



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.

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Here's something to think about, dear members: What Boards and/or Commissions do you currently serve on, or have you served on in the past? What's our Branch's role in furthering opportunities for gender equity in city government? Are we doing enough?

Welcome Mr. Donovan Steutel from the League of Women Voters Pasadena Area! He will discuss some underappreciated aspects of gender inequality and update us on gender representation on community boards and commissions within our San Gabriel Valley cities. Mr. Steutel's provoking presentation "Obscure Feminism" will be a springboard for Branch strategic advocacy and volunteer efforts to improve gender equity. We'll leave the meeting knowing what we need to do. Our first step is for each of us to bring a friend to this presentation!

October 16th at 7 PM

First United Methodist Church San Gabriel
201 North 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.

Membership

Welcome to Fall. There is so much happening. The leaves are turning somewhere; the weather is getting brisk somewhere; the youngsters everywhere are getting ready for Halloween so that means Thanksgiving and Christmas can't be far behind.

Membership had its first meetup event. 7 potential and existing members met at Vino for a lovely evening of wine and appetizers. We garnered 1 new member, Leticia Peralta and Enid Ottem said she would join with the commission from her listing in Arcadia. Get that sale, Enid. Jane Anderson, Kathleen Doty, Jim Doty, Martha Rivera and I had a wonderful evening sipping and sharing appetizers and stories about AAUW present and past.

I would like to ask you all to join meetup (www.meetup.com). It looks so much more appealing if potential attendees can see that others are attending the event. This is one way for us to get new members and diversity in the group. The best and most enduring way is to bring in your friends.

Jane Hallinger and Bernie De Paolis also paid their dues at the Tech Trek meeting so we are now up to 52 members. What a joy to have them continuing with the group. New member, Christine Lee also attended the Tech Trek meeting.

In the next issue, I will start recognizing our new members and share some information about them. Let's make them all feel welcome when they attend.

Deanna

Clip and add to your branch directory:

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President's Message

The program year has started out with a bang – our welcome back meeting was spectacular; what a great “class” of Tech Trekkers we had! Thank you to both the Tech Trek North and Tech Trek South sub-committees for all of their hard work!!



Kathleen Doty

And now, it is officially fall! Traditionally fall is a season in which we slow down, gear up for the many holidays ahead, and are inundated with politics. This year is an off, off election year, all the more reason to focus on our mission of equity for women and girls. Join the Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch as we hear from the League of Women Voters about issues directly affecting us and our mission. I look forward to seeing you all at our meeting on October 16th.

Kathleen

AAUW Fund Luncheon

Each year AAUW California formally presents our fellowship and grant recipients at the Fall Fund Luncheons. Fund recipients speak about their aspirations, accomplishments and their journey to receiving help from AAUW California Fund. We guarantee this luncheon will be satisfying and inspiring.

This year the nearest Fund Luncheon will be from noon to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 15th at the Old Ranch Country Club, 3901 Lampson Ave., in Seal Beach. Make reservations at www.aauw-ca.org in the calendar section. The cost is \$45.

If anyone wants to carpool, please contact Janice Lee (323) 687-3269 to arrange.

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Tech Trek

Tech Trek Luncheon

Our Tech Trek Luncheon was a success due to the hard work of the Tech Trek committee members from the North and South. Thanks to all of you who decorated the tables and provided the delicious food for the luncheon. Also a special thanks to the Espadas family who have donated the fruit for the past 5 years. Alenna Espadas, a former Tech Trekker from the Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch, has helped us with set-up each year since she attended camp. She is a senior this year at Gabrielino High School and we wish her well as she applies to colleges.

Tech Trek Fundraiser

TALBOTS

The Tech Trek Committee cordially invites members and friends to Community Day at Talbots Dress Store at 497 Lake Ave. in Pasadena on Thursday, November 16th, from 2-7 PM to raise funds for Tech Trekkers from our northern schools. We will have a table in the store to distribute light refreshments and information about Tech Trek. Tech Trek Alhambra- San Gabriel will get 10% of pre-tax sales generated during the event. Talbots has a good selection of clothes for all sizes. Please join us on the 16th and support this great AAUW STEM program.

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Do you know someone who doesn't get it?

To save time and money, we distribute the branch newsletter by email. But sometimes an email or two gets lost in the ether. If you know of anyone whose emailed copy did not arrive as expected, please let Deanna or the Dotys know. We will mail the newsletter to selected individuals who do not have email or have difficulty with their email.

AAUW Fund Raffle

Dining with the Dotys



Let us prepare a semi-formal dinner for you and three of your friends in our home in Alhambra on May 12th (or as arranged). Raffle tickets are \$10 each – 3 for \$25. Please make checks payable to “AAUW Fund”. All tickets and proceeds must be turned in by April 1, 2018 to the Dotys (1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra, CA. 91801). The winning ticket will be drawn on April 16, 2018. Ticket holders do not need to be present at the drawing to win. One hundred percent of ticket proceeds will be donated to AAUW Fund to help complete unfinished AAUW California endowments. Questions? Call 626-284-0763



save the date

April 27-29, 2018

Celebrate the advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research we do to achieve equity for women and girls! Connect with like-minded people. Attend revitalizing workshops. Hear entertaining speakers. Witness the Speech Trek competition. Celebrate the 20th anniversary of Tech Trek. Watch for more details as planning progresses – you won't want to miss this!



Wonder

I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.

August (Auggie) Pullman was born with a facial deformity that prevented him from going to a mainstream school—until now. He's about to start 5th grade at Beecher Prep, and if you've ever been

the new kid then you know how hard that can be. The thing is Auggie's just an ordinary kid, with an extraordinary face. But can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, despite appearances?

R. J. Palacio has written a spare, warm, uplifting story that will have readers laughing one minute and wiping away tears the next. With wonderfully realistic family interactions (flawed, but loving), lively school scenes, and short chapters, *Wonder* is accessible to readers of all levels.

The above review is from [goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com).

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."

Coming in January!

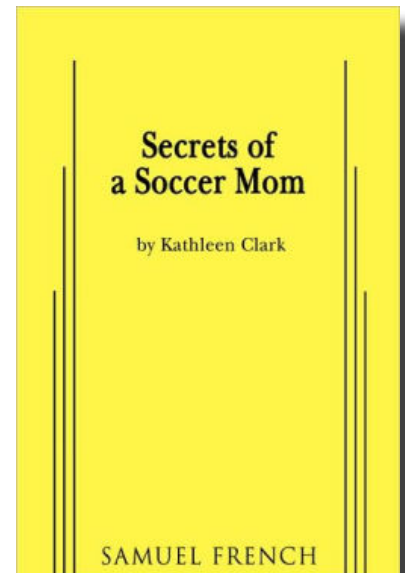
It's Official! According to *American Expatriates Magazine of France*:

The memoir, "Pancakes in Paris," wins Best Book of 2017. Author Craig Carlson shares his odyssey of opening the first American Diner in Paris. He quickly found out he wasn't in America any more! Meet Craig and hear his amazing story at our Annual Author's Luncheon on January 20th in Alhambra! *A Bientôt!*

Drama Group October 9

Soccer Moms

Now titled *Secrets of a Soccer Mom*. Three engaging women reluctantly take the field in a mothers vs. sons soccer game. They intend to let the children win, but as the game unfolds they become intent on scoring. The competition ignites a fierce desire to recapture their youthful good-humor, independence and sexiness, paving the way toward a better understanding of themselves, their families and changes they need to make in their lives.



"Let's hear it for *Soccer Moms*, a diverting comedy with a slick style and attention, holding crisp dialogue." - The New York Times

A sympathetic and compelling comedy with constant laughs." - Variety

"Soccer moms of the world, unite and jog over to enjoy Kathleen Clark's new comedy." - Associated Press

"*Secrets of A Soccer Mom* puts the heart and 'sole' into comedy." - New York Daily News

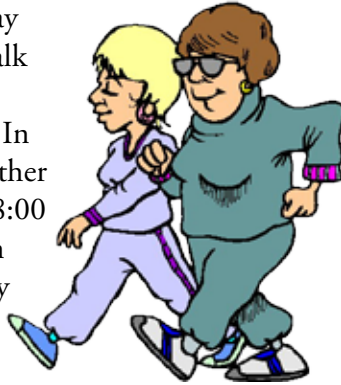
ACTIVITIES

Where the Fun will be in October

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

Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. (socializing starts at 7:00 p.m.) in Kathleen Doty's home, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra.

Walkettes meets every Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. We walk for about one hour and have breakfast at about 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 *Soccer Moms*

by Kathleen Clark at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 9th in the Dotys' home, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra.



Professional Women Gourmets: The details of our October dinner are still cooking. Call Valeri.



General Meeting: Public Policy Interactive, Monday, October 16th, 7:30 p.m. (see Page 1).

Evening Books will get together at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 23rd to discuss *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio in Delora Brown's home, 5619 "A" Sultana Avenue, Temple City.



Restaurant Gourmets will dine on Saturday, October 28th 6:30 PM at Cafe Pinot, 700 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles. Please call Deanna for reservations by 10/21/17. Need more information, contact Deanna Arthur.



Find us on Meetup.com

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