

President's Message from Cathy Trevino

June greetings, lovely members of AAUW Camarillo. Our fiscal year ends June 30th which is why it's time to renew your annual membership. Maria Tagliaferri, our Membership VP, has "how to" notes below under Membership.

Albert Einstein once said, "Life is like a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." Our branch has kept this message close to our hearts with the number of programs, offerings, and events we have provided this year. Thank you to the numerous members who stepped up to contribute to our well-known, as well as lesser-known, programs to educate and enlighten our communities. Our coordinated efforts with other groups countywide, have spread the word that AAUW Camarillo is out here and creating a positive change. I cannot thank you enough for your support this year as your President. Member willingness to participate in big and small ways makes such a difference and will continue to make the difference in what we can provide for our community which includes Camarillo, Oxnard, Ventura, Port Hueneme and beyond. A big standing ovation goes to our hard-working Board who spearheaded our programs with their enthusiasm and get-it-done attitude. June is LGBT Pride Month to remind us to take a positive stance against discrimination and violence toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people to promote their self-affirmation, dignity, equality rights, increase their visibility as a social group, and build community.

Please join us for our in-person annual election meeting, Tue June 20th from 6:30-8pm at the Camarillo Community Center to celebrate our year. Mark your calendar from our "snip and save" calendar so you do not miss any upcoming fall events. Your attendance at Author's Day (Oct 28th) makes a difference in how many CSUCI Scholarships and Tech Trek campers come from our branch. Have a great summer and remember, "A place is only as good as the people in it." So please be in this with us.

June Board Election and Installation



Michelle Ascencion

VENTURA COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER & REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
PRESERVING HISTORY - PROTECTING DEMOCRACY



Guest Speaker
Michelle Ascencion

What to Expect in the 2024 Election Cycle

WHEN Tuesday, June 20 2023
TIME 6:30-8
WHERE Camarillo Community Center,
Rooms 1 and 2
1605 E. Burnley Street
Camarillo, CA
93010

Join us for the last meeting of the program year to vote in the new Board of Directors! We will hear about the upcoming 2024 election cycle from AAUW Member and County Clerk Michelle Ascencion, who will also install our officers.

June Year End Meeting

Board Election and Investiture

Juneteenth and Pride Recognitions

All are welcome
You do not need to be an AAUW Member to Attend

RSVP to

aauwcamarillo.programs@gmail.com

Juneteenth and Pride – Time to Celebrate!

Juneteenth is a [federal holiday in the United States](#) commemorating the emancipation of [enslaved African Americans](#). Deriving its name from [combining](#) "June" and "nineteenth", it is celebrated on the anniversary of [the order](#), issued by [Major General Gordon Granger](#) on June 19, 1865, proclaiming freedom for slaves in [Texas](#).^[7] Originating in [Galveston](#), Juneteenth has since been observed annually in various parts of the United States, often broadly celebrating [African-American culture](#). The day was first recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, when [President Joe Biden](#) signed the [Juneteenth National Independence Day Act](#) into law after the efforts of Lula Briggs Galloway, [Opal Lee](#), and others.

Celebrate Juneteenth on June 17th for Oxnard's 32nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration is in Plaza Park. More at <https://www.juneteenthoxnard.org/>

Free to the public!
Local artists!
Great food!
Lively entertainment!

Juneteenth
FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION

PLAZA PARK
500 S. C St.
Oxnard, CA

JUNE 17th, 2023
10am-5pm

CITY OF OXNARD CALIFORNIA
The Port of Huerfano COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY
CAUSE Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy
Anthem
SUSAN VAN VLEET CONSULTANTS INC.
CITIC
CABRILLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE



What's Happening for Pride Month?

June 4 @ 11am
Unity Conejo Pride Picnic
Location Will be announced 24 hours in advance.

June 5 @ 8:30am
City of Oxnard Pride Flag Raising
305 W. 3rd Street, Oxnard

June 6 @ 8:30am
County of Ventura Pride Proclamation
800 S. Victoria Ave, Ventura

June 6 @ 5pm
City of Oxnard Pride Proclamation
305 W. 3rd Street, Oxnard

June 7 @ 6:30pm
City of Santa Paula Pride Proclamation
970 Ventura St, Santa Paula

June 10 @ 9am
Santa Paula Youth Pride
296 Railroad Ave, Santa Paula

June 10 @ 6pm
Pride Prom by Diversity Collective
4667 Telegraph Rd, Ventura

June 15 @ 5pm
Can't Cancel Pride Watch Party with Diversity Collective
2471 Portola Rd, Ventura

June 16 @ 1pm
Fillmore Pride Resource Fair
421 Sespe Ave, Fillmore

June 24 @ 8am
Oxnard Pride
500 South C St, Oxnard

June 25 @ 12pm
Camarillo Pride
1030 Temple Ave, Camarillo

June 25 @ 11am
Ojai Pride Walk
210 S. Signal St, Ojai



VENTURA COUNTY PRIDE
AUGUST 18 - 20



LGBTQIA+ Pride Month is dedicated to celebration and commemoration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. Pride Month began after the Stonewall riots, a series of gay liberation protests in 1969, and has since become an annual event. With anti-LGBTQ+ legislation proliferating across the country, let's show our support for love! Look for your AAUW friends at Camarillo Pride June 25th.

2023 Calendar Highlights

6/4 Biography discussion and signing: *Saved by Schindler: The Life of Celina Karp Biniaz*. Event full, but purchase the book at *The Bookworm* or

6/20, 6:30. 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

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

Watch for information on summer planning events and board meetings, TBD.

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

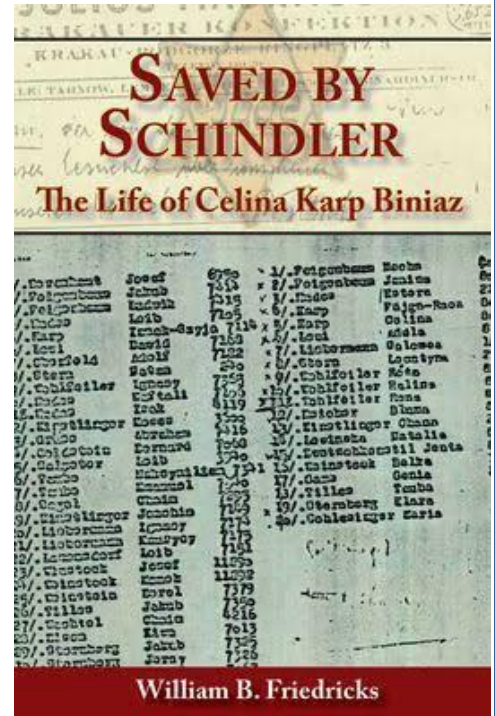
We will accept nominations for the open Co-President position and any other position, including from the floor at our June 20th meeting, prior to voting. Please attend!! New board and committee members are welcome and encouraged. Join our leadership team with a commitment of 3-10 hours a month. Also 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 meetings/discussions have concluded for this season. We are off for the summer. We will meet again on September 23 at Jane Akune's home to select our reading material for the new season. Happy personal reading!

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 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.




Non-Fiction Book Group

The next meeting is at Nancy Walter's on June 13, the second Tuesday, at 10:00 am.

We will be discussing Alice: Alice Roosevelt Longworth by Stacy A. Cordery

Address: 6105 Paseo Encantada, Camarillo CA 93012
Gate # 2356
Cell: (719) 395-6531

♥  Barbara

Future Books:

The Women of Rothschild: The Untold Story of the World's Most Famous Dynasty by Natalie Livingstone July

Poverty by America by Matthew Desmond August

Spare by Prince Harry the Duke of Sussex September

The Six: The Lives of the Mitford Sisters by Laura Thompson October

The Teachers by Alexander Robbins and Oscar Wars November

Cuba: An American History by Ada Ferrer (Scribner) (Pulitzer Prize winner, 2022) December

Vagina Obscura: An Anatomical Voyage by Rachel E. Gross January

Authors' Day, Saturday October 28, 2023, Las Posas Country Club

This is our largest fundraiser of the year, so please put this date on your calendar. It is a fun event, and our primary means for raising support for our CSUCI and Tech Trek scholarships. Tickets will go on sale at our Kickoff in September. As with every year, we will offer a hot meal, have door prizes, opportunity prize baskets, four author speakers and signature signing.

This year's authors will be:

Kenneth Strange - A former FBI, DOJ, and OIG agent and current private investigator, Kenneth's thirst for adventure & travel took him on a 500 trek across Spain

Roberta Bassin - expert and portrayer on Amelia Earhart

Beverly M. Kelley - a former teacher of communications courses at CLU, her books involve cold cases occurring in our area of Port Hueneme [called Port Cabrillo]

Sarah Scheerger - a children's/young adult author

More information will be forthcoming. For questions, contact Diana Dingler, [805] 987-8013

Tech Trek and TTAG

I'm pleased to tell you that we are sending 14 girls to Tech Trek summer camp. They come from 9 different schools throughout the County. Camp at UCSB is in July. You are invited to visit camp on the Thursday of each week: let me know if you need information on that. Covid vaccination will be required.

TTAG, the Tech Trek Alumni Group, continues to meet for science-ey activities. Tide pooling was the outing this month. Next month they plan a biotech paternity project (for cats?). Some of the TTAG girls were helpful too to interview this year's candidates. Its very gratifying to see how much they mature between selection for TT and in just a couple of years are confident, articulate ambassadors for the program. In recognition of this, we gave a "Graduation Award" to those members of the 2018 cohort who are graduating this month from high school. Nine of them wrote us letters describing their high school years and their future plans. Such excellent and interesting letters! So many promising scientists hatched by our program. Tech Trek is a wonderful Branch project!

Vanessa Otto
votto@ootto.com

TTAG

TTAG had some fun events in May!

One Sunday afternoon we checked out the tidepool and tar sands at Carpinteria Beach with Jennie Baker.

Then seven TT Alums gathered for Science Friday after school to do an exciting hands-on biotech lab on loan from AMGEN/CSUCI to figure out a kitten paternity case! It was a fun general overview of biotechnology in the lab led by Volunteer Instructor and OUHSD Chem and Bio Teacher Carla Davis who also shared her educational and career journey with the Girls.

Under Carla's instruction, the TTAG participants made a gel, practiced pipetting, and ran a gel electrophoresis to determine the kittens' daddy. We ended with pizza and time for catching up with each other.

Thank you to Carla for teaching and coordinating all the materials and equipment to use and for making the learning experience fun, to the Davis Family for hosting us in their beautiful home and also to the Jenkins Family for providing snacks for the girls to enjoy.



Public Policy by Bea Lutterbeck and Kathy Long (1/2)

MEDICARE FOR ALL LEGISLATION REINTRODUCED IN U.S. HOUSE & SENATE

On Wed. May 17, Medicare for All legislation was reintroduced in the US House (H.R. 3421 by Rep. Jayapal and Rep. Dingell) and Senate (S. 1655 by Sen. Sanders) with a record 112 original cosponsors in the House and 14 original cosponsors in the Senate. The legislation builds on existing Medicare programs to ensure universal health coverage for all U.S. residents, including for reproductive, mental health, and long-term care. The bill would also ensure substance abuse treatment and support for people with disabilities. It would reduce prescription drug costs and eliminate copays, private insurance premiums, and deductibles.

(<https://jayapal.house.gov/2023/05/17/jayapal-dingell-sanders-introduce-medicare-for-all-with-record-number-of-house-cosponsors/#:~:text=The%20Medicare%20for%20All%20Act%20of%202023%20also%20includes%20universal,based%20care%20over%20institutional%20care.>)

“We live in a country where millions of people ration lifesaving medication or skip necessary trips to the doctor because of cost,” said Jayapal. “The United States is the only industrialized nation in the world that doesn’t guarantee all its citizens access to health care,” said Dingell. “The American people understand, as I do, that health care is a human right, not a privilege,” said Sanders, Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. “

(<https://www.cnn.com/2023/05/17/sanders-pushes-medicare-for-all-to-end-totally-broken-health-system.html>)

Since 1970, efforts to pass universal healthcare legislation in the U.S. have failed. However, support is growing exponentially, because tracking research has demonstrated that the U.S. has the worst health-care system overall among 11 high-income countries. According to research by the Commonwealth Fund, the U.S. has consistently ranked last in the seven comparative reports it has published since 2004, especially in areas of health access, outcomes, and especially equity, even though it spends the highest proportion of its gross domestic product on health care.

(<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2021/08/05/global-health-rankings/>)

Public Policy by Bea Lutterbeck and Kathy Long (2/2)

LEGISLATION: On the Federal level, AAUW National joined in a joint letter, signed by 51 national organizations, sent to the U.S. Department of Education/Secretary Reyes, addressing issues with discrimination targeting youth. The Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance: Sex-related Eligibility Criteria for Male and Female Athletic Teams, stated a complete rejection of bigoted, ignorant, mean-spirited, and discriminatory policies currently being considered by too many legislators, seeking exclusion of youth. This attack on our youth is an attack on civil rights and a violation of Title IX.

U.S. Representative Salud Carbajal 24th District, picked up Ventura and parts of north Oxnard in the last redistricting. Elected in 2017, representing Santa Barbara and now Ventura areas. Representative Carbajal has joined in a bipartisan effort to direct increased federal funding to Fentanyl trafficking, utilizing Dept. of Defense tools and involving Mexico as an active partner. The spikes in fentanyl-related overdose deaths is over 700% in recent years. Ventura County had 181 deaths in 2022. Follow him at Carbajal.house.gov.

STATE legislation moving through the process, with AAUW-CA tracking 36 bills, with priority designation on one that has made it through committees: AB 1245 – Commercial sexual exploitation, child sexual abuse material –social media platforms. Others either sent to Suspense file or still in works. Great work by our California AAUW!

GOV TREK: This virtual program for high school junior and senior girls is designed to elevate the next generation to pursue careers in public service and elected office. Over five two-hour sessions, students will engage in interactive and inspiring activities with exposure to women legislators, career options, and the inner workings of a political campaign. The program will culminate in a group competition to create a realistic campaign simulation. AAUW-CA recently held a Zoom celebration for the first class of graduates for this program-GovTeck. They celebrated the wrap-up with the Best in: Candidate Speech, Campaign Management, Voter Outreach Plan, Campaign Ad & Flyer and Grand Prize for Team. Exciting to see these young women from throughout the state participate and demonstrate interest in women in elected office. Our local chapter is invited to participate next Jan/March, all we need are interested leaders/mentors and members to step-up! We all understand the need for women in elected offices to bring our perspectives and skills to enriching our communities. Interested?? Let us know!

Great Decisions is Back

A discussion group on foreign policy, Great Decisions meeting is changing to start our meetings at 2:30 pm, still on the last Friday of the 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

Last Chance! 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 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.

Member News: Lunch and Learn With the League

*Empowering Votes.
Defending Democracy*

Lunch & Learn With the League!

What do our local school, water and judicial officials do everyday?
What are the challenges they face?
What skills are needed to be successful?

Get the facts and insights to help you inform your voter choices in the educational series presented by the League of Women Voters of Ventura County.

Weds May 31st: **Director of Water & Sanitation**, Joseph Pope, with **Manager of Resources Callugas Municipal Water District**, Dan Drugan

Weds June 7th: **Presiding Judge** Kevin G. DeNoce

Weds June 14th: **Superintendent of Schools**, Dr. Cesar Morales

All events are online from 12-1pm.
Register at <https://bit.ly/41oYXwC>

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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 24th 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.

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
Board of Directors and Chairs**

2022-2023

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Aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com

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Public Policy

Jan Demonsy

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Nancy Walters/Janet Lindquist

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Kay Wolverton Ito

Communications and PR

Kathy Long

Beacon Editor

Gloria Miele

Beacon Design and Layout

Open position:

Co-President-Elect

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. 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 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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