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

November and December, 2018

Gabrielino High School Choir



1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Saturday, December 1, 2018

First United Methodist Church San Gabriel Fellowship Hall

201 N. San Gabriel Blvd., San Gabriel

Free Parking on Elm Avenue

Come One, Come All! We look forward to seeing you during the daytime on December 1st at 1:00 PM. Get into the spirit of the season! Meet new members and long time friends. Come ENJOY.

This unique event in which we get to hear Dr. Pitts and his outstanding youth choir from Gabrielino High School is the perfect way to launch our various Holiday Seasons. Afterwards, partake in the Traditional Dessert Reception to congratulate the students and inquire about their studies, plans and futures.

For any questions you may have, please call Elena at 213-304-7403. Leave a message and I'll get back to you!

Elena

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.



Joe des Barres, Elena Velarde and Pat Naritomi, Tech Trek South Committee members, met at Betty Morin’s home on Thursday, October 18, to mail over 50 donation letters to community organizations, friends and families of past tech trekkers. According to Betty, the group “...completed the task in just a short amount of time but need to acknowledge that we were only able to do it because of the help from other committee members prior to today’s meeting.” Betty and committee members revised and updated the donation letters. Dolores Seidman donated the printing cost of the letters and had them printed. Marian Hallin collected lists and prepared the mailing labels. Committee members donated stamps and envelopes. Jackie Fisher mailed school liaisons a donation letter with each school’s camper’s thank you letter.

In her e-mail, Betty reminded: “We did not, however mail letters to you, our Tech Trek South Committee members so if you wish to contribute, here is the information you need:

Make your checks payable to:

AAUW CA SPF and in the Memo Line, ALh/SGTTS

Mail it to:

Tilda De Wolf, Treasurer
P.O. Box 3761
Montebello, CA 90640

Tilda has already received two donations. Congratulations, TTS Committee, for a successful collaborative effort.

Jackie

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alhsangab-ca.aauw.net
and join us on Meetup.com
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President’s Message

The end of the year is at hand. How can I tell? I get at least 6 inches of catalogues every day in the mail, there are endless political ads on television, and insurance companies are bombarding the airwaves with Medicare supplemental plans – everyone vying for my end of the



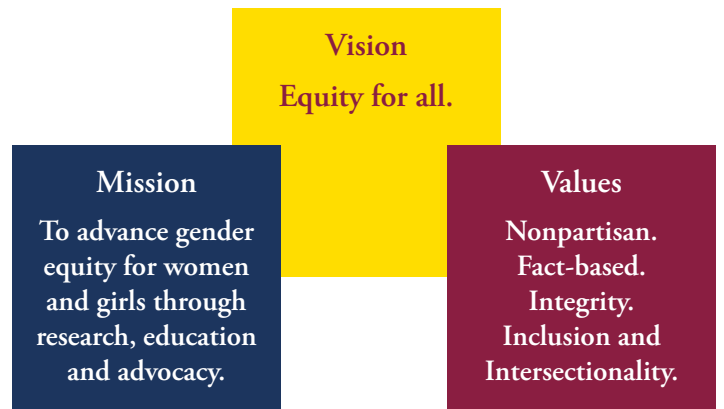
Kathleen Doty

year attention. However, my thoughts run in a different direction at this time of the year, in spite of all the highly paid advertisers’ efforts. I think of family and friends at the holidays, of the giving and good deed doing that occurs at this time of the year, and the many philanthropic opportunities available (to decrease one’s tax liability).

I am looking forward to gathering with my AAUW family and friends for our December 1st meeting. I hope you all come, too, as it is sure to help us all get into the holiday spirit. I am looking forward to my holiday baking and neighborly exchanges. I am also looking forward to supporting the worthy causes I believe in, especially AAUW. Now would be a good time for you, too, to think of supporting AAUW with a tax-deductible year-end gift. You may designate how and where the money is to go: to complete a fellowship; to support leadership programs; to assist with the Start Smart and Work Smart programs; undesignated to be used where most needed; to purchase an opportunity to Dine with the Dotys; the opportunities are many.

Since this is the last newsletter of the year, I wish you all the best this holiday season and in the new year!

Kathleen



Student Loan Forgiveness Gets Help

From article by Zack Friedman, Senior Contributor, Personal Finance on Forbes.com September 17, 2018:

Attorneys general from 19 states, plus the District of Columbia, sued U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and the U.S. Department of Education for delaying a borrower protection rule that was scheduled to take effect beginning July 1.

The lawsuit was filed in federal district court in Washington, D.C. and alleged that DeVos illegally delayed the implementation of the borrower defense to repaying rule, which was intended by the Obama administration to make it easier for defrauded student loan borrowers to receive student loan debt forgiveness.

The attorneys general claimed that DeVos violated the Administrative Procedures Act because she did not meet the standard for a delay, give proper notice or afford adequate time for public comment. The lawsuit asked the court to implement the borrower defense rule promptly.

In a 57-page legal opinion, U.S. District Judge Randolph Moss wrote that the Education Department's rationale was arbitrary and capricious.

Borrower Defense To Repaying

Borrower Defense To Repaying allows students to have their federal student loans forgiven if a school employed illegal or deceptive practices to encourage the students to borrow debt to attend the school.

The judge's ruling does not require the rule to be reinstated, but remedies are expected to follow.

DeVos believes that the borrower defense to repaying rule - and another borrower protection rule known as the gainful employment rule - is confusing and unfair to both students and schools. While critics view the Education Department's delay as a win for the for-profit college industry, DeVos has said that the rule changes will still help students who are victims of fraud.

"Fraud, especially fraud committed by a school, is simply unacceptable," DeVos said in a statement in June. "Unfortunately, last year's rulemaking effort missed an opportunity to get it right. The result is a muddled process that's unfair to students and schools, and puts taxpayers on the hook for significant costs."

DeVos said she wants to strike a fair balance between protecting students from predatory practices and creating balanced rules to which colleges can adhere.

"It's time to take a step back and make sure these rules achieve their purpose: helping harmed students," DeVos said. "It's

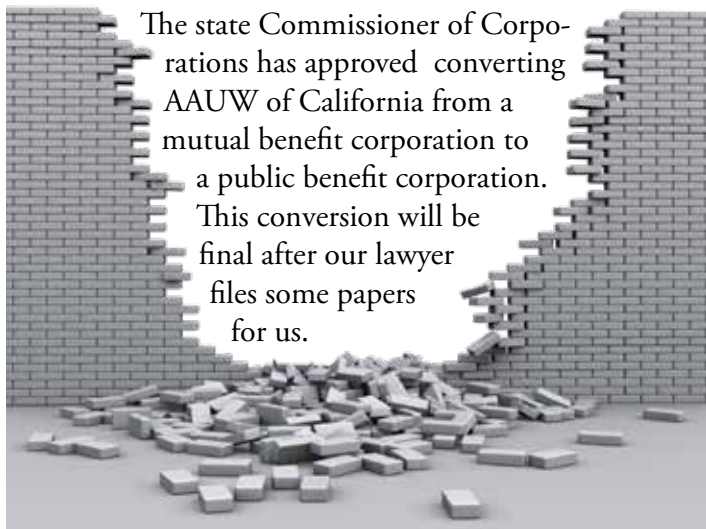
time for a regulatory reset. It is the Department's aim, and this Administration's commitment, to protect students from predatory practices while also providing clear, fair and balanced rules for colleges and universities to follow."

What This Means

How these rules change - and by how much - will be watched closely, particularly with respect to:

- any revised definitions of fraud and deceptive practices;
- how gainful employment metrics will be calculated;
- how taxpayers will save money and how much; and
- what are the litmus tests for borrowers to have their student loans forgiven or discharged, among other key points.

Another Barrier Down!



Fair Employment & Housing Act Reinforced

Senate Bill 1300, regarding unlawful employment practices: discrimination and harassment was signed by the governor and is now Chapter 955 of the Statutes of 2018 and will take effect January 1, 2019. The bill was one of three supported by AAUW California. The governor vetoed the other two bills, Assembly Bills 1870 and 3080, which also would have amended the California Fair Employment and Housing Act. These bills were summarized in the October issue of this newsletter. The full text of the bills can be found at leginfo.legislature.ca.gov.

Ivanna



Author's Luncheon

Jorja Leap, Ph.D., M.S.W.

Adjunct Professor

Executive Director, Social Justice Research Partnership

Jorja Leap has been a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Luskin School of Public Affairs since 1992. As an anthropologist and recognized expert in gangs, violence, and trauma, she has worked both nationally and internationally in violent and post-war settings throughout her career.

Dr. Leap applies a multi-disciplinary, community-based approach in her research and developmental efforts. As an author she is engaged with her subjects in ways that respect and involve them, but do not add to their marginalization. Her next book will focus on the issues of women, gangs and trauma and will be published by Beacon Press in 2020. This current work focuses on a group often overlooked: Women—in gangs, multi-cultural community justice settings, criminal justice and prison reform—specifically the dilemmas these women face reentering society after their incarceration.

Dr. Leap has been deeply involved with The California Endowment Building Healthy Communities Initiative, creating and implementing participatory evaluation within underserved and marginalized populations whose service providers are funded by TCE. This work also gave rise to a case study of A New Way of Life, an innovative prison reentry program for women based in South Los Angeles. As a result of this effort, Dr. Leap is currently engaged in a replication study of A New Way of Life, working to develop a national model for reentry “safe houses” for women.

Dr. Leap serves in many capacities: As policy advisor on Gangs & Youth Violence for Los Angeles County; as an expert reviewer for the National Institute of Justice; and as Principal Investigator for an evaluation of the Los Angeles Police Department Community Safety Partnership. She is the qualitative research director for the Los Angeles Mayor's Office Gang Reduction Youth Development (GRYD) Program. She is also the advisor on Gang Issues to the State of Califor-

nia and Board of State & Community Corrections (BSCC). She offers expert testimony on the impact of violence and trauma in death penalty and capital cases for the Federal Public Defender and other defense attorneys.

Drawing upon her research, Dr. Leap has provided commentary on numerous TV, radio and newspaper stories about gangs. In 2009, she began a ten-year longitudinal study of Homeboy Industries, focusing on the life histories of program participants as they encountered the dual challenges of leaving gang life and reentering mainstream society. This work was expanded to Homeboy Industries' social enterprise model. Dr. Leap's study concentrated on the Homegirl Café and its training program for women.

Since 2011, Dr. Leap has served as the Executive Director of the UCLA Social Justice Research Partnership, which is affiliated with the United Nations World Health Organization (WHO) Violence Prevention Alliance. As part of her action research efforts, Dr. Leap has authored numerous reports, articles, and book chapters as well as the book, *Jumped In: What Gangs Taught Me about Violence, Love, Drugs and Redemption*, published by Beacon Press in 2012, with all proceeds going to Homeboy Industries. More recently she authored the book, *Project Fatherhood: A Story of Courage and Healing in One of America's Toughest Communities*, published by Beacon Press in 2015, with all proceeds going to Project Fatherhood.

**Author's Luncheon
Save the Date**

**Author
Jorja Leap**

**Saturday, January 12, 2019
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Joslyn Center Prado Room
Story Park
210 N. Chapel Avenue, Alhambra
Mark your calendars now & invite friends**

**Details in January Newsletter
Registration, Luncheon Choices, Payment Info**

Welcome New AAUW Member: Herman R Velarde



Who is that reserved new member who is always available to help out at Branch functions? Who works behind the scenes at our general meetings? You may have seen him but not spoken. His name is Herman Velarde and he originally comes to

us from Albuquerque, New Mexico. At about age 12, his family moved to Los Angeles where he was admittedly astounded to see green lawns and lush foliage in his new environment. After middle school, he graduated from Roosevelt High School where he participated in football and boys' glee club.

He served in the Korean War in the U.S. Navy. After this unique experience, he continued his education at Cal State University Los Angeles, Mount Saint Mary and Laverne colleges. He studied Police Science Administration, then Education, and earned several credentials through the years. On the side Herman pursued jobs with the Santa Fe Railroad and Los Angeles Urban Renewal; he also studied and practiced Real Estate. However, he was always keenly drawn to Elementary Education, and thus worked towards a BA and MA in Education. In the schools Herman was assigned he was known to always step up to ask for the students who were suffering the most or who appeared to challenge the status quo. In this effort he excelled.

As natural as taking a breath, in retirement Herman is an entrepreneur and collaborator who creates adventures which have ranged from land development to writing song lyrics, to co-producing a staged dance concert at the former Wilshire Theatre. He succeeded to write and publish a book entitled Handbook for America. He enjoys all the arts, reading, and researching on his computer. He is an early riser and daily walker. He averages 15,000 steps a day. We welcome you Herman to our Branch!

Elena



Do You Have Your AAUW Name Badge?

We have secured a local vendor to make our branch name badges. They measure 2" by 3" as shown in the picture. Cost is \$5. Order yours by November 15 and have it in time for our December 1 Holiday Program.

To order, send your name as it is to appear on the badge with \$5 to:

Joe DesBarres
4315 San Rafael Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90042

Contact me at joedesbarres@gmail.com if you have any questions. *Joe*

Membership

Welcome new members Angie Gamboa and Imelda Valencia! Please update your branch directory. *Deanna*

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Evening Books November 26



Where'd You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple
"I tore through this book with heedless pleasure."
- Jonathan Franzen, author of *Freedom*

Bernadette Fox has vanished. When her daughter Bee claims a family trip to Antarctica as a reward for perfect grades, Bernadette, a fiercely intelligent shut-in, throws herself into preparations for the trip. But worn down by years of trying to live the Seattle life she never

wanted, Ms. Fox is on the brink of a meltdown. And after a school fundraiser goes disastrously awry at her hands, she disappears, leaving her family to pick up the pieces.

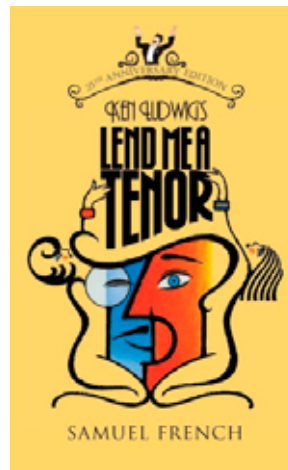
Which is exactly what Bee does, weaving together an elaborate web of emails, invoices, and school memos that reveals a secret past Bernadette has been hiding for decades. *Where'd You Go Bernadette* is an ingenious and unabashedly entertaining novel about a family coming to terms with who they are, and the power of a daughter's love for her mother.

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."

Meetup

Our next Meetup will be on November 14, 6-8 p.m. Confirmation of local location is still pending. Contact Deanna Arthur or check our Meetup site for details. New members come to get your questions answered; bring interested friends, all are welcome.

Drama Group November 12



"Lend Me a Tenor" by Ken Ludwig is set in September 1934. Saunders, the general manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, is primed to welcome world-famous Tito Morelli, known as Il Stupendo, the greatest tenor of his generation, to appear for one night only as Otello. The star arrives late and, through a hilarious series of mishaps, is given a double dose of tranquilizers and passes out. His pulse is so low that Saunders and his assistant, Max, believe he's dead.

In a frantic attempt to salvage the evening, Saunders persuades Max to get into Morelli's Otello costume and fool the audience into thinking he's Il Stupendo. Max succeeds admirably, but Morelli comes to and gets into his other costume, ready to perform. Now two Otellos are running around in costume and two women are running around in lingerie, each thinking she is with Il Stupendo. A sensation on Broadway and in London's West End, this madcap, screwball comedy is guaranteed to leave audiences teary-eyed with laughter.

"A furiously paced comedy with more than a touch of the Marx Brothers [...] A marvelous combination of wonderful farcical moments and funny lines." - Time Out New York

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 11th (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, 2019 to the Dotys (1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra,

CA. 91801). The winning ticket will be drawn on April 15, 2019. 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

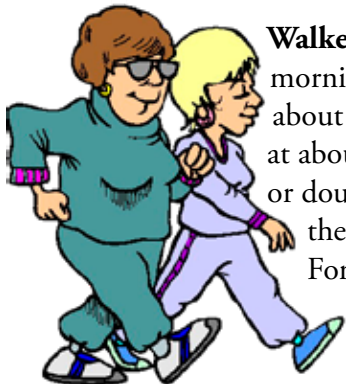
Risk Averse?

We also will prepare a semi-formal dinner for you and three of your friends if you donate \$500 or more to AAUW Fund.

ACTIVITIES

Where the Fun will be in November & December
New faces, and used ones, are always welcomed.

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.

Professional Women Gourmets will be celebrating Oktoberfest on November 3rd at 5:30 p.m., in the Dotys' home, 1224 S. Fourth St., Alhambra.

Board Meeting Monday November 5th in the Dotys' home. Open to all members. The meeting convenes at 7:30 p.m., but members may arrive at 7:00 p.m. to socialize.



Drama: Will read "Lend Me a Tenor" by Ken Ludwig. November 12, 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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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.

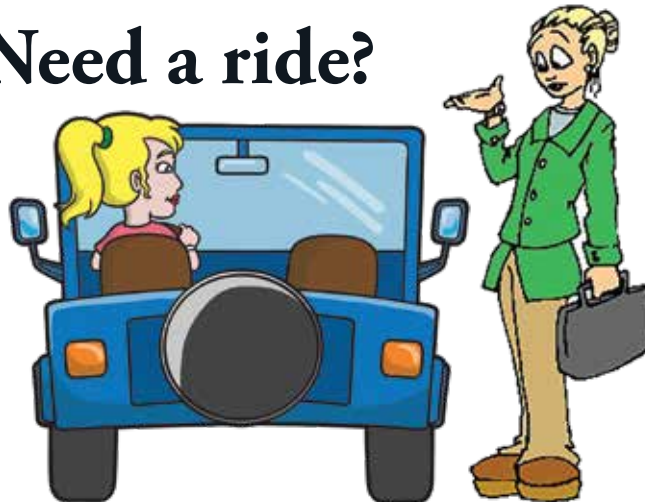
Restaurant Gourmets will dine on Saturday, November 17th 6:30 p.m. at Colombo's, 1833 Colorado Blvd. in Los Angeles. Yummy food and jazz. December 29th, Early New Year's celebration, Stoney Point, 1460 W. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena. Contact Deanna Arthur with questions and suggestions.



Evening Books will discuss *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 26th in the Siedmans' home, 254 Bloom Dr., Monterey Park.

Holiday Music and Desserts: 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 1st at the First United Methodist Church, San Gabriel 201 N San Gabriel Blvd (see Page 1).

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).