

President's Message from Cathy Trevino

Happy 2023 AAUW Camarillo. So often during the holidays, people ask if you are ready? Well, another holiday has come and gone, whether we were ready or not. For me, they come faster and faster each year. It seems like summer just ends and its November, January and a New Year. I guess that is the sign of a busy and meaningful life. Last year we had some wins and had some losses, but if we don't keep fighting for what we want, then we have no right to cry over what we've lost. I was very pleased to see the first female US Treasury Secretary, Janet Yellen, with her signature on US Currency. Sometimes progress comes in small bits and pieces, but we will take it.

Thank you to Jerrie Newman who hosted our Holiday gathering at her home. This tasty potluck was well attended and all I can say is, "Nice cooking ladies." Another fun activity we enjoyed in January was the docent tour of holiday decorations at the Camarillo Ranch House. Thank you, Julie Mohr, for setting this up and Judi Gill and the other docents for the very informative and colorful tour. Our trip to the Rubicon was postponed and then cancelled due to COVID but I know Julie will have other activities for us in the New Year.

We have invited the Presidents of our two Ventura County 4-year Universities to **lunch on Sat. Jan 28th** in conjunction with the AAUW Branches in Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks. This annual interbranch luncheon will feature a presidential forum where Dr. Richard Yao from CSUCI and Dr. Lori Varlotta from Cal Lutheran will speak on "Equity Through Higher Education – Title IX and Beyond". I urge you to reserve your place now to help the planning committee fill the room to hear what these dedicated educators are doing to help ensure equity, diversity and inclusion locally and beyond. This is what AAUW is all about and let's show up to hear what is happening in the arena. We talk the talk now let's be present to support their efforts as well as greet the other members of AAUW within Ventura County. Guests are, of course, welcome. See the flyer below and please send your check to Jan Demonsy this week.

Wishing you love, health, peace, joy and happiness this New Year and let's toast to the possibilities of 2023 expanding our sense of community support for all as we pursue our common causes.

Cathy

2023 Calendar Highlights

- January 1, 2023 – Happy New Year
- Jan 7 – Human Trafficking Event. Ventura
- Jan 11 – Board Meeting via Zoom* – All are welcome
- Jan 16 – MLK Day Parade and Celebration, Oxnard
- Jan 21- Women’s March, Ventura (other locations)
- Jan 24 – DEI Meeting and Book Discussion
- Jan 28 - Ventura County Interbranch Council (IBC) Luncheon
- Jan 31 – Women in History Training meeting
- 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](#)

Tech Trek Alumni Group

On Friday, 12/22 TTAG went on an adventure. Coordinated by Jennie Baker and Gladys Ochangco, Cathy Trevino and AAUW member, Mom, Meena Turna, eight members of TTAG carpooled with lots of willing and helpful family members to Stearns Wharf to visit the Sea Center and The SB Museum of Natural History. The Habit was the first stop to fortify everyone for the fun ahead.

Thank you to the Gene Haas Foundation for the funds to help us keep our Tech Trek alumnae interested in all things STEM. There was lots of talk about high schools, classes and time to applaud one of our high school seniors who just heard she was accepted to NYU.



Register Today for the 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.

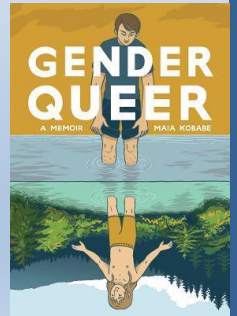
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion 2023

We are marching into 2023 with a focus on DEI. See the next three pages for opportunities to connect with our community in events that support DEI and other AAUW priorities.

Also considering joining us on Zoom Tuesday January 24th at 7pm. We will discuss priorities and plans for DEI in 2023 and review the book, **Gender Queer. A Memoir** by Maia Kobabe. <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/42837514-gender-queer>

*[Zoom meeting ID: 434 977 1701. Passcode 631686](https://www.zoom.us/j/4349771701)

Contact Gloria@strongerleader.com for more information.



PM Book Review

Our next meeting will be at the home of Sharon Harada on **Jan. 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** We will be reviewing the interesting book by Amor Towles titled *The Lincoln Highway*. As you may recall, he wrote the very popular novel *A Gentleman in Moscow*. Set in 1950s America, this book spans just 10 days, but is told from multiple points of view. Please phone or leave Janet an email if you plan to attend or not [ksharada@verizon.net].

Non-Fiction Book Group

Following Jerrie's suggestion, we will move on to the next book: ***River Kings: A New History of the Vikings from Scandinavia to the Silk Road*** by Cat Jarman.

Jerry will make a third attempt to host another book club meeting on January 10, 2023, at 10:00 am. Hopefully the third time is the charm!

Future Books:

February 14

Dinners with Ruth by Nina Totenberg

March 14

The Snow Leopard by Peter Matthiessen

April 11

Maiden Voyages by Sian Evan

May 9

Alice: Alice Roosevelt Longworth by Stacy A. Cordery

Walking Against Human Trafficking January 7



Join us Saturday, January 7, 2023 for the STOP Human Trafficking Walk & Live Panel Event

JOIN US SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

for an In-Person, Live Event, Walk and Speakers' Forum
Columbus Hall, 36 S Figueroa St. Mall, Ventura 93001
by Mission Park

TIME

1:00 PM Check In

1:30 PM Walk

2:30 PM Speakers Forum

SPEAKERS

Rikole Kelly, VC Deputy District Attorney

Dr. Allison Santi, Emergency Medicine Physician, Los Robles Hospital

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*Every 30 Seconds another person becomes a victim of Human Trafficking HELP
us put an end to suffering with education, advocacy and involvement.*

We're Marching for Freedom January 16th

Ventura County's 37th Annual

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

“In Darkness Be the Light Striving for Freedom”

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

[BUY TICKETS NOW](#)

OXNARD, CA

Let's attend this longstanding Ventura County observance of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom March starts at 8am from Plaza Park Observance at 9am at Oxnard Performing Arts Center (tickets \$10 at the door or online)

See the event [website](#) for more details.

Contact DEI Chair, Gloria Miele – gloria@strongerleader.com or 805-216-8403 for details and interest in carpools.

We're Marching Toward a More Perfect Union January 21st

WOMEN'S
MARCH

LEARN, LISTEN & ACT: MARCHING TOWARDS A MORE PERFECT UNION



Ventura County is gathering in 2023 to talk about Democracy! Where is our County strong and where can we strengthen it? Gather together with Justice For All Ventura County, Planned Parenthood of the Central Coast and more organizations who care about and want to promote big D Democracy!

Women's March Events in Ventura and Santa Barbara on the weekend of the 50th anniversary of Roe v Wade. Contact Gloria Miele – gloria@strongerleader.com or 805-216-8403 for details and interest in carpools.

Speech Trek is Up and Running for 2023

The AAUW-CA annual speech contest open to all high school students within Ventura County is currently accepting student applications. Feel free to distribute the information to any high school educators or students you think might be interested in writing a 5–6-minute persuasive speech and complete for \$500, \$300 and \$200 for First thru 3rd place. The winner's speech will be recorded and entered in the state contest. This year's timely prompt is: **How can communities, organizations and citizens of all ages help protect and expand voting rights?** Mon. Jan 16th is the registration deadline. Use bit.ly/trekstudenttoolkit to register and obtain the particulars. The competition will take place on two consecutive Saturdays, Feb. 4th and 11th. Our Branch committee is still looking for members to judge both the semi and final round, timers, coaches, admin people, etc. If this is a program of interest to you, please reach out to a committee member for information. We can't do this without our members' help.

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Cathy Trevino: AAUW.Camarillo.President@gmail.com

Thank you to the Gene Haas Foundation!



Thank you to the Gene Haas Foundation for helping supporting our efforts in sending 8th grade girls to Tech Trek camp at UCSB, local scholarships for returning female students to CSUCI and encouragement for our Tech Trek Alumni group. The Foundation has been generous in the past and continues to support, and we sincerely appreciate them.

Volunteers Needed for 59th Annual Knowledge Bowl!

January is here and the countdown to a favorite and our longest running program has begun. Fourteen high school teams from all over Ventura County are participating. This year we welcome La Reina High School and Villanova Prep School who are joining us for the first time.

The dates and locations for Knowledge Bowl 2023 are:

March 15 Hueneme High School	Mini practice round and rounds 1-4
March 22 Buena High School	Rounds 5-9
March 29 Adolfo Camarillo High School	Rounds 10-13 and awards

Volunteers are needed to serve as question readers, judges and timers. You can volunteer for one, two, or all three nights. If you are new to this program, you will be paired with our seasoned volunteers. A mini practice round will be held on March 15th to give students, coaches and volunteers a chance to review the process. Sign up now on SignUp Genius here at bit.ly/2023KB or with the QR Code:



Geography, history, math, science, literature, and current events are a few of the subjects covered in our program. I encourage members to create and send me questions by January 31, 2023.

Can you answer these questions from last year?

- Square Deal is the term to describe the various progressive reforms sponsored by whose administration? (Theodore Roosevelt)
- How many planets in our solar system are smaller than Earth? (Three-Mercury, Venus and Mars)
- Where are the Seychelles located? (In the Indian Ocean)
- What South American country is home to the Atacama Desert? (Chile)
- Constantinople was built on the site of what older city? (Byzantium)

Contact Mary Goldberg at marymgoldberg@gmail.com or (805) 248-4572 for more information.

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

We've Waited Long Enough for Equal Rights

In 1923, Alice Paul introduced the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to Congress. If added to the Constitution, it would guarantee equal legal rights for all American citizens, regardless of gender. In 1972, the ERA finally passed both houses of Congress, paving the way to become the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

However, the ERA was never added to the Constitution, because Congress also set a deadline. It said 38, or 3/4 of the states, had to ratify the proposed amendment by 1979. It later extended the deadline to 1982. In 2020, Virginia became the final state needed to ratify the ERA – nearly 40 years after the deadline. People are suing to push the ERA through and those pushing to have it blocked. Some states have voted to rescind their ratifications. More are considering doing so. The Trump Justice Department advised that because the deadline had passed, Congress needed to go back to the drawing board.

To settle the issue, last year the House passed S.J. Res 1 -- a joint resolution to remove the deadline. President Biden said he supports the resolution. However, the Senate has not yet voted on it. Frustrated by decades of delay, women's rights advocates are acting with urgency to ensure full recognition of the amendment before the end of the Congressional lame duck session. They are calling on the Senate to finally vote on S.J. Res 1. If passed, the resolution would remove the deadline to ratify the ERA and clear the way for its final inclusion in the Constitution.

Women in the United States have waited long enough for equal rights. Urge your Senators to vote on S.J. Res 1 and to support ratification of the ERA. You can use AAUW's Two-Minute Activist to do so: <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/era/>

The **PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT** would help prevent employers from forcing pregnant women out of the workplace and help ensure that employers provide reasonable accommodations to pregnant women who want to continue working. The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act would: (continued on next page)

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The **PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT**

- Clarify that employers must make reasonable accommodations for workers affected by a known limitation related to pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions.
- Require an interactive process between employers and pregnant workers to determine appropriate reasonable accommodations, similar to the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Provide an exemption for businesses if an accommodation imposes an undue hardship on an employer.
- Protect pregnant workers from retaliation, coercion, intimidation, threats or interference if they request or use an accommodation.
- Apply to employers with 15 or more employees and provide protections for both job applicants and employees.

Review the exact wording [as stated in the bill's summary](#). Additionally, the PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act was also included in the Omnibus bill passed by Congress and signed by the President. These two bills have advanced the rights for women in the workplace significantly. Next step the ERA

Congratulations to AAUW Member Electeds!



Mayor Susan Santangelo and
Councilmember Martita Martinez Bravo
Camarillo City Council



Thank you, Charlotte
Craven, Former Mayor
and 30+ year
Camarillo City Council
member, for your
service!!



Trustee Patty Lerner
Pleasant Valley School District

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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.
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AAUW Camarillo Branch – Need to renew?

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:

Complete the password reset the 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 account says you’re 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!

Short step by step videos help with logging in and joining online: <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.



New Member Form: *Please print*

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: (H) (____) _____

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Highest
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(Includes local, state & National Due \$38

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