

American Association of University Women Alhambra - San Gabriel Branch



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

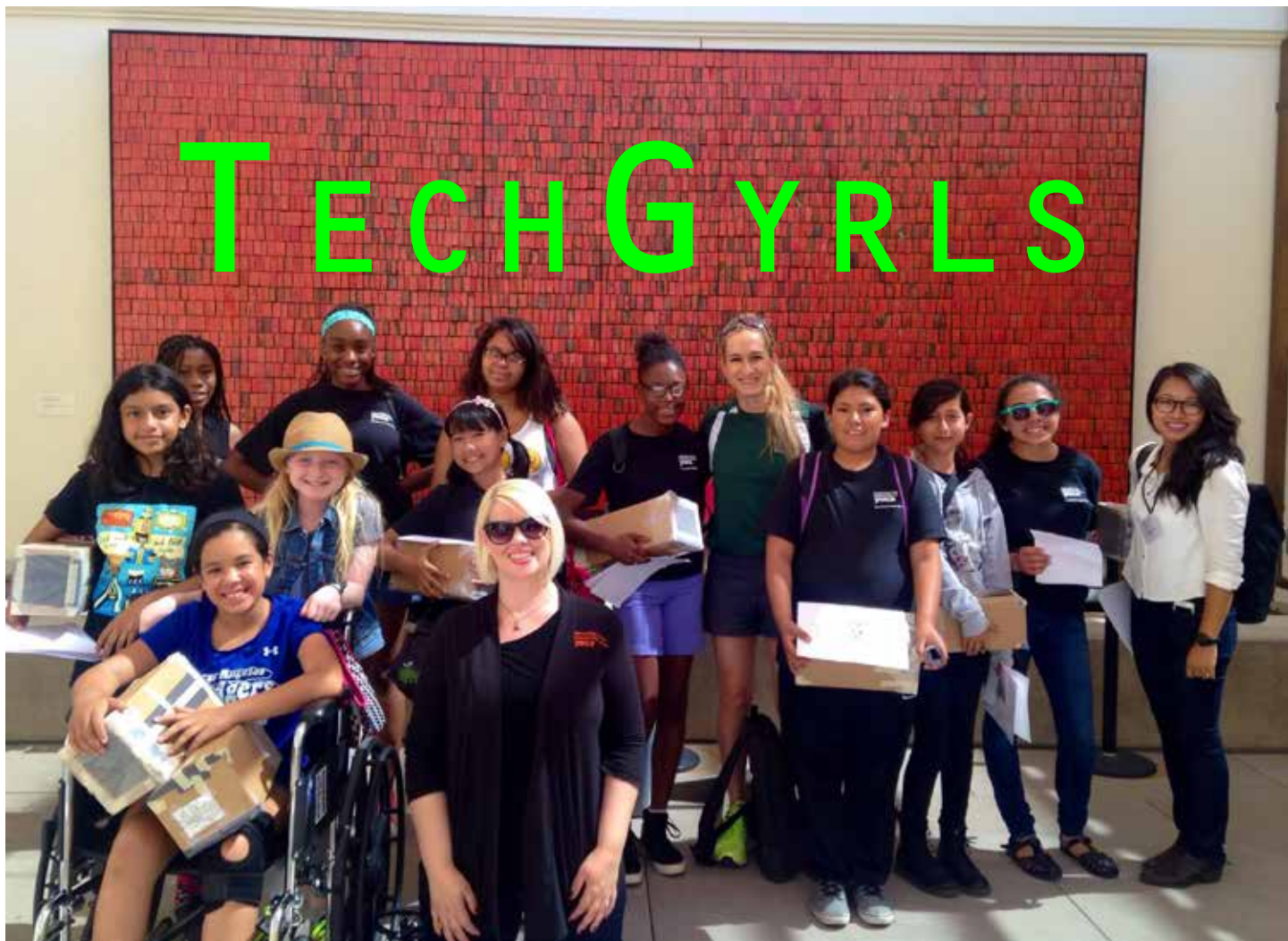
March, 2017

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President

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Enjoy a light lunch, meet Jessica Kubel, Executive Director of YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley, and learn about TechGyrls, the YWCA's STEM program for young girls ages 10-14. TechGyrls is supported in part by the AAUW Fund.

11:30 AM, Saturday, March 18, 2017

The Doty residence, 1224 S. Fourth St., Alhambra

Reservations required. Please use the form provided on Page 2.

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



Cheryl Plotkin

I do not want to sound like a broken record but we need all of you to participate in the club if we are to continue promoting education, women's right and just enjoying each other's company. It's time to

Get active!

The nominating committee is looking for members with ideas and enthusiasm to lead the club. The nominating committee is looking for you! Please contact Kathleen Doty and take the club into the future.

Reminder: If you are looking for a great evening of dining and company join the Restaurant Gourmets. We are looking for the best night to have more people join us. Please contact Deanna Arthur if you would like to join the group for dinner.

Cheryl

Our March Program TechGyrls

On Saturday, March 18, we will gather at Kathleen and Jim Doty's home for Tea and to hear AAUW Community Action Grant recipient Jessica Kubel.

Jessica Kubel is Executive Director of YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley. She began her career in nonprofit work at the YWCA San Gabriel Valley location, first as an Administrative Assistant and later, as Outreach Coordinator with the WINGS domestic violence program. Prior to joining the YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley, Ms. Kubel served as Volunteer Manager with the Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley, where she planned and implemented large scale volunteer

projects throughout the region, such as Make A Difference Day and Days of Service with local cities. Her extensive volunteer work and community activism includes organizing fundraising events for the Logelin Foundation, Shoes That Fit, and Relay For Life. Ms. Kubel has also spent several years as an analyst in the Global Content Quality division at Yahoo, Inc. Ms. Kubel has a Bachelor's Degree in Communications & Media from Thomas Edison State University, and is an alumni of the Jeremiah Fellowship through Bend the Arc (formerly Jewish Progress Alliance).

Ms. Kubel will talk about TechGyrls, a highly successful nationwide YWCA education program that exposes girls to new, relevant technology and inspires them to pursue STEM-related course work and careers. TechGyrls aims to grow underserved girls' interest in and knowledge of STEM fields and to encourage them to pursue STEM studies and careers in the future. The curriculum covers Microsoft Office, mobile application building, coding, 3-D design, and more.

TechGyrls is funded in part by a Community Action Grant from AAUW. Community Action Grants provide funds to individuals, AAUW branches, and



Jessica Kubel

AAUW state organizations as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equality for women and girls. Applicants must be women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Nonprofit organizations must be based in the United States. Grant projects must have direct public impact, be nonpartisan, and take place within the United States or its territories. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering, or math.

AAUW Fund Tea Reservation Form

YES! I will be at the AAUW Fund Tea on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Please reserve _____ meals

for me: _____ and my guest(s): _____

I have enclosed (\$15.00 x _____) \$ _____.

Make checks payable to Alhambra-San Gabriel AAUW. Return to: Cheryl Plotkin
201 S. Golden West Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91007

Public Policy

AAUW is committed to supporting “fairness in compensation, equitable access and advancement in employment, and vigorous enforcement of employment antidiscrimination statutes.”

Equal Pay Day will be observed this year on April 4, 2017. The date symbolizes how far into 2017 women must work to earn what men earned in 2016. According to national census statistics released in 2013, women working full-time, year round, make, on average, 78 cents for every dollar a male earns doing the same job. In California, women do slightly better, 85 cents on the dollar. Another year, another wage gap for women and their families. The pay gap is even worse for women of color – for African American women the gap is 64% compared to white men and Hispanic women 54%.

And with our inactive Congress and still-troubling economy, women continue to feel the pinch of the wage gap. AAUW members and our partners can work to help close the gap.

Other equal pay dates have been established for specific groups of women:

- March 7 – Asian American women
- July 31 – African American women
- September 25 – Native American women
- November 2 – Latina women

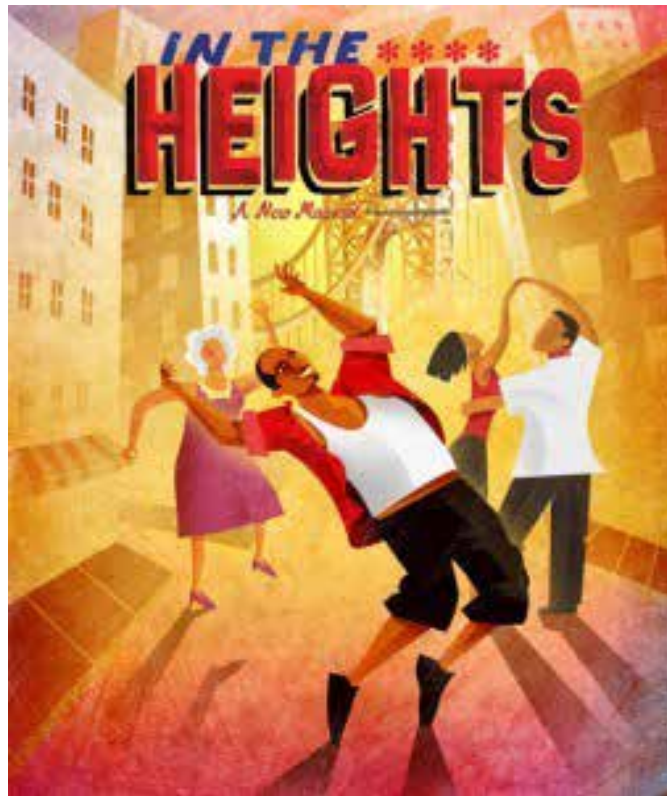
We need to raise the awareness of the issue in our communities, with our members, and especially with young women who are under the false impression that pay inequity has been “taken care of”. While SB358 was enacted by the California Legislature in 2015, there is still much work to be done before equal pay becomes a reality for all women.

Kathleen

JOIN US

The Award-Winning Broadway Musical by Lin-Manuel Miranda

Universal story of a vibrant community (Dominican-American) in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood--coffee, open windows & music of 3 generations. Community on the brink of change, hopes, dreams & pressures. 2008 Tony Award winner for Best Musical, Best Score, Best Choreography, & Best Orchestrations.



Benefits Tech Trek, AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel

Lin-Manuel Miranda is an American actor, playwright, composer, rapper, and writer, best known for creating and starring in the Broadway musicals *Hamilton* and *In the Heights*. He has won a Pulitzer Prize, two Grammys, an Emmy, a MacArthur Fellowship, and three Tony Awards, among others.

The closest parking is in Student Parking Lot Garage No. 5, on Bonnie Ave. south of Colorado Blvd. To park there, you must purchase & display a \$2 parking ticket, available from a machine in the garage.

Saturday, April 8, 2:00 PM Matinee
Pasadena City College
Center for the Arts Theatre
1570 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91106
Adults \$30, Seniors/Students \$20

Checks written to: "American Association of University Women"
RSVP by April 1 to Bonnie bonnigo@att.net or (626) 446-8714
Mail checks to:
Bonnie Gonzalez
2601 Warren Way
Arcadia CA 91007

AAUW Fund

Make a little history during March, Women's History Month! Come to the tea and listen to a wonderful AAUW Fund recipient. Donate to the Fund to ensure monies are available in the future to fund ground-breaking women in their history making efforts. After all, the AAUW Fund has been helping women like Marie Curie make advances for all of us for over 100 years; we don't want to stop now!

We are continuing to sell chances to Dining with the Dotys. Over \$1400 has been raised to complete endowments opened by California members, including the honorarium for Kathleen. By the way, Kathleen's honorarium has been completed. Thank you to all who contributed!!

See you March 18th at the tea!

Kathleen & Deanna

The Kathleen Doty/Alhambra -San Gabriel (CA) Branch Honorary Fund has been completed! Thank you to all who contributed!!

Alhambra--San Gabriel Branch Fundraiser

DINE WITH THE DOTYS

Feed the Fund and we'll feed you. Past AAUW CA President Kathleen Doty and *California Perspective* Editor Jim Doty will prepare a semi-formal dinner for you and three of your friends in their home in Alhambra on May 13th (or as arranged).



Raffle tickets are \$10 each – 3 for \$25. **One hundred percent of ticket proceeds will be donated to AAUW Fund** to help complete unfinished AAUW California endowments. Please make your check payable to "AAUW Fund" and send it to the Dotys, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra, CA 91801. All tickets and proceeds must be turned in by April 1, 2017.

The winning ticket will be drawn on April 17, 2017. Ticket holders do not need to be present at the drawing to win. Questions? Call 626-284-0763

Membership News

I am waiting to get membership applications from all of you friends, who are anxious to join our cause of helping women and girls in our country and the world. I look in my mail every day and am waiting. Out of stamps? You may call me for an application, which I will promptly get in the mail. Any new memberships now will be good for the coming year. You will receive the 2017-18 renewal form in the April Newsletter.

The speeches at the Speech Trek meeting were excellent; and if you were not there, you missed a good program. Even the rain stopped for us.

Delora

Meet Some New Members

Elena Velarde is a native Angelino who resides in the Mount Washington area. Her passions include reading, cinema, plays, and classical orchestral and choral concerts. She sings with the Athenas, a women's chorale, and is currently in rehearsal as a community singer for the Mozart Requiem to be performed at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church on Good Friday. Thanks to the Los Angeles Unified School district for a rich and varied career that encompassed teaching, school-community relations, school case study writing, administration and the inheritance of life-long learning. Elena participates in organized causes supporting women, progressive democracy and the arts. She is already active in our Branch Book, Drama and Gourmet Dining Groups.

Joe Des Barres is a native of Massachusetts and received his Bachelor's degree from St. Michael's College in Vermont. He then did his graduate studies at Boston College receiving his Masters in Psychiatric Social Work. He worked as a social worker in Wisconsin and continued education getting a teaching credential in math and science. In 1998 he moved to California and taught in the Los Angeles Archdiocese school system, ultimately becoming a principal. Joe retired in 2011 and took a two-and-a-half-month road trip across the U.S. to Nova Scotia visiting family and friends. In 2012-13 he served on the LA County Civil Grand Jury when he met Elena. He is politically active and enjoys reading, drama and foreign films.



Front row (left to right): contestants Bianca Moy- Gabrielino High School, Natalie Lee- Garriolino High School, Kaitlyn Luong - Mark Keppel High School, Sabrina Sy- Mark Keppel High School (first place winner). Rear row: judges Gay Kiinman and Robert Sanders, Speech Trek Coordinator Rozanne Child and judge Norm Stevens.

Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Trek

Speech Trek, now in its eleventh year, begins on the branch level with a speech tournament for local high school students. Four outstanding students participated in our February branch speech competition: Bianca Moy and Natalie Lee, from Garriolino High School, and Kaitlyn Luong and Sabrina Sy from Mark Keppel High School. They delivered 5-minute speeches addressing the question, “Is It Time to Pass the Equal Rights Amendment?” Each speaker demonstrated courage, poise and talent. Judges Gay Kiinman, Robert Sanders, and judge Norm Stevens awarded first place to Sabina Sy. A video of Sabina’s speech has been submitted for consideration by a panel of judges looking for the best five speeches from throughout the state. The three top statewide finalists will be invited to present their five-minute speeches at the AAUW California annual meeting April 22nd at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel.

**Our Alhambra-San Gabriel
Branch website is
alhsangab-ca.aauw.net**

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NOUN

a person who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy: “she was an untiring advocate of economic reform”

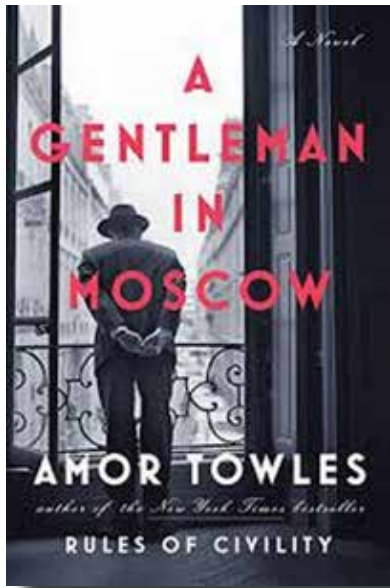
synonyms: champion · upholder · supporter · backer · promoter · proponent · exponent · spokesman · spokeswoman · spokesperson · campaigner · fighter · crusader · propagandist · apostle · apologist · booster · flag-bearer · libber

VERB

publicly recommend or support: “they advocated an ethical foreign policy”

synonyms: recommend · prescribe · advise · urge · support · back · favor · espouse · endorse · uphold · subscribe to · champion · campaign on behalf of · speak for · argue for · lobby for · promote

A Gentleman In Moscow



A New York Times bestseller. Chosen as a best book of the year by NPR, The Washington Post, The Chicago Tribune, The San Francisco Chronicle, and The Philadelphia Inquirer “The Grand Budapest Hotel’ and ‘Eloise’ meets all the Bond villains.” –TheSkimm

“Irresistible. . . [an]

elegant period piece. . . as lavishly filigreed as a Faberge egg.” –O, the Oprah Magazine

He can't leave his hotel. You won't want to.

From the New York Times bestselling author of Rules of Civility—a transporting novel about a man who is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside a luxury hotel

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

“And the intrigue! . . . [A Gentleman in Moscow] is laced with sparkling threads (they will tie up) and tokens (they will matter): special keys, secret compartments, gold coins, vials of coveted liquid, old-fashioned pistols, duels and scars, hidden assignations (discreet and smoky), stolen passports, a ruby necklace, mysterious letters on elegant hotel stationery . . . a luscious stage set, backdrop for a downright Casablanca-like drama.” –The San Fran-

cisco Chronicle

All books on the Evening Book Group's reading list are available at Vroman's Books in Pasadena for a reduced price. Go to the "Will Call" window on the second floor and tell them the name of the book and also that you are a member of "Alhambra San Gabriel AAUW."

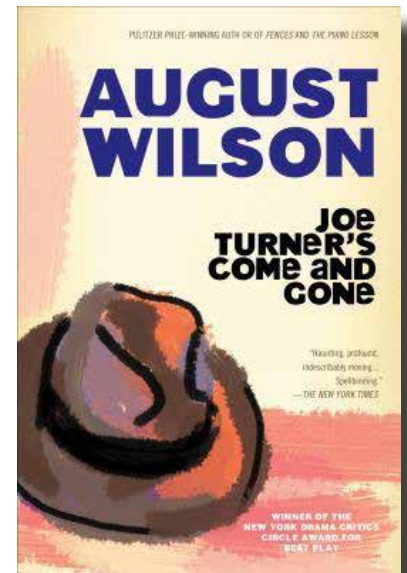
Drama Group March 13

Joe Turner's Come and Gone

It is August in Pittsburgh, 1911. The sun falls out of heaven like a stone. The fires of the steel mill rage with a combined sense of industry and progress. Barges loaded with coal and iron ore trudge up the river to the mill towns that dot the Monongahela and return with fresh, hard, gleaming steel. The city flexes its muscles. Men throw countless bridges across the rivers, lay roads and carve tunnels through the hills sprouting with houses.

From the deep and the near South the sons and daughters of newly freed African slaves wander into the city. Isolated, cut off from memory, having forgotten the names of the gods and only guessing at their faces, they arrive dazed and stunned, their heart kicking in their chest with a song worth singing. They arrive carrying Bibles and guitars, their pockets lined with dust and fresh hope, marked men and women seeking to scrape from the narrow, crooked streets and the fiery blasts of the coke furnace a way of bludgeoning and shaping the malleable parts of themselves into a new identity as free men of definite and sincere worth.

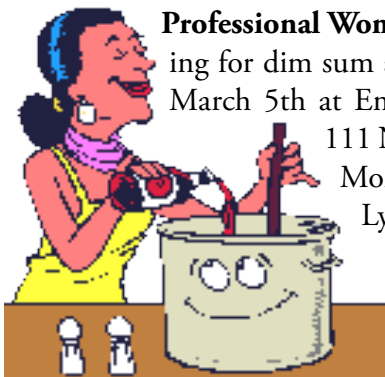
Foreigners in a strange land, they carry as part and parcel of their baggage a long line of separation and dispersment which informs their sensibilities and marks their conduct as they search for ways to reconnect, to reassemble, to give clear and luminous meaning to the song which is both a wail and a whelp of joy.



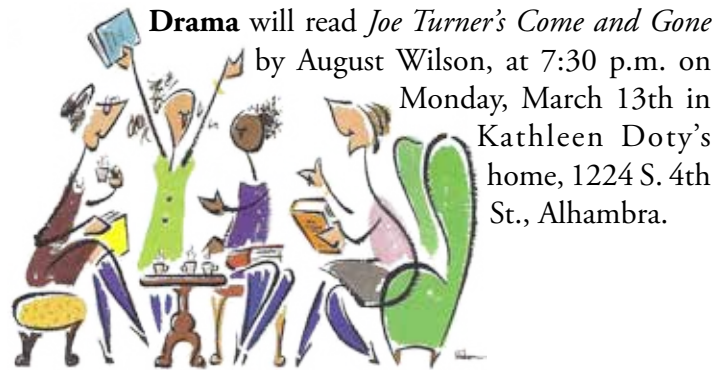
ACTIVITIES

Where the Fun will be in March

Join Us! New faces--even used ones--are always welcomed!



Professional Women Gourmets are gathering for dim sum at 11:30 a.m. on **Sunday**, March 5th at Empress Harbor restaurant, 111 N. Atlantic Blvd., Ste. 350, Monterey Park. Hostessed by Lyda Chee.



Drama will read *Joe Turner's Come and Gone* by August Wilson, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 13th in Kathleen Doty's home, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra.

General Meeting: AAUW Fund recipient Jessica Kubel will speak at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Doty residence, 1224 S. Fourth St., Alhambra. See page 1 for details.

Evening Books will get together at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 27th to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles in Marilyn Jeff's home, 444 N. California St., San Gabriel, CA 91775.



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.



Board Meeting will be meeting on Monday, March 6th, at 7:30 p.m. (socializing starts at 7:00 p.m.) in Cheryl Plotkin's home, 201 S. Golden West Ave., Arcadia.

Restaurant Gourmets always have a great time and lots of good conversation. For information about where and when, contact Deanna Arthur.



IN THE HEIGHTS

Tech Trek fundraiser: the 2008 Tony Award Best Musical "In the Heights".

Saturday, April 8 at 2:00 p.m. Matinee at Pasadena City College.

I WANT YOUR PERSPECTIVE

The AAUW CA Communications Committee (and especially your *California Perspective* Editor, Jim Doty) would like to know your thoughts about the state newsletter, the *California Perspective*. What do you think of the publication's form, cost, content, format, tone and length? A survey form was included in the Winter issue. We hope you will take the time to fill it out and send it in so that the *California Perspective* so fits your needs. Send the printed form to: AAUW California, 1331 Garden Highway, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833 or fax to: (916) 448-1729. Or, you can take the survey online at aauw-ca.org.

