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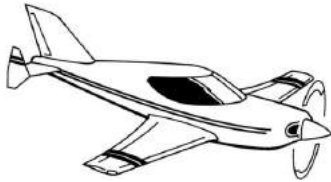
April 2015

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

**Flying is the best possible thing for women.**

*— Baroness Raymonde de Laroche of France, first licensed woman pilot, on receiving her license, 8 March 1910.*

## **Women with Wings: Local Female Aviators Share Their Stories**



**Tuesday, April 28**

**7 pm**



**Above All Aviation,**

**1523 Cook Place at the Santa Barbara Airport**

Get onto Firestone Road, the road paralleling Hollister in front of the old Elephant Bar. One block from the West end of Firestone, turn onto Arnold Place, which will take you to Cook Place and Above All Aviation. There is plenty of parking available.

**Our speakers:**

### **Shawn Sullivan**

Shawn is the Owner and Director of Above All Aviation. She has worked for commercial airlines and other private aviation companies throughout the years. She will gladly assist you with any questions regarding flight training, our aircraft, scheduling or financial inquiries. She and her husband, co-owner Joel Sullivan, are actively engaged in the local aviation community and are always looking for new ways to promote general aviation.

### **Jessie Davidson**

Jessie is the Operations Manager at Above All Aviation. She has been flying for two years and has earned her private pilot certificate and instrument rating at Above All Aviation. She is passionate about aviation and supporting new students in their pursuits. Jessie is also a filmmaker and will share with us her recently finished first documentary, "**Our Piece of the Sky**" about women in aviation.

### **Lynn Houston**

Lynn has worked as a Hollywood photographer, chief pilot of a flight school, Pilot/Captain for SkyWest Airlines (1998-2006), and is currently marketing coordinator for the Santa Barbara Airport. She is the founder and President of the non-profit A Different Point of View, whose mission is to engage, inspire and transform youth who are in danger of losing their way by teaching them to fly.

**Please bring your friends and colleagues to this fascinating look into the world of aviation from a woman's point of view!**

**As soon as we left the ground I knew I myself had to fly!**

*— Amelia Earhart, after her first flight in an airplane, a ten minute sight-seeing trip over Los Angeles, 1920.*

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# President's Message

April is an important month for everyone because income taxes are due April 15 (sorry about the reminder!), but even more so for women and AAUW. April 14 has been designated as **Equal Pay Day**, which is the symbolic day when women's pay finally "catches up" to men's from the previous year. AAUW is in the forefront of the struggle to gain pay equity for women, and once again the three AAUW branches in Santa Barbara County (Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley, Lompoc - Vandenberg, and Santa Maria) are being honored by the Board of Supervisors for our efforts. Please join us, dressed in red if you can, at the Board of Supervisors meeting on the morning of Tuesday, April 14 at 9 am as a resolution pro-

claiming April 14 as "Equal Pay Day" is presented to representatives of all three AAUW branches.

April 15 is also important to our AAUW branch since our April 28 meeting is our official Annual Meeting at which we will elect our leadership team for the 2015-16 year and ratify a much needed dues increase. Please look at the agenda for the meeting below. There is still room on the Steering Committee so if you would like to serve for the coming year, ask someone to nominate you from the floor.

April is also the time for the AAUW CA Annual Meeting and the Southern California Leadership Day both being held in Manhattan Beach. The Annual Meeting is on Saturday, April 18, and the Leadership Day is Sunday, April 19. It is not too late to reg-

ister to attend either or both of these events. Go to the AAUW CA website for info and registration.

There is also plenty of time to register for the AAUW National Convention to be held in San Diego June 18 - 21. Several of our branch members are already planning to go, and we would love to have you join us. It is rare that the National Convention is held so close, so it would be a shame to miss it! Go to the AAUW website for more information and to register.

As always, thank you for being a part of the Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley AAUW branch.

*Claire VanBlaricum*  
967-7523

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## Agenda for Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley AAUW Annual Meeting

April 28, 2015, 7 pm

1. Call to Order and determination of quorum
2. Election of Officers and Steering Committee Members for 2015-16 (See slate below.)
3. Ratification of Dues Increase as recommended by Steering Committee.  
Recommendation: Dues increase to \$90 per year effective for 2015-16 membership year. This includes a \$4 increase in AAUW CA dues and a \$6 increase in local branch dues. National dues remain unchanged.
4. Announcements and other business if necessary.
5. Adjournment followed by program.

### 2015 -2016 SLATE

The Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley AAUW Branch Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of candidates for our 2015-2016 leadership team. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Our Steering Committee structure only has two specifically defined officers (President and Treasurer), but we have included the areas of responsibility that the candidates for the Steering Committee have agreed to cover.

Co – Presidents: Claire VanBlaricum and Jane Honikman  
Treasurer: Carol Thompson  
Secretary: Diane Green  
Membership: Ginny Capra  
Newsletter: Susan Engles  
Tech Trek: Barbara Levi

Tech Trek Fundraising: Beverly Kowalsky Ching  
UCSB Liaison: Jill Dunlop  
Interbranch representative: Janice Rorick  
At large: Elly Rumelt  
At large: Michelle La

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## Getting to Know Our Members

### JILL KINGDON — MEMBER

My name is Jill Kingdon, I was born on January 11 in Mission Viejo, California and I grew up in southern Orange County. I came to Santa Barbara in 2000 to attend UCSB and lived in the area for several years after graduating before moving to Ventura four years ago.



As a child I think I always wanted to be a teacher when I grew up and I have always had an interest in education. As a high school student, I volunteered at a neighborhood preschool during the summers. More recently I worked with Head Start in Goleta and currently I help girls with their homework once a week at Girls Inc.

I am married to my partner Amber whom I met in high school and we both attended UCSB. We don't have children but enjoy spoiling our dog Trixie who is a very active shepherd mix.

While a student at UCSB, I discovered a love for art and majored in the subject specializing in painting and digital media. In 2006, Amber and I started a design and marketing business called Dowitcher Designs named after the shorebird. We have a growing office in Santa Barbara and I enjoy the creative side of things, including working with our graphic designers on a variety of projects.

I love to travel and some of my favorite places are France, Alaska and Yosemite. I hope to take a trip to Australia sometime soon. I also love outdoor activities and enjoy gardening, hiking, camping, skiing and spending time at the beach. I like all types of foods, but if I had to pick a favorite it would be Thai.

While working with Jane Honikman, she introduced me to AAUW and the Tech Trek program where I volunteered before becoming a member. It was a fun experience meeting the girls and helping register them for camp in the same dorms I lived in as a student. I am excited to be on the Tech Trek committee this year and look forward to continuing my interest in education through AAUW and Tech Trek.



### JANICE RORICK---INTERBRANCH REPRESENTATIVE

Janice Rorick was born September 10<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco, CA and lived on a cattle ranch in Alturas, CA through high school. She has also lived in various cities in CA--Davis, Berkeley, Sacramento, Modesto and Turlock as well as North Korea and Kernersville, NC.

As a child, she wanted to be a social worker or a nurse. She attended UC Davis for her undergraduate degree and UC Berkeley for her Masters in Library Science. Her favorite classes were English literature and philosophy.

She has worked as a librarian for almost 40 years. She worked as a military librarian (for the US Army in Korea), a high school librarian and a part-time junior college librarian. The majority of her career has been as a public librarian-supervising library branches or working with children and families. Her last position before retirement was as the Youth Services Librarian in the Santa Barbara Public Library System where she worked with youth, schools and families from Solvang to Carpinteria.

Janice is a widow with one daughter, Suzanne and one grandson, Westley who she says is the "love of my life" Janice loves to travel and frequently likes to drive to visit friends and relatives from Los Angeles to Seattle. Her favorite places in the U.S. are Big Sur, Nantucket and the North Carolina mountains. She has visited Italy and the Greek islands but loves Ireland and the British Isles. She says her "bucket list" includes Australia, Germany, South America, China and a return to Korea and Japan.

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## Getting to Know Our Members (Continued from Page 3)

Janice's favorite type of food is Italian when she dines out but she eats very simply while at home. Her favorite color is emerald green.

Jane Austen is her favorite author. She admires the "way she deals with manners and humor". Her favorite movie is "A Room with a View". She says "it is so hopelessly romantic and has wonderful Italian and English scenery."

Janice says she has "never recovered from my love of folk music" after seeing Joan Baez when she was 14. She also enjoys Bluegrass and Soft Rock.

Her hobbies include working on dollhouses and miniatures. She enjoys taking photos of people, animals and scenery. She has been exploring family histories over the years. She also sings with the Santa Barbara Threshold Choir which sings for people in transition and hospice situations.

Janice joined the Santa Barbara Branch of AAUW approximately 12 years ago. She joined because she felt the mission of education and equity for women were in line with her career and personal goals. She also enjoys the social aspects of AAUW and interacting with members on a personal level. She hopes to continue to help young women have a more level playing field in the worlds of word and education.

## AAUW CA Southern California Leadership Day Coming Soon

The AAUW CA Leadership Development Committee launched a very successful LEADERSHIP DAY program in Hayward on March 21, 2015 and now it's time for Southern California to participate! On April 19, 2015 in beautiful Manhattan Beach, the Leadership Committee will introduce 7 new workshop topics that focus on DEVELOPING THE LEADER IN YOU - and an AAUW National Leadership keynote speaker.

At Registration, you may choose a maximum of 3 workshops to attend:

- ***Alternate Governance/Leadership Models***
- ***Facilitating Effective Meetings***
- ***Strategic Planning and Goal Setting***
- ***Building a Team, Delegating***
- ***Team Up For Success***
- ***Conflict Resolution, Feedback, Proactive Listening***
- ***Managing Change, Being a Change Leader***

We encourage all SCA branches to support this opportunity to experience new workshop materials which focus on DEVELOPING THE LEADER IN YOU. It's a great way for branch leaders to prepare for supporting and training new AAUW leaders, create or re-energize enthusiasm for leadership, and gain leadership skills that are personally and professionally transferable.

***Please plan to join us for a enriching day of leadership development! Share this information today with your Southern California branch members - our RSVP deadline is April 8<sup>th</sup>.***

***Click to [register online](#) now!***

Susan Negrete, Co-Chair, SCA   Virginia Beck, Co-Chair, NCA

AAUW CA Leadership Development Committee



## Congress Reintroduces Paycheck Fairness Act; Senate Considers Budget Resolution Amendments on Related Issues

On Wednesday, March 25, fair pay champions Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) [reintroduced](#) the Paycheck Fairness Act in their respective chambers. The Senate and the House also considered a budget resolution this week, and the Senate voted on five budget amendments to establish deficit-neutral reserve funds relating to issues of importance for women and families. Mikulski submitted an [amendment](#) to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund associated with amending the Equal Pay Act of 1963 to close loopholes in the legislation (this amendment was rejected 45-54). Although Mikulski's budget amendment failed, Murray's [remarks](#) in support of the amendment were very powerful. During her statement on the Senate floor, Murray told the story of [AAUW member Kerri Sleeman](#), who discovered after her company went bankrupt that she had been consistently paid less than some of the men she supervised.

## Phoenix City Council Unanimously Passes Equal Pay Measure

After a year of work by a task force of community experts, including an AAUW of Arizona representative, the Phoenix City Council unanimously approved a measure to update the city's nondiscrimination ordinance and promote salary negotiation and other efforts to educate residents about the gender pay gap. The proposal adopted on Tuesday states that city law will reflect federal law on equal pay and instructs the city to create training for city contractors and employees on salary negotiation and researching information on pay scales. AAUW of Arizona members spoke before the city council during Wednesday's session – and they look forward to celebrating this progress at their Equal Pay Day luncheon with fair pay icon Lilly Ledbetter!

- Congrats to AAUW of Arizona on this well-deserved and well-earned equal pay victory. Phoenix is the sixth-largest city in the country, so we're glad to see them leading the way!

## Supreme Court Rules for Former UPS Drive in Pregnancy Discrimination Case

The Supreme Court has decided 6-3 in favor of plaintiff Peggy Young in the case *Young v. United Parcel Service (UPS)*. Young sued UPS after the company rejected her request for medically necessary and temporary light-duty work during her pregnancy. Evidence showed that UPS had accommodated male workers with light duties when they were temporarily disabled. Young was forced to take unpaid leave and lost both her health care and income at a critical time. Lower courts sided with UPS. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer delivered the majority opinion, which essentially tells employers that if they are accommodating most non-pregnant workers with injuries or disabilities while refusing to accommodate most pregnant workers who need it, they are likely violating the Pregnancy Discrimination Act by placing a significant burden on pregnant workers.

AAUW rallied in support of Young at the Supreme Court in December 2014 during the case's oral arguments and continues to support the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, which would further prevent pregnancy discrimination by requiring employers to make reasonable accommodations to protect the health of pregnant workers, such as letting them carry bottles of water or take restroom breaks.

From Juvenile Hall to J.D.—  
Carissa Phelps  
author of “Runaway Girl”



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# Carissa Phelps

**Tuesday, April 7, 2015, 7:00 pm**

**Dick DeWees Community &  
Senior Center**

**1120 West Ocean Ave., Lompoc**

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## **Sex Trafficking**

### **“The Fastest Growing Crime in America”**

- ⇒ What is happening on the Central Coast?
- ⇒ How can our community help?

Carissa Phelps, is a 38 year old Mexican-American author, attorney, an advocate for sexually exploited runaway children and homeless youth. Carissa's organization, Runaway Girl, FPC, helps communities develop positive opportunities for runaways, former runaways, and survivors of trafficking.

Call 805-757-3677 for information

Sponsored by the Lompoc-  
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Free admission



# April 2015 Calendar



"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything. "

~ William Shakespeare

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| April 2  | 4 pm               | <b>Steering Committee Meeting</b> - at Jane Honikman's home, 927 North Kellogg, SB. All branch members are welcome!   |
| April 7  | 7 pm               | <b>Carissa Phelps - From Juvenile Hall to JD</b> - Sponsored by the Lompoc - Vandenberg AAUW Branch. At Dick DeWees Community and Senior Center, 1120 West Ocean Avenue, Lompoc. Please see Page 6 for details. Call Michel Nellis at 964-6688 for car pool information.  |
| April 14 | All day!           | <b>Equal Pay Day</b> - the symbolic day when women's pay finally "catches up" to men's from the previous year. Join us at 9 am at the Board of Supervisors meeting in the County Administration Building, corner of Anacapa and Anapamu, for presentation of a proclamation honoring AAUW!  |
| April 14 | Tuesday<br>12 noon | <b>Lunch Bunch</b> - Scarlett Begonia, 11 W. Victoria St., SB (In Victoria Court) Parking in the public lot behind Victoria Court. Good selection of salads, sandwiches, soups, and more. Please call Claire VanBlaricum at 967-7523 by Monday afternoon for a reservation.   |
| April 21 | Tuesday<br>7 pm    | <b>Book Ends</b> - An old classic connected to Santa Barbara: <i>Two Years Before the Mast</i> by Richard Henry Dana. At Ginny Capra's, 6020 Paseo Palmilla, Goleta. For May we will read <i>Where'd You Go Bernadette</i> by Maria Semple. Both books are available in paperback.  |
| April 26 | Saturday<br>2 pm   | <b>Outing to the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden</b> - 1212 Mission Canyon Road. SB. Meet in the parking lot. Come enjoy the wildflowers!  |
| April 28 | Tuesday            | <b>Women with Wings: Local Female Aviators Share Their Stories</b><br>At Above All Aviation, 1523 Cook Pl., SB, at the airport.<br>This is our official branch annual meeting, so there will be a short business meeting, including election of our 2015-16 leadership team, before the program begins. See page one for program details. |

## Looking Ahead

On May 21, branch member Danielle Levi Alvares will be our guide through "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Meditation, but Were Afraid to Ask:" We will meet at 10:30 am at the Goleta Public Library for this informative and restorative session. Put it on your calendar now and bring a friend!

We will be celebrating 100 years of an AAUW presence in the Santa Barbara area with an afternoon tea sometime the weekend of June 6 and 7, most likely Sunday afternoon. The details are being worked out, so be looking for further information soon!

Another reminder that because our Empowered Woman Luncheon last September was such a rousing success, we would like to build on that and make it an annual event to kick off the AAUW year. But we need your help! If you have any suggestions and/or contacts with women or women's groups that you think would make good honorees/speakers, please contact Claire (967-7523) or Jane (967-9757).

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

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair 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](mailto:ginnycapra@cox.net).

## 2015: See You in San Diego!

We can't wait to find new ways to empower women and girls at our 2015 AAUW national convention, June 18–21, 2015, at the Sheraton Hotel and Marina in San Diego. We're excited to build on the success of the 2013 convention and look forward to planning an even more engaging and more valuable program for you. Register today at <http://convention.aauw.org/register/>

We'll see you there!

Let's get a group together from our Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley branch and take the train!

