

## President's Message from Cathy Trevino

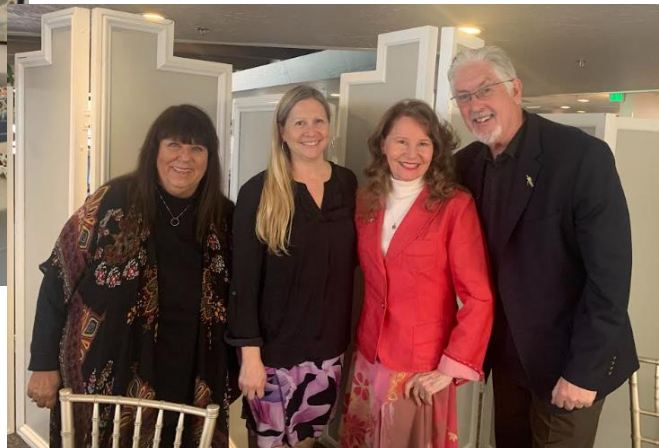
Can you see I still have a smile on my face after our more than successful 20th annual Author's Day at Las Posas Country Club!?! I am in awe of the delightful salmon preparation I had for lunch. The congenial crowd listened intently to our four authors who beautifully shared their stories. The finely tuned machine that is our Author's Day Committee, all the while, scurrying around in the background making our day go seamlessly. Thank you to all the raffle and door prize donors, they were received with much appreciation by all the winners. I hope our committee Chairs, Diana Dingler, Janet Lindquist, Jan and Rick Demonsy, Janice Lindsay, Jane Akune, and Kay Wolverton Ito, have rested up after their necessary nearly full-time focus the last two weeks prior to our tremendous event. One thing that is so great about AAUW Camarillo is the number of members who step up to decorate, check in guests, and bring raffle baskets and get those tickets into the hands of our attendees. Thank you, Patty McLaughlin, Patricia Turner, Rebecca Pecsok, Mary Goldberg, Maria Tagliaferri, Nancy Walter, Kathy Long, Cathy Trevino, and to our raffle ticket ladies, Linda Stinebaugh, Lana Lundin, Pam Holly Wilcox, Barbara Hilburn, Meena Turna, Sahara Bajwa, Ishana Bajwa, Marsha Polacek, and anyone I have inadvertently forgotten. Cheers to our members who attended, three cheers to those who invited non-members who join in year after year and help us make a handsome profit to continue providing our events and programs. A special thank you to Julie Moore, of The Bookworm, our Camarillo book seller, who brought copies of all the books that were purchased and ready to be signed by the author. Our Branch Treasurer, Vanessa Otto, will share the financial results with us as soon as she can. With another Author's Day wrapped up, November is the month when the "feasting" begins. For most of us, Thanksgiving and Veteran's Day, our two most memorable November events, but they share November with Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, when good takes over evil, and light triumphs over darkness and brings a new year. It is also Native American Heritage Month with 574 federally recognized national American tribes, 229 of which are solely in the state of Alaska. This commemoration is intended to highlight the rich history, traditions, customs, and contributions Native Americans have made to our country. As we get prepared to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of our branch this spring, let's continue to be grateful and fill our lives with meaningful deeds. Happy November to all!

## Authors' Day Was A Success

This year's AAUW Authors' Day became a "bowl" of fun for everyone attending from start to finish. We almost had a "full house" with the sale of 156 tickets, although a few ticketed attendees were unable to be present. We started the day with a wonderful group of volunteer decorators who turned the tables into a lively autumn scene with books, bowls and baskets galore. As the crowd arrived, the room began to hum with friendly greetings and raffle ticket sellers criss-crossing the room. Many people admired the lovely series of baskets and succulent arrangements while picking and choosing which jar to stuff with their tickets. After the group headed for their seats, they were treated to the first author, Kenneth R. Strange, a former FBI & DOJ Special Agent, who discussed his book about criminal law enforcement involving an elite overseas fraud unit. The second author, Roberta E. Bassin, discussed her book about Amelia Earhart, the extensive research about her, and her one woman show about Ms. Earhart.

After a break for attendees to purchase these books and and additional raffle tickets, a delicious lunch was served. Diana Dingler then took the floor to announce the winners of the door prizes and winners of the gorgeous table centerpiece "bowls". Our next treat was Sarah Lynn Scheerger, who has written more than half-a-dozen published books for all ages of young readers, kindergarten through older teens. Her books have garnered numerous awards across the country and beyond. The final author treat was Beverly Merrill Kelley, an author with numerous published books which range from issues about politics and film to a series of murder mysteries issued between 2013 and 2022. She also worked for 18 years at the Ventura County Star.

All in all, lots of people had lots of fun listening to lots of wonderful authors, while eating lots of good food, and donating money for a good cause. What could be better???



## Let's Take a Cruise!

We hope you can join us for the **Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> Ventura Harbor** hour-long boat cruise. The flyer below explains what you need to do. We are also excited that Author's Day Committee woman, Janice Lindsay, guitarist, and singer extraordinaire, and her friend, Richard Noel, accordion virtuoso, are the entertainment that afternoon from 3-6 pm at The Greek at the Ventura Harbor. Join us to round out the fun and make a day of it. Hope to see you there.



### Tour the beautiful Ventura Harbor and the Keys



**Sun Dec. 10th 1 Hr boat ride, 6:30-7:30 pm  
arrive at the dock by 5:45 pm**

**\$16 ea-Guests Welcome- payable to AAUW Camarillo**  
**Mail checks to: AAUW Camarillo**  
**P.O. Box 862 Camarillo, CA 93011**  
**Cancellation Deadline Thurs. Dec. 7**  
**Questions: 805 217-1394**

*Stop by the Greek Restaurant, at 4:00, for libations and convo  
1583 Spinnaker Dr, Waterfront side (.2 mi from the boat)*

**Island Packers, 1691 Spinnaker Dr Ventura Harbor**  
**Beer, wine, and snacks available**  
**for purchase on board.**  
**No outside alcohol, no high heels**

<http://islandpackers.com/ventura>





## 2023-2024 Calendar Highlights

- 11/8 – Board Meeting on Zoom\* – all are welcome
- 12/9 – Camarillo Christmas Parade
- 12/10 – Holiday Light Cruise in Ventura Harbor. See details on flyer.
- 1/20/24 – IBC Luncheon – Banned Books
- 3/3, 3/13, 3/20/24 – 60<sup>th</sup> Knowledge Bowl

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

## We're Turning 60!

And we're not the only ones. The City of Camarillo will also celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, and we are excited to explore ways to partner with them and other local organizations to celebrate. First up, the Camarillo Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Dress up as a woman in history, help carry one of our banners, join us for a stroll down memory lane.

**Publicity/Marketing** – write and send press releases, design and order merch/swag

**Activities**- Coordinate activities offered during celebration

**Entertainment** – Engage bands, performances, other entertainment

**Logistics**- Secure venue, coordinate and engage volunteers

**Finance/budget** – follow the money!

**Outreach**- engage longtime members and sister organizations to join us

**Food** – explore collaborations with food trucks, fundraising component

Come on party planners! [Contact Gloria](#) for more information and to share your ideas, your pictures, your memories! More to come! Do you have any pictures or stories to share from the past 60 years?? Let us know! Peggy Bryant's scrapbooks from the 70's show how engaged and involved we have been over the decades, and relevant to current issues, like the impact of airport expansion (see Public Policy article). Keep showing up!



## PM Book Review

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 13 at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Helen Shields. We will be discussing the book *Saved By Schindler - The Life of Celina Karp Biniac*. Those of you who did not hear her speak at the home of Jerrie Newman, will have an opportunity to read this book and discuss it with the group at large. Celina may even be available for a telephone discussion. Please contact Helen to let her know whether you can attend or not: 805 482-6932.

## Non-Fiction Book Group

Contact   Barbara Hilburn ([hilburndesigns@gmail.com](mailto:hilburndesigns@gmail.com)) for more information about the November meeting. The book selection is:

Cuba: An American History by Ada Ferrer

### Future Books

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

## The Gender Pay Gap and the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2023



This year's [Laureate in the Economic Sciences](#), Claudia Goldin, provided the first comprehensive account of women's earnings and labor market participation through the centuries. Her research reveals the causes of change, as well as the main sources of the remaining gender gap. We celebrate this recognition and how Dr. Goldin has inspired women and young researchers to be brave and answer the big questions.

## Out and About

Gloria Miele and Cathy Trevino represented AAUW Camarillo at the 159th birthday party for Adolfo Camarillo at the Camarillo Ranch House. Thanks to Mary Goldberg for the invite! We set up a table with AAUW info, Public Policy statements, a seasonal craft to make, and Halloween candy and had a grand old time. It's always fun to share what a great group we have while joining other wonderful community groups, like PV Historical Society, Lions, Rotary, KidSTREAM, and more!



## AAUW Knowledge Bowl 2024

Save these dates! We will present our **60th** Knowledge Bowl on

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** at Saint Bonaventure High School

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** at the new Del Sol High School

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** at Adolfo Camarillo High School

The first AAUW Camarillo Knowledge Bowl was held in 1964 and was the idea of our second AAUW president, Betty Rutherford. Fourteen public and private high schools in Ventura County are participating next March.

During the competitions, students are asked questions on a variety of topics including geography, history, literature, math, science and current events. The questions are researched and written by branch members, and members of the community using websites, TV shows such as Jeopardy and text books. You never know when the idea for a question will happen. Sometimes a conversation or a quick blub will result in a question!

If you would like to submit questions for these competitions, please send a note to Knowledge Bowl chair, Mary Goldberg at [marygoldberg@gmail.com](mailto:marygoldberg@gmail.com).

## Women in History 2024: Help from Home!

Women In History needs help switching our performer database from Microsoft Access to Google Forms or Sheets. Access is a great database program with reports available that help us track performer information and scheduling year after year; however, only one committee member has the program, so we are unable to share the job, which would be ideal. Volunteers could be an AAUW member or a spouse, partner, friend, child or student.

We have started using Google Forms to collect volunteer information and are looking for someone to help us develop reports in Google that will give us the information that Access does but can be shared easily with everyone on the committee. In the long run, having reports that can be shared will enable more people to help with data management and make this portion of the WIH program more efficient.

This is a serious issue for the WIH program. We need a way for more people to access the program so that if there were an emergency for the one person who knows the system, the school schedules and prop groups would be unavailable, making it difficult for the program to work. If you can help or have another idea for a solution, please contact Judi Gill at [jygill@roadrunner.com](mailto:jygill@roadrunner.com). Thank you.

Interested in performing?? [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out the volunteer interest form for Women in History.

## Saying Goodbye to Speech Trek

Sadly, the AAUW-CA program that found AAUW Camarillo winning First Place in the state in 2023, will not be provided by our branch in 2024. We have not received enough interest or volunteers to help high school students enhance their public speaking and writing. This program is ready to go with lists of teachers and administrators who help publicize the contest to students, there is a ready to work paperwork administrator, and two coaches, but that is not enough to get the program up and running for a start date in the month of November for a February contest. When we have able-bodied volunteers, we may bring it back. Contact Cathy Trevino if you are interested in becoming involved. [AAUW.Camarillo.President@gmail.com](mailto:AAUW.Camarillo.President@gmail.com)

This year's prompt:

**If an educated population is essential to a nation's prosperity, then how can we ensure a robust public-school curriculum that is accessible to all and teaches historically accurate information?**

## 2024 Membership Directory In Development

It is just about time for a new membership directory to be updated and emailed to our membership. If you have changes to any of your contact information, please send the corrections to Maria Tagliaferri, Membership VP at: [RiaTag62@gmail.com](mailto:RiaTag62@gmail.com) for inclusion in the newly updated directory.

## Thank you to the Gene Haas Foundation!



Thank you to the Gene Haas Foundation for their generous, continued support of our efforts in sending 8th grade girls to Tech Trek camp at UCSB, providing local scholarships for returning female students to CSUCI, and encouraging our Tech Trek Alumni group.



## Public Policy: Air and Water

### **Merrill Berge: The Camarillo Airport Noise Study is underway!**

As Erin Powers, Airport Projects Administrator, explains in [this video](#) of the Oct. 11th Camarillo Aviation Advisory council meeting (presentation at 26:00), the Airport Noise Study is broken into two parts: The Noise Exposure Maps and the Noise Compatibility Plan. A very lightly attended Community Meeting for the first part, the Noise Exposure Maps, was held in September. Next, it will be presented to the **Aviation Advisory Commission on November 8<sup>th</sup>** and to the **Camarillo and Oxnard Airport Authority on November 9<sup>th</sup>** with an overview of the study and public comments. (see below for meeting details)

**Why is this important?** There are four documents in this Noise Exposure Maps portion of the study: Inventory, Forecasts, Aviation Noise, Noise Impacts. <https://cma-noise-study.airportstudy.net/study-documents/>. The Forecasts document is the most eye-opening, with a very significant increase in air flight volume AND larger jet and turboprop flights being forecast.

Airport "Total Operations" of air flights in 2022 there were 187,076 flights, In 10 years, in 2032, 199,191 flights are forecast (12,115 more flights/year = approx. 1,000 more flights/mo). In 20 years, in 2042, 216,172 flights are forecast (29,096 more flights/year = approx. 2400 more flights/mo.)

Of that increase in air traffic, more concerning is the increase in projected jet and turboprops flight activity:

*"The airport had a 56% increase in the number of jet and turboprop operations over the 10 year period from 2013 to 2022. The 20-year forecast anticipates continued growth in operations by these aircraft and a 126% increase."*

Currently jets and turboprops are 14% of Camarillo Airport fleet mix. In 2032 they are forecast to be 29%. In 2042 they are projected to make up 46% of fleet mix

Already in Old Town, Table F3 of the Noise Impacts document, the Noise Measurement Single Event Data summary, illustrates the current noise impacts on 3 different locations in Old Town with noise levels between 80 - 90 decibls (85 decibels has been identified as harmful) between 20 to 90 times/day.

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## Public Policy

### The Camarillo Airport Noise Study - Continued

**With increased air flight activity, much of it being jet and turboprop larger aircraft, your active involvement in the Noise Study process is critical** to ensuring these 150 Noise Goals are met:

- ~ Identify measures to reduce the noise impacts within the noise exposure contours from aircraft operating to and from the Airport through changes in aircraft operations or airport facilities
- ~ Determine methods to reduce the adverse impact of noise above FAA thresholds in existing residential areas.

With the Santa Monica airport closing in 2028 and the limited capacity of the Van Nuys airport, will Camarillo's quality of life be diminished as the airport caters to increasing amounts of corporate and celebrity jet activity? Informed, concerned advocates for our community's best interests are critical in this process, at this point in time.

To be notified of meetings: Lauren De La Torre of Old Town is keeping a growing list of residents informed of all the meetings and updates and would be glad to include more. Please mention AAUW and provide first and last name: [laurenwalt@verizon.net](mailto:laurenwalt@verizon.net) Or you can sign-up at the bottom of this Airport page <https://vcairports.org/meeting-calendar/>

[Public Policy would like a sub-committee to keep track of all the documents/meeting re; this study. We need you to step up and participate and advocate. Contact Kathy Long at \[kathylong220@gmail.com\]\(mailto:kathylong220@gmail.com\) or Merrill Berge at \[merrillberge@gmail.com\]\(mailto:merrillberge@gmail.com\)](#)

## Water Woes

Our ground water is at risk. Assemblymember Steve Bennett is doing a briefing on the water well/overdraft aquifers study, a critical issue in our region as sea water intrusion threatens our aquifers.

Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 4:15pm –5pm

password is AD38 (case-sensitive)

[DO-Constit Zoom \(PW: AD38\)](#)

<https://caasm.zoom.us/j/98116215008?pwd=ZVJ3S3VUOTJtTGpvRVFDYXl6eldkQT09#success>

## Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our new members who joined in August-October. Be sure to say hello to one of our upcoming meetings or events!

Carla Davis  
Lucianne Ranni  
Carol Dietz

Debra West  
Cynthia See  
Maxine Elliott

Noelle D'Arcy-Wilson

### Meet Cynthia See!

I grew up in Camarillo and went to Rio Mesa High School. In 1999 I graduated from the University of the Pacific, with a B.A. in History, and a minor in Philosophy. Somehow this transitioned into marketing for a healthcare company, which I've been doing for the last 23 years. I live in Camarillo with my husband, my 13-year-old daughter, and my 11-year-old son. I was first introduced to AAUW this past year when my daughter became a Tech Treker. It was an inspirational experience for her, and no matter which path her career takes, I know Tech Tek will have influenced her choice. I look forward to getting to know all of you and contributing to our shared goal of empowering women.

*More new member bios on next page!*

## Celebrating Our Members Recognized for Making a Difference!

Ventura County County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, [Michelle Ascencion](#), received an NAACP Freedom Fund Award for her positive leadership in the community. Thank you for your service!



Lifetime Achievement  
Supervisor Kathy Long

Congratulations to AAUW member and Public Policy Chair Kathy Long, who has been honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Carmen Ramirez Progress Awards. We are fortunate that Kathy shares her expertise, commitment, and passion with AAUW and our community.

## “Meet” More New Members!

### **Maxine Elliott**

Although I am a Southern California native, from the San Fernando Valley, I've spent more than half of my adult life away from here. After living in south Texas and coastal North Carolina it was time to return to my roots last year and be close to family again. Following a 20-year career in the fashion industry I started my consulting business working with nonprofit organizations for many years until that ended with the constraints of the pandemic. When it was feasible, I moved to Camarillo with my 2 dogs to be closer to my son, his wife and my two adult grandchildren. I've always enjoyed taking an active role in communities where I lived and now, I look forward to being involved in AAUW due to its positive impact on the community.

### **Noelle D’Arcy-Wilson**

I grew up in Northern California and attended Sonoma State University graduating with a BA in Psychology and later, a teaching credential. After marrying, I move to Oxnard and taught for several years at Mesa Union School in Somis. My husband and I thought we needed a change, so we moved to Columbus, Ohio, eventually settling in Liberty Township, just north of Cincinnati. I obtained a Masters Degree in Reading at Miami of Ohio. After 20 years and our three sons all through high school, we moved back to Ventura, (six months before COVID lockdowns) primarily to care for his aging parents. Currently, I work at Dos Caminos School as a 5th grade teacher. AAUW has always been on my radar. I have listened to candidate debates they have hosted, and my mother has been a member for many years in the Yuba/Sutter chapter. Recently, when I stopped at the AAUW table at CSUCI, the women were so friendly and welcoming that even though I had not planned on joining, their enthusiasm was the impetus I needed to join.

I am a reader, gardener, music and travel lover. I am learning to play piano, and I speak Spanish, having been a Rotary Exchange Student to Mexico. I look forward to meeting new people and sharing new ideas!

## Membership Matters!

Many of you have renewed your membership for 2023-2024 – thank you so much! Your membership not only helps to further the AAUW mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls nationally but, most importantly, right here in Ventura County where we work hard to make a difference in our community.

It's never too late to renew and it is easy online using AAUW's Community Hub or by check payable to AAUW Camarillo Branch in the mail (see the end of the newsletter for specific renewal instructions). AAUW is a national organization which has three levels of membership: National \$72 (of which \$69 is tax deductible), State (\$20), and Branch \$23 for a total renewal fee for 2023-2024 is now \$115.

Our volunteers are the reason our branch is recognized in CA as one of the most active branches in the state and we could not do it without you. If you have not recently had the time or opportunity to volunteer with one of our programs, I encourage you to do so! Many of our volunteer opportunities only require a commitment for a few months of the year and some for just one day or night a year. I promise that whatever program you become involved with, you will be a part of something very special while having a great time with other dynamic and motivated (not to mention fun) women. Share your experience and knowledge!

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).



## 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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## Membership

### AAUW Camarillo Branch – Need to renew?

Annual dues are \$115

(\$72 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 login 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: (H) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest  
College Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

University/college: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Schedule: Circle one:

General Member **\$115**

Student Affiliate \$0

(Includes local, state & National Dues)

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