's Day was not just a great success as our major fundraiser but is a huge source of new memberships. I enjoyed speaking to several women that day who are excited to get involved and volunteer. (see next page)

Membership News, VP Maria Tagliaferri, cont.

We will be emailing all members a new member directory for 2022-2023. If you have any changes or updates to your contact info (address, phone , email) please send an email to me at riatag62@gmail.com by December 10.

Welcome New Members (since June 2022)!

Carrie Bak
Tetelle Fridrich
Glabe Siegfriedt
Diane O'Neil
Alexandra Klein

Patty Lerner
Debi Kruchowy
Geri Lisanti-Levy
Donna Swift
Rachel Holst

Meet the New Members!

Every month we will invite new members to introduce themselves here.

My name is **Glabe Zaragoza Siegfriedt** and I am a first-generation daughter of Mexican immigrants. I graduated from Oxnard high School in 1993 and from UCSB in 1997. My professional work experience has been diverse and I'm currently taking a pause in work life to help my family with post pandemic challenges. Along with my husband Marc we are currently raising a confident, smart and witty 12-year-old daughter. The future is always brighter when girls and women lead and that's our hope for her. My wonderful neighbor, Patricia Herman is a lifetime member and past president of the Oxnard branch and she was so gracious in inviting me to attend the recent Author's Day event. I was glad to learn about an organization like AAUW that supports social justice and women empowerment. I hope to add my support as a new member of the Camarillo branch.

Diane O'Neil

I was an active member of AAUW in Atascadero near Paso Robles, Ca. (Central Coast wine country) for 11 years after living in the Sierra Madre, Pasadena area for 45 years. I was an English teacher for 25 years, always busy grading papers. I enjoy bridge, Pickleball, and my 3-year-old great grandson. I live in Leisure Village and look forward to helping women have more opportunities than my generation had.

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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Not a member? Join anytime!
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**

Student Affiliate \$0

(Includes local, state & National Dues)

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