



# 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.

November & December, 2017



## Holiday Music & Treats Gabrielino High School Chamber Singers

7:00 PM, Monday, December 4, 2017

First United Methodist Church San Gabriel

201 N. San Gabriel Blvd., San Gabriel

Do you enjoy music? Do you want to encourage young singers in our midst? Do you appreciate the fruits of a Master Teacher in our Public Schools? If you answer "yes" to any of the above questions, you're in for a treat on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Come to our Annual Holiday Program and be amazed. Merriment, food and music await you. Don't let family and friends miss out on this extraordinary performance!

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

How many AAUW meetings/events do you attend every year?

In the spirit of inclusion and diversity, sit by yourself. See what happens.

I did this at the last meeting and a wonderful person, who I had never met, sat next to me. It happened to be Reverend Sharon Snapp-Kolas. Reverend Sharon is the pastor at Delora's church, the wonderful location where we now have many of our meetings.

She was a delightful, sparkling conversationalist. If I had sat with my friends, as I usually do, I would have missed an opportunity. I hope she has the time to attend our December meeting, so more of you can spend some time with her.

Every day we have opportunities to give our 30-second elevator speech about AAUW. Perhaps, you could share yours with me. Send it to [deannaaaauw@gmail.com](mailto:deannaaaauw@gmail.com). I would love to share the ones that I receive with the branch.

*Deanna*



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!

## 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. 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 individuals who do not have email or have difficulty with their email.



## Delora Brown Honored

Delora Brown received the Lizarraga Founders Award at La Casa De San Gabriel Community Center's 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Dinner October 12 at the San Gabriel Hilton. The award honors those volunteers who help La Casa continue its service to the community. AAUW Branch members Lyda Chee, Jane Anderson, Carol Barrett, Deanna Arthur, Rozanne Child, Kathleen Doty, Jim Doty, Cheryl Plotkin and Cheryl Prentiss were

there to congratulate her.

Delora's connection to La Casa began in 1965 when she moved to San Gabriel and learned of La Casa through her church. For the last 12 years, Delora has been offering monthly blood pressure screenings to La Casa families, staff and community friends. She values the opportunity to help families get the support they need to stay healthy.





# TALBOTS

## Tech Trek Fundraiser

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.

*Lilia*



## Branch Reaches Out to Alhambra High Schools

Kathleen and Jim Doty staffed a table at Alhambra Unified School District's 10<sup>th</sup> annual District College Fair at San Gabriel High School on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Hundreds of high school juniors and seniors and their parents from all five of the district's high schools attended preparation workshops, technical career showcases and met with representatives from 70 colleges, universities and the armed forces. 24 AAUW C/U partners were there. We established valuable contacts with school district staff and distributed information about speech trek.

## Perfect Time to Meet with your Legislators!

The California legislative session has ended. Bills that passed out of the Legislature have now gone to the Governor for action. Legislators are in their home offices. This is a great time for your branch to reach out to your state Assembly member and Senator and talk with them about AAUW priorities. Building relationships now helps us to advocate for our issues later!

## President's Message

As I write this the temperatures are unusually high; fall is definitely *not* in the air. However, fall is on the calendar, showing the end of the year is at hand. As the holidays approach I can't avoid the inevitable clichés of reflecting on the past and looking to the future.



Kathleen Doty

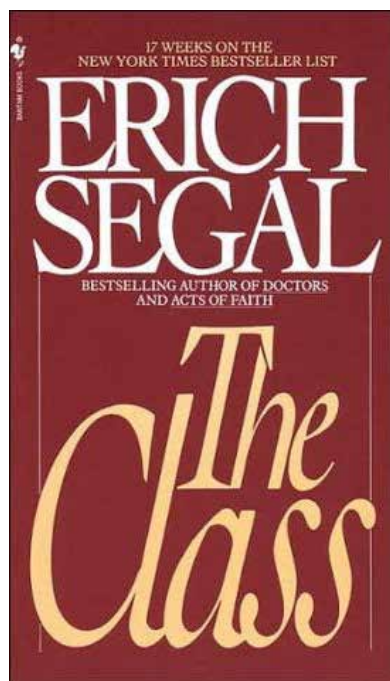
Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch is off to a great start. We have tried some new things like posting our events on MeetUp and holding sip-and-chat opportunities. We have also had some great meetings – learning about the extent (or lack) of equality on local community commissions and hearing from this year's class of Tech Trekkers. The December meeting of holiday music is sure to be wonderful.

What of the coming year? We will be continuing the balance of new and traditional with many opportunities for YOU to participate. The author's luncheon in January, the Speech Trek competition in February, an AAUW Fund recipient in March and something new and different for April are events we hope you won't want to miss!

And, finally, two thoughts: First, it is not too late get a tax deduction by making a donation to the AAUW Fund. You may send donations to Janice Lee or Kacy Do or have your donation do double duty by purchasing a chance to win a dinner with the Dotys - not only will you be making a difference in a woman's life with your contribution to the AAUW Fund, but you may win a spectacular meal and entertaining evening! Second, it is not too soon to think about stepping up to leadership in our branch. Consider what job you can do in 2018-2019 and say yes when the nominating committee calls at the first of the year.

Happy Holidays to all!

*Kathleen*



## The Class

From world-renowned author Erich Segal comes a powerful and moving saga of five extraordinary members of the Harvard class of 1958 and the women with whom their lives are intertwined. Their explosive story begins in a time of innocence and spans a turbulent quarter century, culminating in their

dramatic twenty-five reunion at which they confront their classmates--and the balance sheet of their own lives. Always at the center; amid the passion, laughter, and glory, stands Harvard--the symbol of who they are and who they will be. They were a generation who made the rules--then broke them--whose glittering successes, heartfelt tragedies, and unbridled ambitions would stun the world.

### REVIEWS

"Erich Segal's best."--Pittsburgh Press, Bantam Books

"First class entertainment."--Cosmopolitan, Bantam Books

"An absorbing page-turner."--Publisher's Weekly, Bantam Books

"A panoramic saga."--Philadelphia Inquirer, Bantam Books

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."

## Elemeno Pea

It's just after Labor Day, and Martha's Vineyard has started emptying out, but you can still smell the suntan lotion (the expensive kind). And the expensive life is just what Simone is living these days, as personal assistant to Michaela Kell, trophy wife of an absurdly rich (and often absent) New York ad man. When Simone's older sister, a social worker from blue collar Buffalo, comes to visit,



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lifestyles—and worlds—collide. This keenly observed comedy about class, family and the choices that shape who we are unfolds in real time, fast, furious and funny.

### REVIEWS

"...smart...insightful...think of it as a funnier Downton Abbey, if the mansion were a smart-house on Martha's Vineyard." - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, [Read More](#)

"...the comedy is as biting sarcasm as it is wonderfully human." - Broadway World, [Read More](#)

### AAUW Fund Raffle

## Dining with the Dotys

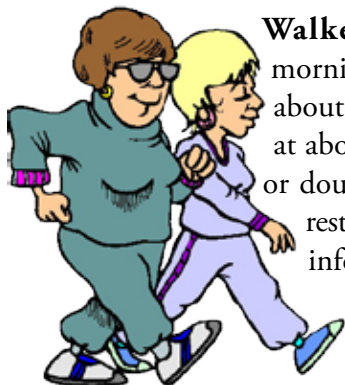


Let us prepare a semi-formal dinner for you and three of your friends in our home in Alhambra on May 12<sup>th</sup> (or as arranged). Raffle tickets are \$10 each – 3 for \$25. Please make checks payable to "AAUW Fund". All tickets and proceeds must be turned in by April 1, 2018 to the Dotys (1224 S. 4<sup>th</sup> 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



# ACTIVITIES

**Where the Fun will be in November & December**  
**Join Us! New faces--even used ones--are always welcomed!**



**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.

**Professional Women Gourmets** will be hosted by Bill Ferry at Casa Calderon in San Gabriel on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Mary Smeritschnig will be the hostess on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Meeting** will be on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. (socializing starts at 7:00 p.m.) in Kathleen Doty's home, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra.



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 16<sup>th</sup>, from 2-7 PM to raise funds for Tech Trek.

**Restaurant Gourmets** will dine on November 25<sup>th</sup> at Paco's Restaurant on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Foothill in Arcadia. On December 30<sup>th</sup> they will dine at Twohey's Tavern, which will be opening soon at 2635 E. Foothill Blvd. in Pasadena. Need more information? Contact Deanna Arthur.



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**Am. Assoc. Univ. Women -- Alhambra, San Gabriel, Monterey Pk**

**Drama** will read *Elemeno Pea* by Molly Smith Metzler at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> in the Dotys' home, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra.



**Evening Books** will get together at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss *The Class* by Eric Segal in Deanna Arthur's home, 1608 S. Atlantic Blvd. in Alhambra.

**Holiday Music & Refreshments:** Gabrieli-no High School Chamber Singers. 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at First United Methodist Church San Gabriel, 201 N. San Gabriel Blvd., San Gabriel (see Page 1).



## Coming in January!

CRAIG CARLSON was the last person anyone would expect to open an American diner in Paris. He came from humble beginnings in a workingclass town in Connecticut, had never worked in a restaurant and didn't know anything about starting a brand-new business. From his first visit to Paris, Craig knew he had found the city of his dreams. But one thing was still missing--the good ol' American breakfast he loved so much.

"Pancakes in Paris" is the story of Craig tackling the impossible--from raising the money to fund his dream to tracking down international suppliers for "exotic" American ingredients... and even finding love along the way. His diner, Breakfast in America, is now a renowned tourist destination, and the story of how it came to be is just as delicious and satisfying as the classic breakfast that tops its menu.

Meet and enjoy the camaraderie of Craig Carlson at our Author's Luncheon: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Joslyn Center in Story Park (210 N Chapel Ave, Alhambra).

You will want to invite friends to attend this charming, unique experience. Further details will be forthcoming.