

President's Message from Cathy Trevino

Holiday greetings busy ladies. Thank you for your membership to AAUW Camarillo, your organization to help advance gender equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. We have had an amazing year of accomplishments that benefit so many. While we gather with friends and loved ones this holiday season, let us take time to be grateful for all we enjoy and not take it for granted. Take a minute and refuel and renew for the year ahead.

Thanks to our highly successful Author's Day fundraiser and The Gene Haas Foundation, we are funded for our 2024 programs and events. Part of the 2024 excitement will be our springtime celebration of the 60th Anniversary of our branch, so stay tuned! Wishing you the most joyful season and all things bright, and health and happiness in the New Year. With Gratitude, Cathy

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.

Let's Take a Cruise!

Thanks to all who preordered their tickets for the hour-long holiday light cruise on **Sunday December 10th in Ventura Harbor** with Island Packers. While group sales have ended, there may still be space on the boat, so contact Island Packers to find out!! You can also join us for a drink or a bite beforehand at The Greek, where Author's Day Committee woman, Janice Lindsay, guitarist, and singer extraordinaire, and her friend, Richard Noel, accordion virtuoso, are the entertainment. Hope to see you there. Contact Julie Mohr for more information.



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**



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

12/7 – Public Policy meeting on Zoom - Contact Kathy Long for more info

12/9 – Camarillo Christmas Parade

12/10 – Holiday Light Cruise in Ventura Harbor. See details on flyer.

1/10/24 – Board Meeting – All are welcome. Zoom link below.*

1/20/24 – IBC Luncheon – Banned Books

3/3, 3/13, 3/20/24 – 60th Knowledge Bowl

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

We LOVE a Parade!!

Our first event to kick off our anniversary year is the Camarillo Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 9th at 9am! Dress up as a woman in history, help carry one of our banners, or just join us for a stroll down memory lane. Bring the kids, the grandkids, your favorite Creative Arts Workshop Instructor. There's so much to celebrate. [Contact Gloria](#) for questions and more logistic information and let her know that you'll join us!

We are still looking for help with the 60th Anniversary Celebration! Let Gloria know your ideas or send your photos, like these great ones from Betsy Metzgar, who shared pictures from Women in History over the years.

Eleanor Roosevelt



Adolfo's, 143rd Birthday Celebration





Mae Jemison

PM Book Review

Please remember that our book club meeting will be early this month--December 11, 2023 at the home of Barbara Bergman at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing the book *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge, which is a fascinating read about the trek of two young giraffes across America to their new home in San Diego. Please let Barbara know if you plan to attend or not [805 482-2610] or at barbieq@roadrunner.com.

Non-Fiction Book Group

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

Vagina Obscura: An Anatomical Voyage by Rachel E. Gross

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: The REDress Project

The crisis of missing and murdered indigenous people, especially women, is staggering. A Canadian artist, Jaime Black, started a project to draw attention to the problem through powerful art installations of red dresses that represent the women lost to violence. AAUW Thousand Oaks will be hosting a Spring event with this theme and have invited us to participate. More details coming. In the meantime, learn more about the artist and the project at

<https://www.jaimeblackartist.com/exhibitions/>

- 506** MMIWG cases were identified across 71 selected urban cities
- 128** were cases of missing Indigenous women
- 280** were cases of murdered Indigenous women
- 98** were cases with an "unknown status"
- 29** The median age of MMIWG victims



IBC Luncheon

INTERBRANCH COUNCIL: Luncheon – Saturday, January 20, 2024

Grab your calendar and enter the date for our first AAUW event in the New Year of 2024 – the Interbranch Counsel Luncheon (IBC). Members from all three of our Ventura County AAUW chapters are invited to this luncheon held at the Los Robles Greens, 299 South Moorpark Road in Thousand Oaks, from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm. This year's speakers will address the "hot topic" of "Censorship & Banned Books". The cost is \$40 and more information will be released soon!

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. Thank you.

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

Public Policy from Kathy Long

Well, it's been a busy month! At our prior Public Policy meeting we discussed some items to work on and that work is underway. On November 13th, we participated in a Zoom meeting with Assemblymember Steve Bennett, focusing on Sustainable Groundwater Management. He covered the long history here in our county of seawater intrusion in the Oxnard Plains; the formation of Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, tasked with identifying "sustainable yield" (think of it as how many straws can draw from one container before all the liquid is gone); and the years of litigation around these issues. The final adjudication settlement agreement for the FCGMA set a sustainable yield and established a Policy Advisory Committee—which may continue to complicate the goals for solutions for all aquifers. Although he has and is working on legislation, the public must engage. Take a look at your water agency, the elected/appointed leadership, and their policies. Fresh water is imperative for all communities and no question, is a risk and presently not sustainable!

As reported by Merrill Berge last month, the Camarillo Airport Land Use Plan (ALP) is fully underway and open for public comments. Facts show increasing flight volumes, larger jets, and more turboprop flights. No public workshops scheduled rest of this year, but information/frequently asked questions can be found at vcairports.org.

Tied to both water and airport noise is housing. How are we doing in Camarillo to provide for all levels of housing needs. Our Mayor Susan Santangelo (and AAUW member) in her recent State of the City report out, noted that we are progressing in the best direction. On the city's website: chosecamarillo.com you can read of the progress with the old lumber yard on Lewis. Construction is underway and approved to be 100% affordable, including low and very low and special needs units. More sites in the works!

Finally, quick update on Broadband. Ventura County in line to receive over \$20 million allocation from state to expand access for all to the internet. In January, public meetings will take place to share updates and receive input. The Affordable Community Program, federally funded benefit for eligible households to receive \$30/month for home internet will launch in January. Go to internetforallnow.org for more information and eligibility.

Please join the Public Policy Committee to help us work on these issues and others, small bites, all working together to provide you the information to be informed and to advocate. Our next meeting via Zoom is December 7th at 4:00. Kathylong220@gmail.com

Membership Matters

AAUW Camarillo branch ended the year very strong adding a whopping 9 new members since August! Many of our new members are friends of current members or were encouraged by a current member to join. We should be shouting from the rooftops about all the important work our branch does and many of you are doing just that! Thank you so very much! Our current members are the heart of our branch and new members help to secure the future of our branch. There is simply nothing like speaking from your heart and sharing your experience to encourage others to join us.

If it is time for you to renew, 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.

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.

Please welcome new member, Carol Dietz!

I moved to Leisure Village in Camarillo in September 2021 from the Cleveland, Ohio area where my husband, John, and I raised our family and lived for 37 years. We really missed our granddaughters, ages 4 and 6, during the pandemic and decided to move closer to them after retirement. The majority of my work career initially focused on structural engineering consulting and then college and university facilities management after earning BS degrees in Psychology and Civil Engineering from Syracuse University and a MS in Civil Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania. I like to be active in the community and am currently serving on the Leisure Village Long Range Planning Committee and am the Inaugural Chair of the Water Conservation Committee. Having attended college and entered the work force at a time when women were encouraged to enter STEM careers, I'm happy to join such an active AAUW chapter which supports young women in their studies and careers.

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.

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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 Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)-approved professional preparation program as defined in California Education Code §69617 or §69617.5
- ▶ 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 work at a California State Preschool Program or priority school for 4 years within 8 years of 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
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For more information on requirements, forms, and more, visit us at:

WWW.CSAC.CA.GOV/GSTG



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. 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 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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