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

May/June, 2019

FAMOUS FABULOUS WOMEN!

Installation of the 2019-20 Branch Officers

6:00 p.m. Monday, June 3, 2019

Polly's Pies Restaurant

1322 W. Beverly Blvd., Montebello

Dinner will be served (chicken pot pie, salad, beverage, apple or cherry pie).

Pictured above is sculptor Adelaide Johnson's monument to the pioneers of the woman suffrage movement, which features portrait busts of three movement leaders: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Lucretia Mott.

INSTALLATION DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve TODAY! 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: _____

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.



AAUW Fund Raffle

Janice Lee & Friends Will be Dining with the Dotys!

Guest panelist Ellen Veselack drew Janice Lee's ticket from among the 120 entries into the Dining with the Dotys raffle at our branch's April annual meeting. The raffle raised a total of \$995.00 for the AAUW Fund.



Election Results

Branch Leadership

The following were elected for the 2019-2020 year:

- President Betty Morin
- President-Elect Elena Velarde
- Secretary..... Delora Brown
- Treasurer Joe DesBarres
- Program Vice President Elena Velarde
- Membership Vice President.....Deanna Arthur
- AAUW Fund Vice President..... Kathleen Doty

AAUW State & National Calendar

May 15	AAUW CA Committee Applications Due
May 18	Work Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop in Long Beach
May 29-June 1	NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) at University of Maryland
June 23-29	Whittier Tech Trek camp



Tech Trek North and South Orientation for Campers

On May 4th the Tech Trek Committee (North and South) will hold an orientation for our 2019 campers and their families. It will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. The orientation will give the girls a chance to meet each other, learn all about the camp, and hear from former Tech Trek campers. This is also an opportunity for our campers and their parents to ask questions about the Whittier College Tech Trek Camp which will be held June 23-29.

Introducing the 2019 North Tech Trekkers

The Tech Trek North Selection Committee would like to thank the branch members, families and friends for their continued support of this AAUW community project that enables 7th grade girls to attend a STEM camp in the summer. This year we were able to give eight scholarships to girls from Alhambra and San Gabriel, two more scholarships than last year.

Eight girls from Alhambra and San Gabriel were chosen to attend the Whittier College Tech Trek Camp from June 23-29. The selection committee was headed by Rozanne Child and she was joined by Sue Carr, Virginia Orenos and Lilia Hall. The girls chosen are Marlee Arrington (Fremont), Alison Delgadillo (Park), Allison Gonzalez (Garfield), Ayasha Pokharel (Granada), Alyssa Silva (Granada), Francis Silva (Park), Sarah Thacker (Emery Park) and Lily Zhou (Jefferson Middle School, San Gabriel).

The Alhambra girls will be honored on May 7th at the Board Meeting for the Alhambra Unified School District.

Tech Trek North Fundraisers

In March and April the Tech Trek North Committee had three fundraisers to re-fill the coffers for campers in 2020.

In March we were able to raise \$800 from the See's candy sale which was coordinated by Lyda Chee.

In April members, family and friends attended the musi-

cal, CABARET at PCC. Bonnie Gonzalez made the arrangements for this enjoyable performance. We made \$190.

We are currently staffing the Pasadena Showcase House at Descanso Gardens. Bonnie Gonzalez was able to fill 24 shifts due to the generosity of our members, their family members and friends. For every four-hour shift, we earn \$40 for Tech Trek. We expect to earn \$1000 this year.

Thanks to everyone who supported Tech Trek! *Lilia*

Financial Literacy

AAUW California's Financial Literacy Committee has redesigned and refreshed the Financial Literacy portion of the AAUW California website. With the help of the AAUW CA webteam, lead by Sandi Gabe, now it is easier to find updated information on all three financial literacy programs, Money Trek, Start Smart and Work Smart, by just clicking [HERE](#).

President's Message

"There is no real ending. It's just the place where you stop the story."

--Frank Herbert

At the close of the 2018-2019 AAUW year, I am happy to say it is not the end. The year was full of events which helped us underscore the mission of AAUW; from the marvelous membership party in August to the Annual Meeting focusing on the three main goals of AAUW. My story as your president is stopping, but the branch will continue to grow and go in new directions with the in-coming board of directors. I am looking forward to seeing you at the installation on June 3rd where we will begin the next story, with Betty Morín as our president.



Kathleen
Kathleen Doty

Renew Your Membership Online!!

Did you get the membership renewal email from memberinfo@aauw containing your personal link to AAUW's Membership Payment Program (MPP)? MPP is a secure, online dues-processing alternative and we hope you will take advantage of it. With implementation of the MPP, there are three ways to renew membership:

1. Renew online via the link emailed to you and pay with a credit card. No worries about missing or mis-read forms! And branch and state dues are automatically deposited into the respective branch and state bank accounts. or
2. Renew online and mail a check to Delora Brown with the form below. She will process your dues check. or
3. If you don't have internet access, please complete the form below and send it to Delora.

Deanna

Please use this form *only* if you can't renew or pay online.

2019-2020 Membership Dues Renewal Form

- I renewed online but didn't pay online. Please process my dues check.
- Please renew my membership for me and process my check.

Name: _____ PHONE(S) _____

Address: _____ Home: (____) _____

City, State Zip: _____ Work: (____) _____

Email: _____ Cell: (____) _____

Please mark your membership type and attach a check **payable to American Association of University Women** for the indicated amount (these amounts include applicable branch, state and national dues):

- Regular Member (\$97)
- Student at Partner C/U (\$28)
- Paid National Life Member (\$38**)
- Student not at Partner C/U (\$46.81)
- Honorary National Life Member (free)

**Continuing annual state and branch dues after one-time payment of national life membership dues.

Mail to: Delora Brown, Membership Treasurer // 5619A Sultana Ave. // Temple City, CA 91780

AAUW Fund

Our branch's Fund Luncheon was held at the Alhambra Unified School District boardroom on Saturday, March 30th. Our guest speaker was Melissa Lo, a 2018 American Fellowship Recipient from Los Angeles. We are sorry for those who missed the event since Melissa "wowed" us with her journey and her Descartes project that awarded her the AAUW Fellowship. We left that day feeling so positive that our donations to the AAUW Fund were being put to good use.

Thanks to Jane for providing us access to the boardroom. Thanks to our branch board members for contributing wine for the wine raffle, refreshments, and pretty paper products. Thanks to Tina Karagias for her generous discount on Paco catering. Thanks to Lyda for her delicious cupcakes, and thanks to all who helped set up and clean up. It does take a village.

This year's **Named Gift Honorees** are **Virginia Knowles** and **Janice Mangerino**



Virginia Knowles (1997)

for their extraordinary service in supporting the programs and goals of the AAUW Fund.



Janice Mangerino

One Final Note:

- Total branch contribution in 2018: \$ 5,174
- 2019 Dining with the Dotys Raffle \$ 995
- 2019 Fund Luncheon \$ 207

Janice & Kacy



Summer Break!

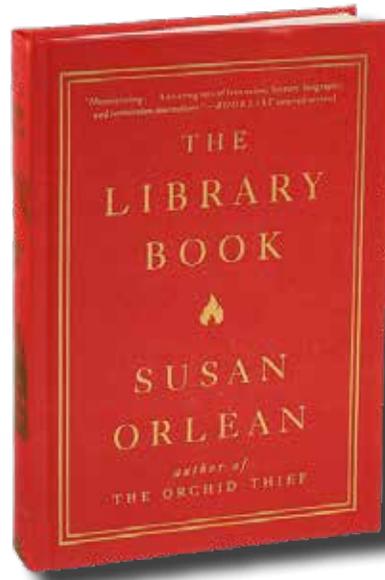
This is the last issue for the 2018-19 program year. We will be back in September with a new name, the *Mission Gateway*.

"Let us dance in the sun, wearing wild flowers in our hair..."

- Susan Polis Schutz



Evening Books* May 29



On the morning of April 29, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. As the moments passed, the patrons and staff who had been cleared out of the building realized this was not the usual fire alarm. As one fireman recounted, "Once that first stack got going, it was 'Goodbye, Charlie.'" The fire was disas-

trous: it reached 2000 degrees and burned for more than seven hours. By the time it was extinguished, it had consumed four hundred thousand books and damaged seven hundred thousand more. Investigators descended on the scene, but more than thirty years later, the mystery remains: Did someone purposefully set fire to the library—and if so, who?

Weaving her lifelong love of books and reading into an investigation of the fire, award-winning New Yorker reporter and New York Times bestselling author Susan Orlean delivers a mesmerizing and uniquely compelling book that manages to tell the broader story of libraries and librarians in a way that has never been done before.

In *The Library Book*, Orlean chronicles the LAPL fire and its aftermath to showcase the larger, crucial role that libraries play in our lives; delves into the evolution of libraries across the country and around the world, from their humble beginnings as a metropolitan charitable initiative to their current status as a cornerstone of national identity; brings each department of the library to vivid life through on-the-ground reporting; studies arson and attempts to burn a copy of a book herself; reflects on her own experiences in libraries; and reexamines the case of Harry Peak, the blond-haired actor long suspected of setting fire to the LAPL more than thirty years ago.

*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."

Along the way, Orlean introduces us to an unforgettable cast of characters from libraries past and present—from Mary Foy, who in 1880 at eighteen years old was named the head of the Los Angeles Public Library at a time when men still dominated the role, to Dr. C.J.K. Jones, a pastor, citrus farmer, and polymath known as “The Human Encyclopedia” who roamed the library dispensing information; from Charles Lummis, a wildly eccentric journalist and adventurer who was determined to make the L.A. library one of the best in the world, to the current staff, who do heroic work every day to ensure that their institution remains a vital part of the city it serves.

Brimming with her signature wit, insight, compassion, and talent for deep research, *The Library Book* is Susan Orlean’s thrilling journey through the stacks that reveals how these beloved institutions provide much more than just books—and why they remain an essential part of the heart, mind, and soul of our country. It is also a master journalist’s reminder that, perhaps especially in the digital era, they are more necessary than ever.

Evening Books* June 24



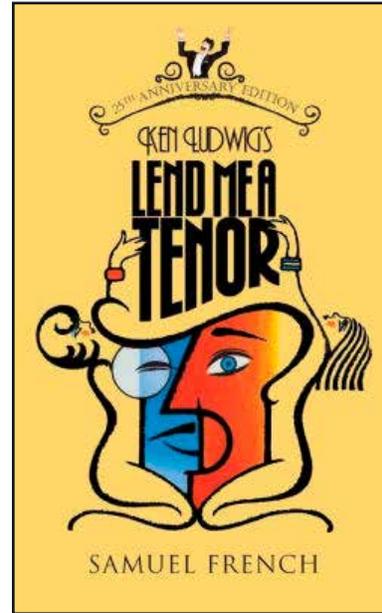
In a dingy office in Fisherman's Wharf, the glass panel in the door bears the names of A. Kimrean and Z. Kimrean. Private Eyes. Behind the door there is only one desk, one chair, one scrawny androgynous P.I. in a tank top and skimpy waistcoat. A.Z., as they are collectively known, are twin brother and sister. He's pure misanthropic logic, she's wild hedonistic creativity. A.Z. have been locked in mortal battle since they were in utero...which is tricky because they, very literally, share one single body. That's right. One body, two pilots. The mystery and absurdity of how Kimrean functions, and how they subvert every plotline, twist, explosion, and gunshot--and confuse every cop, neckless thug, cartel boss, ninja, and femme fatale--in the book is pure Cantero magic.

Someone is murdering the sons of the ruthless drug cartel boss known as the Lyon in the biggest baddest

town in California--San Carnal. The notorious A.Z. Kimrean must go to the sin-soaked, palm-tree-lined streets of San Carnal, infiltrate the Lyon's inner circle, and find out who is targeting his heirs, and while they are at it, rescue an undercover cop in too deep, deal with a plucky young stowaway, and stop a major gang war from engulfing California. They'll face every plot device and break every rule Elmore Leonard wrote before they can crack the case, if they don't kill each other (themselves) first.

This Body's Not Big Enough for Both of Us is a mind-blowing, gender-bending, genre-smashing romp through the entire pantheon of action and noir. It is also a bold, tautly crafted novel about family, being weird, and claiming your place in your own crazy story, that can only come from the mind of Edgar Cantero.

Drama Group May 13



"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.

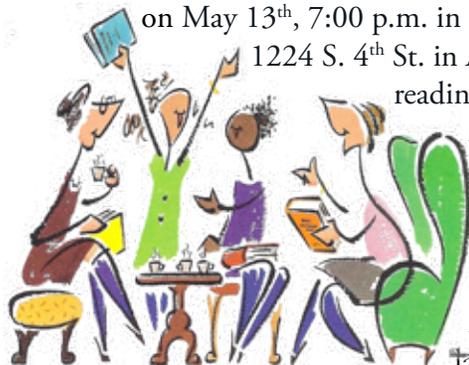
"A furiously paced comedy with more than a touch of the Marx Brothers [...] A marvelous combination of wonderful farcical moments and funny lines." - Time Out New York

ACTIVITIES

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

Board Meeting Monday, May 6th 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.

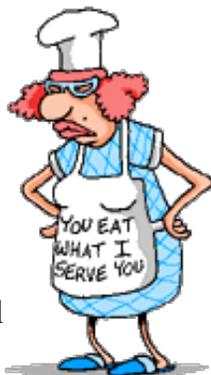
Drama: will read "Lend Me a Tenor" by Ken Ludwig on May 13th, 7:00 p.m. in the Dotys' home, 1224 S. 4th St. in Alhambra. Group reading of a play. No rehearsals. Acting talent not required --just love of drama. Contact Kathleen Doty. This is the last play until next fall.



Professional Women Gourmets will enjoy a Champagne Brunch Sunday, May 19th, 11:30 a.m. at the University Club of Pasadena, 175 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena. Hostess Valeri Siegel.



Restaurant Gourmets will dine at 6:00 p.m. at Limerick's Tavern, 300 W. Main St., #110, in Alhambra on May 25th and at Casa Calderon, 622 W. Las Tunas Drive in San Gabriel on June 22nd. Please call Deanna if you plan to attend.



Evening Books will discuss *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean on May 29th at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast at a location to be determined, and *This Body's Not Big Enough for Both of Us* by Edgar Cantero on June 24th at 7:00 p.m. in Kathleen's home, 1224 S. 4th St. in Alhambra.



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Pasadena Showcase House of Design
at Descanso Gardens April 21st - May 19th
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).



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.