



American Association of University Women

Alhambra - San Gabriel Branch

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

May/June, 2017

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President

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Date: Monday, May 15, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Autunno Banquet Facility
409 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel

\$25.00

Join us to celebrate the end of our current year and the beginning of a new one.
Please send in the reservation form on Page 3 by Wednesday, May 10!

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

We start the transition to the 2017-18 year with our in and out potluck at the Doty's on May 1 and our installation on May 15. I again want to thank those that served this year. I also want to thank every one that agreed to serve for next year.



Cheryl Plotkin

Have a great summer.

Cheryl

AAUW Fund

A great big THANK YOU! to all who supported the AAUW Fund this year. Dining with the Dotys brought in a total of \$1,725 (see Page 4) and has been such fun to plan that the Dotys will be doing it again next year. The March speaker, Community Action Grant recipient Jessica Kubel, was inspirational about the YWCA programs that AAUW Fund monies help support right in our own back yard. Keep up the good work helping to fight for education and equity for everyone!

Kathleen & Deanna

Election Results

Branch Leadership

The following were elected for the 2017-2018 year:

- President Kathleen Doty
- Program Vice Presidents (Co)..... Elena Velarde and Joe des Barres
- Membership Vice President.....Deanna Arthur
- Fund Vice Presidents (Co).....Janice Lee and Kacy Do
- Secretaries (Co) Betty Morin and Jackie Fisher
- Treasurer Cheryl Plotkin

Membership

It's time again to fill out the Renewal Form and write your check for your 2017-2018 AAUW dues. The form is in this newsletter, so you can download it and fill it out or get one at the Installation Dinner. If you can't do either, give me a call and I will send you one. **The due date is July 1**, and I must get the first remittal sent immediately after that. Please try to be on time. An early thanks to all of you ON TIME MEMBERS.

Delora



Tech Trek Girls Introduced

The 12 girls selected for this summer's Tech Trek camp were introduced to branch members at our April 17 program meeting.

Contribution Form

Direct donations are tax deductible

DONOR'S NAME _____

Donation Amount

You must make a separate check for each contribution

AAUW Fund: \$ _____
(check payable to: **AAUW**)

TECH Trek: \$ _____
(check payable to: **AAUW**)

You may give these checks to the respective chairs or the treasurer.

Mail to: Cheryl Plotkin, Treasurer
201 S. Golden West Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91007

Dinner & Installation

RESERVATION FORM

\$25.00 per person

Attendees Names:

Enclose check payable to:
American Association of University Women
for \$25 x ____ = \$ _____

Mail to: Cheryl Plotkin, Treasurer
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**Please make your reservations by
Wednesday May 10**

2017-2018 Membership Dues Renewal Form

Make check payable to: American Association of University Women

Do not include any donations in your membership dues check

Name: _____

PHONE(S)

Address: _____

Home: (____) _____

City, State Zip: _____

Work: (____) _____

Email: _____

Cell: (____) _____

Please mark your membership type and attach a check **payable to American Association of University Women** for the indicated amount:

☐ Regular Member (\$87*) ☐ Student Member (\$55) ☐ Current National Life Member (\$38)

*Regular Member dues include branch, state and national dues. \$46 of national individual membership dues are tax deductible.

Please check the committee or committees you would like to work on during the next year:

<input type="checkbox"/> MEMBERSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/> FINANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> AAUW FUND
<input type="checkbox"/> NEWSLETTER	<input type="checkbox"/> TECH TREK	<input type="checkbox"/> SPEECH TREK
<input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC POLICY	<input type="checkbox"/> LEGAL ADVOCACY

Mail to: Delora Brown, Membership Treasurer
5619A Sultana Ave.
Temple City, CA 91780

Sabrina Sy Earns 3rd Place in San Mateo

Sabrina Sy, our branch's entrant in the Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Contest, was awarded third place at the state-wide final competition, held during the April 22 AAUW CA Annual Meeting in San Mateo.

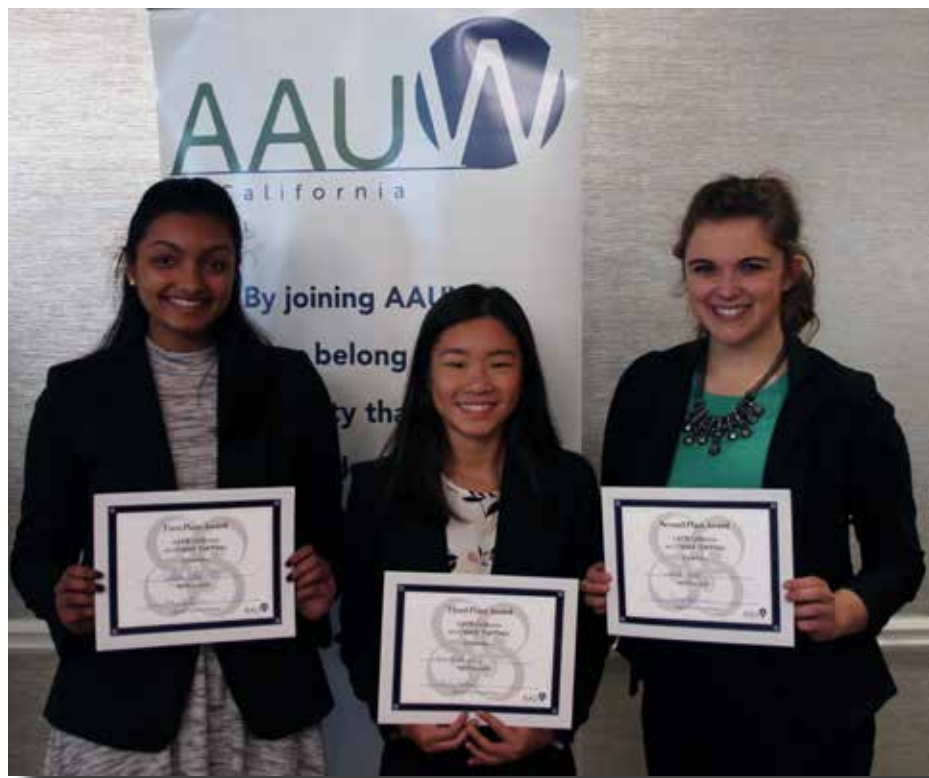
Sabrina delivered her speech on "Is it Time to Pass the Equal Rights Amendment" to about 120 attendees. A sophomore at Mark Keppel High School, Sabrina received a \$500 stipend for her future studies.

The first Speech Trek final competition was held at the April 2007 state convention. This year's competition was the toughest in the ten years of the speech contest. There was a record number of entrants, and the quality of the finalists' speeches was unexcelled in the contest's history.

Our branch has participated every year and has had finalists place among the top three on six occasions: Peggy Truong (3rd in 2007), Tiffany Chia (3rd in 2008), Alexandra Lossada (2nd in 2009), Pavin Trinh (1st in 2013), Sharon Lu (1st in 2016) and Sabrina Sy (3rd in 2017).

First place was awarded to Nikhita Gopisetty, a sophomore at Oakwood High School in Morgan Hill. Second place was awarded to Sarah Murphy, a senior at Whitney High School in Rocklin. This year's 4th place winner is Jocelyn Tzeng, sponsored by the La Mesa/El Cajon Branch, and 5th place is Kathy Le, sponsored by the Sacramento Branch.

You can watch and listen to Sabrina's speech, as well as those of Nikhita and Sarah, on the AAUW California website (aauw-ca.org).



Alhambra--San Gabriel Branch Fundraiser

Elena Velarde to Dine with the Dotys

Congratulations to Elena Velarde, whose winning ticket was drawn during the April branch meeting. A total of 205 tickets were purchased by 41 ticket holders, raising \$1,725.00 to complete California funds. 30% of the money came from outside of our branch and as far away as the San Francisco Bay area. The money completed



Cheryl Plotkin draws the winning ticket

the Kathleen Doty honorarium, which supports leadership development programs such as Elect Her and NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders). Since completing that honorarium, the money has been deposited into the Salandra/Volz Fund.

Public Policy

Proposed AAUW CA Public Policy Action Priorities for 2017-2019

The AAUW CA Public Policy program supports its mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research, and complements the national Public Policy program. AAUW CA's priorities for action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, and strong member support. All members were invited to comment regarding the priorities that AAUW CA should place on California legislation affecting women and girls during the next two years, and these priorities reflect member comments. Members vote to accept or reject the priorities during the AAUW California Election.

Voting began April 22nd and ends on May 12th. Be sure to vote!

To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women AAUW CA advocates:

- Pay equity, fairness in compensation, benefits, and economic justice.
- Equitable access and advancement in employment, including vigorous enforcement of employment antidiscrimination statutes.
- Strengthening retirement benefits and programs, including pension improvements, and protecting Social Security from privatization or reduction in benefits.
- Programs that provide women with education, including financial literacy, training, and support for success in the workforce.
- Strengthening programs that encourage career development and earning potential, including career and technical education, access to postsecondary education, and welfare job training.
- Policies that promote and support work-life balance, including child and dependent care.

To support a strong system of high-quality public education, AAUW CA advocates:

- Adequate and equitable funding for high-quality public education for all students, including pre-school.
- Increased support for programs that break through barriers for women and girls in science, technol-

ogy, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.

- Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in all levels of education, including sexual health education.
- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education.
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education, and for charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools.
- Support for and adequate funding that gives women and disadvantaged populations access to higher education, including two-year degree programs and vocational training.

Should AAUW CA adopt these public policy priorities? Cast your vote by May 12th.

Your link to vote in the AAUW California 2017 Election via [surveymonkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com) was emailed on April 22

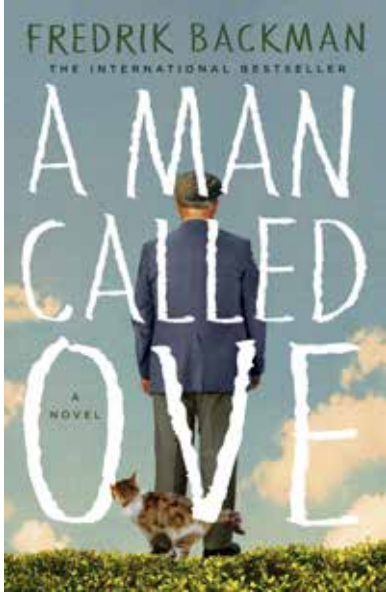
To guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW CA advocates:

- Self-determination of one's reproductive health decisions.
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including bullying, sexual harassment, human trafficking, and gun violence, in all aspects of life.
- Increased access to quality, affordable healthcare, and family planning services.
- Strengthening California programs, including affordable housing, that improve the lives of children in families living at or below the poverty level.
- Support for United Nations programs that address human rights and women's and girls' issues.
- Freedom in definition of self and family, and guarantee of civil rights for all family structures.
- Vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights for all.

The AAUW CA Public Policy Committee recommends these Public Policy Priorities for approval by AAUW CA members.

Kathleen

A Man Called Ove



chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.

Ove is a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him “the bitter neighbor from hell.” However, behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two

Three Short Plays

Thanks to a record attendance, our April reading of Agatha Christie's *A Witness for the Defense* was very successful.

On May 8 we will read three short plays selected by New York theatre critics, professionals, and the editorial staff of Samuel French, Inc. as the most important plays of the Fifth Off-Off Broadway Original Short Play Festival sponsored by Love Creek Productions in 1980: *Batbrains* by Barbara Daniel, *Hello, Ma!* by Trude Stone, and *Me Too, Then!* by Tom Dudzick and Steven Smith.

Batbrains. Jane Batts is an up-and-coming fashion designer who lives in a loft with her husband Rico, a successful artist. Until now, Rico has been paying most of the bills - but Jane has a chance to break out on her own with a series of bat shaped dress designs. However, she first must contend with her old college roommate, Pam, a self-proclaimed psychic who has arrived in New York to teach “telepathic lovemaking” - and plans to crash with Jane for awhile. Will Pam's “visions” reveal something more about Rico? A short comedy about two very different women, seeking success in the big city. Published in Off Off Broadway Festival Plays, 5th Series.

Hello, Ma! Dee's a self-centered 20-something who has a chronic addiction to calling her mother with her problems, until her mother flips the switch and teaches her a lesson. Hello, Ma! is an amusing comedy about mothers and daughters that offers two hilarious roles for talented actresses.

Me Too, Then! In this short award-winning comedy, Vera tries to overcome her dependence on material goods and discovers that laughter is the key. Vera is a hopeful romantic and comedy fan who lives with her pharmacist boyfriend, Leonard, and her chatty bird, Harpo. When Slat, a comedian, comes into her life, she must decide whether to be loyal to Leonard or to follow her dreams of comedy. A humorous, light-hearted romp through love, *Me Too, Then!* offers lessons about happiness and being true to yourself.

ACTIVITIES

Where the Fun will be in May and June
Join Us! New faces--even used ones--are always welcomed!

Board Meeting and pot luck dinner will be on Monday, May 1st, at 6:30 p.m. (socializing starts at 6:00 p.m.) in Kathleen Doty's home, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra.

Looking for a rousing good time? Friday, May 5, Paco's Cinco De Mayo celebration! Loud, live music, outside tent as well as inside dining.

Restaurant Gourmets will be dining at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 6th at Del Frisco's, 55 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena. AND on Wednesday, May 16th, at Stoney Point, 460 W. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena (We can make reservations for an early and late sitting.) Saturday, June 10 is awaiting your suggestion. For information, contact Deanna Arthur.



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.

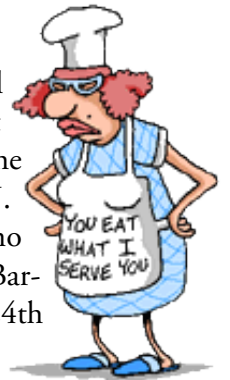


Drama will read three short plays: *Batbrains* by Barbara Daniel, *Hello, Ma!* by Trude Stone, and *Me Too, Then!* by Tom Dudzick and Steven Smith. 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8th in the Dotys' home, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra.



General Meeting: Installation of newly elected board members 6:00 p.m., Monday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Autunno Banquet Facility, 409 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel (see Page 1).

Professional Women Gourmets will be hosted by Valeri Neelen-Siegel at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 21st at the University Club of Pasadena, 175 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena. Jan Mangerino will hostess an All American Backyard Barbeque at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 24th at 295 Marguerita Ln., Pasadena.



Evening Books will get together at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 22nd to discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman in Elena Velarde's home, 4315 San Rafael Ave., Los Angeles. The June book and time and place of the June Evening Books meeting are yet to be determined.



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 Branch website is
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