

## President's Message from Cathy Trevino

I love seeing our beautiful landscape blooming so plentifully, partly due to the month, but mostly due to the rain we have had. It is so nice to see gardens and amazing landscapes so colorful and happy. May is another month with numerous celebrations. One of my favorites, Mother's Day, is a day when we celebrate the family's mother, as well as motherhood, maternal ties, and mothers' influence in society. Thank you, Anna Jarvis, for convincing, then-President, Woodrow Wilson, to declare Mother's Day a national holiday in 1914. Beginning on Mother's Day we have National Women's Health Week when this nation should be recommitting to ensure the health and well-being of women and girls across our Nation. We at AAUW believe this health includes social and racial justice for all members of society as well as equal access to quality public education for all students. Since 1992, May has also been Asian Pacific American Heritage month. It is a time to recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans have made to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.

This time of year, also finds our AAUW Branch activities winding down from a very busy year. Please be sure to mark your calendar for our Wed. May 10th Branch Buffet via Zoom Starting at 6:00 pm when we will feature a re-cap of our busy year. Women in History, Knowledge Bowl, Speech Trek, Tech Trek, local scholarships, Author's Day, book groups, Great Decisions, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) keep this group busy. The end of the month of May we celebrate Memorial Day, or Decoration Day, as it was originally called, which was founded as a day to honor veterans serving in the Civil War. This holiday is now considered the start of the summer season for cultural events. Since 1971, this national holiday is still a special time to remember service men and women who gave their lives in service of the country throughout the ages. We will soon announce the date for our in-person June annual meeting and installation of officers for our 2023-2024 year. May your days be beautiful like the buds of May.

## Speech Trek: We Have A Winner!!

The Camarillo Branch Speech Trek winner, Teddy Skye Garcia, won the AAUW California state final competition on Sat. April 22<sup>nd</sup> at our annual state meeting via zoom. Join us on Wed. May 10<sup>th</sup> to hear his winning speech entitled: *How can community organizations and citizens of all ages help protect and expand voting rights?* Thank you, Kim Stephenson, for hearing Teddy speak at another event and inviting him to apply for our Camarillo Branch contest.



## May Branch Buffet, Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm – On Zoom!

Join us for a smorgasbord of branch goodies on Zoom to celebrate another great year of programs with highlights:

AAUW California Speech Trek Champion, Teddy Garcia  
Special guest from Women in History  
Upcoming activities and events  
Board updates and plans for 2023  
Community!

Grab a drink or a snack and join us at 6.  
Or log in at 5 for the Board Meeting!

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



## 2023 Calendar Highlights

5/1 Hawaiian Lei Day

5/2 Kentucky Derby

5/5 Cinco de Mayo

5/6 National Nurses Day

5/6 Coronation of King Charles III

5/10 6pm - May Branch Buffet via Zoom, recap of the year ; 5pm Board meeting. All are welcome.

5/14 Mother's Day

5/20 - 1:30, Murphy Auto Museum (lunch optional at noon)

5/29 Memorial Day

5/31 National Smile Day

6/4 Biography discussion and signing: *Saved by Schindler: The Life of Celina Karp Biniaz*.

Late June, TBD. Board Election and Installation.

9/24 Fall Kick-off Branch Event, Las Posas Country Club 1 pm

10/28 Author's Day at Las Posas County Club

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## Board Nominations

The following branch leadership team has been nominated for another year of service to AAUW Camarillo.

President, Cathy Trevino

Co-President OPEN

Treasurer, Vanessa Otto

VP of Programs, Gloria Miele

VP of Membership, Maria Tagliaferri

Public Policy, Kathy Long

Recording Secretary, Barbara Britt

Corresponding Secretary, Diana Dingler

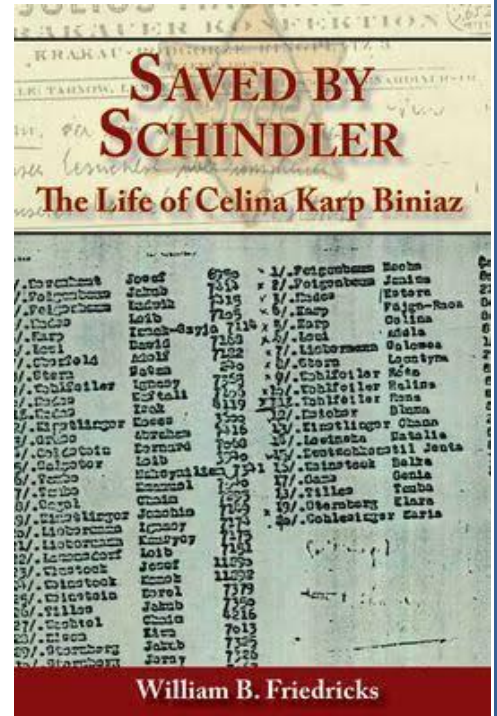
We will accept nominations for the open Co-President position and any other position, including from the floor at our annual meeting, prior to voting. New board and committee members are welcome and encouraged. Join our leadership team with a commitment of 3-10 hours a month. Also seeking Communications volunteers to help with newsletter, website, social media posts. Contact any board member for more details. What skills and passions can you contribute?

## PM Book Review

Our book selection for the month of May is *Summer on the Bluffs* by Sunny Hostin. You may recall that Sunny is a co-host on the daytime TV show *The View*. I read this book already and loved it--great characters with Martha's Vineyard as an anchor. This is a trilogy with her next two books venturing to Long Island's Sag Harbor, and Highland Beach, MD. We will meet at the home of Janet Jacobs on May 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

## Non-Fiction Book Group Hosts a Once in a Lifetime Event

*Saved by Schindler: The Life of Celina Karp Biniaz* by William Friedrichs is a book about our member, Holocaust survivor, Celina Biniaz. Buy your book now, at The Book Worm, Camarillo, or from Amazon, so you can attend our special event with a book discussion and signing. This captivating story chronicles Celina's time at Auschwitz and beyond. This long-time, active, AAUW member also founded an AAUW Branch in New York before moving to Camarillo. Our gracious member and hostess, Jerrie Newman, has made her patio available for us on Sunday June 4th from 1 -3pm at 872 Grada Avenue, Camarillo. Light refreshments will be served. You must RSVP with your information and that of any nonmember guest you wish to invite, to Pat Ehret at [patlehret@gmail.com](mailto:patlehret@gmail.com) and put Celina event in the subject line. Also, texts and phone calls for RSVPs to Pat at (805) 469-5742. Please speak slowly and clearly when leaving a phone message including your phone number. Non AAUW members will be put on a waiting list. The deadline for reservations is Thursday May 25th at which time the waiting list of guests, non AAUW members, will be called to confirm their reservation.



## Authors' Day, Saturday October 28, 2023

Please put this important date on your calendar to support our yearly women's CSUCI scholarships and 8th grade summer Tech Trek participants. It will be another fun experience with four interesting authors, plenty of opportunity prize baskets, good food, with our chosen menu of Pan Seared Chicken Breast, Oven Roasted Salmon, Roasted pepper with a medley of vegetables. All will be accompanied by a mixed green salad. Both the chicken and the roasted pepper dish are gluten free. Tickets will be available by Kick Off time in September.

Authors' Day team members will hold a meeting on July 15, 2023 to hash out what tasks will be required, and by whom. More information will be forthcoming. For questions, contact Diana Dingler, [805] 987-8013

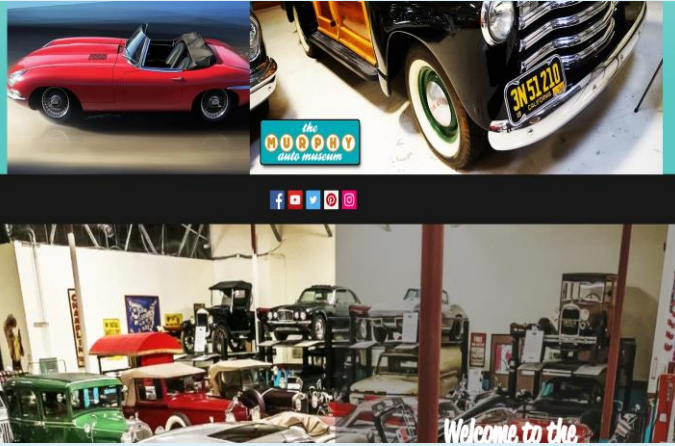
## Tech Trek

Our Camarillo Branch will be sending 13 girls to UCSB Tech Trek camp (and one more to the on-line Virtual Camp) this year. They are coming from 9 different schools. The Tech Trek committee members were so impressed with all our candidates, they wanted to send them ALL. So, Vanessa Otto and Pam Cwiklo each offered to sponsor a girl to camp. The Branch management committee agreed to the extra costs, and we were able to negotiate 6 extra places. (Other Branches have had difficulty recruiting girls this year, and there are still issues with COVID vaccination requirements, so camp places opened up beyond the number committed in our MOU.) My thanks to Pam, and to the other committee members, Jennifer Baker, Cathy Trevino and Diane Narhi. We can expect to hear back from our campers at the end of the summer and may be able to meet some at the September Kickoff meeting.

TTAG: The Tech Trek Alumnae Group has been active (get more info from Gladys, Jennifer or Cathy on this). The Branch management committee has approved Graduation Awards from Tech Trek alumnae who are graduating seniors (from the Tech Trek camp of 2018). Applications are due at the end of April. There is still time to donate funds to this project: that will determine the size of the awards.

Vanessa Otto  
votto@ootto.com

## Out and About



There will be a tour of the Murphy Auto Museum at 1930 Eastman in Oxnard May 20th at 1:30. Meet there or join us before for lunch at Chilis Restaurant on Rose Ave. at 12:00. The museum entry fee is \$10 before the tour. Members and guests are invited. Please rsvp to Julie Mohr at 805-217-1394. See more <https://www.murphyautomuseum.org>

The Ventura County Reading Association Young Author's Fair was held at the Port Hueneme Library last Saturday, and AAUW Camarillo was on hand to share first-person accounts of famous women in history. We had Susan B Anthony (Cathy Trevino), Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (Jan Demonsy), and Susan Butcher Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race winner, portrayed by Janna Alvarez, Women in History parent volunteer from St Mary Magdalen School. As the families rotated from station to station, they joined us for "storytelling" as we enlightened students as well as parents about these memorable women. Our Membership VP, Maria Tagliaferri, shared the benefits of AAUW membership and captured a few leads of interested mothers.



## Public Policy by Kathy Long

**PUBLIC POLICY – Kathy Long:** It's sausage-making time in Washington and Sacramento! Starting with Representative Julia Brownley, she introduced legislation that would make healthcare more equitable for the children of disabled veterans. While the Affordable Care Act expanded private health insurance access by allowing children to remain on their parents' insurance until they turned 26, this expansion was not applied to military or veterans' health insurance. Congresswoman Brownley's legislation would rectify this and allow children of disabled veterans to remain eligible for VA health insurance until they are 26.

In reviewing our Ventura County state representatives, they have authored 68 bills for this session –most of them in the works with the numerous committees for review/action, Appropriations being the most important. Senator Monique Limon (authoring 21 bills) is focusing on SB390, Carbon offset bill, along with bills on health care, childcare, and Alzheimer's. Assemblymember Steve Bennett (authoring 19 bills) is focused on the passage of AB 1563, agencies that issue water well permits, requiring them to acquire verification from the local Groundwater Sustainability Agency that the new well was not inconsistent with their sustainability plans before issuing the permit. Drought, unsafe concentration of pollutants, all must be weighed in issuing future permits. His other bills target green hydrogen, the environment and foster care programs. Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin has authored 28 bills, ranging from worker protections, veterans and school libraries. You can easily review and track state legislation at [leginfo.legislature.ca.gov](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov). Updates ahead as the bills continue the sausage making.

The AAUW CA Public Policy picks of bills they are working this session include: AB1394, their co-sponsored bill. It would allow victims of child sexual exploitation and trafficking to sue a social media platform for between \$1 million and \$5 million if the victim can prove the platform design knowingly, recklessly or negligently facilitated the use of code words for sexual predators to describe the type of child and the type of sexual activity that resulted in the act of exploitation. Another is SB287 – Would prohibit a social media platform from using a design, algorithm, or feature that the platform knows, or should know, causes child users to: purchase fentanyl; inflict harm on themselves or others; develop an eating disorder or engage in dangerous dieting; purposely take their own lives; and/or experience addiction to

## Public Policy, Continued

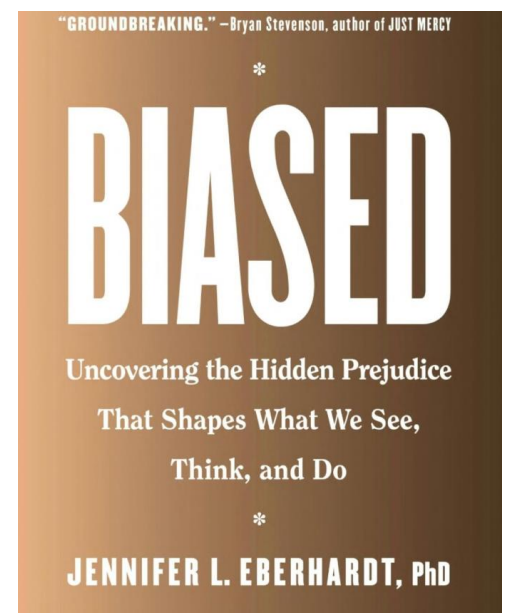
the social media platform. A victim of any of these consequences can sue the platform for up to \$250,000 for each violation. And AB549 – Requires all state agencies to conduct an evaluation of all their departments to ensure the state does not discriminate against women and report their findings every 2 years. For more information go to [AAUW-ca.org](http://AAUW-ca.org).  
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.

## What is Unconscious Bias?

We all know what overt biases are, but did you know that we all have unconscious biases, too? These are biases that might be inconsistent with our values, that we would never knowingly act on and that we weren't even aware we had? And having them doesn't make us racist or sexist or homophobic, for example. Still, becoming aware of them is the first step to ridding ourselves of them. Learn more at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/dei-toolkit/key-terms-concepts/>

For an even deeper dive, read the book, *Biased*, pictured, with the research on bias and what we can do about it from Stanford social psychologist, Jennifer Eberhardt, PhD.

Assess your own unconscious bias by taking the free [Harvard Implicit Bias Test](#).





## Great Decisions is Back

A discussion group on foreign policy, Great Decisions continues to meet at 3:30 p.m. on the 4th Friday of each month. The class meets in the Community Resource Room at 3701 E. Los Posas Rd. The topic to be discussed May 26th is “China and the U.S.”; the topic for June 23rd is “Economic Warfare and U.S. Policy”. For more information, please contact any of the following: Nancy Walters: nejwalters285@gmail.com Jerrie Newman: martjerrie@roadrunner.com Dora Prihar: dprihar@mprimail.com

## Do You Know Someone? CSUCI Scholarship Applications Due June 5th

AAUW Camarillo awards scholarships to women CSUCI students who have taken a “non-traditional” path to a college degree and had a break in their education between high school and college. Scholarships range from \$1,500-\$2,000.

- Identify as a woman enrolled and in good academic standing at CSU Channel Islands.
- Earn a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.
- Be a “non-traditional student,” e.g., someone whose family or other obligations required an interruption of several years prior to resuming a college program, or someone who waited until later in life to start college.

Applications due June 5, 2023. Download the fillable pdf application [here](#).

It's not too late to volunteer to review applications if you are available in mid-late June. Contact [Gloria@strongerleader.com](mailto:Gloria@strongerleader.com) for more information.

## 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.

## Membership News

### **National Dues Increase for 2023-2024**

AAUW National Dues will increase to \$72 for full year 2023-2024 (of which \$69 is tax-deductible). CA dues \$20 and Branch dues \$23 will remain the same. Your total renewal fee for 2023-2024 is now \$115. **Please note that for all members who choose to renew online, you will select National, California and scroll down to Branch #0132 Camarillo when going through the renewal process.**

#### **Changes to the Membership Renewal Process**

As many of our long-time members know, AAUW Membership renewals for all branch members occurred on an annual basis beginning in May/June each year. New members would also renew in the May/June timeframe so that all members were renewing at the same time even if it was less than a full year from the first month of joining.

The majority of our members who usually renew in the May – July timeframe should have received a renewal reminder email directly from National the week of April 24<sup>th</sup> which included instructions for online and check renewals.

The AAUW National changes which will mostly affect our newer members as they will now be reminded to renew on a 12-month rolling basis from the first month of joining. For example, if you joined in August or September 2022, you would receive your first renewal reminder email in June. October – December 2022 new members will receive their first reminder email in August.

Honorary life members will be excluded from the reminders since online renewal is not the preferred way to renew for this group.

As always, if you have any questions about when your membership expires or how to renew, please don't hesitate to contact me - your Membership Chairperson, Maria Tagliaferri 805-236-0630, [riatag62@gmail.com](mailto:riatag62@gmail.com).

## 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](http://www.bit.ly/ctc-approvedprograms)



### **CA DEPT OF EDUCATION PRIORITY SCHOOLS**

List of Priority Schools:  
[www.csac.ca.gov/gstg](http://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](http://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](mailto:KSher@cde.ca.gov)

## 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](mailto: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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2022-2023**

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Beacon Editor

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Beacon Design and Layout

**Open position:**

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## Membership

### AAUW Camarillo Branch – Need to renew?

Annual dues are \$115

(\$67 National, \$20 CA, \$23 Branch).

**1. Mail a check** for \$115 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 (\$72), 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](mailto: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 2022.
- 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](mailto: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 **\$115**

Student Affiliate \$0

(Includes local, state & National Dues)

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

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