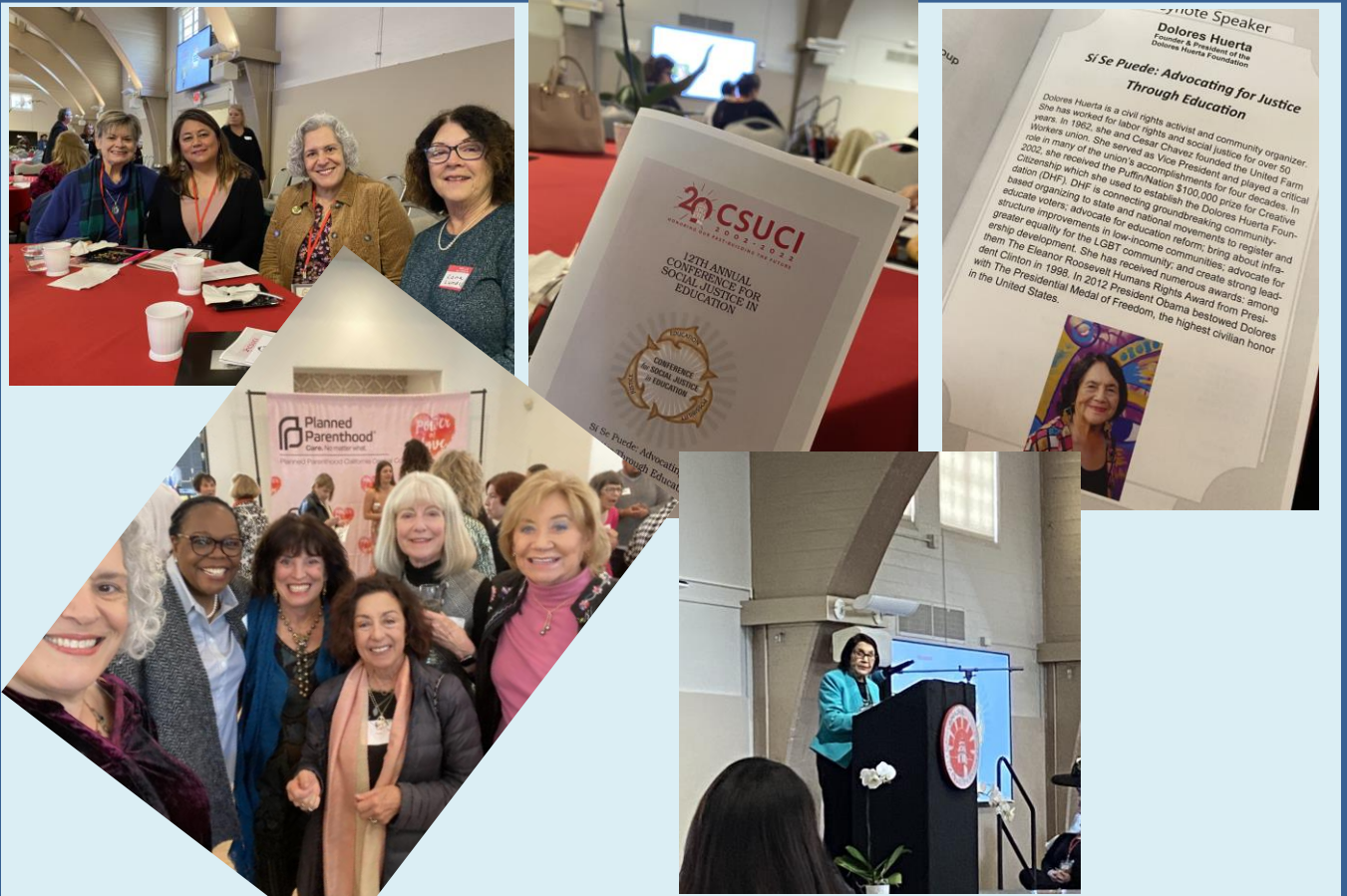


Out and About



AAUW members from Camarillo and Thousand Oaks attended the CSUCI Social Justice in Education Conference (top) and heard the great Delores Huerta speak on civil rights. We also showed up to support Planned Parenthood. Five of the six pictured are past branch presidents!

Authors' Day – October 28, 2023

Please put this date on your calendar, as we would love to have you back again this year at Las Posas Country Club to hear our wonderful speakers, and enjoy the ambiance, door prizes, raffle baskets, and good food. We will be picking out the menu this week.

PM Book Review

Contact Diana Dingler for more information.

Non-Fiction Book Group_ Barbara Hilburn

I am amassing a list below of books we can vote on later. Please send me the names of any books you would like me to add. Also, please see our current list of books and dates in case you want to read ahead.

Our Current List and Dates

March 14 *The Snow Leopard* by Peter Matthiessen (at Marianne's)

April 11 *Maiden Voyages* by Sian Evan

May 9 *Alice: Alice Roosevelt Longworth* by Stacy A. Cordery

June 13 *Saved by Schindler: The Life of Celina Karp Biniaz*

Possible Future Books:

The Company I Keep: My Life in Beauty by Leonard Lauder

Maiden Voyages: Magnificent Ocean Liners and the Women Who Traveled and Worked Aboard Them by Sian Evan

Spare by Prince Harry the Duke of Sussex

American Empress: The Life and Times of Marjorie Merriweather Post by Nancy Rubin Stuart

The Women of Rothschild: [The Untold Story of the World's Most Famous Dynasty](#)

by Natalie Livingstone

The Lives of the Mitford Sisters by Laura Thompson

Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most by [Douglas Stone](#), [Bruce Patton](#), and [Sheila Heen](#)

Public Policy by Kathy Long and Bea Lutterbeck

March 13, 2023 marked another Equal Pay Day; a day recognized nationally as a day demanding equal pay for all. The latest data from AAUW's signature report, *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap*, reveals that women were paid just 84 cents for every dollar paid to men in 2021 for full-time, year-round work. However, when all workers are included, the earnings discrepancy is substantially larger at 77 cents for every dollar earned by men. In 2021, women made up a larger proportion of the part-time workforce than men—59% compared to 41%. In addition, only 17% of working men aged 16 and older were part-time, versus 28% of women aged 16 and older. Part-timeworkers are three times as likely as full-time workers to be paid the federal minimum wage or less. Part-time workers also have reduced access to benefits like paid leave and paid sick days (51%) compared to their full-time counterparts (88%).

All these facts point to that Congress should pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would update and strengthen the Equal Pay Act of 1963. Congress should also pass comprehensive paid leave, such as the Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act, which would create a national paid family and medical leave insurance program for all workers, and the Healthy Families Act, which would guarantee paid sick leave. All of this points to the fact that the bills exist to provide equal pay, access and success for all women; they just have to ACT! See AAUW.org for the full report.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS UPDATE: Bea Lutterbeck

Proposed California Law Would Block Digital Surveillance of People Seeking Abortion and Gender-Affirming Care

On Feb. 14, California Assemblymember Mia Bonta (D-Oakland) introduced Assembly Bill 793 to protect people from unconstitutional searches of their data. "No one should face or fear criminalization for their abortion or gender-affirming care. When we decide to end our pregnancies, we should be able to do so with dignity, and without fear of being arrested, investigated, or jailed."

Texas Women Denied Abortions File Landmark Lawsuit

A new lawsuit *Zurawski v. Texas* marks the first-time patients directly affected by abortion laws have sought to challenge them in court. Filed by the Center for Reproductive Rights on behalf of five Texans directly harmed by bans and two Texas

Reproductive Rights Update, Bea Lutterbeck

Texas Women (cont'd)

...ob-gyns, the lawsuit aims to hold the state of Texas accountable for the consequences of the state's multiple anti-abortion laws.

Idaho Seeks to Redefine Assisting a Pregnant Minor to Obtain an Abortion as Human Trafficking

Republican lawmakers in Idaho introduced House Bill 98, which would make it a crime to take a teen out of state for an abortion without the consent of a parent or guardian. The Idaho House voted 57-12 to advance the measure. The right of teens to obtain an abortion without the knowledge or involvement of their parents has been constitutionally protected until now.

Florida Legislators Seek to Further Restrict Abortions

Florida Republicans introduced an extreme 6-week abortion ban in the state legislature. The bill allows for anyone who "willfully performs or actively participates in a termination of pregnancy" that violates abortion ban restrictions will be charged with a third-degree felony and a maximum prison sentence of five years. Governor DeSantis stated that he will sign this bill if it gets to his desk.

DEI is Public Policy

You'll find more DEI messages in this section of the newsletter, since Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are public policy issues. If you're not sure, just look at the [weaponization](#) of the term "woke," that has become a red herring driving policy in many states.

Language matters. Learn more about the language of DEI at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/dei-toolkit/key-terms-concepts/>

Great Decisions is Back

GREAT DECISIONS a discussion group on foreign policy, will resume Friday, March 24, at 3:30 p.m., and continue every fourth Friday for 8 months. The class will be meeting in the Community Room at 3701 E. Los Posas Rd.

The 2023 meetings should engender lively discussions as the group considers events which affect the country and the world. To prepare for each class, the participants read a short chapter in the briefing booklet. The class is a safe, informal, and non-political group. No experience is necessary. You can order a copy of the 2023 briefing book for \$35 at 1-800-477-5836 or at sales@fpa.org.

For more information, please contact any of the following:

Nancy Walters: nejwalters285@gmail.com (805)465-0362

Jerrie Newman: martjerrie@roadrunner.com (805)389-3064

Dora Prihar: dprihar@mprimail.com (818)321-3207

The first two topics are summarized below.

1. Energy Geopolitics

Access to oil and gas has long held an influence over the politics of individual nations and their relations with others. But as more countries move toward sustainable energy, and supply chain shortages affect the availability of oil and gas, how will this change the way in which the United States interacts with the outside world?

2. War Crimes

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has resulted in widespread charges of war crimes and calls for justice. But what exactly are war crimes? Opinions of what constitutes a war crime have evolved, as have ways to identify and punish the perpetrators. How will the war crimes committed in Ukraine be dealt with?

Volunteers Needed for Scholarship Committee

AAUW Camarillo grants scholarships to women at CSUCI who have returned to get their degrees after a break in their education. If you'd like to learn more about reviewing applications or have any questions about the program, please contact Gloria Miele Gloria@strongerleader.com

Membership News

Welcome New Member
Kate Pecarovich

More Chances to Connect!

There will be a tour of the Murphy Auto Museum at 1930 Eastman in Oxnard May 20th at 1:30 after a lunch at Chilis Restaurant on Rose Ave. which is optional at 12:00. The cost is ten dollars at the entrance before the tour. Members and guests are invited and please rsvp to Julie Mohr at 805-217-1394.

There is a Bird Friendly Garden Tour sponsored by the Audubon Club April 16th from 9 to 3. There are 3 locations: Thousand Oaks, Camarillo or Ventura and you need to sign up through a website through the Conejo Valley Audubon and the address of the events all on the same day will be sent to you.

The Reagan Library in Simi Valley is sponsoring an exhibit from March 24th to August 13th titled Auschwitz, Not long Ago, Not Far Away. There is no designated AAUW tour, but you can go online a buy tickets on your chosen day.

Thank you to the Gene Haas Foundation!



Thank you to the Gene Haas Foundation for their generous support of 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.

Member News: Volunteer Opportunities

The beautiful Camarillo Ranch House, built in 1892 by Adolfo Camarillo, the founder of our city is looking for docents to lead small group tours. The House is open to the public every Saturday and Sunday from 11am-2pm. Docents choose one of these days to give tours every month. No prior knowledge is needed. Training materials are given and interesting speakers present at our monthly meetings on such topics as Adolfo and his family, the Camarillo White Horses, Victorian fashions and life 100 years ago here in our city. Docents also go on field trips to historic properties in the area. School Tour Docents are needed as 3rd grade students visit the Ranch House during the school year on a Wednesday or Thursday morning. On Saturday April 29th a Volunteer Fair will be held at the Ranch House from 11am-1pm. Do come and find out about our various programs. Call Patricia Turner, 805-738-2571 for more info.

The Rotary is offering two programs for high school students: 1. scholarships for students with financial need, and 2. A full-day life skills seminar in mid-April. Volunteers needed! Contact Mary Lingua with questions about either opportunity. linguamg@gmail.com.



Spend An Amazing Day Learning Life Skills and Growing with Local Students!!!!
YES

Register: WWW.OUHSDYES.org
Follow Us on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter OUHSDYES Email: signup@ouhsdyes.com

Rancho Campana High School
April 15, 2023

ETHICS

Team Building

Diversity

Public Speaking



For more than 50 years, the Rotary Club of Camarillo has been actively involved in supporting several community organizations including: Casa Pacifica, The Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo and The Camarillo Family YMCA. One of our goals is to provide scholarships for qualified Graduating Seniors and Vocational/Re-Entry students **with financial need** living in Camarillo (Zip Codes 93010, 93012, 93066) and the Hueneme High School Interactors. The number and value of awards given annually is based on available funds.

Application Due Date: April 3, 2023

THE CURRENT AWARD IS AT LEAST \$1,000 PER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Thank you for applying for a scholarship from the Rotary Club of Camarillo. Please submit your completed application to the email address below and include transcripts. (*Transcripts are optional for Re-Entry and Vocational Scholarship applicants.*)

Winners will be notified by April 30th. Any questions and completed applications with required documents may be emailed to:

scholarships@camarillorotary.org

Member News: Funding for Careers in Public Education!



GOLDEN STATE TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)
is awarding up to \$20,000 for students to pursue a career as a:

**TEACHER | SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER | SCHOOL COUNSELOR
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST | SCHOOL CHILD WELFARE & ATTENDANCE OFFICIAL**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ▶ Students currently enrolled in a California-based professional preparation program approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)
- ▶ Students working toward their preliminary teaching or pupil personnel services credential
- ▶ Students who have submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)
- ▶ Students who commit to working at a California priority school for 4 years within 8 years after completing their program



CTC APPROVED TEACHING CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS

List of Approved Programs:
www.bit.ly/ctc-approvedprograms



CA DEPT OF EDUCATION PRIORITY SCHOOLS

List of Priority Schools:
www.csac.ca.gov/gstg

CSAC GOLDEN STATE TEACHER
GRANT PROGRAM

For more information on requirements, forms, and more, visit us at:

WWW.CSAC.CA.GOV/GSTG



Karen Sher is working with the California Department of Education Foundation to help lead their efforts to recruit new and returning teachers and promote the incredible and achievable pathways they have created, including a \$20,000 scholarship, for anyone interested in pursuing a career in public education as a teacher or school mental health counselor. Contact Karen for more information or forward this info to someone who might benefit! KSher@cde.ca.gov

Don't miss this opportunity

All Branch read: "Saved By Schindler", available on Amazon

The amazing story of our own AAUW Camarillo member, Celina Biniatz, a survivor of Nazi Occupation, and saved by Otto Schindler.

Celina who is into her 90's has agreed to speak to AAUW Camarillo members in early June.

The details of this patio book event will be given later, but order your copy and start reading so you will be informed when you hear our beloved member speak about these experiences. We also hope to have the author present for this event.

Any questions, Janet Lindquist can provide answers: Janet Lindquist at 805-437-6244 or LindquistJB@hotmail.com.

Don't miss the Academy AAUWards Event

Academy AAUWards Event Celebrates AAUW Stars
Don't miss the AAUW-CA state Zoom get together
Saturday, April 22, 2023 starts at 9 am

Register here for the Zoom show

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/academy-aauwards-event-celebrates-aauw-stars>

Thank You to AAUW Members for Volunteering for CAO

Thank you again to all the the AAUW Camarillo Branch Members who volunteered and/or referred Friends to Volunteer for the 2023 Camarillo Academic Olympics in February and March:

Jan Demonsy	Tetelle Fridrich
Mary Goldberg	Kay W. Ito
Patty Lerner	Kathy Long
Gladys Ochangco	Val Rains
Susan Seats	Meena Turna

CAO was a success with your help!



Camarillo Academic Olympics

Thank you to the AAUW Camarillo Branch Members (American Association of University Women) for volunteering to judge Speeches at the Boys & Girls Club and at City Finals, serving as Readers for the Subject Test Finals and spreading the word and referring friends who were able to volunteer. CAO appreciates you!



Camarillo (CA) Branch

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.

**Camarillo Branch
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Membership

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) (____) _____

(C) (____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Highest
College Degree: _____

University/college: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Dues Schedule: Circle one:

General Member \$100

Student Affiliate **\$110**

(Includes local, state & National Due \$38

Check Payable: “AAUW Camarillo Branch” and mail to:

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