



Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley (CA) Branch

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Celebrating 100 years of empowering women in the Santa Barbara area.

You are cordially invited to
the Santa Barbara - Goleta
Valley AAUW's annual



Ice Cream Social

tech
trek

We're honoring our 2014 Tech Trek campers from five local public schools. Parents, AAUW members, sponsors are all welcome to attend. We will hear about the experiences of both current and past campers.

Sunday, September 14, 2014

2 pm to 4 pm

Girls Inc's Goleta Valley Center,
4973 Hollister Avenue

Please RSVP by September 4 to
Barbara Levi at 962-8900 or by email at
bglevi@msn.com.

There will be a short (5 minute) business meeting for our branch members at 2:15 pm before we begin the program. We will be voting to approve proposed budget for the year, which can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

President's Message

Welcome to what is not just another year of AAUW! This is the centennial year of an AAUW presence in the Santa Barbara area. Starting with the Santa Barbara branch in 1915, then joined by the Goleta Valley branch in 1970, and now represented by our combined Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley branch, AAUW has had a major impact on the lives of women, girls, and families in the local area.

We are kicking off our celebration year with our annual Tech Trek Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 14 as detailed on the front page. I hope all of you can come and enjoy the treats while hearing about the experiences of our campers this year and getting an update on some campers from

prior years. This event always leaves me with a warm glow, knowing the difference we are making in these girls' lives.

We are holding a big public celebration on September 30 with our very first, but we hope not last, **Empowered Woman Luncheon!**

As you can see from the flyer on the next page, we are hosting Valerie Plame Wilson as our speaker and inviting the public to join us for this event. The \$100 price reflects our 100 years here, but members get a discount: \$75. This event is a fundraiser for our local scholarship, so we are celebrating an empowered woman in order to help more women become empowered! Sounds like a win-win situation to me!

Be sure to visit our branch website and pass on the link (<http://sbgv-ca.aauw.net/>) to any of your friends who might be interested. We now have the capability through the Membership Payment Program of AAUW National to accept credit card payments for memberships, both new and renewals.

I want to thank everyone who has renewed or joined us this year. And I want to give special thanks to those who have agreed to serve on the Steering Committee and/or the other various committees. Without all of you, there would be no Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley AAUW .

Claire VanBlaricum 967-7523

Lauren Amery Named 2014 Winner of Branch Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to report gifts totaling \$2,595.00 due to efforts by our members in recent months of 2014. Approximately \$2,000 was received from 16 of our members, who responded generously to our May letter. Donations were also received from a former member, and in memory of a former member. Thanks to Claire VanBlaricum who donated her handmade glass centerpieces and glass jewelry, \$805 was added to our fund. These creative pieces were sold at our May luncheon and by Jane Honikman at the AAUW convention.

For the 2014 Dr. Lynne Cavazos Fellowship, we had applicants from each of the credential programs at UCSB: Elementary Education, Secondary Education and Special Education. The selection committee read the applications and unanimously determined that Lauren Amery (Elementary Education) was the best candidate for this award.

In her application essay, Lauren wrote, "A large part of my teaching philosophy is igniting children's natural curiosity and my lessons are often designed for students to ask and explore 'why' questions. She also wrote, "I have planned many collaborative projects with my students. My goal for them is learning that everyone has something unique they bring into the classroom and everyone has their own strengths. I also want them to persevere through their work to find creative solutions to problems. I am setting up this environment by reading to the class *Rosie Revere, Engineer* by Andrea Beaty. It is about a young girl who wants to be an engineer and learns through her failed projects. Through this story I am asking my students what Rosie does when she's failed at something and if they think failing can be a good thing. I love reading this book to my class because it has a strong female main character who is excelling in a typical male subject of engineering. It also teaches the students that failing can often lead to important learning experiences."

One member of the selection committee remarked, "In her teaching, she shows initiative and creativity in helping girls discover their strengths." Additional remarks include, "... Lauren will be a model teacher and supporter of equity for girls and women..." Another member of the selection committee commented, "She specifically addresses how she is promoting equity and access for females and I appreciate her thoughtful explanation of the books and projects she is using with her students."

Lauren is a Santa Barbara native, having attended Roosevelt Elementary, SBJHS and SBHS. She then attended UC Berkeley where she majored in public policy and focused on education and family policy. She studied different policies in the United States that help single women with their children and education equality. Looking outside of the United States, she also studied women's rights in refugee camps.

Thanks to all of you who gave your time, your talents, and your treasure to support this worthy effort.

Bette Perelli, for the Scholarship Committee
August 15, 2014

Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley AAUW (American Association of University Women)
celebrates 100 years of empowering women and girls in the Santa Barbara area.

The Empowered Woman Luncheon

with

Valerie Plame Wilson

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

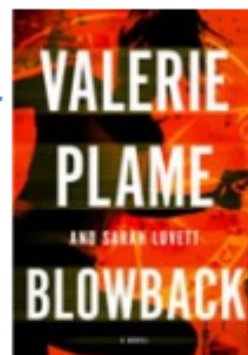
Canary Hotel

31 West Carrillo, Santa Barbara

\$100

(\$75 for AAUW members)

Proceeds benefit the Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley AAUW Scholarship Fund.



A former career covert CIA operations officer, Valerie Plame Wilson is the author of the New York Times best selling memoir *Fair Game: My Life as a Spy, My Betrayal by the White House*. She also narrated and appeared in the critically acclaimed documentary on the dangers of nuclear proliferation, *Countdown to Zero*. She is an active member of the Global Zero Leadership board. She is the Director of Community Outreach at the Santa Fe Institute, a nonprofit research think tank that promotes multidisciplinary collaboration in the sciences. Valerie is also now the author of two critically acclaimed thrillers featuring a woman CIA agent: *Blowback*, published in 2013, and *Burned*, scheduled to be released this October.



Books will be available for sale
and signing.



Reservation deadline is Friday, September 19!

Please fill out the following form and send it with your check to ensure your reservation.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ No. of Regular meals: _____ No. of Vegetarian meals: _____

Number of tickets: Public (\$100 each) _____ AAUW member (\$75 each) _____ Total enclosed: \$ _____

Checks should be made out to SB-GV AAUW and sent to:

SBGV AAUW, P.O. Box 802, Goleta, CA 93116.

<http://sbgv-ca.aauw.net/>

SBGV AAUW Budget 2014-15

	Budget		Actual		Proposed	
	2013-14		2013-14		2014-15	
INCOME						
Dues-current year	1,050.00	70 mbrs	960.00	64 mbrs	900.00	60 mbrs
Interest	1.00		4.00		4.00	
Investment income	-		491.00		396.00	
Special Events						
Holiday party	-		472.00		450.00	
May luncheon	-		27.00		100.00	
Cash from Charles Schwab	1,000.00		-		-	
Checking surplus	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>1,000.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	2,051.00		994.00		2,850.00	
EXPENSE						
Hospitality	175.00		-		100.00	
Membership	200.00		180.00		300.00	
President's Fund	50.00		40.00		50.00	
Treasurer	75.00		33.00		50.00	
Bank fees	-		28.00		30.00	
Coalitions	155.00		160.00		160.00	
Convention	60.00		485.00		200.00	
Directory	120.00		-		-	
Funds Assessment	35.00		60.00		60.00	
Insurance	256.00		280.00		280.00	
Interbranch dues	20.00		20.00		20.00	
Newsletter Postage	90.00		-		-	
Misc office expense	-		-		50.00	
PO Box	78.00		78.00		80.00	
Programs	617.00		611.00		1,200.00	
Website	120.00		120.00		120.00	
New Branch sign	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>150.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,051.00		2,095.00		2,850.00	
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	-		(1,101.00)		-	
Checking Balance 6-30-2014	6,928.00					
Checking Balance 6-30-2013	7,108.00					
Schwab Balance 6-30-2014	38,317.00					
Schwab Balance 6-30-2013	38,661.00					

Getting to Know Our Members

Each month we will be featuring two branch members, one who is rather new to the branch, and one who has been with us for a while. We hope you enjoy getting to know more about your fellow AAUW members. Thank you to Ginny Capra for initiating this project!

DIANE GREEN—NEW TO SB-GV BRANCH



Diane Louise Green was born on November 12th in Pittsburg, PA but moved to Buffalo, NY when she was 5 years old, where she lived in a big traditional Catholic family. She was the oldest of 6 children with an engineer father and a stay-at-home mother. As her friends were becoming teachers, she chose to earn a business degree from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Upon graduation, she worked for the New York Telephone and AT&T as part of their affirmative action management training programs. She also owned a book business and a toy shop.

In the late 60's she and her psychiatrist husband moved to California while pregnant with the first of their two daughters. Except for three years in Topeka, Kansas, the family has been in California (San Diego). In April of this year, Diane and her husband (married 50 years) decided to move to Santa Barbara to be near their daughter and her family which includes their three grandchildren.

Diane and her husband love to travel and have been to over 150 countries. Her favorite, besides England, is Indonesia. They prefer learning to leisure vacations and have been to exotic locales such as Antarctica, Easter Island, Papua New Guinea and Tibet.

She admits to not being as adventurous with food but does like French and Thai. Her favorite books are *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver and *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. Jazz and Blues are her favorite kinds of music.

Although Diane is new to our branch, she is not new to AAUW. She was highly involved with the La Mesa-El Cajon branch for several decades. She believes strongly in the mission of AAUW in advancing equity for women and girls. She especially enjoyed working on Tech Trek and being a dorm Mom and being a Rolling Reader. She has been on the board as President as well as many other board positions. Diane says "I enjoy both the friendships I've made as well as the good feelings I get from the work AAUW does for women and girls"

MEET OUR PRESIDENT---CLAIRE VANBLARICUM

Claire was born in Oak Park, Illinois on August 21st. As a very young girl, she wanted to own an Arabian horse ranch and train horses. However, she went to Pomona College in Claremont, CA where she majored in Botany/Biology with a minor in German. Her favorite subjects were Plant Ecology and Mycology (study of fungi). She received her secondary teaching credential from San Diego State College (now University).

She moved to La Mesa, CA between the fourth and fifth grades. She came to Santa Barbara in 1969 just after completing her teaching credential to start a teaching job at Carpinteria High School. From 1969 through 1978, she taught Life Science, college prep Biology, Physical Science, Earth Science and General Science.

She has been married to her husband Glenn for 42 years and they have one son, Jim, who is single and lived in New York for 9 years but has recently moved to Los Angeles. Claire states "no grandkids yet, just two grand cats!"

After Jim was born, Claire did volunteer work as a docent at the Natural History Museum for several years. She then worked as Administrator/Executive Director of Alexander House Foundation (a local charity that makes housing grants to needy senior citizens) for about five years. In 1994, she was elected to the Santa Barbara School Board and served two terms.

Claire loves to travel and her favorite city is Paris and favorite country is Australia. She and Glenn love to cruise but for land travel they

prefer to plan their own itineraries, activities and schedules with the help of their travel agent.

Some of Claire's favorite things are Italian food, cooking, reading, knitting and making fused glass jewelry and plates. Since she is a voracious reader, she does not have one favorite book. She really enjoys a well written mystery by Tony Hillerman, Marcia Muller or Michael Connelly but also reads nonfiction, especially books dealing with science or history. She loves classical music, especially from 20th century composers, as well as classic rock, folk, and Broadway show tunes. Her favorite color is blue with a touch of green

Claire joined AAUW in 1972 to meet other women with similar interests and feels strongly about AAUW'S mission. She says she has "gained invaluable friendships and a sense of accomplishment that we are making a difference in the lives of women and girls."

The other organizations that Claire is involved with are Santa Barbara County Library Advisory Committee, League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara, and Women to Women International. In past years she was active with Postpartum Support International and the Santa Barbara Education Foundation.



Local Girls Have a Ball at Tech Trek

Twenty six girls sponsored by SB-GV AAUW reported to one of two Tech Trek camp sessions at UCSB, eagerly anticipating the action-packed week ahead. Come hear about their experiences at our Ice Cream Social on September 14. Thanks again to the many organizations and individuals who made their scholarships possible.

Once again, our branch provided great support to the Tech Trek camp directors. Jean Reiche prepared a dinner for the camp staff the evening before the first day. We had three of our members helping with each of the two registration days and our branch members helped recruit 6 women who work in STEM fields to participate in each of the camp's two Career Nights. The women included forensic scientists, doctors, a flight nurse, water-systems managers from the city as well as scientists from both industry and academia.

For this coming year, we hope to send 28 girls. Thanks to the fund raising efforts of Beverly Kowalsky Ching, and the support of our members, we are confident we can reach that goal.

Please enjoy the following excerpts from the "Thank You" notes we received from our campers this year!

"At my school, most girls do not care about academics and think it is pointless to be smart. Here at Tech Trek, girls are like me and I feel like I belong."

"My overall favorite thing was going to the Nano Lab....I loved every nanosecond of my camp."

"One of the things that makes this camp so enjoyable is all the junior counselors, dorm moms and teachers. They all know how to make you laugh and smile. They were weird (in a good way)."

"We learned never to fear failure"

"I enjoyed working in a team. It showed that a group of people who work for something they want to accomplish can do it if they all work hard."

"I thought I wouldn't learn how to build a bridge out of thin spaghetti. This was really fun and held a lot more weight than I thought."

"I was particularly intrigued by solar cells and how they transfer light from the sun to create electricity."

"Chemistry is so interesting. We got to do very cool experiments, such as finding out whether water is sticky."

"When we went out on the Condor Express, we dredged up marine samples from the water. My favorite station was the Hold Fast Dissection stations because I enjoyed looking through the seaweed roots to find little marine animals such as brittle stars or sea urchins."

"Who knew physics class could be so much fun?"

"I loved the food!"

"Thank you for helping me attend this amazing camp"

September 2014 Calendar

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

Albert Camus



September 9	Tuesday 12:00 noon	Lunch Bunch - Frog Bar & Grill, at the Glen Annie Golf course, 404 Glen Annie Rd, Goleta. Call Claire VanBlaricum at 967-7523 by Monday afternoon for reservations.
September 11	Thursday 5:30 pm	Steering Committee meeting - UCSB Women's Center. Any branch members are welcome to attend.
September 14	Sunday 2 - 4 pm	Tech Trek Ice Cream Social - Girls Inc. Goleta Valley Center gymnasium, 4793 Hollister Avenue, SB. See page one for details! Plenty of parking.
September 16	Tuesday 7 pm	Book Ends - <i>The Light Between Oceans</i> by M. L. Stedman. At the home of Joanie Jones, 1035 May Court, SB. (Off Patterson north of Cathedral Oaks) Our October book will be <i>My Beloved World</i> by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Both books are available in paperback.
September 23	Tuesday	Movie Night - Please watch your email the weekend before for information on the film, time and place.
September 30	Tuesday 11:30 am- 1:30 pm	The Empowered Woman Luncheon with Valerie Plame Wilson - Canary Hotel, 31 West Carrillo, SB. Please see Page 3 for details! Free valet parking available.

New "Outings" Group Debuts

As a special Summer Event, on Saturday morning, August 2, some of our branch members took a wonderful guided nature walk on More Mesa with a docent from the More Mesa Preservation Coalition, Valerie Olson. We heard the fascinating history of the approximately 250 acre site, including a scandal involving bribery of public officials in the 1980s by those wanting to develop the area into luxury homesites! We saw several varied habitat areas: grassland, oak woodland, coastal scrub, vernal pools (now dry, but wait until it rains!), as well as cottonwood groves and non-native eucalyptus groves and fields of fennel. We saw two white tailed kites hovering as they hunted, but unfortunately the overcast cool conditions seemed to be keeping all the other birds and butterflies in hiding!

While we were on this walk, the idea of forming an "Outings" interest group developed,. Kathy Crevier and Jane Honikman stepped up to head the group and have been brainstorming some ideas of other local adventures for our branch. Keep an eye on your email for a outing in September! Meanwhile ,enjoy a few photos from the August 2 walk.



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

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

Membership in AAUW is open to people who hold an associate degree or higher. Branch membership offers friendship with like-minded people and an arena for making a positive contribution to your community. Benefits include a subscription to **California PERSPECTIVE**, our quarterly publication. You can join our e-mail lists and attend our annual convention. Membership dues at the branch level include California and National dues.

If you know of someone who you believe would appreciate the opportunity to join our branch, please send them the link to our website (<http://sbgv-ca.aauw.net/>) and give their name and contact information to Ginny Capra at ginnycapra@cox.net.

**Don't Forget
To Renew
Your Membership!
Directory will be
coming out soon!
Don't be left out!**

