



# American Association of University Women



## Alhambra - San Gabriel Branch

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

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## Meet Our 2018 Tech Trek Campers

Before entering the eighth grade, these young women attended AAUW's Tech Trek Camp this summer at Whittier College. The science, technology, engineering and math curriculum develops their interest, excitement, and self-confidence as they continue to pursue their academic studies this fall.

**Tech Trek Thank You Brunch and Program**

**Saturday, September 15, 11:00 AM**

**East LA College, Building K5 Room 108\***

**1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park**

Your Tech Trek donations and support provided our girls the opportunity to engage in this weeklong camp experience at Whittier College. Come listen as the girls share their camp adventures. We'll hear about core classes, group projects, and fun times living in the dorm. During the brunch we will congratulate and celebrate with them!

Please join us at our first meeting of the year. Invite your friends and family. This meeting will inspire us all! The cost is \$10 per person. A box lunch is included. The deadline for reservations is September 12<sup>th</sup>. To reserve, call Joe Des Barres, 310-363-3457, or e-mail him at: [joedesbarres@gmail.com](mailto:joedesbarres@gmail.com). Joe will collect your payment at the door.

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\*Near parking structure 4, which is on the corner of Collegian and Floral. Daily visitor parking is available in three locations for a \$2 fee: on Level 5 of Structure 4, in the middle of Stadium Parking Lot, and Level 6 of Structure 3. Parking permit machines require exact change in \$1 bills (no coins) or Visa/Mastercard.

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.

# It's Time to Re-Link to Ralphs Community Contribution Program

You help us send 7th grade girls to Tech Trek -- AAUW's science, technology, engineering and math camp--by participating in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program. Last year we raised \$790, almost enough to send one girl to camp. This fundraiser doesn't cost you anything nor reduce your rewards! You simply need to link your Ralphs card to our organization. Once you have done this, Ralphs will send us money based on your purchases thru next August, and all of that money will go toward funding Tech Trek. Everyone who has a Ralphs card, lives in California, and is not already linked to another nonprofit in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program, can help us, so tell your friends. Registrations are good for one year: September through August. You can continue to support us by relinking your card to our branch each September.

**You must register online each year on or after September 1.**

Go to the [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) website. If you are already an online Ralphs customer, click on "Sign In" in the top right hand corner. If you don't have an online Ralphs account, click on "No Account? Register" in the top right hand corner and follow the steps to create an online account.

When you are signed in as an online Ralphs customer, link your Ralphs card to your organization by clicking on "Community Rewards - Enroll" or "Community Rewards - Re-enroll". Type our **new NPO number** (VY171) or our organization name (AAUW Alhambra/San Gabriel Branch). Remember to click on the circle to the left of our organization name. Click on ENROLL to finish your enrollment process.

You can call Sue Carr at (626) 808-5428 anytime you need help.

*Lilia & Sue*



## Our 2018 Tech Trek Campers Are

Ashley Alvarez – Macy Intermediate  
Francesca Calderon – Emery Park  
Ysabelle Comia – Eastmont Intermediate,  
Brianna Evelyn Lares – Garfield School  
Nathalie Huang – Monterey Highlands  
Tramia Kwok – Repetto  
Isabella Lopez – William Northrup Elementary  
Kiani Lujan – Ramona Elementary  
Brooklyn Martinez – Granada Elementary  
Amanda Mendez – La Merced Intermediate  
Ximena Sanchez – Suva Intermediate  
Sa Sha Sanchez – Park School  
Natalia Solis – Montebello Intermediate.  
Kristian Strong – Ynez Elementary.  
Evelyn Tang – Brightwood Elementary

## Tech Trek Volunteers Raise \$1,320

## Just Standing Around

The Tech Trek North Committee had our biggest fundraiser, the Showcase House, which ran from April thru May of this year. We depended on our members and their friends to be volunteer docents and you came through! Our volunteers filled 33 shifts, raising \$1,320, which will be used to send campers to Tech Trek in 2019. Thanks to all of you: Bonnie Gonzalez, Janice Mangerino, Sylvia Chau, Virginia Orenos, Sue Smith, Janice Lee, Delora Brown, Ralph Haber, Ellen Munoz, Rozanne Child, Lisa Gonzalez, Sue Carr, Yvonne Hasegawa, Kathleen Doty, Jim Doty and Lilia Hall.

*Lilia & Sue*

The tour continues this way. Please watch your step...



# AAUW Focuses on 2018-2019

A recent mailing from the national office included a bookmark with the title, AAUW 2018 AREAS OF FOCUS. As we move forward into this new year, it should serve as a reminder of the organization's areas of focus so that all of our current and future branch activities fall into at least one of them. They are:

**Education & Training:** Addressing the barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women.

**Economic Security:** Ensuring livelihoods for women.

**Leadership:** Closing the gender gap in leadership opportunities.

**Governance & Sustainability:** Ensuring the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW well into the future.

## Summer Soire A Great Success!!

The August 10 Summer Soire was a hit! There were 39 in attendance: 25 branch members, 12 of their friends--potential new members--and two national members (AKA members at large).

The party was produced by Kathleen Doty, Jim Doty, Deanna Arthur, Joe De Barres, Elena Velarde, Betty Morin, and Janice Lee.

Guests lined up for "Liquid Empowerment" -- a cocktail of hand made gourmet lemonade laced with tequila and garnished with lemon zest and mint. Red and white wines, water and assorted sodas were also available.

There were more than a dozen food items: assorted crudites, cheeses and crackers including a very impressive curried chutney cheese ball garnished with edible marigolds. There were polish sausages in a sweet-sour sauce, cocktail sausages, Cuban sliders, meatballs, party wings and a artichoke/cheese quiche. And, of course, there was an assortment of cookies: vanilla spritz, chocolate chip, and lemon bars.

The net result was 39 very happy people, several new branch members, and, because most of the food was donated, about \$150 for the branch's operational budget!

# President's Message

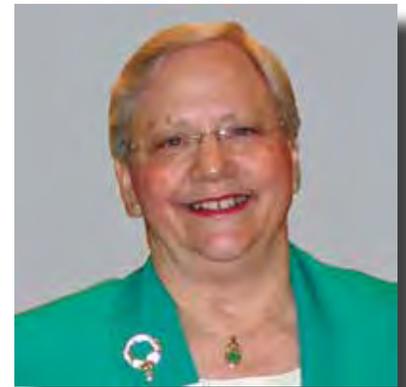
Alhambra and San Gabriel schools are back in session, it must be fall (in spite of what your thermometer reads)!

That means we are about to begin another exciting year of AAUW programs and events.

You won't want to miss the first meeting of the year where we will hear

from our 2018 Tech Trek girls, an always inspiring event which is tangible evidence of the AAUW mission in action.

The Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch of AAUW will be 75 years old in 2019 and we are looking at ways to celebrate this milestone. Stay tuned as the year unfolds with comforting favorites and new happenings that will help us ensure education and equity for women and girls.



Kathleen Doty

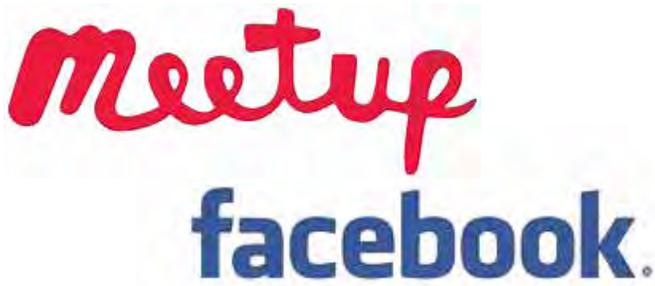
## AAUW Fund

250 women and community projects serving women and girls will benefit from \$3.9 million awarded by the AAUW fund this year. This level of funding for women's education and projects has a tremendous impact on women and their communities by expanding women's potential and supporting their future promise.

By easing the pressure of financing academic and community work, AAUW's awards help women tackle the growing burden of student debt and focus their efforts on the task at hand: developing the skills and experience they need to excel in their fields and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls.

Some of the 30 AAUW Fellows/Grant recipients studying in California this year will talk about their work at the AAUW Fund luncheon at noon on Saturday, October 13, at the Old Ranch Country Club, 3901 Lampson Avenue, Seal Beach.

Kacy Do and Janice Lee, AAUW Fund co-chairs, will be attending. Join them for an inspirational afternoon. Register early: the deadline is September 26 but these events sell out quickly! To register or to learn more about this and luncheons in South San Francisco and Danville go to the AAUW California website, [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org).



## Your Presence Please!

Our journey toward education and equity for women and girls is like a relay race--each generation must pass the baton to the next. To reach the finish line, our branch has to pass the baton. One way to do that is to establish and maintain a strong presence in the social media.

We have a website, Facebook and Meetup sites. These social media can build our branch, but only if there is participation.

Our Meetup site has added 33 members since last August, and most of our meetup members are not members of our branch. They have come to the dance, but are hesitating in the foyer--not sure whether to come into the ballroom. Will we like them? Will they like us? Our job has hostesses and hosts is to go to them and invite them in. So join our Meetup group and respond positively ("can't wait to come") when events are posted.

Our monthly newsletter and other information are routinely posted on our website and our Facebook page, but no one will know that if you do not keep them active. We have 98 following the our facebook page. Join them and react to and share the items posted there.

## 2018-19 Proposed Budget

### Income:

Branch Dues (40 members @\$18)	\$ 756
Interest	2
Events	500
Donations	<u>100</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,358</b>

### Expenses:

Newsletter	\$ 25
Yearbook (branch directory)	110
Insurance	186
Rent (facility fees)	400
Memorial AAUW Fund	10
National Convention	300
Programs	200
Hospitality	50
LACIC Assessment	25
AAUW Funds Assessment	50
Membership Scholarship	
Speech Trek	70
Miscellaneous	30
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,356</b>
<b>Estimated Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,834</b>

## Save the Date!

AAUW California's annual meeting will be Saturday, April 6, 2019, at the Handlery Hotel in San Diego. Along with the annual meeting, there will be leadership workshops, the Speech Trek state competition and more.

## Membership Treasurer News

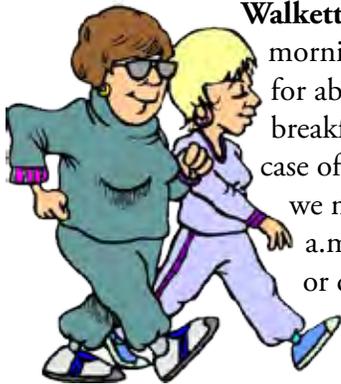
A big thanks to all members who have paid their dues in a timely manner. It's been a busy summer of collecting dues, and as of this date in late August, most members have renewed or told me of resigning. If anyone changes his or her mind and wants to renew membership for 2018-19, please let me know and we can add you to the branch directory (AKA yearbook). We had three new members to meet at our September meeting – Joanne Rose, Herman Velarde and Gisela Adams. We are so happy to welcome them as members of our Branch.

**To our Honorary Life Members** (50-year members or paid life member): I am proud to say I am one of you. This message is for us. The branch welcomes any donation that you would like to make to help with our expenses. We have seven life members, who do not pay branch dues, and this is a loss of \$126.00. Please consider helping with the branch expenses. You may send a donation to me or to the Treasurer, Joe De Barres. Thanks so much for your consideration.

*Delora*

# ACTIVITIES

Where the Fun will be in September  
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** Monday September 10 in Kathleen Doty's home. Open to all members. The meeting convenes at 7:30 p.m., but members may arrive at 7:00 p.m. to socialize.

**Professional Women Gourmets** 1st Saturdays, 7:00 p.m. Home cooking by people who love to cook. Each member contributes. Responsibilities rotate monthly. Contact Jim Doty.



**Drama:** No meeting in September, but we will resume in October.

2 n d Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Group reading of a play. No rehearsals. Acting talent not required --just love of drama. Contact Kathleen Doty



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**Restaurant Gourmets** will dine on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. at Dal Rae Restaurant, 9023 Washington Blvd. in Pico Rivera. Contact Deanna Arthur with questions and suggestions.



## Evening

**Books** Celebrate your summer reading at the first gathering of the group, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Kathleen Doty's home, 1224 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St.,

Alhambra. All are welcome as we share what we read over the summer and choose the books to read for the coming months.

## Need a ride?



**Want to make new friends?**

**Want to take a leap into Technology?**

Many members would be happy to pick up 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 (smartphone "app" not necessary).

Our Branch website is  
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and find us on Meetup.com

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