



# 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.

February, 2018

## Local High School Students Speak Up

# How Can We Stand Up To Sexism?

**11:00 AM on Saturday, February 10 in the Asbury Lounge of the Alhambra's First United Methodist Church (9 N. Almansor St.)**

How can we stand up to sexism? What can individuals and organizations such as AAUW do to break down stereotypes and biases in school, at work, in the military, and in our communities? On Saturday, February 10, some very bright, insightful, eloquent high school students will provide their answers in the first phase of AAUW California's Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Trek.

Speech Trek is an annual speaking contest open to all California high school students, whether from public, private, home or continuation high schools. Students prepare an original 5-6-minute speech, which is judged for content, organization, and delivery. The best speech will be posted online to be judged for the next level.

The state Speech Trek judges will identify five finalists, two of whom will receive honorable mention. The judges will award the 4th place finalist with \$250 and the 5th place finalist with \$150.

The top three finalists compete for cash prizes at the AAUW California state convention in Irvine on April 28, 2018. First place winner at the State contest will receive \$1500, second place will receive \$1000, and third place will receive \$500. Travel expenses, lodging, and meals for each finalist and a chaperone will be reimbursed by Speech Trek.

The first Speech Trek final competition was held at the April 2007 state convention. AAUW's Alhambra--San Gabriel 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 Losada (2nd in 2009), Pavin Trinh (1st in 2013), Sharon Lu (1st in 2016, pictured right) and Sabrina Sy (3rd in 2017, pictured left).

AAUW Alhambra--San Gabriel Branch's speech contest will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 10 in the Asbury Lounge of the Alhambra's First United Methodist Church (9 N. Almansor St.).



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.

# Merci Beaucoup to Our Hospitality Committee & Volunteers

What makes a branch event come together seamlessly? The people on the Hospitality Committee! Since September 2017, you may have noticed, we have two new Co-Chairs: Lyda Chee and Virginia Orenos, longtime active branch members.

In the tradition of iconic Lilia Hall, who pioneered our Hospitality Committee, meeting after meeting this team is the indisputable backbone of every social event. They are the “behind the scenes” members who provide themed presentation basics--depending on the season and occasion: table cloths, centerpieces, plastic ware, plates and napkins. One hardworking member, Delora Brown, really makes us feel at home when our meetings are at her church, First United Methodist San Gabriel. There, Delora makes the coffee and is our host. She invaluabley assists the hospitality team. They provide ALL the amenities to make our environment cheerful and festive. They come early, stay late, help with seating and are gracious hostesses to all members and guests.

At times, our Hospitality Committee may reach out to the various branch interest groups to assist with edibles and drinkables. Sometimes Lyda and Virginia do the supplementing on their own. It's definitely a team effort. Sometimes volunteers come forward to share their expertise, as occurred at the authors luncheon. Branch member Betty Morín created the lovely beribboned mason jars adorned with the “Pancakes in Paris” flag and colorful flowers. Everyone benefitted from the attractive room environment which transformed our Joslyn Center room into a Parisian dreamscape of 8 beautiful “parcs” abundant with traditional picnic tables and a flurry of fresh cut flowers and French flags!

*Vive l'équipe* (Long live the team!) to our beloved and treasured Hospitality Team: Lyda and Virginia! And another *Merci Beaucoup* to our Delora and our Betty—and very special thanks to Lilia for the gold standard she set over many, many years!

*Elena Velarde & Joe Des Barres*



## Last Month's Program Pancakes in Paris



Our January authors program, featuring Craig Carlson, drew 49 attendees including 23 potential new members and raised \$457.





# Fran Meyer

It is with sorrow we announce that Fran Meyer passed away January 14th.

A Rosary was held on Thursday, January 25th at 5:00 PM at St. Therese Church, 510 N. El Molino, Alhambra. The funeral service was on Friday, January 26th at 4:00 PM at St. Therese Church, followed by a reception.

Fran was born on May 7, 1934. She graduated from Mount Mary College (now Mount Mary University) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and taught Kindergarten at Martha Baldwin Elementary School in Alhambra for 30 years.

Fran joined AAUW in 1973. She was active in the branch in many ways over the years, often including her husband, Bob, in the events.

Many will remember her for her clothes that always coordinated with holidays and that she won almost every raffle in which she participated. In addition, she will be remembered as a loyal, supportive friend--always there when needed. Her outgoing, bubbly personality will be greatly missed!



Fran Meyer

# President's Message

What a wonderful year of programs we are having! Thank you Elena and Joe for a spectacular Author's Luncheon! Although there is no general meeting in February, we will be holding the annual Speech Trek competition on February 10th. I do hope you all come out to cheer on the speakers. A video of the winner from our branch will be submitted to the statewide competition and the top three statewide will compete at the AAUW CA Annual Convention in Irvine in April. Alhambra-San Gabriel has had finalists many times in the past – perhaps this year we will sponsor a finalist again!

I would be remiss if I failed to remind you that all of the exciting things our branch does could not be done without the members who step up to leadership positions. The nominating committee is once again looking for members willing to lead us into our branch's 75th year. Why not you? And, here is a novel idea: Don't wait for a call from Cheryl, Betty, Delora, Jackie or Elena, call or e-mail one of them yourself and volunteer for an office! I am looking forward to a full slate!

See you at Speech Trek on February 10th!



Kathleen Doty

*Kathleen*

## AAUW CA Articles of Incorporation Vote Failed

As of January 22nd, 2018 the vote to change AAUW California back to a Public Benefit Corporation failed due to four "no" votes.

As explained in the pre-vote materials and on the ballot, just one "no" vote causes the measure to fail per California Corporate regulations governing Mutual Benefit Corporations (our current classification). Our pre-vote materials extensively explained the ramifications of a "no" vote and its long-term impact to the organization. We are now facing a lengthy and expensive legal process to reclassify AAUW CA to a Public Benefit Corpora-

tion. The ballot measure members recently voted on was the most efficient and cost-effective process. AAUW CA must be reclassified, one way or another, in order to remain an affiliate of AAUW and to participate in all AAUW programs, including Tech Trek.

Any member who cast a "no" vote has the opportunity to change that vote to a "yes" vote up until February 10, 2018, by contacting [governance@aauw-ca.org](mailto:governance@aauw-ca.org) and requesting that their vote be changed. After that date, AAUW CA will move into a complex and costly appeal process with the State of California.



LOCATION:



1322 W BEVERLY BLVD  
MONTEBELLO, CA 90640

DATE:

WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 21, 2018

FROM:

7 AM-9:30 PM

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POLLY'S IS PROUD TO SUPPORT YOUR EVENT. FLYERS MAY NOT BE PASSED OUT IN POLLY'S RESTAURANT OR IN POLLY'S PARKING LOT ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

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**PLEASE SCAN BARCODE WITH THE GUESTS CHECK**

## Tech Trek Fundraiser

# Dine In at Polly's Pies

Please join us for a 'Dine In' fundraiser at Polly's Pies in Montebello on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The restaurant is centrally located at 1322 Beverly Blvd. in Montebello. They serve delicious entrees along with scrumptious pies and heavenly cinnamon rolls.

Polly's Pies will generously donate 20% of your bill to Tech Trek South. Simply present the fundraising flyer (attached to the newsletter) to your server from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m., for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Better yet, bring your friends for lunch and return in the evening with your significant other for dinner.

Please make copies of the attached flyer and hand them out to family, friends and neighbors. We look forward to dining with you on February 21<sup>st</sup> at Polly's Pies.

*Jackie*

# State Lauds Our October Program

Our October program, "Obscure Feminism: Underappreciated Aspects of gender inequality" by League of Women Voters speaker Donovan Steutel is among the nine programs to receive "Program of the Quarter" recognition from the AAUW CA Program Committee. The state's "Program of the Quarter" recognizes outstanding mission based programs, which are designed to educate and inspire members and the community to implement the AAUW mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

SAVE THE DATE!

# Fund Luncheon

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Our guest speaker will be AAUW CA American Fellowship Recipient, Dr. Krystale Littlejohn.

After receiving her M.A. and Ph.D. from Stanford University, Krystale returned to her undergraduate alma mater, Occidental College, to teach and do research.

Dr. Littlejohn's research examines the social dimensions of birth control use as a window into understanding unintended pregnancy and the role of multi-racials in blurring racial boundaries in partnership. She teaches classes on the family, health & illness, and introductory sociology.

We had the pleasure of hearing her speak at the annual Fall Fund Luncheon in 2017 and she was our first choice as speaker for our March Fund Luncheon. So save the date because we can't wait for you to feel inspired and informed with her presentation.

*Kacy & Janice Lee*

# Women's March Makes History

A story on the Vox Media website by Sarah Frostenson stated that data collected by Erica Chenoweth at the University of Denver and Jeremy Pressman at the University of Connecticut indicated that the marches held in more than 600 US cities were attended by at least 4.2 million people. Chenoweth was quoted as saying, "Even using a conservative estimate, it was the single largest day for a demonstration in the US." Deanna Arthur, who serves on both the state and branch boards, is second from right in this photo from last year.





## Pasadena Showcase House of Design



Shown above is the **2018 Pasadena Showcase House of Design** as I imagine you would see it if you forget your glasses on the bus. Designers will re-imagine this 12,00 square foot house, which was built in 1915 on 1.6 acres in Altadena.

## Another Tech Trek Fundraiser Pasadena Showcase House of Design

This year's Pasadena Showcase House of Design is a 12,00 square foot house built in 1915 on 1.6 acres in Altadena. The house will be open to the public every day except Mondays from April 22 through May 20, 2018.

Volunteers are needed to staff the house and grounds Tuesday through Sunday. The staffing is split into two shifts: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. A third shift, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, is needed on Thursdays, Fridays and some Wednesdays.

Our branch will earn \$40 for each four-hour shift we fill. Volunteers who work two shifts will receive a free entrance ticket to tour the house.

We hope to staff *at least* 20 shifts. Please volunteer for as many shifts as you can and help us recruit others. Volunteers do not have to be AAUW members--family and friends can help too!

We will have a very short window of time to work with Showcase House to get the shifts you prefer, so please tell us your preferred shifts and two alternate shifts as soon as possible but **no later than February 23**. Contact Bonnie Gonzalez at [bonmago@att.net](mailto:bonmago@att.net) or Lilia Hall at [liliaehall@gmail.com](mailto:liliaehall@gmail.com).

*Bonnie*

## And Another Tech Trek Fundraiser Sees Easter Candy!

This year Easter is on April 1st. We appreciate your efforts over the last couple of years and hope you'll be able to help us out again this year. Here are the details:

We distributed presell forms at the authors luncheon and a copy is included in this newsletter. If you need another form, call Sue or Lilia and we will send you one you can download. Collect the money when you take the order or at least before you turn in the order and money to Sue.

Sue will accept either cash or check. Make checks out to Sue Carr as this is not tax deductible.

The suggested selling prices on the flyer are the same as those in the retail stores. We earn the most profit (50%) by selling the following items:

Peanut Butter Egg	\$6.70
Chocolate Butter Egg	\$6.70
Bordeaux Egg	\$6.70
Marshmallow Eggs	\$6.70
Hoppy Easter Box	\$7.70

The following items earn us less profit, but you are welcome to sell them to people who want them.

Nuts and Chews	\$20.50
Assorted Chocolate	\$20.50
Assorted Lollipops	\$19.50
Gift certificates	\$20.50
(or \$22.30 Hawaii certificate)	

**Mail or deliver your order form and check to Sue by Monday, March 12th.**

Sue Carr  
617 E. Norwood Place  
Alhambra CA 91801

Sue will order and pick up the candy, sort it and store it at her house. You can arrange to pick up your order from Sue at her house by calling her at 626-808-5428.

Easter Day is Sunday April 1st, so we want you to have the candy in time to distribute to your family and friends.

Thank you ... From the Tech Trek committee

*Lilia & Sue*

# See's CANDIES®

## 2018 Spring Fundraising



**Peanut Butter Egg**  
An irresistible treat.  
3 oz \$6.70 #9499



**Chocolate Butter Egg**  
Creamy and delicious.  
3 oz \$6.70 #9500



**Bordeaux™ Egg**  
A tasty classic.  
3 oz \$6.70 #9501



**Nuts & Chews**  
Yummy, crunchy and chewy.  
Delivered in seasonal wrap.  
1 lb \$20.50 #334



**Hoppy Easter Box**  
Full of See's favorites.  
4 oz \$7.70 #632



**Marshmallow & Scotchmallow® Eggs**  
One box, four yummy eggs.  
3.4 oz \$6.70 #9493



**Assorted Chocolates**  
Milk and dark decadence.  
Delivered in seasonal wrap.  
1 lb \$20.50 #318



**Assorted Lollypops**  
Vanilla, Butterscotch, Café Latte and Chocolate.  
Approximately 30 per box.  
1 lb 5 oz \$19.50 #296

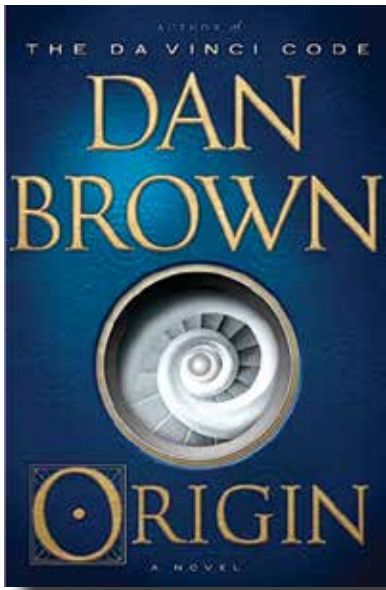


**Gift Certificates**  
Redeemable at any See's Candies shop.  
1 lb \$20.50 #767 (redeemable continental U.S.)  
1 lb \$22.30 #769 (redeemable Hawaii)





# Origin

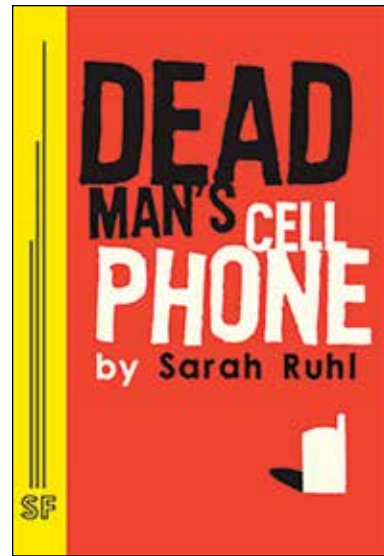


Robert Langdon, Harvard professor of symbology and religious iconology, arrives at the ultramodern Guggenheim Museum Bilbao to attend a major announcement—the unveiling of a discovery that “will change the face of science forever.” The evening’s host is Edmond Kirsch, a forty-year-old billionaire and futurist whose dazzling high-tech inventions and audacious

predictions have made him a renowned global figure. Kirsch, who was one of Langdon’s first students at Harvard two decades earlier, is about to reveal an astonishing breakthrough . . . one that will answer two of the fundamental questions of human existence.

As the event begins, Langdon and several hundred guests find themselves captivated by an utterly original presentation, which Langdon realizes will be far more controversial than he ever imagined. But the meticulously orchestrated evening suddenly erupts into chaos, and Kirsch’s precious discovery teeters on the brink of being lost forever. Reeling and facing an imminent threat, Langdon is forced into a desperate bid to escape Bilbao. With him is Ambra Vidal, the elegant museum director who worked with Kirsch to stage the provocative event. Together they flee to Barcelona on a perilous quest to locate a cryptic password that will unlock Kirsch’s secret. Navigating the dark corridors of hidden history and extreme religion, Langdon and Vidal must evade a tormented enemy whose all-knowing power seems to emanate from Spain’s Royal Palace itself . . . and who will stop at nothing to silence Edmond Kirsch. On a trail marked by modern art and enigmatic symbols, Langdon and Vidal uncover clues that ultimately bring them face-to-face with Kirsch’s shocking discovery . . . and the breathtaking truth that has long eluded us.

# Dead Man’s Cell Phone



An incessantly ringing cell phone in a quiet café. A stranger at the next table who has had enough. And a dead man – with a lot of loose ends. So begins *Dead Man’s Cell Phone*, a wildly imaginative new comedy by MacArthur “Genius” Grant recipient and Pulitzer Prize finalist Sarah Ruhl. A work about how we memorialize the dead – and how that remembering changes us – it is the odyssey of a woman forced to confront her own assumptions about morality, redemption, and the need to connect in a technologically obsessed world.

"Satire is her oxygen [...] In her new oddball comedy, *Dead Man's Cell Phone*, Sarah Ruhl is forever vital in her lyrical and biting takes on how we behave." - *The Washington Post*

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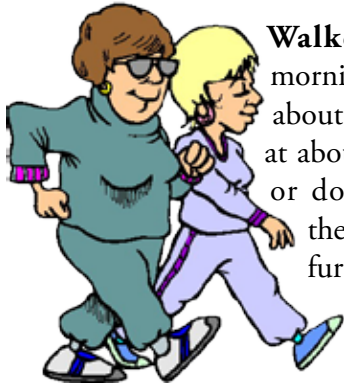
Celebrate the advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research we do to achieve equity for women and girls! Connect with like-minded people. Attend revitalizing workshops. Hear entertaining speakers, including this year's Speech Trek competition. Celebrate the 20th anniversary of Tech Trek. Watch for more details in the winter issue of the *California Perspective*. You won't want to miss this!

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."

# ACTIVITIES

Where the Fun will be in February

Join Us! Start the new year with a new activity!



**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.

**Board Meeting** will be on Monday, February 5<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.

**Professional Women Gourmets** will be hosted by Sue and Bob Carr and Lilia Hall at La Abeja Restaurant, 3700 N. Figureora St. in Los Angeles on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Drama** will read *Dead Man's Cell Phone* by Sarah Ruhl at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> in the Dotys' home, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra.



**Eleanor Stem-Allen Memorial Speech Trek:** How do we stand up to sexism? What can I / AAUW do to break down stereotypes? Local High School Student Debate 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 10 (see Page 1).



**Restaurant Gourmets** will dine on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Nick's Pasadena, 336 S. Lake St., Pasadena. Hope to see you there. Call Deanna Arthur with suggestions and or questions.



**Tech Trek Fundraiser.** Please join us for a 'Dine In' fundraiser at Polly's Pies at 1322 Beverly Blvd. in Montebello on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. See details in this issue.

**Evening Books** will get together at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss *Origin* by Dan Brown in Janice Lee's home, 633 E. California Blvd. #101 in Pasadena.



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

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