



# ***The Big Wind email***

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*The Big Wind* is a bimonthly newsletter. Articles should be sent to Judy Galvin by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

KEEP YOUR **KIDS**  
**SAFE** Online



## **Protecting Kids from On-Line Predators Thursday, March 19 6-7 PM At The Boys and Girls Club ~ Lemon and Alamo**

The Simi Valley AAUW, the Simi Valley Boys and Girls Club and the PTA is sponsoring an evening to inform parents, grandparents and anyone supervising young children on how to protect kids from on-line dangers.

Greg Listster of SAFEChecks will present this very informative and important topic.

The Boys and Girls Club will provide supervised activities for children so that parents can attend.

This is open to the community so please invite your friends and neighbors.

If you would like to help out that evening please call Pat Becker 491-3484

CELEBRATING

**Women of Character  
Courage & Commitment**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

**11:30-2 PM Cost \$20.00**

**Simi Valley Town Center Community Room  
Lunch and Presentation of Women in History  
Projects by students from Chatsworth High School**

If you would like to review all of the projects and choose those that will be presented at the luncheon, contact Ruth Dempsey. The group will be going to Chatsworth High School on Thursday, March 26 @ 3:00

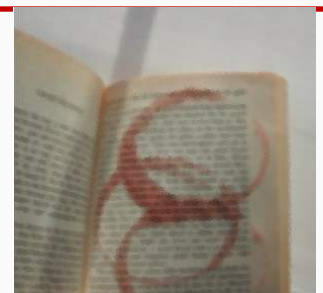
Please send you checks to Ruth Dempsey

**Speaking of Women in History...**

**Maureen will be hosting an evening of wine, dessert  
and memories on Wednesday, April 15 at 7 PM**

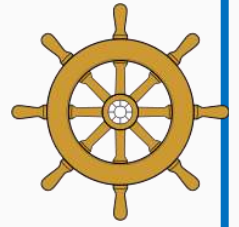
**If you would like to help go through our branch scrapbooks to  
sort, toss, and consolidate please let Maureen know.**

**saraaaron@aol.com or 526-8008**



Mark  
Your  
Calendar

Next Steering Committee Meeting  
Monday, April 27  
10 AM  
Karen Cunningham's  
585 Sonata Way 527-3987

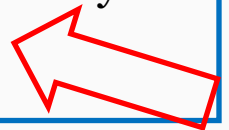


May 16 Spring Brunch  
At the home of Mary Martin  
1059 Tuttle Ave 10:00 AM

Meet the scholarship recipients, Tech Trek girls and honor the members who have contributed to our branch.

Members will be asked to bring an egg dish, fruit or breakfast breads. Please sign up at your interest group meeting or call Betsy or Yolanda.

Dues will be going up to **\$85**, the increase is going to the state funds. Pay by the Brunch and have your check in the drawing for a free year.



*Progressive Dinner was a Great Success!*

It was so nice to visit with old friends and get to know new ones.

Thank you to Kathy and Larry Fried for opening their home to start our evening with appetizers and wine. Tom and Yolanda Rogers and Betsy and Vince Dulcich served dinner of salad and Jambalaya in their homes. We finished the evening at Maureen and Howard Everakes with dessert and coffee. Thank you to all 24 of the attendees who contributed food or money to the dinner. (Recipe for Jambalaya will come soon.)

## BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE

### MARCH

7 Claudia Allen  
19 Florence Wettig  
20 Jean Schlosser  
24 Jean Bennett  
29 Pat Becker



5 Roberta Leap  
7 Betsy Dulcich  
7 Eileen Strayer  
9 Veda De Jane  
18 Marilyn Burnham  
29 Karen Cunningham

*In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.*

*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.*

Stay current with the AAUW CA websites:  
[www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)  
[www.simivalley-ca.aauw.net](http://www.simivalley-ca.aauw.net)

### *Have You Heard?*



Almarine Cook's daughter, Allyn, passed away on February 6. Caring thoughts and love go out to Almarene and her family.

Keep Florence Wettig in your thoughts as she is having surgery soon.

Arlene Zwicker and her husband are going through difficult health problems, if you can help them out please give her a call.

Former member, Vivian Translateur has been diagnosed with cancer. Keep her in your thoughts.

## INTEREST GROUPS CORNER

### *GREAT DECISIONS*

*Meet and discuss world topics and foreign policy.*

*Books have been ordered.*

*The next meeting is on Thursday, Feb 19  
At Betsy Dulcich's home, 5366 Seneca Place.*

*Contact Karen Cunningham*

*805-527-3987 (home) 805 443-6251 (cell)*

### **CANASTA**

**Every Wednesday, 1-3:30 P.M.  
Member's Homes**

Canasta has been great fun playing at different member's homes. If you want to play or wish to learn how to play, please contact:

**Ruth Dempsey, 501-5874.**



### **BRIDGE**

**1st through 4th Wed of the month  
9:30—1:30**

**Sunrise Assisted Living  
190 Tierra Rejada SV**

**Penny Neugroschl, 526-1570**

### **BREAKFAST GROUP**

**COME JOIN US FOR FOOD,  
FUN AND FRIVOLITY!!**

**2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH,  
9AM**

**MARCH 14  
HOST MARY MARTIN  
Old Susanna Cafe**

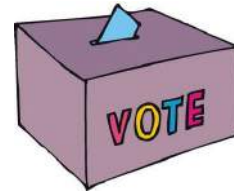
**April 11  
Host Virginia Seaton  
Place TBA**

If you plan to attend, please  
RSVP to Marie so the restaurant  
can be warned.

**Maria Harvey, 522-8804**



## AAUW Elections



CA State elections are from April 18-May 8.

Members will receive an email with their personal access code and link to the voting site.

Non-email members will receive a postcard with the information.

National AAUW elections start on April 15 and end on June 19.

Your ID and voting PIN will be on the back of your *Outlook* next to the address label.

Go to [www.aauw.org/resource/nationalelection](http://www.aauw.org/resource/nationalelection) and enter your ID and PIN.

You may vote for President, Vice-president and 10 Directors.

**Judy Pfiel is seeking one of the Director positions. Please support our very dedicated branch member.**



### Goals and Passion For AAUW

**P**romote programs -STEM and Public Policy

**F**oster communication, connection and AAUW Funds

**E**ngage with C/U partners

**I**nterest in the future - Tech Trek and Elect Her

**L**eadership - new ideas at branch level

Vote for **JUDY PFEIL**

AAUW Director

Voting is from Apr.16-June 19 via AAUW.org  
(you will receive your voting code on next *Outlook* magazine)

**OWLS**  
**10:00 A.M**

The named member reviews the book and hosts the group.

March 17 *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin  
Hostess Paula Lightfoot

April 21 *All Day and All Night* by Doris Kearns Goodwin  
Hostess Ruth Dempsey

New faces are welcome. Paula Lightfoot 522-4040 or [pmbrownL@yahoo.com](mailto:pmbrownL@yahoo.com)  
Or Roberta Leap 527-0670 [robertaleap@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robertaleap@sbcglobal.net)



**Evening Book Group**

March 24 *All Girls Filling Station Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg  
Host: Kathy Fried  
Reviewer: Maureen Everakes

April 28 *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins  
Host: Roberta Leap  
Reviewer: Lorraine Erickson

Contact Judy Galvin for more information [ammom4299@aol.com](mailto:ammom4299@aol.com) 527-6349

I ♥  
Book Club



**Job Opportunity....**

After many years of heading up the poinsettia sales to raise money for the branch Hazel Hird is stepping down, a well-deserved retirement. Hazel will be happy to turn over the paperwork to someone willing to continue the sales. Please think about it, several people have worked with Hazel and know the job and will help with distribution of plants.

If you are interested in taking over the sales please contact Hazel or Karen Cunningham.

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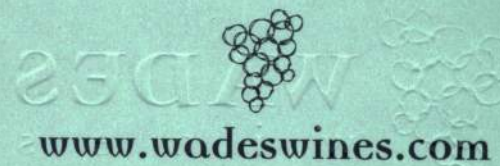
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