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Alhambra - San Gabriel Branch

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

February, 2019

Eleanor Stem-Allen Memorial Speech Trek
Local High School Debate Students will speak on

How Can We Eliminate Violence Aimed at Our Schools?

11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 9th

Alhambra Unified School District Administration Bldg., Marengo West (upstairs)

1515 W. Mission Rd., Alhambra

(photo ID needed for entry)

To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice in a diverse society, AAUW advocates many issues--including freedom from violence, fear of violence and hate crimes in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.

Unfortunately, American students are not free from violence. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif) pointed out a disturbing trend in our schools: "Since Sandy Hook (Dec. 14, 2012), around 250 schools have experienced a shooting. That's an average of around 50 a year, or one school shooting every week," she said. "It's astonishing that so many schools and so many children have suffered. Active shooter drills shouldn't be a way of life for our children, but sadly they are."

Singer Kelly Clarkson has also expressed sadness at the escalating level of violence in our schools, and stated that the time for 'moments of silence' is over. "Why don't we do a moment of action?" she asked. "Why don't we do a moment of change?"

In February, 2018, after their tragedy, the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, seized a moment for change. They created "March For Our Lives" and launched a national movement.

Three months later, another deadly school shooting took place, this time in Texas.

How can we--students, parents, faculty, our communities, and organizations such as AAUW--eliminate violence aimed at our schools? What actions can we take to prevent another tragedy from taking place?

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.



Sabrina Sy placed 3rd statewide in 2017



Sharon Lu placed 1st statewide in 2016

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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.

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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 contestants in the state will compete for cash prizes at the AAUW California annual meeting in San Diego on April 6, 2019. 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 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 Lossada (2nd in 2009), Pavin Trinh (1st in 2013), Sharon Lu (1st in 2016, pictured right), Sabrina Sy (3rd in 2017) and Sharon Lu (1st in 2016).



In 2019, economic security is one of the most pressing issues of the day. Our research shows the gender pay gap exists across all demographics and industries, even in female-dominated professions such as nursing.

AAUW has prepared this set of resolutions to keep you engaged with our new strategic direction. Most important, please take Work Smart Online, (<https://salary.aauw.org/>) our free training that helps women negotiate for higher pay and become better communicators. We've made registration easier and improved the tool so you can customize the learning experience to meet your needs.

Betty



Mission Gateway?

Our Alhambra--San Gabriel Branch Newsletter is one of the few without a name. Most branch newsletters have names indicative of their location: San Clemente's *Sea Breeze*, Temecula's *Grapevine*, Nevada Valley's *Lodestone*, etc. I propose we name our branch newsletter "The Mission Gateway". Alhambra is the "Gateway to the San Gabriel Valley." San Gabriel is the "A City with a Mission." Our branch newsletter serves to advance AAUW's mission. Your thoughts?

Jim

President's Message

"Most of us miss out on life's big prizes. The Pulitzer. The Nobel. Oscars. Tonys. Emmys. But we're all eligible for life's small pleasures. A pat on the back. A kiss behind the ear. A four-pound bass. A full moon. An empty parking space. A crackling fire. A great meal. A glorious sunset. Hot soup. Cold beer. Don't fret about copping life's grand awards. Enjoy its tiny delights. There are plenty for all of us."



Kathleen Doty

United Technologies Corporation

Amazing that such a sentiment came from a giant corporation, but I agree wholeheartedly. We should all try to enjoy life's tiny delights. Among those are my membership in AAUW and all the opportunities it brings. February is no exception – Speech Trek is among the AAUW delights I truly enjoy. The speakers are inspiring and provide much needed hope for the future. I encourage you all to attend!

February also brings opportunities to support another AAUW program, Tech Trek. We all eat dinner, why not do so at the Diner on Main on February 11th and help send a young girl to camp? Hope to see you there!

Don't forget the delights of our many interest groups, too. Come join one or more or start one of your own!

Looking forward to seeing you soon and sharing the many delights that are AAUW.

Kathleen

Vision

Equity for all.

Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

Values

Nonpartisan.
Fact-based.
Integrity.
Inclusion and Intersectionality.

A New Year for Public Policy

Nancy Mahr, Chair
AAUW CA Public Policy Committee
publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org

Thanks to the more than 500 who contributed to the AAUW California Public Policy Priorities revision and renewal. The Public Policy Committee is reviewing member input. Look for the proposed new priorities documented in the winter edition of the Perspective.

January begins the new state legislative session. Legislators will be introducing bills through February 22. Our advocate and the Public Policy Committee will be determining which bills address issues relating to our mission. As bills are selected for further action by AAUW, they will be posted online. You can access the bill list from the AAUW California website, under Advocacy, Bill Tracking.

AAUW California signed on to a letter from AAUW National urging the new Congress to take the next step toward equal pay and make passing the Paycheck Fairness Act a priority. You will be hearing more about this effort from AAUW National.

Make 2019 a big year for Public Policy in your branch.



State Nominations & Elections

Susan Negrete, Chair
Nominations & Elections
nominating@aauw-ca.org

Several candidates have stepped up to run for the following offices in the AAUW California 2019 election:

- Director
- President-Elect

The Nominations Committee continues to contact nominees for these important positions! If you have nominations, please contact nominating@aauw-ca.org as soon as possible! Late candidates will be accepted until April 4, 2019, for the three open positions: CFO, Director at Large and President-Elect. Make sure they get an opportunity to board the Mission Train!

2019 Election candidates who met the December 1st

deadline are profiled in the winter edition of *California Perspective* and are currently listed on the AAUW California website. Review the candidates now and through the election period of April 22 – May 13, 2019.

Have you identified a willing late candidate? They can still hop on the Mission train! Contact the Nominations & Elections Chair: nominating@aauw-ca.org

We are grateful to branch and IBC leaders for their mentoring and support of the talented candidates who are running in our 2019 election.



Tech Trek Volunteers Needed!

Linda Stinebaugh, Tech Trek State Coordinator
techtrek@aauw-ca.org

Are you looking for something worthwhile to do in your spare time? We are looking for motivated individuals to volunteer for Tech Trek, our wonderful STEM program for girls. We have ten camps scattered throughout the state, so there is probably one located near you. If you have interest and skills appropriate for Tech Trek and would like to join us, please contact me at techtrek@aauw-ca.org. Our camps are looking for dorm moms, teachers, workshop presenters, on-site volunteers, future Camp Directors, web editors, a Financial Liaison, and a new State Coordinator, as I am termed out at the end of this camp season.

Working with Tech Trek is one of the most rewarding things you can do, as we are shaping the future by encouraging more girls to go into STEM careers. Come join the fun!

Check out the Tech Trek website for more information about the program.



National Calendar

January 31	National appointed directors' application period opens.
February 7	Last day to submit to the 2019 AAUW Art Contest.
February 12	2019 AAUW Art Contest voting begins.
February 15	National Conference for College Women Student Leaders early bird registration ends.
April 1	National committee application period opens.

Tech Trek Committee is Looking for a Few Good People

Do you enjoy collaborating with others? Are you casting about for a worthy cause to work on? Do you want to use your talents and learn new skills? If you have said, "Yes" to any or all of these questions, then the Tech Trek Committee is the place for you.

We are a group of friendly, energetic women who want to give the opportunity of a weeklong science and math camp to seventh grade girls. Some of our tasks include: reading essays and interviewing seventh grade girls, setting up a parent orientation and a thank you luncheon for our donors, and, of course, fund raising.

Please don't hesitate to call Jackie Fisher (626-808-3528) or Lilia Hall (626-570-8067) for more information.

Jackie

Dine With Tech Trek on February 11th

The Tech Trek North Committee will host a fundraiser at the **Diner On Main** at 201 W. Main Street in Alhambra, on February 11th from 4 to 9 PM. Enjoy the warm, cozy ambiance of the Diner on Main, or order "take out." Either way, you will help us send Alhambra-San Gabriel 7th grade girls to the Whittier Tech Trek Camp.

When you arrive, please inform your host or hostess that you are here for Charity Night. Invite your family and friends.

Lilia



Pasadena Showcase House of Design

April 21st - May 19th

Contact Bonnie Gonzalez to sign up for work shifts



Easter Candy Presale Now until March 31st

Please support TechTrek's See's Candy fundraiser. The flyer and order form on pages 8 and 9. Lyda Chee is the coordinator for this year's Easter candy presale fundraiser. We appreciate your efforts over the last couple of years and hope you'll be able to help us out again this year. Collect the money when you take the order or at least before you turn in the order and money to Lyda. Please write one check payable to Lyda Chee for your whole order. This is not tax deductible.

The suggested selling prices on the flyer (page 8) are the same as those in the retail stores. We earn the most profit (50%) by selling the following items:

Peanut Butter Egg	\$6.90
Chocolate Butter Egg	\$6.90
Bordeaux Egg	\$6.90
Marshmallow Eggs	\$6.90
Bunny Hop Box	\$7.90

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

Nuts and Chews	\$21.00
Assorted Chocolate	\$21.00
Assorted Lollipops	\$20.00
Toffee-ettes	\$21.00
Peanut Brittle	\$20.80
Gift certificates	\$21.00 (Cont. USA) \$22.90 (Hawaii)

Please turn in all orders and payment to Lyda Chee by Monday, March 31st. She will order and pick up the candy, sort it and store it at her house. You can arrange to pick up your order from Lyda at her house. Easter is Sunday, April 21st, so we want you to have the candy in time to distribute to your family and friends.

Lyda Chee
323-264-5833
1325 Ridgecrest Street
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Thank you from the Tech Trek committee.

March Fund Luncheon



2018 American Fellowship Recipient Melissa Lo

HELLO!

I am a feminist historian of early modern science, medicine, and visual culture.

I seek out the corners where disciplines meet. As an undergraduate at Harvard, I practiced art history and art-making. As a master's student in the History, Theory, and Criticism of Architecture and Art program at MIT, I studied the history of a nineteenth-century French anatomical atlas amid futurists, urban planners, and architects. While working towards my PhD in Harvard's Department of the History of Science, I traveled deeper into the past, trying to understand how pictures not only illustrated but constituted the seventeenth century's new physics.

Melissa Lo

Fascinating right? So save the date, March 30.

Find out what specific project won Melissa an American Fellowship from AAUW in 2018.

Find out how Melissa has managed a career that has transitioned from being a founding faculty member at Cedar Sinai's History of Medicine Department to a new position as researcher to bring history to life on Shonda Rime's upcoming projects.

Janice Lee

*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."

Drama Group February 11

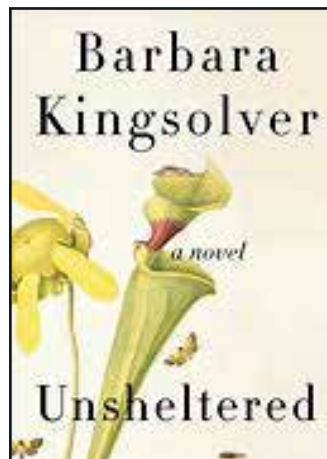


A stuffy and bigoted young businessman, married with one child, is on the verge of solid success with his company when he discovers his widowed mother is pregnant. In his concern for his image, he attempts to get the baby to be's father, an Italian painter, to marry his mother, but in the meantime, something goes wrong at the office and he messes up an important assignment.

An upper middle income Southern California suburban living room is the setting, and it blends in well with the degrees of risqueness and is genuinely funny.

The play is a short one, with parts for three women and four men.

Evening Books* February 25

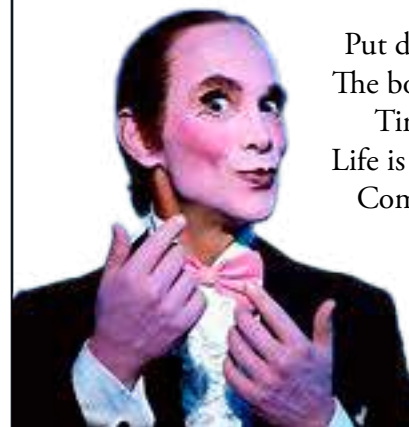


Unsheltered is the compulsively readable story of two families, in two centuries, who live at the corner of Sixth and Plum in Vineland, New Jersey, navigating what seems to be the end of the world as they know it. With history as their tantalizing canvas, these characters paint a startlingly relevant portrait of life in precarious times when the foundations of the past have failed to prepare us for the future.

Cabaret! Save the Date

Saturday, April 13th 2:00 p.m.

Matinee performance of Cabaret at PCC



Put down the knitting,
The book and the broom.
Time for a holiday.
Life is Cabaret, old chum,
Come to the Cabaret!

Contact Bonnie
Gonzalez

DINING OUT ?

Join Nite On The Town

Get Great Savings At Local Restaurants

You'll save money and help our AAUW Branch with a balanced Budget. It's easy. Fill out the form and send it with a check to Delora. A couple times out will pay the fee.

YOURS FOR ONLY \$25

IT'S EASY TO USE:

- For dinner visit each restaurant up to three times. Discounts vary from restaurant to restaurant, but on each visit your party's check will be reduced by an average of 15% or more.
- Your membership is valid for dinner any evening thru December 30, 2019
- Your membership is also valid for unlimited lunch visits at certain restaurants indicated in your directory. See directory for details.
- Just include your Nite On The Town Card when paying your check and the restaurant will take care of the rest.

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS 2019

(Pasadena & South Pasadena) Aro, Central Grille, El Portal, Go China, The Italian Kitchen, La Fiesta Grande, Luciano's, Maestro, Meat District Co., Radhika, Slater's 50/50, Stoney Point, Tibet Nepal House, We Olive (East San Gabriel Valley) Café Mundial, The Derby, Faubourg, Los Gueros, Matt Denny's and Villa Italia.

Delora

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?

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'.

Our Branch website is
alhsangab-ca.aauw.net
and join us on Meetup.com
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Nite On The Town Card Order Form

Fill in this form and mail along with your check for \$25 per membership to:
Delora Brown, 5619A Sultana Ave, Temple City, CA 91780.
Make check payable to: AAUW Alhambra/San Gabriel.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, & Zip _____

Email _____

Memberships @ \$25 each _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____



Alhambra-San Gabriel (CA) Branch

*Thank You JORJA LEAP—
Our 2019 AAUW Author of the Year*

On behalf of the AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Members,

Let it be known:

It's a glorious journey with you...

*Your every story, anecdote, statistic and life history yields great
information, education and thus, deeper understanding...*

*Your shared experiences encourage optimism in all that's good
with the world...*

*We appreciate the progress you have achieved with people
throughout your career; for your presentation on January 12, 2019;
and for all those you will touch in the future...*

We expectantly await your upcoming book...

*In Gratitude—
AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Members*

See's CANDIES.

2019 Spring Fundraising



Peanut Butter Egg
An irresistible treat.
3 oz \$6.90 #9499



Chocolate Butter Egg
Creamy and delicious.
3 oz \$6.90 #9500



Bordeaux™ Egg
A tasty classic.
3 oz \$6.90 #9501



Nuts & Chews
Yummy, crunchy and chewy.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$21.00 #334



**Marshmallow &
Scotchmallow® Eggs**
One box, four yummy eggs.
3.4 oz \$6.90 #9493



Bunny Hop Box
Full of See's favorites.
4 oz \$7.90 #9542



Assorted Lollipops
Vanilla, Butterscotch, Café Latte and Chocolate.
Approximately 30 lollipops.
1 lb 5 oz \$20.00 #296



Toffee-ettes®
Crunchy toffee, milk chocolate
and almonds.
1 lb \$21.00 #316



Assorted Chocolates
Milk and dark decadence.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$21.00 #318



Peanut Brittle
Buttery, crunchy and irresistible.
1 lb 8 oz \$20.80 #355



Gift Certificate
Redeemable at any See's Candies shop.
1 lb \$21.00 #767 (redeemable continental U.S.)
1 lb \$22.90 #769 (redeemable Hawaii)

Pre-Sell Form

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Room #: _____

Suggested Selling Price

Customer Name/Phone #

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Total Quantity of Each Item

Please fill out form completely.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Room #: _____

Suggested Selling Price

Total Quantity of Each Item

Amount Due

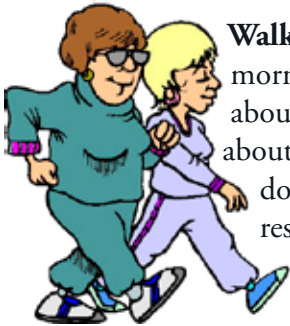
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\$6.90	3 oz Bordeaux™ Egg #9501
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\$6.90	3.4 oz Marshmallow & Scotchmallow® Eggs #9493
\$7.90	4 oz Bunny Hop Box #9542
\$21.00	1 lb Assorted Chocolates #318
\$20.00	1 lb 5 oz Assorted Lollypops #296
\$21.00	1 lb Toffee-ettes® #316
\$20.80	1 lb 8 oz Peanut Brittle #355
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	TOTAL \$

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	\$20.80	1 lb 8 oz Peanut Brittle #355
	\$21.00	1 lb Gift Certificate (redeemable continental U.S.) #767
	\$22.90	1 lb Gift Certificate (redeemable Hawaii) #789
		TOTAL \$

For additional information, call 800.733.7123.

ACTIVITIES

Where the Fun will be in February
New faces, and used ones, are always welcomed.
Join Us!

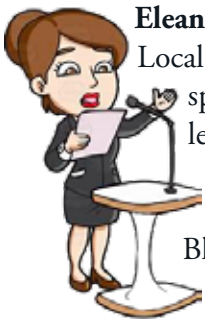


Walkettes meets every Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. We walk for about one hour and have breakfast at about 8:30 a.m. In case of rainy or doubtful weather we meet at the restaurant at 8:00 a.m. For further information or directions, please call Mary Smeritschnig.

Professional Women Gourmets will dine on Saturday, February 2nd at 6:00 p.m., at Matt Denny's Ale House Restaurant, 145 E. Huntington Dr. in Arcadia. Contact Sue Carr.

Board Meeting Monday, February 4th in the Dotys' home, 1224 S. 4th 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, February 13th at 6 p.m. at the Canoe House, 805 Fair Oaks Ave. in South Pasadena. Weather permitting, we will be outside by the fire. Contact Deanna Arthur for details.



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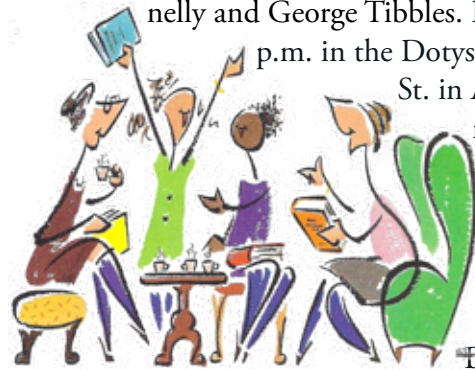
Save the Date!

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.



When you arrive, please inform your host or hostess that you are there for Charity Night. Arranged by Lillia Hall.

Drama: Will read "Under Papa's Picture" by Joe Connelly and George Tibbles. February 11th, 7:00 p.m. in the Dotys' home, 1224 S. 4th 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 February 23, 6:20 p.m. at Avanti Italian Bistro and Bar, 198 N. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Pasadena. RSVP to Deanna Arthur.



Evening Books will discuss *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 25th in Dolores Siedman's home, 254 Bloom Dr. in Monterey Park.



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).

