



Alhambra-San Gabriel (CA) Branch serving the cities of Alhambra, San Gabriel, Monterey Park and Montebello

The Mission Gateway

Caring for the Earth: Women and Environmental Stewardship



Presented by Carol Kravetz, Speaker Trainer Chair
Los Angeles Chapter of Climate Reality Project

Carol 'Ck' Kravetz is a dynamic speaker who will tell us how and why we are addicted to fossil fuels, the extreme weather events that continue to affect us and those all around our Earth, the women scientists that have contributed to the conversation along the way, and the Citizens Climate Lobby solution that will begin to move us toward a fossil free environment. There is no more important issue on the table than the climate emergency. Everything is or will be affected by it. As AAUW trains the next generation of young women in science, technology, engineering and math, we must ensure that their future is stable and healthful. This is the perfect opportunity to be mentors and steer these young people to a brighter, cleaner environment.

6:30 p.m. October 21
Monterey West Conference Room, 2nd Floor
Alhambra Unified School District Headquarters
1515 W. Mission Dr., Alhambra

Betty Morin, President • Delora Brown, Secretary • Joe Des Barres, Treasurer • Jim Doty, Newsletter Editor
Kathleen Doty, AAUW Fund VP • Deanna Arthur, Membership VP • Elena Velarde, Program VP

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 the editor:

Does Someone Just Not Get It?

We hope that everyone is receiving, reading and enjoying the *Mission Gateway*. Do you know someone who should receive it, but doesn't?

We distribute the newsletter by email to about 90 percent of our members. They get it quickly and in color. We save time and money. Thank you, Glenda Schroeder!

But not everyone is able to receive the newsletter by email. Kacy Do sends printed copies via "snail mail" to those few members.

If you know someone who is not receiving the newsletter, please let us know. Call or write to the membership vice president, Deanna Arthur. (626) 286-5919, 1608 S. Atlantic Blvd., Alhambra, CA 91803, deannaauw@gmail.com

Jim

¹ Yes, Glenda Schroeder is not a branch member and she does not do our mailings. Glenda Schroeder is an American software engineer noted for implementing the first command-line user interface shell and publishing one of the earliest research papers describing electronic mail systems while working as a member of the staff at the MIT Computation Center in 1965.

She-roes *Environmental Health*



Dr. Natasha De Jarnett

2017 Alumna of the Year for the University of Louisville School of Public Health and Information Sciences. Prior to NEHA, she was a policy analyst at the American Public Health Association, where she led the Natural Environment portfolio, including air and water exposures along with climate change.

Dr. Natasha De Jarnett is the research coordinator at the National Environmental Health Association, where she leads research as well as children's environmental health activities. She completed her PhD, concentrating in environmental health sciences and was named

President's Message

I thought that at this time of the year when days are getting cooler and the nights longer, I would inject a little levity into my message. Did you know that there are many interesting and unique holidays and observances in the month of October? If you are looking for a reason to socialize and have some friends over or to go out to celebrate, here are just a few reasons to *party*:



Betty Morin

- Oct 1 International Day for the Older Person
- Oct 4 World Smile Day
- Oct 6 Mad Hatters' Day
- Oct 11 International Day of the Girl Child
- Oct 12 Universal Music Day
- Oct 17 Wear Something Gaudy Day
- Oct 28 National Chocolate Day
- Oct 30 Mischief Night

If you choose to celebrate one or more of these special days, we would love for you to share your photos!

P.S. A website that you might find amusing is: www.notjustbingo.com/activity-calendars. You will find that it's a Ho-o-o-ot!

Betty



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.



Remembering the Past, Rockin' the Future April 17-19, 2020

The AAUW California board and committees are working hard to bring you a convention that will energize you and your branch members. We will be celebrating the past as we look back at our fight for the vote and the legislation we helped pass, and then we will look to the future and the work still to be done.

We are all working on planning a wide cross-section of workshops, plenaries and speakers which may include:

- an update on AAUW Fund,
- membership diversity (whether it be by age, ethnicity or sexual orientation),
- civil conversations with others towards effective government,
- maximizing social media,
- fundraising,
- ADA requirements,
- partnering with young women in AAUW initiatives,
- encouraging young women to run for office, and
- registering youth to vote and participate in government.

If you have an idea for a workshop, plenary or speaker, submit your idea using the [workshop application form](#) or email us at convention@aauw-ca.org.

You will also have the opportunity to complete the Work Smart program with an experienced facilitator.

There will be a chance to meet the candidates for the AAUW California Board of Directors. Directors and staff of AAUW California will be available to answer your questions. Several directors and staff of AAUW National will be there too.

Convention details and registration information will be in the winter issue of the California Perspective and on the AAUW California website.

See you at the convention!

AAUW and the Environmental Movement

Over the past six months, the United States has sweltered through record-breaking high temperatures and dangerous weather anomalies. Thanks to everything from derechos to droughts, renewed anxiety for our planet — and ourselves — is inevitable. For AAUW, environmental concerns are a fascinating part of our heritage.

Did you know that in the late 1960s and early 1970s AAUW undertook a battle for environmental reform? At that time, the nation was awakening to the ecological distress caused by pollution from everyday human activity and beginning to recognize the effect these toxins were having on the environment and on people. The forward-thinking AAUW program, "This Beleaguered Earth – Can Man Survive?", put a "focus on the ecological problems faced by mankind today ... how and why we are threatened as a species. It also suggested ideas for action to reverse environmental pollution and deterioration.

In an effort to identify and define environmental issues on the local, national and even international level, AAUW called on lawmakers and citizens alike to learn about the ecological struggles at hand and to take up the fight for a cleaner, safer world. AAUW branches focused on specific issues, many of which related to local problems within the broader topic of environmental reform. Members studied topics ranging from the obvious, such as water and air pollution, to the revolutionary, such as soundscape protection and noise reduction and alternative energy sources like solar and nuclear power.

These studies resulted in a wealth of information. To ensure its effective application, the AAUW national office held conferences, narrated public service announcements, and produced educational publications such as *This Beleaguered Earth: Models for Citizen Action and the Tool Kit for Community Action*. Among other things, these documents suggested activism projects and ways to influence change. The power of individual branches combined under a nationally organized campaign allowed AAUW to stand as a united force against environmental destruction.

Extracted from a post on aauw.org written by AAUW Archives Intern Kelsey Conway.

Public Policy

AAUW California members voted to approve the 2019-2021 California Public Policy Priorities in May. These guide our Public Policy program which supports AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy. The AAUW CA Public Policy Committee uses these in selecting legislative bills on which we take positions in March each year. Here they are so you can be familiar with the legislative efforts made in the name of AAUW CA:

To achieve economic security for all women, AAUW CA advocates:

- Pay equity, fairness in compensation and benefits, and economic justice.
- Equitable access and advancement in employment, through vigorous enforcement of employment anti-discrimination statutes, including age discrimination.
- Strengthening retirement benefits and programs, including public pension viability, and protecting Social Security from privatization or reduction in benefits.
- Programs that provide all women with education, including financial literacy, training, and support for success in the work force.
- Strengthening programs that encourage career development and earning potential, including career and technical education, access to post-secondary education, job training for welfare recipients and training for incarcerated women.
- Policies that support work-life balance, including medical leave, family leave, quality and affordable child and dependent care.

To support a strong system of high-quality public education, AAUW CA advocates:

- Vigorous enforcement of federal Title IX (Education Amendments of 1972) and all other federal and California civil rights laws pertaining to education.
- Adequate and equitable funding for high quality public education for all students, including preschoolers.
- Increased support for programs that break through barriers for women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.
- Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in all levels of education and fields of study, including sexual health education and athletics.
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education, and for charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and

accountability standards as required of other public schools.

- Support for and adequate funding that gives women and other disadvantaged populations access to higher education, including two-year degree programs and vocational training.

To guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse and inclusive society, AAUW CA advocates:

- Self-determination of one's reproductive health decisions.
- Increased access to quality, affordable health care, and comprehensive family planning services.
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including bullying, sexual harassment, sexual assault, human trafficking, hate crimes and gun violence, in homes, schools, workplaces and communities.
- Strengthening California programs, including affordable housing, that improve the lives of women, children and families living at or below the poverty level.
- Support for United Nations programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concerns.
- Freedom in definition of self-identity and family, and guarantee of civil rights for all forms of self-identity and all family structures.
- Vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights for all. Continued support for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Kathleen

2020 Call for Candidates

AAUW California is looking for enthusiastic, committed, and proven leaders to serve on the Board of Directors. Will you step up? The strength of our organization is in the balance.

We seek candidates for:

- Secretary (two-year term 2020-2022)
- Seven Directors (two-year term 2020-2022)

The nomination deadline is December 1, 2019. Voting will be over a three-week period: from April 17 to May 8, 2020.

For more information contact Janice Lee, Nominations and Elections Committee Chair, at nominating@aauw-ca.org.

Membership News

Membership Musings

I wanted to share with all of you the wonderful orientation that we had with new members. All 16 remaining members that joined since 2014 were invited. 8 new members attended (1 was presenting). 2 people were on vacation and 1 member was working. 1 50% response rate is AMAZING>

A information filled evening with history, public policy, interest groups, Speech Trek and Tech Trek. I believe the new members enjoyed themselves as they met new people and learned a lot about AAUW and the branch.

Looking forward to adding new members so we have an opportunity to do this again.

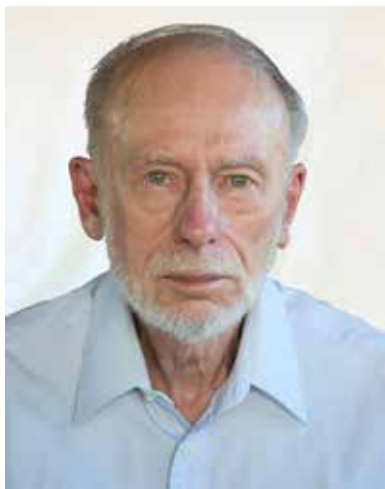
Don't forget our Meet up event on Wednesday, October 9th, at 6PM at Burke Make, 15 N. 3rd Street at 4PM/ Please let your community know. There will be a presentation from VSAP (Voting Solutions for All) about the changes in the way we vote, the length of time to vote , the voting locations and more. Have a suggestion for a voting location? Please let them know.

Deanna

Meet Chuck Gonzalez

In his own words...

My brief bio: I have been married to Bonnie Gonzalez for 52 years, and we have a daughter, Lisa, who is a teacher's aide and an artist. One of the ways I have supported AAUW is by being in the Professional Women's Gourmet Group.



Chuck Gonzalez

I have a BS in Physics from Lafayette College in Easton PA, an MS in Physics from the University of Pittsburgh, and additional studies at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago and Case-Western University in Cleveland. I had summer jobs at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC, and the army's Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. I was a college

instructor in physics at Lafayette College for two years. I worked for one year at Douglas Aircraft on the Nike Missile System, and the rest of the time I was an engineer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, working on both space and terrestrial projects.

I am now retired. My main hobby is nature and landscape photography, which I have done in the US and abroad. I have done some people photography when abroad. Now, I've staying closer to home. I try to keep up with what's happening in space by reading about what JPL is doing, along with other laboratories, and the results astronomers get from telescopes on the ground and revolving around the Earth.

Chuck

2019-2020 Budget

The following budget was adopted by the branch Board of Directors on September 9th:

INCOME

Branch Dues 46 mbrs @ \$18	\$ 828
Interest	2
Events	500
Donations	150
National Convention Carryover ¹	300

TOTAL INCOME

\$1,780

EXPENSES

Newsletter	\$ 25
Yearbook	150
Insurance	192
Rent	400
Memorial AAUW Fund	10
National Convention	0
Programs	300
Hospitality	100
LACIC Assessment	25
AAUW Funds Assessment	40
Membership Scholarship	0
Speech Trek ¹	400
Miscellaneous	70

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$1,712

¹The Board decided to transfer \$300, which was carried over from last year and earmarked to reimburse national convention attendance expenses, to Speech Trek for branch level contest awards.

Joe

AAUW Fund News

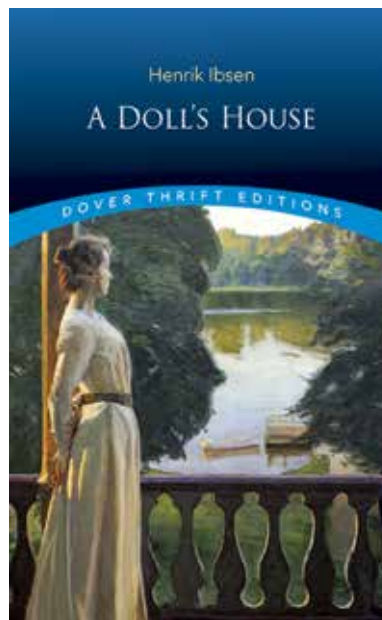
Friday, October 11th is the **deadline** for registering for the Southern California AAUW Fund luncheon to be held Sunday, October 27th in Seal Beach. For the 2019–20 academic year, AAUW has awarded \$4 million in fellowships and grants to 259 women and community projects. There are 30 Fellows and Grant recipients studying in California in 2019-20. Six to eight of these recipients will give a brief overview of their studies or projects and highlight what AAUW's support has meant to them at the luncheon. This is always a great event. It will be an afternoon that makes you proud to be an AAUW member! You can make your reservation on-line on the AAUW California website or use the reservation form in this month's Mission Gateway.

An additional AAUW Fund note: We need to continue to support the Fund to provide the resources for the Fellowships and Grants awarded each year. To that end, Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch is sponsoring its Fourth Annual Dining with the Doty's Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each/3 for \$25. The winner, who will be chosen at the Annual Meeting in April, and three friends will be treated to a semi-formal meal at the Dotys home. Tickets will be available starting in October.

Kathleen

AAUW Fund trivia for October: Did you know that AAUW's long tradition of supporting women's education began in 1888 when we awarded our first fellowship, \$350 to American Scholar Ida M. Street?

Drama Group October 14



One of the best-known, most frequently performed of modern plays, A Doll's House richly displays the genius with which Henrik Ibsen pioneered modern, realistic prose drama. In the central character of Nora, Ibsen epitomized the human struggle against the humiliating constraints of social conformity. Nora's ultimate rejection of a smothering marriage and life in "a doll's house" shocked the-

atergoers of the late 1800s and opened new horizons for playwrights and their audiences.

But daring social themes are only one aspect of Ibsen's power as a dramatist. A Doll's House shows as well his gifts for creating realistic dialogue, a suspenseful flow of events and, above all, psychologically penetrating characterizations that make the struggles of his dramatic personages utterly convincing. Here is a deeply absorbing play as readable as it is eminently playable, reprinted from an authoritative translation.

Reprint from The Best Known Works of Ibsen, Bartholomew House, Inc., New York, n.d.

The AAUW California Fund Committee invites you to celebrate and honor our 2019-2020 California Fellowship and Grant Recipients!

Meal Selection (choose one):

- Harvest Chicken Salad with Blueberries, Strawberries
- Harvest Vegetarian Salad

Registration Link:

<https://2019-aauw-fund-sealbeach.eventbrite.com>

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA -- SEAL BEACH

Sunday, October 27, 2019

RSVP: October 11, 2019

12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM

(Check In at 11:30 AM)

Old Ranch Country Club

3901 Lampson Avenue – Seal Beach, CA 90740

AAUW FUND LUNCHEON RESERVATION

1. Register online through Eventbrite (see links above for choice of luncheon events). – OR –
2. Mail your \$45.00 check (payable to AAUW CA) or credit card information to 1331 Garden Highway, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833.

Name: _____ : Branch: _____

Address: _____ : Phone: _____

_____ : Email: _____

Credit Card No.: _____ : Expiration Date: _____

Security Code (on back): _____

For questions about the events, call the AAUW CA Office at 916-448-7795

ACTIVITIES

Where the Fun will be in October
Put that TV program on record and join us!
What's the worst that could happen?

Restaurant Gourmets will dine out on at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2nd at Granville, 270 S. Lake Ave. in Pasadena and again on Sunday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Genovese's Italian Kitchen at 2900 W Main St in Alhambra. Contact Deanna Arthur with questions and suggestions.



Professional Women Gourmets will celebrate Octoberfest on October 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Kathleen and Jim Doty, 1224 S. 4th St. in Alhambra. Contact Kathleen or Jim.



Board Meeting Monday, October 7th in Betty Morin's home, 1280 Crest Vista Dr. in Monterey Park. The meeting convenes at 7:30 p.m., but members may arrive at 7:00 p.m. to socialize. Any branch member may bring a proposal to the board for discussion and action at its regular meeting. Simply send your proposal to the branch president at least ten days before the meeting and ask the president to include the proposal on the agenda. You may request to speak to the proposal at the board meeting.

Drama Group will read "A Doll's House" by Henrik Ibsen on October 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Dotys' home, 1224 S. 4th St. in Alhambra. Group reading. No rehearsals. Acting talent not required-- just love of drama. Contact Kathleen Doty.

Public Policy Program: Climate Reality Project Speaker Carol Kravetz will talk about *Caring for the Earth: Women & Environmental Stewardship* on October 21st at 6:30 p.m. at Alhambra Unified School District Headquarters,

1515 W. Mission Dr. in Alhambra (see Page 1).

Evening Books will discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens in Deanna's home, 1608 S. Atlantic Blvd. in Alhambra. Contact Deanna for date and time.



AAUW Fund recipients will speak about their work on October 27th from noon to 3:00 p.m. (check in at 11:30 a.m.) in the Old Ranch Country Club, 3901 Lampson Avenue in Seal Beach. Reservation by October 11th required. Register on line at <https://2019-aauw-fund-sealbeach.eventbrite.com>

Save the Date!!!

AAUW CA Convention

April 17-19, 2020

Remembering the Past, Rockin' the Future.

Westin San Francisco Airport

See you there!!

Our branch website is

alhsangab-ca.aauw.net

Our MeetUp.com page is

Am. Assoc. Univ. Women -- Alhambra, San

Gabriel, Monterey Pk

Our Facebook page is

AAUW-Alhambra-San-Gabriel-Branch

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 for Branch events and activities. 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).

