

## President's Message from Cathy Trevino

I had a marvelous holiday season and hope you did as well. Friends and family, old and new, made for a stupendous month of cheer. Gloria Miele and I attended the CSUCI End of Year Celebration where the President, Dr. Yao, asked that we collaborate again soon. What the new year brings to us will depend a great deal on what we bring to the new year. The 60th anniversary of AAUW Camarillo is a very significant milestone we will be celebrating. Let us remember, life is like a bicycle. To keep our balance, we must keep moving. AAUW has many activities, events, standing committees, short-term task forces, all designed to help you keep your balance and move ahead. Life is always changing, but growth is optional. Please choose wisely and agree to join us in continuing our 60 years of success locally and beyond. Your hardworking board is seeking help and would appreciate your interest and assistance in the coming months. Please reach out to Cathy Trevino at [AAUW.Camarillo.President@gmail.com](mailto:AAUW.Camarillo.President@gmail.com)

Life is not about expecting, hoping, and wishing, it is about doing, being, and becoming. So, let's do it!!!!

## 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.

## IBC Luncheon: Bans Off Our Books!



Ventura County Interbranch Council  
Presents

### I'm With the Banned . . Keep your **bans** off my books Luncheon and Speakers Panel

Join us to hear how our local and state educators are fighting to keep print material equitable and available for all

**Saturday, Jan 20, 2024**

**11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**\$45 per person**

**Los Robles Greens**

299 S Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks



**Ashlee Nishiya,**  
**MS**  
Ventura County  
office of education  
Literacy  
Coordinator



**Nicole Vines,**  
**PhD**  
Cal State  
Channel Islands,  
Professor of  
Black Studies



**Yvonne Wilber,**  
**PhD**  
Cal Lutheran  
University  
Librarian, Head of  
Undergrad Instruction  
and Outreach

**Reservation deadline**  
**Wed. Jan 10th**

Pay with PayPal (no account required) by scanning the QR code or Send checks made out to AAUW Camarillo to PO Box 862 Camarillo 93011 Payments must be received by Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Call or email Cathy Trevino for questions, more information, or if you'd like a vegetarian meal. [aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com](mailto:aauw.camarillo.president@gmail.com) 805 757-3677



## 2024 Calendar Highlights

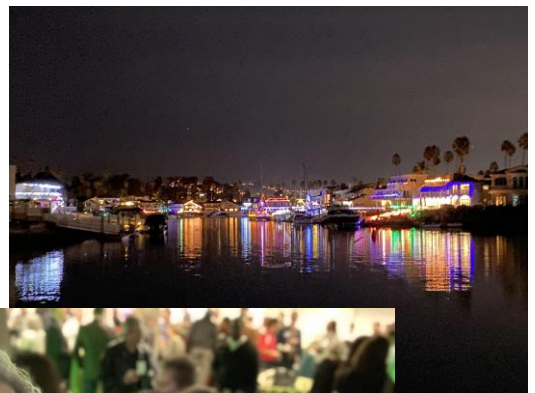
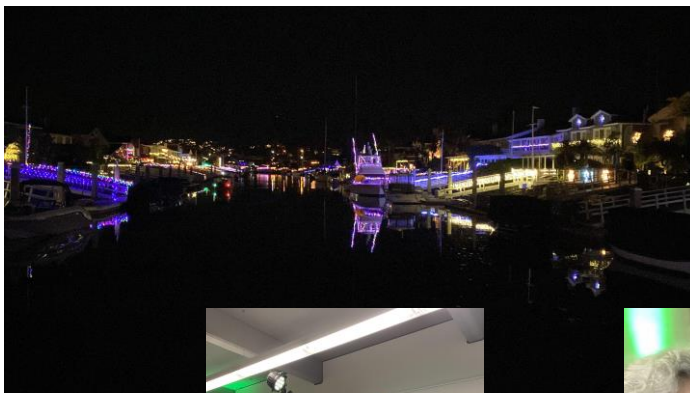
- 1/10/24 – Board Meeting – All are welcome. Zoom link below.\*
- 1/20/24 – IBC Luncheon – Banned Books
- 1/22/24PM Book Group
- 2/14/24 - Board Meeting – All are welcome. Zoom link below.\*
- 3/3, 3/13, 3/20/24 – 60<sup>th</sup> Knowledge Bowl
- 3/4-15 – Women’s History performances

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

## Out and About in December

While we missed the Camarillo Christmas parade due to high winds (we’ll be there next year!!), over 30 AAUW Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, friends and family enjoyed the holiday light cruise in Ventura Harbor. Special thanks to Julie Mohr who organized this great event.

AAUW Camarillo was also well-represented at the CSUCI Holiday Donor gathering, with CI faculty, staff, and 3 branch presidents in the photo below. In attendance but not pictured: Jeanne Adams and Stephanie Zierhut. Dr. Yao expressed his gratitude to all university supporters. More to come!!



## More Chances to Get Out and About: Science and Art!

### Beautiful Music – New West Symphony in Camarillo!



We are fortunate the New West Symphony has shows in Camarillo the following Sundays at 3:00 at the Rancho Campana Center in Camarillo.

January 28 - Fascinating Rhythms

March 3 – Cirque de la Symphonie

Purchase your tickets online or call 866-776-8400 starting at \$35. Or visit the website for more information: <https://newwestsymphony.org/>

Join us for dinner optional after performance at Toppers Pizza in Camarillo. Contact Julie Mohr for information at 805 217 1394.

### Guided Tours of Camarillo's Desalination Plant, 2727 Somis Road

Camarillo now gets almost 60% of its water from the new plant treating brackish groundwater from the Calleguas Creek Watershed. Julie Mohr has set up some free tours for us to go check out the operation.

You have two choices: Wed. January 31 at 2 pm or Tue February 20th at 2 pm

Max on each tour is 20 people. If you reserve spots, please attend as docents are counting on your attendance.

Contact Julie Mohr for reservations for your free tour.

Julie Mohr: 805 217-1394 or [MohrJ2000@hotmail.com](mailto:MohrJ2000@hotmail.com)

## Volunteers Needed for 60<sup>th</sup> Knowledge Bowl

January is here and the countdown to a favorite and our longest running program has begun. Fourteen high school teams from all over Ventura County are participating. This year we welcome an all Freshman team the new Del Sol High School.

Check-in and instructions are at 5:30pm, followed by the rounds each night. The dates and locations for Knowledge Bowl 2024 are:

March 6 St. Bonaventure High School Mini practice round and rounds 1-4  
March 13 Del Sol High School. Rounds 5-9  
March 20 Adolfo Camarillo High School Rounds 10-13 and awards

Volunteers are needed serve as question readers, judges and timers. You can volunteer for one, two, or all three nights. If you are new to this program, you will be paired with our seasoned returning volunteers. A mini practice round will be held on March 6th to give students, coaches and volunteers a chance to review the process.

Sign up now on SignUp Genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A49AF28A5FA7-46959680-knowledge>

Can you answer these questions from last year?

- In one story, Sherlock Holmes refers to whom as “his Boswell”? (Dr. Watson)
- Who was the first person to observe Saturn’s rings in 1610? (Galileo)
- The oxides of nonmetals are either neutral or... (acidic)
- On his last voyage, Bartolomeu Dias was lost at sea while rounding what cape he had discovered?  
(Cape of Good Hope)
- Elon Musk makes cars named after what physicist? (Nikola Tesla)

Contact Mary Goldberg at [marymgoldberg@gmail.com](mailto:marymgoldberg@gmail.com) or (805) 248-4572 for more information.



## PM Book Review

Our next meeting is on Monday, Jan 22, 2024, at the home of Marilyn Brackett at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing the book *Lightning* by Dean Koontz. It is a thriller/science fiction book originally published in 1988. Available in paperback, it was made into a film starring Ben Affleck. please let Marilyn know if you plan to attend or not: [rmbrackett@verizon.net](mailto:rmbrackett@verizon.net).

## Non-Fiction Book Group

Contact   Barbara Hilburn ([hilburndesigns@gmail.com](mailto:hilburndesigns@gmail.com)) for more information about the group's plans in 2024.

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: The REDress Project

AAUW Thousand Oaks is looking for donations of red dresses for the Red Dress Project. Contact Gloria if you have one to donate.

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



## Public Policy from Kathy Long

AAUW benefits from our affiliation with National and California AAUW in many ways: our local mission and work are guided by them; our projects benefit from experiences and access to information they provide; and their value-added programs are accessible for our use. Our Public Policy committee engages with their legislative proposals and tracks the work to inform our members. Our local elected representatives all have websites and local district offices available for our engagement.

Our newest Washington U.S. Representative, new to our county, is Congressman Salud Carbajal –[saludcarbajal.house.gov](http://saludcarbajal.house.gov). He represents our northern part of the county: Ventura, Ojai/Ojai Valley, and parts of Santa Clara Valley/Saticoy. The Congressman recently fought for and secured resources via the National Defense Authorization Act: the Disrupt Fentanyl Trafficking Act, establishing an urgency for our country to work with Mexico to stop the flow of this deadly drug. Fentanyl is the leading cause of death in ages 18-45, estimated 196 deaths every single day in our nation. Ventura County had 181 deaths in 2022, up from 22 in 2017. The Act declared this a National Security Threat, signed by the President. This will bring extra resources to our region to combat this threat.

Our electeds work hard to represent our communities, sometimes un-noticed in the complexities of our lives. I encourage you to take a look at their websites to get a true picture of their work. Senator Monique Limon just posted the Year In Review, a short video that captures her work –one of the better videos I've seen. Go to [SD19.senate.ca.gov](http://SD19.senate.ca.gov) to see for yourself. Others websites: [juliabrownley.house.gov](http://juliabrownley.house.gov); [A38.asmdc.org](http://A38.asmdc.org) –Assemblymember Steve Bennett; [A42.asmdc.org](http://A42.asmdc.org) –Assemblymember Jacquie Irwin.

As the New Year begins, we welcome your participation in the committee and always your feedback. Happy New Year 2024, may we all work for peace.

## Membership Matters

Happy New Year! At that start of each new year, I am challenged by my work team with goals for the upcoming year. Each year the goals are increased I find myself up for the challenge and am fired up to achieve them because I know that my job as a financial advisor makes a difference in people's lives. As your Membership Chairperson, I also know for sure that what we do in the AAUW Camarillo branch makes a huge difference for the women and girls (and all people) who are positively impacted by our programs and our advocacy. We also need new members to keep our branch alive, vibrant and strong enough to continue. In 2023, we added 15 new members which is an all-time record in my time on the Board and for 2024 I am challenging us to a goal of 17 new members. We can reach that goal with all of our current members who continue to encourage their friends, family members and co-workers 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).

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

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## We are 60!

We are meeting with the City of Camarillo soon to discuss possibilities for collaboration in celebrating both of our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries. Contact Gloria – [gloria@strongerleader.com](mailto:gloria@strongerleader.com) – 805-216-8403 to join the planning committee and/or send pictures, stories, and memories!





## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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