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Alhambra - San Gabriel Branch

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

May/June, 2018



Changing the Watch

Installation of the 2018-19 Branch Officers

6:00 p.m. Monday, May 21, 2018

al fresco at the Doty Residence

1224 S. 4th Street, Alhambra

You won't want to miss what is coming as we find our way forward into the 75th year of Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch!! Please respond by May 17 using the form on page 5.

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.

Annual Meeting Last Month

Branch Retrospective

Ainsley Nies led branch members in a branch retrospective to “inspect and adapt” the state of the branch. Every attendee participated--each a catalyst for change.

Our retrospective consisted of five interactive steps: set the stage, gather data, generate insights, decide what to do and, finally, close the retrospective.

Set the stage – Ainsley prepared for the work to be done by getting everyone to agree to the “Prime Directive” that regardless of what we discover, we understand that everyone did their best. Kathleen Doty said the goal of the retrospective is find the first step on the path forward.

Gather data – Individually and without discussion, we thought about our branch's activities, events, communication, meetings, etc. and posted 67 notes on the wall: what worked well and should be continued (flowers), new ideas we should pursue (buds), and what should be eliminated (thorns).

Generate insights – Same or similar thoughts were grouped together into 19 subjects. Then we discussed the most noted flowers, buds and thorns: why/how things happened, what to keep doing, do differently, new things to try.

Decide what to do -- We identified six major action items.

1 Figure out the best way to attract new members and how that would affect current members (consider objective of gathering). Elena Velarde, Joe des Barres, Kathleen Doty and others will work on this.

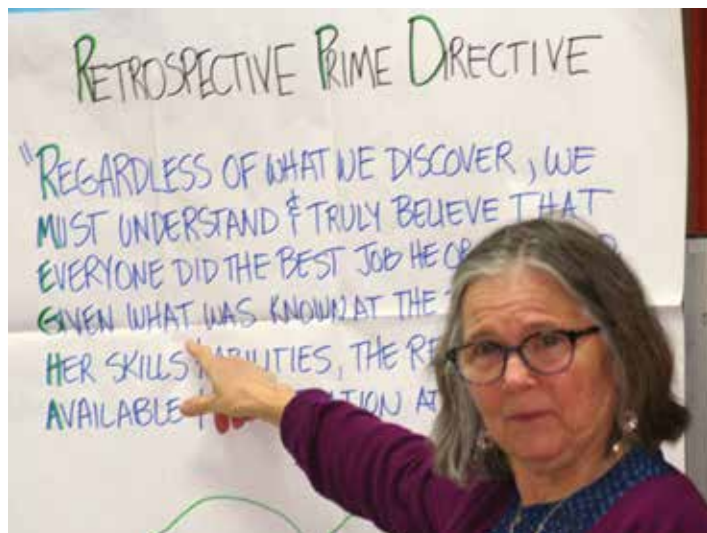
2 Explore ways to mix social events with our mission. Kathleen Doty and others will work on this.

3 Explore car pooling for meetings and events. Deanna Arthur, Sandy Jelinek, Jane Anderson, and others will work on this.

4 Explore ideas for Tech Trek fundraising. Jackie Fisher, Sandy Jelinek, Rozanne Child, Betty Morin, Virginia Orenos, Lovey Sherman and others will work on this.

5 Find a publicity person who will expand our visibility, increase targeting (define). No one volunteered to work on this. Will you?

6 Have an interactive 1-on-1 meeting to get to know each other. Janice Lee, Jane Anderson, Rozanne Child, Sandy Jelinek and others will work on this.



Ainsley Nies explained the Prime Directive.



Jackie Fisher contributed a "flower".



Sandy Jelinek and Corey Reano helped group similar thoughts together. Corey is a USC student affiliate who recently moved to our area.

Close the retrospective. At the end of the retrospective, all agreed that the evening was well spent and that we had made a potentially significant and positive step forward. Everyone thanked Ainsley and we also thanked Elena and Joe, who initially proposed the retrospective.

Need a ride?



Want to make new friends?

Want to take a leap into Technology?

One of the responses from our last meeting was the need for carpooling for members that don't like to, or can't, drive at night.

Many members would be happy to pick or drop off other members. Please call or email Deanna Arthur, Jane Anderson or Sandy Jelinek if you want to ride or are able to offer a ride so we can set up a buddy list. For those offering rides, let us know how far you are willing to go pick up someone.

Want to try something new and different?
Call Uber or Lyft for a ride.

Let's get this going so we can have more participation in 2018-2019.

*Deanna,
Sandy
& Jane*

Your New Branch Officers

The the following branch officers were elected for 2018-2019:

President
President Elect
Program Vice President
Membership Vice President
AAUW Fund Vice Presidents

Treasurer
Recording Secretary

Kathleen Doty
Betty Morin
Elena Velarde
Deanna Arthur
Janice Lee
and Kacy Do
Joe des Barres
Delora Brown

President's Message

All good things must end, as does this amazing year in the Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch. The programs were fabulous! We tried a few new things and continued with many cherished traditions. Our annual meeting had us looking back to find the way forward and we have come up with many suggestions for improvement. Renew your membership today so you won't miss out on the great things ahead!



Kathleen Doty

Speaking of things to come, I hope all of you make time to celebrate the successes of the last year and mark the installation of the 2018-2019 board of directors at the final meeting of the year on May 21st. You won't want to miss what is coming as we find our way forward into the 75th year of Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch!!

Kathleen

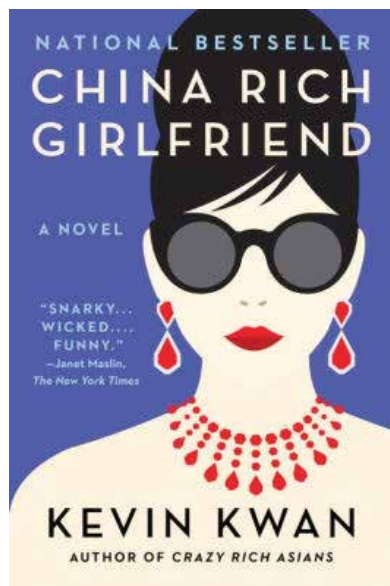
AAUW Fund

2017 Named Gift Honorees

Fran Meyer and Josephine Tassi are our 2017 named gift honorees for their outstanding work in supporting the programs and goals of the AAUW Fund and AAUW California. Every year the AAUW California Fund Committee honors AAUW California members who have done outstanding work in supporting the programs and goals of the AAUW Fund and/or AAUW California. Branches can nominate a Named Gift Honoree for each \$750 contributed by the branch or branch members on or before December 31st.

The state AAUW Fund Committee named Jan Cook as their named gift honoree and the California Online Branch named out-going State President Donna Mertens as their named gift honoree.

China Rich Girlfriend



From the bestselling author of *Crazy Rich Asians* (Soon to be a MAJOR MOTION PICTURE starring Constance Wu, Henry Golding, Michelle Yeoh and Gemma Chan) comes a deliciously fun story of family, fortune, and fame in Mainland China.

It's the eve of Rachel Chu's wedding, and she should be over the moon. She has a flaw-

less Asscher-cut diamond, a wedding dress she loves, and a fiancé willing to thwart his meddling relatives and give up one of the biggest fortunes in Asia in order to marry her. Still, Rachel mourns the fact that her birthfather, a man she never knew, won't be there to walk her down the aisle.

Then a chance accident reveals his identity. Suddenly, Rachel is drawn into a dizzying world of Shanghai splendor, a world where people attend church in a penthouse, where exotic cars race down the boulevard, and where people aren't just crazy rich ... they're China rich.

"Very enjoyable. . . . Just as funny as *Crazy Rich Asians*, this globe-spanning tale of excess includes enough snootiness and class snobbery to fill a multitude of designer handbags." —Minneapolis Star Tribune

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."

**Our Alhambra-San Gabriel
Branch website is
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Tech Trek North

The Tech Trek North Selection Committee has chosen our 2018 Tech Trek girls to attend the Whittier Camp. I would first like to thank the selection committee for all their hard work reading applications and interviewing at eight schools in Alhambra and San Gabriel. The committee members were Rozanne Child, Sandra Jelinek, Jane Anderson and Virginia Orenos.

Six girls were chosen. They are Brianna Lares (Garfield Elementary), Kiani-Azul Lepe Lujan (Ramona Elementary), Isabella Lopez (Northrup Elementary), Brooklyn Martinez (Granada Elementary), Sasha Sanchez (Park Elementary) and Francesca Deleon-Calderon (Emery Park Elementary).

The girls will be recognized at the Tuesday, May 8th Alhambra Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. at 1515 W. Mission Rd., Alhambra. All AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch members are invited to attend. Due to the continued support of our Tech Trek fundraisers from Branch members and friends, we are able to send girls to a week-long camp at Whittier College. This is an important community based AAUW project that encourages 7th girls to continue their interest in the STEM fields.



Join Us for a Tech Trek Fundraiser at Pasadena City College! Set sail with PCC OPERA on their maiden voyage in the Jameson Amphitheater (outdoor-cement seating) with a rollicking production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. For the second half of the production, join us in the Westerbeck Recital Hall. It should be lots of fun! Bring your cushions if you like for the outdoor seating.

Sunday, May 20th at 1:00 p.m. Ticket for Seniors cost \$15, General Admission is \$20. Parking is in Student Parking Lot 5, which requires you to purchase a \$2.00 parking permit from a parking vending machine.

Call Lilia Hall (626)570-8067 or email (liliaehall@gmail.com) for tickets.

Lilia

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

\$20.00 per person

Attendees Names:

Enclose check payable to:

American Association of University Women
for \$20 x ____ = \$ _____

Mail to: Cheryl Plotkin, Treasurer
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2018-2019 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*:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member (\$97) | <input type="checkbox"/> Student at Partner C/U (\$28) | <input type="checkbox"/> Paid National Life Member (\$38**) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Student not at Partner C/U (\$46.81) | <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary National Life Member (free) |

*Dues include applicable branch, state and national dues.

**Continuing annual state and branch dues after one-time payment of national life membership dues.

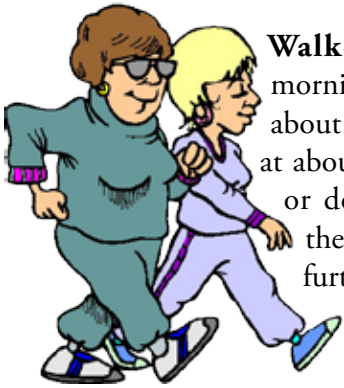
Please check the committee or committees you would like to work on during the next year:

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| <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

ACTIVITIES

Where the Fun will be in May and June
Join Us!



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, May 7th, at 7:30 p.m. (socializing starts at 7:00 p.m.) in Kathleen Doty's home, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra. There will be no regular board meeting in December, June, July and August.

Professional Women Gourmets will be hosted by Bonnie Gonzalez at Kathleen's Restaurant, 595 N Lake Ave. in Pasadena, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 5th. RSVP by April 5th. Jane Anderson will host on June 2nd and Sandy Jelinek will host on July 7th. Details for the June and July dinners have not been developed yet.



Drama group is on hold pending arrival of the scheduled play.



Installation of Branch Officers will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21st at the Dotys', 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra (see Page 1).

Restaurant Gourmets will dine at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 19th at Faubourg (French restaurant), 2434 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre. On June 16th, they will dine at 6:00 p.m. at The Arbour, 527 S. Lake Ave. Suite 120 in Pasadena. Please let Deanna Arthur know if you plan to attend either event.



Pirates of Penzance, Sunday, May 20th at 1:00 p.m. at Pasadena City College Jameson Amphitheater /Westerbeck Recital Hall. Details on page 4.

Evening Books will get together at 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesday**, May 30th to discuss *China Rich Girlfriend* by Kevin Kwan in Deanna Arthur's home, 1608 S. Atlantic Blvd. in Alhambra.



AAUW Fund Raffle

Dining with the Dotys

Congratulations to Dolores Seidman for winning the Dining with the Dotys raffle! She won a semi-formal dinner for her and three of her friends in the Doty's home in Alhambra on May 12th (or as arranged). The



AAUW California board member Ainsley Nies drew Dolores Seidman's winning AAUW Fund raffle ticket.

winning ticket was drawn at the April 16 branch meeting. The raffle raised \$1,085.00 for the AAUW Fund from sales of 126 tickets to 31 individuals. Almost half of the monies raised came from outside of our branch--\$190 came from outside of AAUW.

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