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## Alhambra - San Gabriel Branch

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

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## 2019 AAUW Honored Author



Dr. Leap's current writing focuses on the issues of women, gangs and trauma and will be published by Beacon Press. Women as a group are often overlooked—in gangs, community justice settings, the criminal justice system and prison reform—specifically the dilemmas these women face reentering society after their incarceration. Join us. Be inspired by her journey!

**Welcome Author Dr. Jorja Leap**  
**12:30 p.m., Saturday, January 12, 2019**  
**Joslyn Adult Center in Story Park (parking on site)**  
**210 N Chapel Avenue, Alhambra**

**You will want to invite friends to attend this eye-opening presentation.**  
**Reservations Required & Include Lovebirds Café Box Lunch.**

Questions? Contact Joe DesBarres at [joedesbarres@gmail.com](mailto:joedesbarres@gmail.com) or (310) 363-3457

*Elena*

### AUTHORS LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve TODAY, but no later than Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Send reservations and payment to:  
Joe Des Barres, 4315 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90042.

Save me \_\_\_\_\_ seats at \$20.00 per seat. A check is enclosed for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to:  
AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch

Your name and your guests names: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.

# Women's Reproductive Health 2018 Update

by Claire Noonan, Member  
AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

In 2018, a major obstacle to women's reproductive health issues came when a second conservative Supreme Court justice was confirmed in October. Since self-determination of one's reproductive health decisions is a high public policy priority for AAUW members, it is up to members to act to guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for all.

Following are the good and bad news with respect to reproductive freedom.

- Alabama enacted a version of the "personhood clause" to its constitution.
- West Virginia dropped Medicaid funding to clinics that terminate pregnancies and assigned 3-10 years of jail for performing or receiving abortion services. However, the criminalization of reproductive health rights only happens if Roe v Wade is overturned.
- On November 7<sup>th</sup> the Trump administration attacked the Affordable Care Act insurers, citing that procedures (already implemented by ACA) are not adequately enforced. The procedures specify that any reproductive services must be displayed separate from other services on forms subsidized by tax payer dollars.
- In addition, the administration proposed to let some employers deny contraceptive coverage in their plans for employees.
- In June 2018, Iowa's governor signed off on a measure that prohibits termination of a pregnancy when the heartbeat of the fetus is detected. The law is now in the courts.
- In July 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court decided for the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA), saying California's FACT Act (Freedom, Accountability, Comprehensive Care, and Transparency Act) targeted the speaker rather than free speech. Prior to that decision medical clinics had signs saying other options are available and where. Unlicensed facilities had to have literature telling

# President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays have been wonderful! As we look ahead to 2019, many of us make resolutions aiming to improve our lives in a variety of ways. Logan Pearsall Smith, an American-born British essayist and critic, said: "There are two things to aim at in life: first, to get what you want; and, after that, to enjoy it. Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second." My wish for all of you is not only to achieve the best outcomes of your resolutions, but also to enjoy them!



Kathleen Doty

One of my resolutions for the AAUW year was to have exciting programs throughout the year and we are well on our way to achieving that. I plan to enjoy the stimulating author's luncheon in January and the always entertaining Speech Trek competition in February. I hope to see all of you joining me at these delightful events!

*Kathleen*

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*alhsangab-ca.aauw.net*  
and join us on Meetup.com  
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how to find licensed medical reproductive services.

- On the positive side, a March 2018 study determined that clinicians like mid-wives, nurse practitioners, and physician's assistants can perform pregnancy termination services just as well as physicians. 34 states only allow a physician to perform pregnancy termination,
- 70% of November voters don't want to overturn Roe v Wade, and the House of Representatives has flipped, including more than 100 seats to women, mostly liberal or progressive on women's health issues, who agree that fixing problems with ACA is a major focus.

# October Donation Campaign a Success

Tilda De Wolfe, Tech Trek South Treasurer, announced twenty-three donors and two community organizations have contributed \$14,000 to the Tech Trek Letter-Writing Donation Campaign. Thanks to all of our generous donors, the committee agreed to send ten girls to Tech Trek Science and Math Camp this summer. Contributions continue to be accepted. It's never too late to donate!



The Friends of Montebello Unified School District (MUSD) contributed \$6,000 for scholarships for six girls, one from each MUSD intermediate school. Betty Morin with help from Lovey Sherman successfully presented the grant application for the Tech Trek project to this community organization. Congratulations Betty and Lovey!

## Kick-off Meeting January 10<sup>th</sup>

Tech Trek South Committee will meet at Jackie Fisher's on Thursday, January 10 to organize for the coming year. Members who would like to work to select 2019 campers from MUSD and Monterey Park schools, and to help families submit camp paperwork, are welcome to attend our kick-off meeting. Please call or e-mail Jackie Fisher to RSVP.

*Jackie*

<b>Mission</b> To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.	<b>Vision</b> Equity for all.	<b>Values</b> Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.
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# Sending More Girls to Camp

Our Tech Trek North Committee would like to thank the members who generously donated this year to Tech Trek: Sandra Jelinek, Marilyn Sieman-Burgeson, Sue Carr, Delora Brown, Lyda Chee, Lilia Hall and Lilia's friend, Sue

Lenson. Because of these donations, we will be able to send more girls to camp in 2019.

## Dine With Us on February 11<sup>th</sup>

The Tech Trek North Committee will be having a fundraiser at the **Diner On Main** at 201 W. Main St. in Alhambra, on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 9 p.m.. Enjoy a fantastic meal in warm, cozy ambiance and leave having helped Tech Trek earn money to send Alhambra-San Gabriel 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls to the Whittier Tech Trek Camp. When you arrive, please inform your host or hostess that you are here for **Charity Night**. Flyers will be passed out at the January general meeting. PLEASE INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

*Lilia*

# Voter Turnout Tepid in Los Angeles

The California Secretary of State has certified the results of the November 6 election and released the Statement of the Vote. Statewide, 64.5% of registered voters voted. Turnout was the highest for any midterm general election since 1982. However, registration in Los Angeles County was only slightly higher in 2018 than in 2014 and turnout actually decreased: 57% of registered voters voted in 2018, 65% in 2014. A full Statement of Vote is on the Secretary of State's website. <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/sov/2018-general/sov/2018-complete-sov.pdf>

*Ivanna*

	Eligible	Registered	Voted	Reg /Elig	Vot /Reg
Los Angeles County					
2018	6,230,147	5,280,658	3,023,417	85%	57%
2014	6,222,266	5,253,427	3,544,115	84%	67%
Statewide					
2018	25,200,451	19,696,371	12,712,542	78%	65%
2014	24,288,145	17,803,823	7,513,972	73%	42%

Jottings with Jane...

## We Are A Generous Group!

**Cathy Foxhoven and Jane Niemeier, Co-Presidents,  
AAUW California, [statepresident@aauw-ca.org](mailto:statepresident@aauw-ca.org)**

One million dollars! That is what our branches raise each year for Tech Trek. We also raise thousands of dollars for our local scholarships and for NCCWSL attendees. Then consider the thousands that we send each year to the AAUW Fund. If you add all of that to the Tech Trek money, I am sure that our donations pass the two million dollar mark if you consider everything that we give each year.

And to top it off, our state board recently put out an SOS call to help the 42 members of the Paradise Branch that lost their homes in the recent fire. We are still totaling the amount in gift cards that AAUW members have sent in, but I can tell you that I received gift cards from Oregon, and as individuals, my own branch (La Mesa-El Cajon) gave over \$1000!

At a recent San Diego Branch meeting, I told the members and guests about what had happened in Paradise. One of the guests was a Tech Trek girl from 2017. After the meeting, she gave me a \$25 gift card that her grandmother had given her. All of this generosity means so much to our Paradise members.

On behalf of them, Cathy and I thank you.

### Nominations & Elections

## Thanks to the Branch & IBC Leaders Who Boarded the Mission Train!

**Susan Negrete, Chair  
Nominations & Elections Committee  
[nominating@aauw-ca.org](mailto:nominating@aauw-ca.org)**

We're on track for the 2019 election and your support is helping us get there.

California AAUW branch leaders took a deep dive into their talent pools! Our organization is rich in leadership talent and skills and our leaders responded with thoughtful nominations – members who will help ensure the

continuity of our great organization.

Candidate Nomination Forms were due on December 1, 2018, and timely candidates will be featured in the winter edition of California Perspective and the AAUW California website throughout the election period of April 22 – May 13, 2019. We contacted every nominee personally to give them the compliment that they had been nominated by another leader.

Did someone miss the train? Do we have late candidates? They can still run! Contact the Nominations & Elections Chair: [nominating@aauw-ca.org](mailto:nominating@aauw-ca.org). Submit your nomination form online [HERE](#).

Many branch and IBC leaders partnered with the N&E Committee and nominated their talented members for state service. Thanks for all your support. And don't forget – it's not too late for YOU to run!

AWESOME.

### Leadership Development

## Fundraising Help from AmazonSmile

**Sharyn Siebert, Chair  
Leadership Development Committee  
[leaderdev@aauw-ca.org](mailto:leaderdev@aauw-ca.org)**

Many of our branches send girls to Tech Trek and a number also have local scholarship programs to fund. As AAUW California board members, we are often asked to help with ideas for fundraising. Please check out the following information!

A painless way to get funding is by enrolling your branch in the AmazonSmile program so that your branch will benefit when its member use Amazon to shop. Customers' enrolled charities, such as your branch, earn \$\$ with NO additional cost to the shopper. The earnings just show up in the bank account of the enrolled charity. The shopper needs to log on at: "AmazonSmile.org." and not the regular site. That isn't hard! My branch's local scholarship chair has enrolled this program into Smile, and we are now reaping the benefits.

Since we are in the holiday shopping period, this is an easy and rewarding way to support your branch's favorite endeavor.

Happy and safe holidays to all our members and their loved ones. We are especially thinking of all affected by the horrible wildfires in our state.



California Women Lead wants to present to the next governor and their transition team the names and resumes of women interested in serving within the new administration in order to provide a significant pool of qualified women to serve as appointees. You can contact California Women Lead with any questions at [admin@cawomen.lead.org](mailto:admin@cawomen.lead.org).

#### Financial Literacy

## Would You Like to Learn How the Work Smart Project Works?

Bakula Maniar, Financial Literacy Committee Chair,  
[financialliteracy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:financialliteracy@aauw-ca.org)



Here are a couple of upcoming Financial Literacy events:

LACIC - Los Angeles County Interbranch Council is inviting AAUW members to attend the Work Smart information-gathering

meeting presented by AAUW California past co-president Donna Lilly on January 13th in Whittier. Please contact Ginny Hatfield for more information regarding time and place at [ginnyaauw@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyaauw@gmail.com) or 818-970-4577.

The first workshop of the revised Money Trek project is going to be presented by Bakula Maniar, Chair of the Financial Literacy Committee, at the Ventura County IBC meeting on February 18th.

#### Public Policy: 2019 is a Call to Action for Women

## Appointing Women to Commissions & Boards

Nancy Mahr, Chair  
Public Policy Committee  
[publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org)

AAUW California collaborates with California Women Lead (CWL) in many public policy areas. They have launched a project to encourage women to apply for appointments to public boards and commissions. The project's goal is to ensure appointed boards and commissions reflect the rich diversity of California. The end goal is to present to the next governor and their transition team the names and resumes of women interested in serving within the new administration in order to provide a significant pool of qualified women to serve as appointees.

CWL is encouraging women to fill out an application for the project on their website. This site also has information to answer questions about the process. You can contact California Women Lead with any questions at [admin@cawomen.lead.org](mailto:admin@cawomen.lead.org). Take advantage of this opportunity.

You could be one of the women who are stepping up; play a part in our governance.

# Membership News

As we come to the end of 2018, I would like to give a report of the number of members in our Alhambra/San Gabriel Branch.

Members of Branch	42
Dual members	5
<u>Honorary Life members</u>	<u>5</u>
	52

This includes 8 new members and a new Honorary Life Member who has been a member for 50 years. We should be proud.

*Delora*



**New Member**

## Jane Krause

New member Jane Krause and her husband live in Tujunga with their dog, Koda, who they rescued last December. She has supported the Tech Trek program for many years.

Jane Krause earned a BA from Whittier College, an MA from Pacific Oaks, and an Administrative Credential from La Verne University. She retired from LAUSD in 2006. She taught kindergarten through sixth grade and for the final years was a Title I/bilingual coordinator at a school in East Los Angeles.

She is a Quaker and very involved in her Meeting in Pasadena, where she is currently Assistant Clerk and Treasurer. Jane has volunteered for many many years with a Quaker Peace and Social Justice organization – American Friends Service Committee. She enjoys reading and knitting: presently making baby blankets and donating them to Project Linus, a local organization that donates blankets to hospitals, police departments, etc.

*Deanna*

## In Memory of Ethel Smith

It is with deep sadness that we inform the Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch members of the passing of our long time member, Dr. Ethel Smith. Many of you purchased her book at one of our Author's Luncheons and are aware she lived a most interesting life. Ethel was a graduate of UCLA (B.A.) and USC (M.A. and Ph.D.) with degrees in Spanish, French and German. She taught at both the high school and junior college levels until she had to retire due to health concerns in 1975.

Ethel was a member of more than one branch of AAUW, but joined our Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch in the 80's after becoming friends with Myrna Waters at the swimming pool at her condo unit in Alhambra. She so enjoyed coming to our General Meetings and was a strong supporter of Tech Trek. She even gave an entire scholarship to fund a camper to go to Tech Trek, in addition to her yearly donations.

Ethel passed away on August 24th, her birthday. She was 101. We will certainly miss her.

*Lilia*

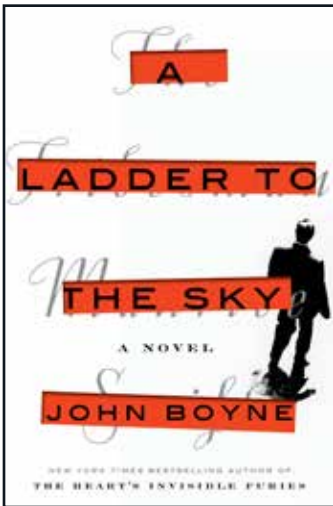
## Directory Updates

The following information is provided so you can keep your branch directory updated. For new members, just print a hard copy and place in your directory where there is space. We hope you will have so many that you have to add pages! Please keep spreading the word.

*Deanna*

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VALENCIA, Imelda 2129 Sheridan St Los Angeles, CA 90033 BA CSULA AAUW member since 2018	(323) 526-1805  imelda.valencia@sbcglobal.net

## Evening Books January 28



The new novel from the beloved New York Times best-selling author of *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* and *The Heart's Invisible Furies*, a seductive Highsmithian psychodrama following one brilliant, ruthless man who will stop at nothing in his pursuit of fame

Maurice Swift is handsome, charming, and hungry for success. The one thing he

doesn't have is talent - but he's not about to let a detail like that stand in his way. After all, a would-be writer can find stories anywhere. They don't need to be his own.

Working as a waiter in a West Berlin hotel in 1988, Maurice engineers the perfect opportunity: a chance encounter with celebrated novelist Erich Ackermann. He quickly ingratiates himself with the powerful - but desperately lonely - older man, teasing out of Erich a terrible, long-held secret about his activities during the war. Perfect material for Maurice's first novel.

Once Maurice has had a taste of literary fame, he knows he can stop at nothing in pursuit of that high. Moving from the Amalfi Coast, where he matches wits with Gore Vidal, to Manhattan and London, Maurice hones his talent for deceit and manipulation, preying on the talented and vulnerable in his cold-blooded climb to the top. But the higher he climbs, the further he has to fall.

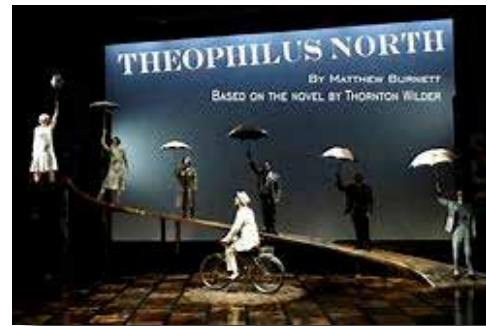
All books on the Evening Book Group's reading list are available at Vroman's Books in Pasadena for a reduced price. Go to the "Will Call" window on the second floor and tell them the name of the book and also that you are a member of "Alhambra San Gabriel AAUW."

"Reading is important. If you know how to read then the whole world opens up to you" - Barack Obama

"Well, you know, I love to read. Actually, I'm looking at a book, I'm reading a book, I'm trying to get started." - Donald Trump

[The Trump quote is out of context for comic effect. Complete quote available at <https://www.businessinsider.com/trump-reading-level-habits-2017-3>]

## Drama Group January 14



From Off-Broadway comes this astonishing charmer of a play, based upon the semi-autobiographical final work

of three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning icon of American letters, Thornton Wilder.

Set in the tony resort town of Newport, RI, during the height of the Jazz Age in summer, 1926, Theophilus North follows the exploits of the title character as he searches for adventure and his place in the world. Quitting his teaching position in New Jersey, and stranded in Newport after his jalopy breaks down, thirty-year-old Theophilus takes odd jobs (tennis instructor, French tutor, private reader...) in houses of the wealthy, infiltrating himself into the lives and troubles of Newport's residents, both upstairs and downstairs. But the greatest adventure in store is not at all what he has imagined.

### 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 11<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, 2019 to the Dotys (1224 S. 4<sup>th</sup> 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?

If you donate \$500 or more to AAUW Fund, we will prepare a semi-formal dinner for you and three of your friends. No ticket, no drawing, no foolin'.

# ACTIVITIES

Where the Fun will be in January

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 lunch on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m., at Cafe Mundial, 514 S. Myrtle Ave. in Monrovia. Contact Bonnie Gonzalez.



**Board Meeting** Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> in the Dotys' home, 1224 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. in Alhambra. Open to all members. The meeting convenes at 7:30 p.m., but members may arrive at 7:00 p.m. to socialize.

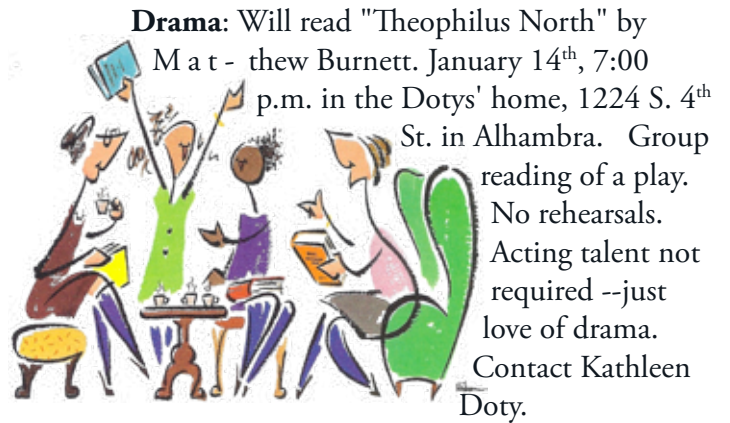
**Meetup.** Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Canoe House, 805 Fair Oaks Ave. in South Pasadena. Contact Deanna Arthur or check our Meetup site for details. New members come to get your questions answered; bring interested friends, all are welcome.

**Tech Trek South Committee** will meet on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> in Jackie Fisher's home, 311 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. #E in Sierra Madre to organize for the coming year. See Tech Trek South article for details.

**Author's Luncheon:** Jorja Leap will speak Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the Prado Room of the Joslyn Center 210 N. Chapel Avenue in Alhambra. See Page 1 for details.

## 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.



**Drama:** Will read "Theophilus North" by Matthew Burnett. January 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in the Dotys' home, 1224 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. in Alhambra. Group reading of a play. No rehearsals. Acting talent not required --just love of drama. Contact Kathleen Doty.

**Restaurant Gourmets** will dine on January 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Tardino Borthers Kitchen, 709 N. Azusa Ave., Azusa. They are the brothers of the Autunno owner. Let's show them some Alhambra-San Gabriel love for all they did for the branch. Contact Deanna Arthur with questions and suggestions.



**Evening Books** will discuss *A Ladder to the Sky* by John Boyne at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> in Deanna Arthur's home, 1608 S. Atlantic Blvd., Alhambra.



## 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).

