

# 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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### AAUW ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, April 15, 6:30 PM

First United Methodist Church of San Gabriel

201 N. San Gabriel Blvd., San Gabriel

The American Association of University Women has three goals for all women and girls: Education and Training; Economic Security; and Leadership. A stellar panel of San Gabriel Valley citizen activists will launch the annual meeting of AAUW's Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch by speaking to how AAUW goals operate in our local, state and national terrains.

Each panelist peers through the lens of unique specialty and perspective—framed by their experiences in our community:

**Ellen Veselack** will address Education & Training: addressing the barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women & girls. Ellen Veselack is the Director of Preschool at the Child Educational Center in La Cañada and is a published writer/researcher.

**Kathleen Doty** will address Economic Security: ensuring livelihoods for women. Kathleen Doty is President of AAUW's Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch and is a scientist, parent and grandparent.

**Donovan Steutel** will address Leadership: closing the gender gap in leadership opportunities. Donovan Steutel is a twitterer & writer; science professor; data specialist; LWV-Pasadena former public advocacy director, and parent.

**Betty Morín**, AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch President Elect, will be the moderator. Betty Morín, is a human resources consultant for Los Angeles Unified School District; former principal and HR administrator; former Monterey Park Library Board Trustee; and a parent.

see "From Then to Now to What's Next?" on page 2 for further details

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.

# From Then To Now To What's Next?

What makes AAUW “tick” for you? While you may have myriad reasons for being a member, most likely a single thread of an ideal takes its hold for you: You are compelled in some way to actively help women and girls make their way through this world. You weathered your course through a multiplicity of means: trial and error, maybe a mentor, moms and dads, relatives and friends, teachers, colleagues and the kindness of strangers. You’ve made it thus far in life, and oh, you know how daunting it can be. Aren’t your experiences the main motivation for what you do as an AAUW member? You’re committed to equal opportunity in education and the workplace!

Your commitment is only as strong as the level of our collective participation. Our Annual Meeting helps us to reflect our current status and direct our sights toward improving the future. **This can only happen if you attend and participate.** Since April 2018 the Branch has navigated according to members’ needs and wishes by creating relevant schedules, activities, programs and kinship. This past year National challenged us to incorporate three goals for all women and girls:

Education and Training; Economic Security; and Leadership.

A stellar panel of San Gabriel Valley Citizen Activists will launch this year’s Annual Branch Meeting. Each panelist peers through their lens of unique specialty and perspective—framed by their experiences in our community.

Each will speak to how they see AAUW goals operating in our local, state and national terrains. **Your active engagement is critical to our continued existence. Please bring a guest or two.**

*Elena*

# Imagine an America Without a Pay Gap

It is common knowledge that a woman in the United States makes 80 cents per dollar made by a man of similar qualifications. The pay gap is worse for women of color. In an era when women make up nearly 50% of the workforce, this pay gap burdens individual family finances and the economy. A recent study estimated the impact on society if the pay gap was corrected.

How would closing the pay gap be expected to impact families?

- 60% of working women and 66% single working mothers would see an increase in their pay.
- Poverty rates for working women would drop by half from 8% to 3.8%.
- Poverty rates for single working mothers would drop from 28.9% to 14.5%.

How would the US economy benefit?

- Closing the pay gap would increase gross domestic product an estimated \$500 million, roughly 2.6% of the GDP of our entire nation.
- The increase in women’s earnings would be roughly 16 times what federal and state governments spent in 2015 for temporary assistance to needy families.

The pay gap adversely impacts American families. Closing it would raise many out of poverty and reduce the need for public assistance. The question to ask our elected officials is not whether we as a society can afford to pay men and women the same income for the same work. The question is, how can we afford not to?

Archana Maniar

Source: The Impact of Equal Pay on Poverty and the Economy 2017, Institute of Women’s Policy Research

## It’s Time to Renew Your Membership!!

### This year you can do it online!

The Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch is now participating in AAUW’s Membership Payment Program (MPP); a secure, online dues-processing alternative. Please help us by renewing online if you can.

It’s convenient. You can renew online on the National AAUW website and pay with a credit card or you can mail a check to Delora Brown. When you pay online, branch and state dues are automatically deposited into the respective branch and state bank accounts. When you pay by check, the branch treasurer will process your renewal.

It’s secure and it’s free. There is no cost to us for either the Automatic Clearing House technology that automatically deposits funds into our bank account or credit card processing.

# President's Message

“Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead.” Louisa May Alcott



Kathleen Doty

For me, I look up and see the hope of education and equity for women and girls around the world. AAUW's strategic plan gives members a way to follow where this hope will lead. This month at our annual meeting, not only will we elect our leadership for the coming year, we will also look at the three strategic goals set by AAUW National in a local light. For all of us seeking education and equity for women and girls, it will be worthwhile to look at where we are and what we may do to reach these lofty aspirations. Please come to the annual meeting and see the beauty of AAUW efforts and pledge to follow where they lead.

*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.

## AAUW State & National Calendar

April is National Volunteer Month

- April 1 National committee application period opens
- April 2 Equal Pay Day
- April 4 Deadline for applying to be a candidate for state office. 3 positions remain open: CFO, Director and President-Elect
- April 6 AAUW CA Annual Meeting
- April 22-30 AAUW CA Election

# Developments in the Aileen Rizo Case

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

You may all recall the Aileen Rizo case involving the Fresno State math teacher who sued the district for discrimination because she was paid less than men with lower qualifications based on past salary histories. Ms. Rizo's case went to the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, where the Justices agreed to uphold her claim by a 6-5 vote. Unfortunately, one of the justices in the majority died before the decision was made final. The court issued the decision anyway; however on February 26th it was reversed by the U.S. Supreme Court on the basis that there was no majority at the time the ruling was made final. A new justice has been appointed to replace the deceased member and the case has been returned to the 9th Circuit for reconsideration. Stay tuned.



# Volunteers Urgently Needed for Tech Trek!

Linda Stinebaugh, Tech Trek State Coordinator,  
[techtrek@aauw-ca.org](mailto:techtrek@aauw-ca.org)

We are in urgent need for several key positions in Tech Trek. For the current camp year we need a Financial Liaison, and someone to shadow my position, as I am termed out as State Coordinator after these camps. We also still have opportunities to join the program as dorm moms, teachers, or health aides at many of the camps.

For the 2020 year, we need Camp Directors (or Co-Directors) for the San Diego, Irvine, and Whittier camps. Without these key positions (and the ones listed above) the future of Tech Trek is in jeopardy. These positions do offer stipends (depending on the position) to provide some compensation.

Please consider stepping up to join this amazing program. Join with a friend! Tech Trek needs you!

To find out more about the Tech Trek program please contact Linda at [techtrek@aauw-ca.org](mailto:techtrek@aauw-ca.org).



## Tech Trek South Committee Selects 11 Campers

Committee members met at the homes of Pat Naritomi on March 12 and Lovey Sherman on March 27 to read and discuss more than 30 Tech Trek Camp applicants' applications and essays. The seventh grade girls come from eleven schools, five in Monterey Park and six in the Montebello Unified School District. Our Volunteers then visited the schools and interviewed each applicant. Notifications will be mailed to all of the girls and their school the first week of April.

Many thanks to all who participated, especially to Kiem Tjong for coordinating the first round of interviews and to Pat Naritomi and Lovey Sherman for hosting the application and essay reading process.

Our Information Orientation for campers and parents will be at the Bruggemeyer Monterey Park Library, Saturday May 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend a to meet the girls and families and learn more about tech Trek Camp. Please call Jackie Fisher to reserve your seat.

*Jackie*



AAUW Fund Raffle

### Will You be Dining with the Dotys?

The winning "Dining with the Dotys" raffle ticket will be drawn at the April 15<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. As of this writing, only 104 raffle tickets have been sold, which means each ticket has a very good chance of being THE ticket.

The semi-formal dinner for you and three of your friends includes delicious dishes from hors d'oeuvres to desert, paired with select wines and served in a comfortable, friendly setting.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each – 3 for \$25. A similar meal in a restaurant would cost more than \$200. Ticket holders do not need to be present at the drawing to win.

One hundred percent of ticket proceeds go to AAUW Fund to help complete unfinished AAUW California endowments.

#### Risk Averse?

The Dotys are offering additional, non-raffle dinners. If you donate \$500 or more to AAUW Fund through Dining with the Dotys, they will prepare a semi-formal dinner for you and three of your friends. No ticket, no drawing, no foolin'.

Questions? Call 626-284-0763

## CABARET

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



**RSVP DEADLINE EXTENDED  
to APRIL 5**

**SATURDAY**

**APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> 2019, 2:00 P.M.**

**Pasadena City College, Sexson Auditorium  
1570 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena**

**Benefits AAUW Tech Trek North in sending girls to Science Camp**

General Admission \$30, Seniors and Students \$25  
Make out CHECKS to: Bonnie Gonzalez by March 30 April 5.  
Mail to: Bonnie Gonzalez  
2601 Warren Way  
Arcadia CA 91007

Parking is available Student Lot 5, on Bonnie Ave. south of Colorado Blvd. Buy a parking ticket from the machine in the lot and display it on the dashboard. Bonnie will be in front of Sexson Auditorium with show tickets from 1:30-2:00 PM on April 13th. RSVP or questions to Bonnie at (626) 446-8714 or bonmago@att.net

## Evening Books\* April 22



An intimate, powerful, and inspiring memoir by the former First Lady of the United States

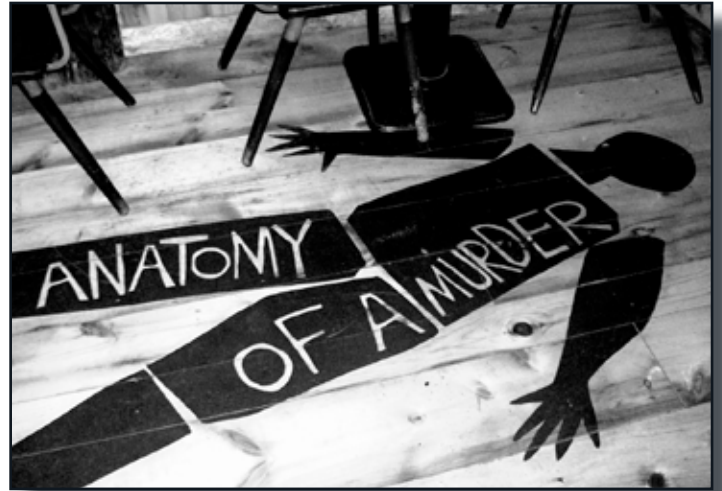
In a life filled with meaning and accomplishment, Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era. As First Lady of the United States of America—the first African American

to serve in that role—she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history, while also establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world, dramatically changing the ways that families pursue healthier and more active lives, and standing with her husband as he led America through some of its most harrowing moments. Along the way, she showed us a few dance moves, crushed Carpool Karaoke, and raised two down-to-earth daughters under an unforgiving media glare.

In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her—from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address. With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her triumphs and her disappointments, both public and private, telling her full story as she has lived it—in her own words and on her own terms. Warm, wise, and revelatory, *Becoming* is the deeply personal reckoning of a woman of soul and substance who has steadily defied expectations—and whose story inspires us to do the same.

\*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 April 8



Defeated for re-election as District Attorney, Paul Biegler isn't looking forward to becoming a defense attorney, but his first case is sensational: a lieutenant is accused of murdering the bartender who allegedly raped his wife. It's a high-stakes battle of wit and determination, as Biegler uses every device to save the officer's neck.

"The production is gripping [...] characters hurl witty insults at each other during the court case scenes [...] performance ends brilliantly." - The Stage

Parts for 17(!) although doubling can reduce the cast to 9. If you have ever thought about coming to a drama group meeting, this is an excellent time!

## Honorable Mention Nicholas Andrian

Nicholas Andrian won 5<sup>th</sup> Place in a field of 13 and \$150 in the state-wide Eleanor Stem-Allen Memorial Speech Trek speech competition. Nicholas says, "The most important thing that we can do to tackle gun violence, to tackle systemic racism, to tackle any issues is to force Congress to ratify amendments, to work together with multiple

nations and to work together as a nation, because the more divided we are, the less we actual conquer. The more divided we are, the less we achieve. So let's take a step forward and let's understand that it's finally time for us to act and we need to act today." His speech can be viewed on [YouTube](#).



# ACTIVITIES

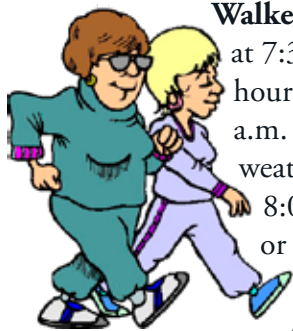
Where the Fun will be in April

New faces, and used ones, are always welcomed.

Join Us!

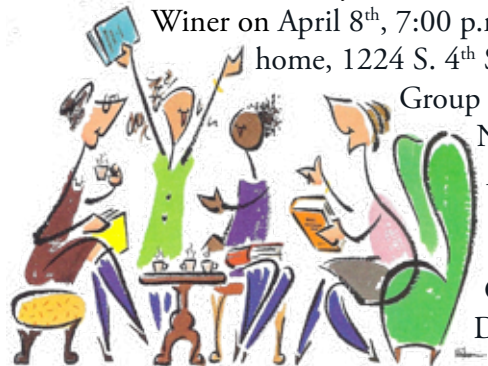
**Board Meeting** Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (no kidding) in the Dotys' home, 1224 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. in Alhambra. Open to all members. The meeting convenes at 7:30 p.m., but members may arrive at 7:00 p.m. to socialize.

**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.



**AAUW California's annual meeting** will be Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Handlery Hotel in San Diego along with leadership workshops and the Speech Trek state final competition and more.

**Drama:** will read "Anatomy of a Murder" by Elihu Winer on April 8<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.

**Professional Women Gourmets** will meet at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Cameron's Seafood Restaurant, 1978 E. Colorado Blvd., in Pasadena following the PCC performance of *Cabaret*. Contact Jane Anderson for your reservation. 626-862-1269 or misclay@pacbell.net



Our Branch website is [alhsangab-ca.aauw.net](http://alhsangab-ca.aauw.net) and join us on MeetUp.com  
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**Evening Books** will discuss *Becoming* by Michele Obama at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Marilyn Jeff's home, 444 N. California St. in San Gabriel.



**Restaurant Gourmets** will dine at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at Tam O Shanter, 2980 Los Feliz Blvd. in Los Angeles. Please call Deanna if you plan to attend.



**Pasadena Showcase House of Design**  
at Descanso Gardens April 21<sup>st</sup> - May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Contact Bonnie Gonzalez

## 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).

