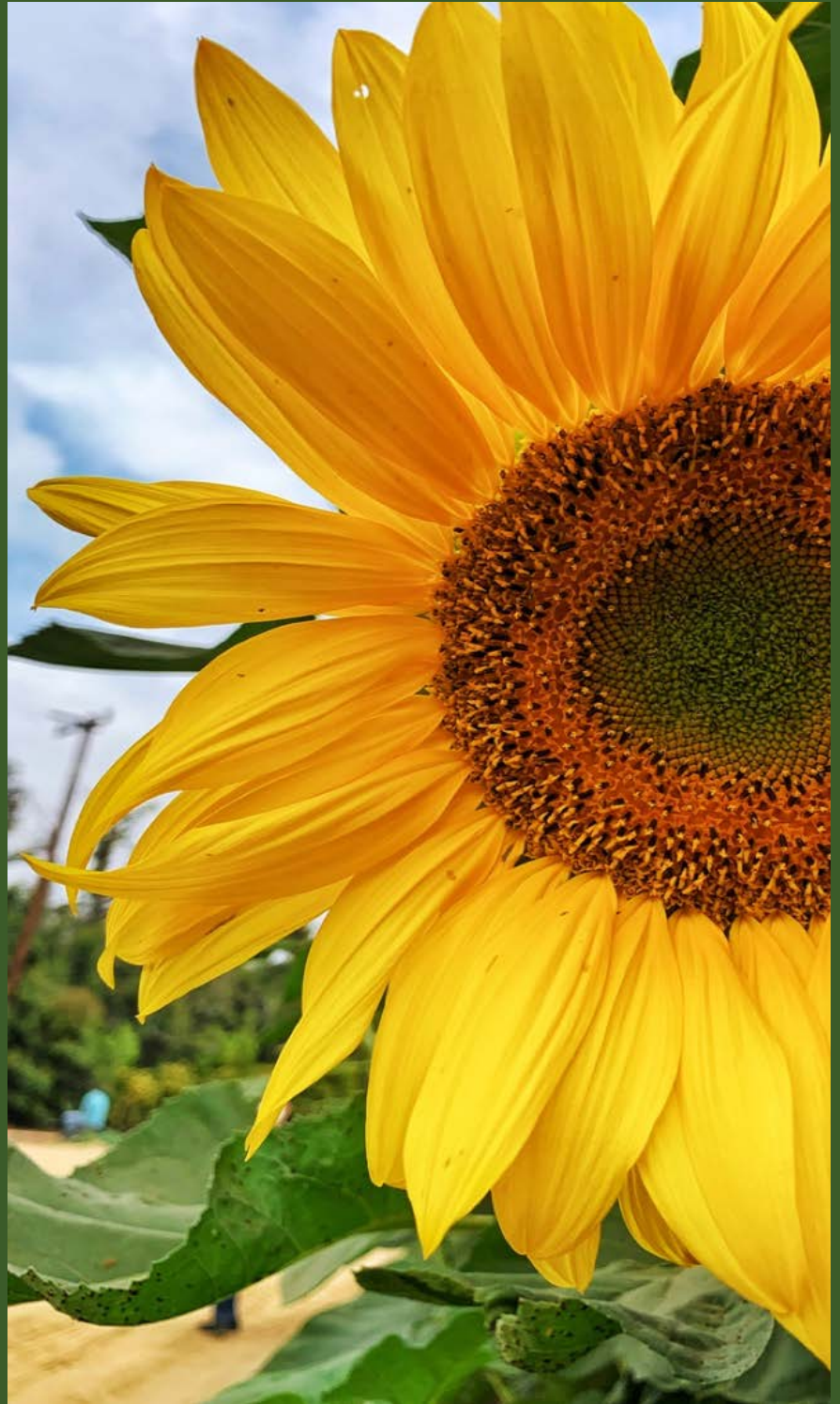


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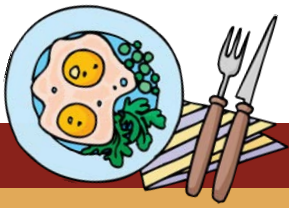


As we head into fall, my co-president, Diane Birchman and I would like our focus for the coming year to be voting rights and social justice for those people whose voting rights are being curtailed or eliminated across our country. We feel this reflects the AAUW mission of equity for all. Last year we celebrated the centennial of women's right to vote. But history teaches us that not all women were allowed to vote after the 19th Amendment became law in 1920. In fact, black men and women were effectively barred from voting until 1965 when the Voting Rights Act passed. Jim Crow laws and intimidation kept most people of color away from the polls before that.

After the Voting Rights Act, many more people of all races registered and voted. However, in 2013, the Supreme Court ruled in *Shelby vs. Holder* that it was unconstitutional to require states with a history of voter discrimination to seek federal approval before changing their election laws. After the highly contested 2020 election, states have written over 400 new laws regarding voting which makes it harder for people of color to vote. We cannot let that happen to our fellow citizens. As Americans, we need to work for the right of all citizens to vote in free and fair elections.

We are planning to invite speakers on current topics and to have a panel discussion to help us understand what is happening here and abroad and what we can do about these issues. We will be asking you to team up with the League of Women Voters to register local high school students to vote and to work at the polls. Our hope is that we can meet in person and that you will join us for these presentations as well as our outings, book groups, breakfast and lunch get-togethers, and the annual holiday party. We enjoy seeing and talking to each of you and would like to hear what is going on in your lives.





# ANNUAL FALL BREAKFAST



## ALL VOICES HEARD!

### AAUW Thousand Oaks Annual Fall Breakfast

Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Check in opens at 8:30 am, program starts promptly at 9:00 am

Los Robles Greens 299 S. Moorpark Rd. Thousand Oaks

**Registration**– Early Bird Registration- \$35 if received by September 30th  
\$40 if received after October 1st

**All registrations due by October 10th**

**Register and pay online at:**

<https://aauwthousandoaks.com/store/ols/categories/fall-membership-event>



Proudly introducing our featured speaker for our Fall Breakfast:

Maricela Morales

Executive Director

Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)

Throughout the month of September until the Fall Breakfast we will be collecting items for foster teenagers to be donated to James Storehouse. You may drop off beforehand or bring with you to Fall Breakfast. Please see attached flyer for specific needs and details.

### NOTICE

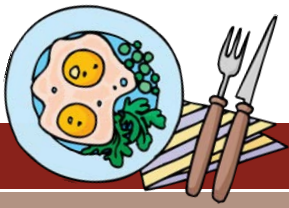


Proof of vaccination required

**We will be REQUIRING all attendees to show proof of vaccination upon arrival.  
Masks are to be worn with the exception of eating times.**

If you do not have online access, please print this form and send with your check to: AAUW TO P.O. Box 4223, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359





# ANNUAL FALL BREAKFAST



**Help us collect items for teenagers in the foster system.**

All items will be donated to James Storehouse.

We will collect in September until the Fall Breakfast on October 16th.

**Drop off until September 30th at :**

1683 Camberwell Place Thousand Oaks OR



**Drop off after September 30th at:** 1582 Windy Mountain Ave, Westlake Village

Bring items to the Fall Breakfast on October 16th



**WE ARE ONLY COLLECTING THESE SPECIFIC ITEMS!**

**NEW Socks: men's and women's adult sizes**

**NEW Underwear- adult sizes S,M,L women's &**

**S,M,L men's boxer briefs style ONLY**



**Shampoo and conditioner-  
FULL-SIZE, no travel size**

**Gently used or new casual shoes**

**in sizes men's size 8, 12, 13 only**

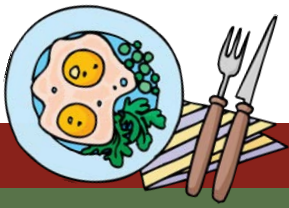
**Women's size 6.5, 9, and 9.5 only**



**Women's leggings & men's athletic shorts**

**New or gently used adult sizes S,M,L**





# ANNUAL FALL BREAKFAST



## Two Fabulous Raffle Packages

TICKETS ARE 5 FOR \$20. BUY ONLINE OR AT THE BREAKFAST!

### Package #1: Boat Trip (est. value \$550)

- FOUR TICKETS FOR WILDLIFE BOAT TOUR OF ANACAPA ISLAND
- \$200 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO MARGARITA VILLE RESTAURANT
- URBAN ADVENTURES DAY TRIP BAG
- BINOCULARS
- CALIFORNIA'S CHANNEL ISLANDS (BOOK)
- BARON HERZOG CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 WINE
- GOURMET SNACKS FOR THE BOAT
- ADDITIONAL GOODIES TBD

### Package #2: Road Trip (est. value \$550)

- FOUR TICKETS TO SANTA BÁRBARA BOTANICAL GARDENS
- \$200 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO STELLA MARE'S RESTAURANT
- FITTED WITH SERVICE FOR FOUR COLLAPSIBLE PICNIC HAMPER
- THE CALIFORNIA GARDEN TOUR (BOOK)
- SANTA BÁRBARA WINERY 2019 CHARDONNAY WINE
- SANTA BÁRBARA POINSETTIA PLANT
- GOURMET SNACKS FOR THE HAMPER
- ADDITIONAL GOODIES TBD

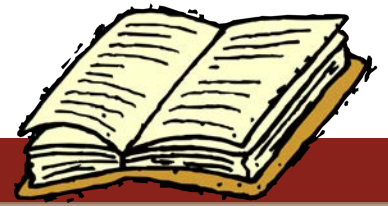
DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE OCT. 16 FALL BREAKFAST. NO NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



### MUSEUMS & GARDENS

This group will be co chaired by Eloda Linehan and Sharon Dyer

Please contact Eloda ([elodatom@verizon.net](mailto:elodatom@verizon.net)) or Sharon ([creationsbysharon@prodigy.net](mailto:creationsbysharon@prodigy.net)) to let them know you are interested in participating in the group.

The first outing for 2021-2022 is a trip to:

The Union Oil Museum

1001 E. Main Street, Santa Paula, Ca

Saturday, September 18

11 am for docent led tour at the museum

Lunch to follow at Rabalais Restaurant/Bakery in Santa Paula

RSVP to Eloda (310) 809-0926 or text

Details about carpooling to follow closer to the date

### EVENING BOOK GROUP

September 23rd, 2021 : **The Murmur of Bees** by *Sofia Segovia*

Receiver: Sharon Dyer

Hostess: Pat O'donnell

October 28th, 2021 : **The Silent Wife** by *Kerry Fisher*

Receiver: Cathy Whitney

Hostess: Pat O'donnell

November 18th, 2021 : **The Flight Attendant** by *Chris Bohjalian*

Receiver: Jean Maxwell

Hostess: Cathy Whitney

The Evening Book Group meets at 7:00 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month except November the third Thursday because of Thanksgiving.





## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



### DAYTIME BOOK GROUP

The Daytime book group has chosen a diverse and exciting selection of books for the coming months. All AAUW members are welcome to join us for all meetings or for one or more meetings. We meet at 10:00 A.M. on the fourth Monday of the month. We are currently meeting on Zoom but as the Covid situation allows, we hope to resume meeting at the Thousand Oaks library in the fall. Contact Joan Udani at [joanudani@hotmail.com](mailto:joanudani@hotmail.com) for information.

September 27th, 2021 : **The Girl With The Louding Voice** by *Abi Dare*

Reviewer : Jeanette Hosek

October 25th, 2021 : **American Dirt** by *Jeanine Cummins*

Reviewer : Wendy Hoffman

November 22nd, 2021: **Between the World and Me** by *Ta-Nehisi Coates*

Reviewer : Claudia Spelman

December 27th 2021: **Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese America heroes in WWII**

Reviewer : Suzi Wedel

### COFFEE & CHAT

Dates for Coffee and Chat are as follows:

October 2nd, 2021

November 6th, 2021

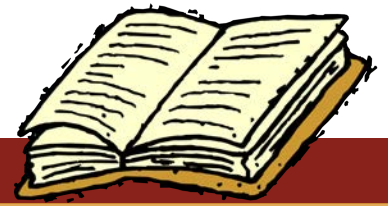
From 9AM to 10:30AM on Zoom until further notice.

Contact Betty Stapleford at [bstaple4d@gmail.com](mailto:bstaple4d@gmail.com)





## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



### UNITY BOOK GROUP

The next book forthright Unity Book Group will be *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Richardson. Shoshana Brower recently wrote an excellent review of this work for the newsletter of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library. She highly recommended the book. Here is a brief synopsis:

The hardscrabble folks of Troublesome Creek have to scarp for everything—everything except books, that is. Thanks to Roosevelt's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, Troublesome's got its very own traveling librarian, Cussy Mary Carter.

Cussy's not only a book woman, however, she's also the last of her kind, her skin a shade of blue unlike most anyone else.

Not everyone is keen on Cussy's family or the Library Project, and a Blue is often blamed for any whiff of trouble. If Cussy wants to bring the joy of books to the hill folks, she's going to have to confront prejudice as old as the Appalachias and suspicion as deep as the holler.

Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere—even back home

### PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

AAUW is not a political organization, but that does not mean that we don't take stands on issues that affect the lives of those in our community and beyond. In fact the national AAUW office for Public Policy sends out updates and suggested actions every month or more. So if you are concerned about things that we can do to make our world a better place for all, please join our Public Policy Committee. We will have monthly meetings and sponsor programs and activities.

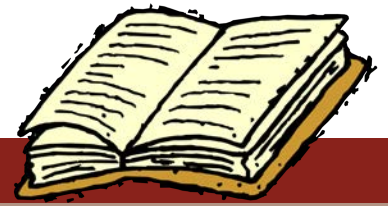
Contact Betty Stapleford at [bstaple4d@gmail.com](mailto:bstaple4d@gmail.com) to find out how you can be a part of this importantwork.







## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



### MEET THE ARTIST

You are invited to join a newly forming special interest group open to TO AAUW members interested in the arts (and crafts). The plan is still developing, but the general outline would be

- meet (virtually and/or in person) each month (or two to begin)
- focus on one art/artist/artisan each meeting
- cast a wide net for types of arts, including 2- and 3-dimensional products, music, dance, and theater
- have one or more artists demonstrate and discuss their art each time
- when possible, include hands-on work in the artists' medium
- include participants whose interests range from curious to professional

Of course, as the group develops, participants will have the opportunity to guide the path. If you are interested in finding out more about the group, please send the following information to Laurie Richlin, the chair:

First Name

Last Name

Email

Preferred Meeting Times (mark all available)

morning

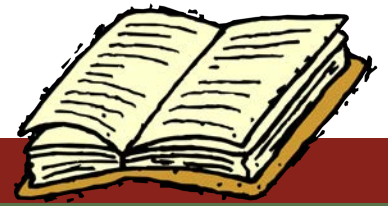
afternoon

evening





## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



Days NOT available (circle all NOT available): SUN MON TUES WED THR FRI SAT

If you are an artist interested in demonstrating your art, please describe your work:

If you have questions, please contact the chair:

Laurie Anne Richlin  
laurie.a.richlin@gmail.com

### LAURIE ANNE RICHLIN

I am a retired medical educator who has been active in starting new medical schools in Michigan and California. I recently returned to SoCal, where I grew up in the San Gabriel Valley. In Detroit, I was Director of the Center for Learning and Teaching at the Wayne State University School of Medicine. In Kalamazoo, I was Professor and Founding Chair of the Department of Medical Education at Western Michigan University School of Medicine. Locally I have worked at Claremont Graduate University, the Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine, and the Charles R. Drew School of Medicine.

I am now an artisan working with fused glass. I specialize in Judaica, including menorahs, Apple & Honey plates for Rosh Hashanah, Seder plates, and mezuzahs. I also make charcuterie plates and Lazy Susans, wine racks, earrings, and pendants in many colors and styles. I am available to teach glassworking, especially to newbies interested in a fascinating hobby. My work can be seen on Etsy at <http://www.Etsy/shops/larglassworks>.





# SPEECH TREK & TECH TREK



## SPEECH TREK

### EXCITING NEWS!

The Board of Directors of AAUW Thousand Oaks is proud to announce that we will be participating in a new program this year. AAUW California offers a Speech Trek Program, which is a speech contest for high school students.

In February, our branch will sponsor a local contest and cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners. The highest winner will be eligible for entry in the statewide contest. Look for more details in upcoming Oak Twigs and other eNews from us.

## TECH TREK

The three sessions of Virtual STEM TECH TREK Camp 2021 were completed by early August and the reports plus evaluations came back with exceptionally positive reviews. The four campers from our branch, Ana Chou, Greceldy Hau, Lene Nagorsen and Alyssa Hunnicutt all had an amazing time completing all requirements for their robotics based project.

In addition, we were very lucky to have three Tech Trek alumni who volunteered as Junior Counselors, Mariana Sierra (three sessions,) Sydney Bandejas (two sessions,) and Swasinya Jayarmar (one session). Without the help of these former campers, the virtual camp would never have been successful!

To celebrate the end of summer and enjoy ice cream and goodies, AAUW TO hosted three of our seven girls at a pool party at the home of Vera King. Thank you to Vera of course, but also to our Tech Trek helpers for providing the enjoyable “goodies” including: Melanie Weerasinghe, Peggie Buckles, Barb Owens, Betty Stapleford, Susan Fagan, Joan Edwards and Nancy Taylor-Walker.

More information will be available at the Oct 16 Breakfast about how you can help support Tech Trek 2022! If you have any questions or would like to make a fully tax deductible contribution, please contact Sally Hibbitts.





Dripping wet, but very cool Greceldy Hau, Sydney Bandejas, Ana Chou



Greceldy and Peggy, who is obviously having a relaxing time!



Our hungry girls!



Greceldy and Ana demonstrating their robotic hats complete with micro processors, lights, moving parts, plus lots of creativity!

# RECENT BOOKS BY AAUW FELLOWS & GRANTEES

## **Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019**

Editors Ibram X. Kendi and 2016-17 AAUW American Fellow Keisha N. Blain have assembled 90 brilliant writers, each of whom takes on a five-year period within the 400-year span from 1619 to the present. The Washington Post calls *Four Hundred Souls*, “a vital addition to [the] curriculum on race in America.”

## **Unbound: How Inequality Constricts Our Economy and What We Can Do about It.**

In this book, 1997-98 AAUW American Fellow Heather Boushey provides meticulous evidence that inequality hurts economic growth and lays out a path forward for our country based on equity. Boushey is co-founder of the Washington Center for Equitable Growth and currently serves as a member of the Council of Economic Advisers in the Biden administration.

## **All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis.**

This volume of illuminating essays was co-edited by Ayana Johnson, a 2010–11 American Fellow and marine biologist and policy expert. It harnesses the voices of women at the forefront of the climate change movement. The New York Times calls it “a powerful read that fills one with, dare I say . . . hope?”

## **The Distance Learning Playbook for Parents: How to Support Your Child’s Academic, Social, and Emotional Development in Any Setting**

For her new book, 1997-98 AAUW Community Action Grantee Rosalind Wiseman teamed up with three education experts to help parents navigate the tricky world of remote instruction. The book provides a wealth of advice that will help children thrive in any learning environment.

## **From Slave Cabins to the White House: Homemade Citizenship in African American Culture**

Named a “Best Book of 2020” by Ms. Magazine, this tome by 2009-10 AAUW American Fellow Koritha Mitchell lays bare the hostility African American women faced as they invested in traditional domesticity throughout history. While white homemakers were conferred respectability and safety, Black women endured pejorative labels, racist government policies, and attacks on their citizenship.

