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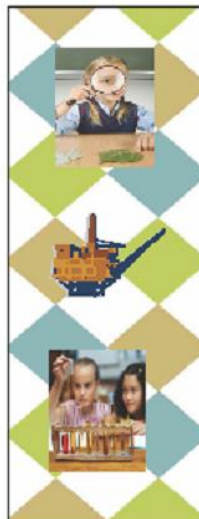
*Join us to learn about the:
"Youth Services in our
Community"*

*General Meeting and
Membership Event*

*Saturday, September 7, 2013
10:00 -11:30 a.m.*

*Simi Valley Library Community
Room*

*11:30 stay for a tour of the new
library and get your new
library card.*



Tech Trek Girls

Come and support our Tech
Trek girls and their parents as
we hear all about their week
at UCSB.

Sunday, October 27, 2013

1-4 p.m.

Methodist Church Chapel

Don't miss this fun time!

SIMI VALLEY AAUW WEBSITE:

www.simivalley-ca.aauw.net

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2013

This year, we are trying a new approach to our branch leadership and structure. Instead of just a few having all the voice, we want to make sure all have a voice. We are not asking for the world, or scads of your time and effort, but just a small contribution to the success of our branch and AAUW.

Our new structure is called **coordinating committees**. On page 5, you will see a diagram and an explanation describing this approach.

We are really pleased that many of our members have signed up and have been participating in the three planning meetings. Programs and Projects, and Membership events have been put in place with the help and input of these members. If you have not had the opportunity to sign up to help and are willing to do your part, please let Judy Pfeil, (805-527-6292) know. We are asking for a few minutes of your time to help us. Most small efforts will and can be done in one's own time.

This is your branch and your branch needs you! With all of us doing working together, we can have a great year.

The directory is being put together as this is being sent out, and you will receive yours at the September meeting. Hope to see all of you there!

Judy Pfeil

This edition of the Big Wind email was
prepared by
Leslie Visser-Dumont
Articles for the Big Wind must be received by
the Big Wind editor
by the **15th** of the month.

Board Meeting



7-9 P.M.
August 26, 2013
Hostess: Karen Cunningham
5689 E. Bloomfield St, SV

Future board meetings will be scheduled as needed.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee proudly chose 4 scholarship winners this year from an impressive list of applicants. The Donna Gladden Scholarships went to Allison Corralejo and McKayla Rosen both of Royal High School. McKayla was the Student Body President at Royal High School, and is preparing to attend Pepperdine in Malibu. Allison's ambition is to become an ER Doctor with an intent to serve in a third world country. Amy Lai and Ashley Ruiz from Santa Susana High School were our other two choices. Amy will be attending Cal Lutheran with dreams of becoming a pediatrician, while Ashley will attend either NYU or Mt. St. Mary's to study Nursing. All spoke briefly at our June Brunch and completely charmed our membership with their enthusiasm and poise.

Looking ahead to fund next year's scholarship winners, the branch plans to hold our annual Christmas poinsettia sale. Yamamoto Farms have not been contacted yet, but that is our plan. We have set **December 7th** for our delivery date, and the location will be my home at **1300 Carmel Drive**. The profits from this sale are split between AAUW Funds and our local scholarships. Order forms will be in the November Big Wind.

An added feature this year will be "gently used jewelry". Very simply, go through your jewelry box and sort out jewelry that you don't wear anymore and would like to donate to this sale. Bring it to the September meeting and we will display it for sale during the poinsettia delivery day.

Hazel Hird

My elves, Virginia and Karen will be present on delivery day to assist with your every need.



Membership

Last year the Simi Branch added 7 new members and this year we are aiming for the same or more. Here are the facts you can use to recruit.

With over 12,000 active members, **AAUW California** is a dynamic organization with a long history of affecting change on the issues women care about: education, civil rights, equity in the workplace and college campus, reproductive rights, and gender discrimination.

Our Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Our Value Promise: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Membership is open to people who hold an associate degree or higher. There are three ways for graduates to get involved with AAUW in California and students working toward a qualifying degree may become student affiliates. College students of any age can become student affiliates, either through a branch or as a student affiliate-at-large. National student affiliate fees are \$17, plus branch and state dues if they decide to join a branch as well. Students at colleges and universities which are AAUW partners may join as e-student affiliates absolutely free and continue their free membership until they graduate. Learn more on the national AAUW website **www.aauw.org**.

So recruit, recruit, recruit! Bring a prospective member to our September meeting.

Judy Pfeil

Coordinating Committees



Coordinating committees provide greater flexibility in the branch structure, so that members can both contribute to and benefit from AAUW as their time, resources and energies allow. Sharing responsibilities and combining efforts help to make leadership easier for everyone. We are asking all members to sign up for a Coordinating Committee (shown above in blue) in which they will participate by attending an initial planning meeting, and choosing a small task in a chosen area (shown in green), that will contribute to the overall success of the event.

BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE

September

14 Thella Muncy
9 Almarene Cook
20 Marilyn Cameron
25 Marsha Cutler
29 Dianne McAuliffe

October

15 Judy Galvin
27 Bakula Maniar

Because we have added some new members recently, I would like to update our Birthday List. If you joined the Simi Valley branch within the past year, please send me the date and month of your birthday. No need to send the year!!

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
www.simivalley-ca.aauw.net

INTEREST GROUPS CORNER

RECIPE EXCHANGE

The Recipe Exchange group enjoyed delicious food, wine, and conversation in our first year but we would like more members to join us! Please come to the September meeting and sign up or let me know if you are interested.

KathyFried, 520-6094 or 807-0489
Cookinkgf@aol.com

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.



DAY BRIDGE - 1st, 3rd, 4th Wed from 10am to 2pm
Chair: Penny Neugroschl, 526-1570

COUPLES BRIDGE - 4th Friday at 7pm
Chair: Jean Schlosser, 526-4073

Sunrise Assisted Living
190 Tierra Rejada Rd
SV 93065

BREAKFAST GROUP

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

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

**SEPT 14TH
FIRST STREET CAFÉ
HOSTESS: MARIE HARVEY**

**OCT 12TH
HOSTESS AND LOCATION TO BE
DETERMINED**

If you plan to attend, please
RSVP to the hostess.

Maria Harvey, 522-8804



**OWLS
10:00 A.M**

The named member reviews the book and hosts the group.

September 17 *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson
Hostess/Reviewer Roberta Leap

October 22 *The Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier
Hostess/Reviewer Mary Martin

New faces are welcome.

Paula Lightfoot, 522-4040

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**EVENING BOOK GROUP
Fourth Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 P.M.**

Come join us at 7:30 on the 4th Tuesday of each month for interesting book discussions, friendship and good eats.

September 24 *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter
Hostess: Maureen Everakes
Reviewer: Lorraine Erickson

October 22 *Portrait of a Spy* by Daniel Silva
Hostess: Judy Galvin
Reviewer: TBA

Judy Galvin, 527-6349
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CHINESE AND AN INDY (NEW INTEREST GROUP!!)

Have you ever read the reviews for a super movie, told yourself "For sure I want to see *that one!*" then waited and waited for it to come to Simi, only it never did?

If so, miss no more (or at least less) fine, first-run, independent movies. Join us for an approximately once/month INDY matinee followed by a Chinese dinner.

The Movie House: Regency Westlake Village Twin

A lovingly-restored, two-screen movie house with new, comfortable seats with actual leg room. Regular rate is \$10; Senior rate is \$7.50. The popcorn has real butter!

The Restaurant: Lakeview Garden Chinese Restaurant

Right next door to the movie house. No MSG, a separate special diets/ healthy eating menu, and they're obliging on special requests. Yelp review 4.0.

Both the restaurant and the movie house are handicapped and wheelchair accessible.

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