



50th Anniversary

# 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.



## Social Event

Sunday, Dec 11  
At 2 PM

Get in the Holiday Spirit with good friends. Thirty seats have been reserved for AAUW at the SV Cultural Arts Center.

Cost is \$20, checks should be made out to Yolanda Rogers—your seats will be assigned when she receives your check. The order will be turned in **November 16**.

After the play we will have dinner at the *Junkyard Café*.

Call Yolanda Rogers to reserve or if you have questions:  
582-1286 [yolierogers@hotmail.com](mailto:yolierogers@hotmail.com)



## Poinsettia Sales Fundraiser Beautiful Holiday Plants \$10

Virginia Seaton is taking orders for plants. If she does not contact you, please let her know how many plants you would like by November 18. 583-2738 [vcseaton@netscape.net](mailto:vcseaton@netscape.net)

Pick up day is Saturday, December 3 11-1 pm. At Maureen's home  
2707 Bitternut Circle

## FIRST BUNCO FUNDRAISER A BIG SUCCESS



A HUGE Thank You to everyone who made our first Bunco fundraiser a success. We made almost \$800 for our Scholarship and Trek Tech girls. The success was in thanks to our members (and spouses/friends) who attended and to those who were unable to attend but still made a monetary donation, and to Amy's Bunco group for their donation.

Thank you to the committee who donated their time, talents and gift cards: Maureen Everakes, Karen Cunningham, Amy Rieker, and Lorraine Erickson.

And a special thank you to Judy Pfeil for arranging her clubhouse for our use.

## So This is Where the Money Goes !

If you were at the October General meeting you had the opportunity to meet 3 of our 4 Tech Trek girls and see how invaluable your donations are.

The girls spoke about their experience at camp, and how it has affected them—giving them a stronger desire to explore the math and science fields, and to work together on a project.

It was a pleasure to hear from the mother of one of the girls as she told us how grateful she is that we are giving the girls this opportunity.



Cailah Lim, Clarissa Campos, Stephanie Iskander, Karen Cunningham  
Not shown: Angelina Parada

Karen Cunningham, Tech Trek Coordinator



Our girls and some of the women who make the experience possible



# Upcoming Events:

## VENTURA COUNTY IBC ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Featuring Melissa Baffa  
Speaking on Women and Leadership



Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

12 noon – 2:30 pm

Los Robles Greens Gold Course  
299 South Moorpark Rd, Thousand oaks  
\$35.00

Proceeds will be used for a local College scholarship

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RSVP by sending check and this slip to: AAUW – 2999 Yucca Dr. Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012  
No later than January 20, 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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### *Souper Bowl Sunday January 29* *At the home of Pat and Barry Becker*

Do you have a prize winning soup recipe? Come find out at our first Souper Bowl Party. There will be sign ups for soup, bread and dessert. *And* just as we voted for our favorite chili, we will vote with quarters for the best soup.

There will be an opportunity to buy a squares on the Supper Bowl Pool.

Sign ups and more information to follow.



Our Branch has Adopted a Poll - Karen Cunningham is coordinating the volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or need to check on what times you have signed up for call Karen ~ 527-3987 or 805 443-6251



**B**UT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

*Wine and Appetizer Social Saturday, February 25 6-10 pm  
At the home of Yolanda and Tom Rogers*

*Please save the date for an enjoyable evening  
of wines, food and good friends*



*Simi Valley Branch 50th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon  
April 8 11:30-3:00 at The Sunset Hills Country Club*

*Join us celebrating 50 years of promoting the mission of AAUW  
And of friendships and common goals in the community.*

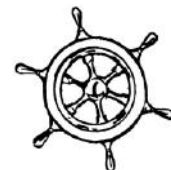
*We will honor our charter members, past presidents, and Women of  
Achievement*

*Presentation: "We Did It for You"*

*More information to follow*



Steering Committee Meeting  
January 9 10 am  
Yolanda's home



All members welcome



**INTEREST GROUPS CORNER**

***GREAT DECISIONS***

Meet and discuss world topics and foreign policy.

Meetings are held at Karen's home Thursdays 10-noon  
585 Sonata Way Unit A  
Gate code #5523

Nov 17 Topic: Cuba and the US

*Karen Cunningham*

527-3987

443-6251 cell



**BREAKFAST GROUP**

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

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH,  
9 AM

**November 12**

Denny's

Host: Virginia 583-2738

**December 10**

Santa Susana Café

Host: Mary Martin 527-0760

Please contact host if you plan to attend.



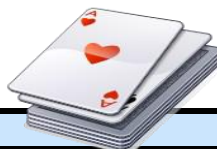
**CANASTA**

**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

*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.*

## Birthdays to Celebrate



1 Mary Martin  
10 Pat Armstrong  
17 Nancy Miller  
18 Lorraine Erickson  
21 Leslie Visser-Dumont



1 Ruth Dempsey  
11 Karla Pelletier  
12 Ruth Jacob  
31 Lana Fricke

*Thank you to Kathy Fried for sending Birthday Greetings to our members from the Branch*

*Introducing one of our newest members...*



Christine Palotay got a history degree with an English minor from beautiful UCSB, planning on becoming a teacher. But she got sidetracked by helping her boyfriend start a business and doing the bookkeeping. His accountant said “you’re good at this, you should become a CPA.” After learning that they make a decent living, she went to school at night for six years, passed the CPA exam, and got a Masters in Business Taxation from USC, while working full time for a Big 8 accounting firm. There she met her husband and had three very entertaining children while working at home as a sole practitioner. When she started volunteering in their school, she became active in PTA and ran the school library for 6 years. That led to volunteering with the S.V. Friends of the Library for 15 years. Meanwhile she got her teaching credential from CSUCI and subbed and tutored as well. Now she’s retired and enjoys gardening, reading, and hiking, and is eagerly awaiting grandchildren!

*Christina has joined right in attending meeting and participating in weekly canasta games.*

*Yolanda Rogers, Membership Chair*

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



The named member reviews the book and hosts the group.

Nov. 15 *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah; Jeanette Martin

Dec. 20 *Steal Across the Sky* by Nancy Kress; Carol Esser

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**  
**7:30 PM**



Nov. 15 *The Truth According to Us* by Annie Borrowes

Host: Kathy Fried Rev: Lorraine Erickson

Dec 13 *Winter Street* by Erin Hilderbrand Host: Carol Esser, Rev: Maureen

*Because of the holidays the group is not meeting on the usual 4th Tuesday.*

New members are always welcome. Contact Judy Galvin 527-6349, [ammom4299@aol.com](mailto:ammom4299@aol.com)

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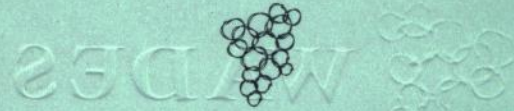
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Mary Martin, 527-0760

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