



# American Association of University Women

## Alhambra - San Gabriel Branch



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

November & December, 2016

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## Holiday Music

performed by the

## Gabrielino High School Chorus

under the direction of Mr. David Pitts

and

## Holiday Treats

from our members' kitchens

7:00 PM, Monday, December 5, 2016

First United Methodist Church, 201 N. San Gabriel Blvd., San Gabriel

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.

# President's Message

As the Gold medal year continues, we set our sights on learning about the 17 proposition on the ballot. We had an excellent presentation on them and received helpful handouts.

Reminder we only have a Board meeting in November and then our Holiday meeting on December 7. We are looking forward to a wonderful event with a Gabreilino singers. Look forward to seeing you there.

Hope everyone remembers to vote.

Happy Thanksgiving

*Cheryl*

## LAF Litigant

## Aileen Rizo

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Kellogg West, Cal Poly Pomona

## Sponsored by LACIC

**LACIC** is hosting California LAF Litigant Aileen Rizo **on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at Kellogg West Conference Center at Cal-Poly Pomona (3801 W. Temple Ave, Pomona). The event includes lunch. Tickets can be purchased by sending \$35.00 payable to LACIC to Rozanne Child at 200 S. Winchester Ave. in Alhambra, CA 91801.

Rizo filed suit against the Fresno County Office of Education under equal pay and gender discrimination laws after discovering she was paid less than her male colleague who had less experience and seniority. Come and hear Aileen's compelling story and what we as AAUW members can all do in the fight for pay equity. The following is some startling information from Association about the wage gap. Hope to see you at this informative event.

Did you know that in 2015, women working full time in the United States typically were paid just 80 percent of what men were paid, a gap of 20 percent? While the number has gone up one percentage point from 2014, the change isn't statistically significant — because the increase is so small, mere tenths of a percent, it doesn't

amount to perceptible change. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the earnings ratio hasn't had significant annual change since 2007. The gap has narrowed since the 1970s, due largely to women's progress in education and workforce participation and to men's wages rising at a slower rate. Still, the pay gap does not appear likely to go away on its own. At the rate of change between 1960 and 2015, women are expected to reach pay equity with men in 2059. But even that slow progress has stalled in recent years. If change continues at the slower rate seen since 2001, women will not reach pay equity with men until 2152.

### Quick Facts

According to AAUW, the pay gap won't close until 2152.

Think 80 cents is bad? The pay gap is worse for women of color.

The gender pay gap is worse for mothers, and it only grows with age.

Thanks to the pay gap, women of color especially struggle to pay off student debt.

Women in every state experience the pay gap, but in some states it's worse than others.

Women face a pay gap in nearly every occupation.

More education helps increase women's earnings, but it still doesn't close the gender pay gap.





Your contributions to AAUW Fund helped these eight women pursue their dreams. Speaking at the AAUW Fund luncheon on October 23 in Seal Beach were (left to right): Jacqueline-Joy Austria, Andrea Milne, Sabina Vajraca, Elizabeth Hare, Ashley Cleveland, Georgia Theano Papadakis, Sabrina Alimahomed-Wilson and Jomie Liu.

## AAUW Fund

There is so much to say. Last Sunday was the AAUW Fund Luncheon. Several of our branch members were treated to one of the best presentations I have seen.

This year's recipients are amazing, accomplished, confident and so much more. Their talents range from cinematography to physics. We have women of color, refugees from Bosnia, and a Greek immigrant.

One of the community action grants was given to Jomie Liu from the YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley for her Tech Girls project.

Our branch's AAUW Fund Fellow event, which will be on March 18, 2017, in the Dotys' garden, will be amazing.

Here comes the pitch:

If you are planning to make a donation to the Educational Opportunities, Kathleen's honorarium, Charting the Course, please have them in our hands by the Holiday meeting. For those of you that have already given, a million thanks for your generosity.

*Deanna*

## Ralphs Community Contribution Program

We can raise enough money to send a girl to Tech Trek while doing our regular grocery shopping. Register for the new term with the Ralphs Community Contribution Program. Go to the [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) website and link your Ralphs card to AAUW Alhambra/San Gabriel Branch (NPO number 94583). If you need help, call Lilia Hall or Sue Carr.

## Public Policy

We are in the home stretch! I know all of you are almost as relieved as I that election season is practically over. We have listened to all the campaign ads; we have followed the presidential debates; we have studied the ballot measures; all that is left is to **VOTE!** Make sure your voice is heard on Election Day or before via absentee ballot or early voting. And, remind your friends and neighbors to vote as well. All elections are important and we should participate in every one!

Once the election is over, you can find out how the outcome will affect the issues near and dear to AAUW by attending a luncheon featuring Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President, Government Relations. Originally scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>, we have had to postpone the luncheon to a future date in early December. Lisa is a humorous and dynamic speaker, full of inside information on the workings of Congress – you won't want to miss this! Stand by for details!

*Kathleen*

## Kudos Corner

The Tech Trek Committee would like to thank Lyda Chee, Valerie Jean Neelen Siegel and Sue Lenson (a friend of Lilia Hall) for their donations to Tech Trek. This year our Branch will be sending our girls to the Whittier Camp. These donations will help us continue to be able to send our 7th grade girls from Alhambra and San Gabriel to this wonderful AAUW STEM camp.



# ACTIVITIES

## NOVEMBER

**Professional Women Gourmets** are gathering at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 5th, at Paul Martin's American Grill, 455 S. Lake Ave., Suite 102, Pasadena. Hosted by Lilia Hall.

**Board Meeting:** Monday, November 7th, in Cheryl Plotkin's home, 201 S. Golden West Ave., Arcadia. 7:00 p.m. socialize, 7:30 p.m. meeting. The board will not meet in December.

**Restaurant Gourmets** are gathering at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 12th. Contact Deanna Arthur for information, reservations and directions. Spouses, children, friends and neighbors are welcome!

**Drama** will read *You Can't Take it With You* by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 14th in Jim Doty's home, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra. 20 Characters! EVERYONE is welcome!

**Evening Books** will get together November 28th at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *The All Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg. Deanna Arthur's home, 1608 S. Atlantic Blvd., Alhambra. EVERYONE is welcome!

**General Meeting:** There will be no general meeting

in November.

**Walkettes** meets every Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. We walk for approximately one hour and have breakfast at approximately 8:30 a.m. In case of rainy or doubtful weather we meet at the restaurant at 8:00 a.m. For further information or directions, please call Mary Smeritschnig.

## DECEMBER

**Board Meeting:** The board will not meet in December.

**General Meeting:** Holiday music and desserts. Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church San Gabriel, 201 N. San Gabriel Blvd., San Gabriel. See page 1 for details.

**Restaurant Gourmets:** Contact Deanna Arthur for information, reservations and directions. Spouses, children, friends and neighbors are welcome!

**Drama** will read *Mrs. Lincoln* by Thomas Cullinan at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12th in Kathleen Doty's home, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra. 8 Characters. EVERYONE is welcome!

**Evening Books** will discuss *Home* by Harlan Coben. Date, time and location to be decided. Contact Kathleen Doty. EVERYONE is welcome!

**Walkettes:** For further information or directions, please call Mary Smeritschnig.

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