



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

# The Mission Gateway



## Gabrielino High School Chamber Singers!

### “Home for the Holidays” Program

6:30 PM Social/7:00 PM Meeting

Monday Evening, December 2, 2019

First United Methodist Church San Gabriel Fellowship Hall, 201 N. San Gabriel Blvd., San Gabriel

Free Parking on Elm Avenue

Invite family and friends to our annual member celebration of “Home for the Holidays.” Meet new AAUW members and greet long time friends. It’s the most festive time of the year and our traditional treat to hear from the talented Gabrielino High School Chamber Singers.

At this holiday meeting, we are honored to welcome back director David Pitts and his outstanding youth ensembles. We’ll hear an update on their musical journey thus far, and their plans for the coming year. Along with performances in the community, the Chamber Singers have performed at Disney’s California Adventure. They scored “Superior” ratings at the Azusa Pacific University Invitational Festivals and Southern California Vocal Association Festivals.

It’s the perfect way to launch our various holiday seasons. After the performance, we’ll partake in the traditional desert reception to congratulate the students and inquire about their studies and ideas for post-secondary education. Let’s get together in the spirit of the season!

If you have questions, please leave a voicemail message for Elena Velarde at 213-304-7403. Don’t forget to include your name and phone number.

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.

# Early Bird Notice for Our Branch Members



Father Gregory Boyle, SJ.

Reservations are now open to meet our Evening with the Author, Father Gregory Boyle, SJ, on Monday, January 27, 2020. Supper begins at 5:30 PM in Cleaver Hall of the Church of Our Saviour, 535 W. Roses Road, San Gabriel. There is ample free parking. The meeting and program will begin at 6:30 PM.

Gregory Joseph Boyle, SJ, is an American Roman Catholic priest of the Jesuit order. He is the founder and director of Homeboy Industries, the world's largest gang-intervention and rehabilitation program, and former pastor of Dolores Mission Church in Los Angeles. Boyle's *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*, a book recollecting his 20+ years in the barrio, was published in 2010. It received positive reviews from many. In 2017, he published a similar volume *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship* (Simon and Schuster).

We are proud to announce that Homegirl Catering will serve their Specialty Homegirl Bowl, the perfect meal to accompany a great presentation: Each member chooses her/his own custom built bowl made with fresh quality ingredients—layers of green spinach and cilantro rice, black bean and corn salad—accompanied by your choice of chicken achiote, steak or baked tofu. Salsas and other ingredients are mild in flavor. Drinks and dessert are included.

Since seating is limited, pre-paid reservations are required and tickets will not be sold at the door. **AAUW**

## Mission Gateway

Articles relating to AAUW's mission or Branch activities are gladly accepted. Material for the *Mission Gateway* must be received no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the intended month of publication.

**Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch members have early bird priority with a deadline of December 11, 2019.** Afterwards, reservations will be open to other interested groups and individuals. All reservations will be acknowledged with a seating pass. Start now to invite your friends and family and get your reservations in soon to avoid disappointment. Ticket price is \$25 per person.

Please write your check to: AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch. Then mail your check, and guest names to AAUW Branch Treasurer: Joe Des Barres, 4315 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90042.

For RSVP questions, call Joe at 310-363-3457.

For program questions, call Elena at 213-304-7403. Leave a message for a call back.

Elena



## Tech Trek Reminder

The Tech Trek program sends twelve and thirteen year-old middle school girls to an inspiring weeklong STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) camp at a college or university. Begun in California in 1998 with one school, Tech Trek is now at eight colleges and universities in California. It also has become a National AAUW Program open to many young women in other states.

The Alhambra/San Gabriel branch sponsors two Tech Treks: Tech North and Tech Trek South. Tech Trek is a 501(c)(3) organization so contributions are tax deductible.

Tech Trek North services Alhambra schools that are north of the #10 Freeway and Tech Trek South services Alhambra schools south of the #10 Freeway and the Montebello schools.

Both Tech Trek groups raise funds for scholarship through donations.

Tech Trek North: TT North raises monies from AAUW member donations, friends, local grants, fundraising projects and families of past participants. If you would

like to donate to TT North, please send your check to:  
 Lilia Hall, TT North Coordinator  
 334 Story Place  
 Alhambra, CA 91801

Checks payable to: AAUW CA SPF -on the memo line:  
 Alh/SG TTN

Tech Trek South: TT South raises monies from friends, businesses, community members, organizations and families of past participants. If you would like to donate to TT South, please send your check to:

Jane Krause, TTS Coordinator/Treasurer  
 10021 Amanita Ave  
 Tujunga, CA 91042

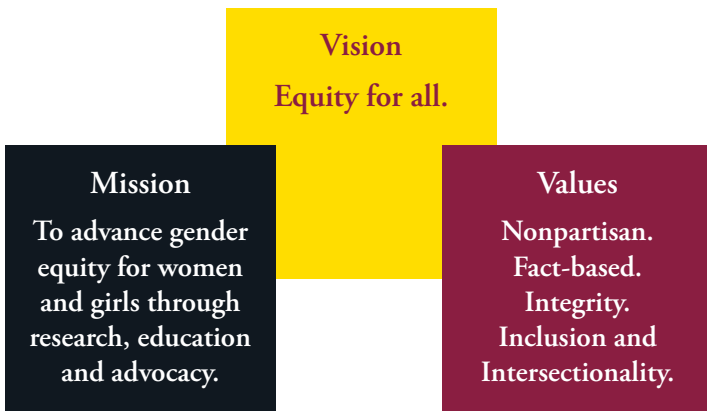
Checks are payable to: AAUW CA SPF - on the memo line: Alh/SG TTS

*Jane Krause*

## Ralphs Community Contribution Program for Tech Trek

After talking to the woman in charge of the Community Program for Ralphs and Food For Less, I learned that those people who were registered with the program last year will automatically be re-registered for 2020. If you are not registered and would like to register to help Tech Trek, please call Lilia Hall (626) 570-8067 and she will send you the information on the registration procedure. This fundraiser doesn't cost anything nor reduce your rewards. Everyone who has a Ralphs card, lives in California, and is not already linked to another non-profit in the Ralphs Contribution Program can help us. We raised over \$800 last year for Tech Trek.

*Lilia*



## President's Message

AAUW believes that together we can transform society for the better. And to that end, the November 10, 2019 meeting of Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC), the body that represents all AAUW branches in the County, will feature a presentation by the diversity team of the AAUW Long Beach branch on "all things diversity" and how



Betty Morin

we can become a more diverse organization. All branch members are invited to attend the always informative and engaging, 2-4 PM presentations. (See Branch Directory for location and additional dates.) In addition, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of you a happy and peaceful beginning to the holiday season.

*Betty*

## She-roe Folk Artist Ofelia Esparza



Ofelia Esparza

Ofelia Esparza was born in East Los Angeles and went back to school in her 40s to become a teacher, introducing children to folklórico dance and introducing Día de Los Muertos to traditional November celebrations. Esparza remains devoted to the art of making

Day of the Dead altars and recently was awarded with a 2018 NEA National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, which is considered the nation's highest honor in the folk and traditional arts. She has exhibited at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art where an alter is on permanent display, the Japanese American National Museum, the National Museum of Mexican Art, and at the first Day of the Dead exhibit in Glasgow, Scotland. She served as a cultural consultant on the Day of the Dead-themed Oscar-winning Disney film "Coco."

# The Heart of AAUW

“Nowhere has the AAUW demonstrated its practical idealism and its educational power and promise more fully than in the establishment of fellowships to advance women who give promise of scholarly distinction.”

AAUW Fellowships and Fellows, 1935

I consider the Fund and its fellowships and grants to be at the heart of AAUW. Over \$4,000,000 is awarded each year from the interest on completed endowments. When a grant or fellowship (endowment) is initiated, up to 10 years is allowed to complete the full funding of the principle so that the interest can be awarded.

New members may not know (but I expect long time members to know) that Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch established a Research and Projects (R&P) Grant in 1986. At that time, \$35,000 was required to fully fund a Research and Projects Grant. Thanks to donations from members and creative fund raising, including specifying that \$2 of each members' branch dues would go to the Fund<sup>1</sup>, we completed funding the Alhambra-San Gabriel R&P Grant in 3 years!

Although Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch has fully funded its eponymous R&P Grant, there are more fellowships and grants from California that are only partially funded. Full funding is required before the money can be put to work. The more endowments that are completed, the more money AAUW can award. “Dining with the Dotys” was started to help complete California endowments.

Dining with the Dotys has brought in almost \$4,000 in the three years it has been going. Let's see if we can raise \$2,000 or more this year so even more endowments are completed. To achieve that goal, I invite everyone to pick up a packet of tickets and sell them to your friends and family. Who knows? When your friend wins, they may invite you as one of the guests! Help our fund raiser grow and maybe there could be \$5,000,000 in AAUW Fund awards next year!

*Kathleen*

AAUW trivia for November: Did you know that in 1950 Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-WI) accused AAUW of being a communist front? AAUW leaders successfully defended against these allegations.

<sup>1</sup>AAUW Fund was known as the Educational Foundation Program at that time.

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 9<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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to the Dotys (1224 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Alhambra, CA 91801).

The winning ticket will be drawn on April 20, 2020.

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?

We also will prepare a semi-formal dinner for you and three of your friends if you donate \$500 or more to AAUW Fund through Dining with the Dotys.

## Public Policy

October 13<sup>th</sup> was the last day for Governor Newsome to sign or veto the bills sent to him from the legislature. AAUW CA was following 30 bills and 7 resolutions. All of the resolutions were adopted. These included designating Women and Girls in STEM Week, proclaiming April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 as Equal Pay Day, and proclaiming March 2019 Women's History Month.

Of the 30 bills, 10 have been converted to 2-year bills, meaning they will be taken up again in 2020, two were vetoed in the Assembly and one was placed in “suspense.” The bill placed in suspense is AB31 which would exempt menstrual products from sales taxes. Any bill costing more than \$150,000 is sent to the suspense file and when taken from that file is voted on without further testimony. I have not been able to determine the current status of AB31 – it may have become a 2-year bill or died in suspense. The remaining 17 bills AAUW CA was following were sent to the Governor and signed into law. For details on all the bills from the 2019 State Legislative year that AAUW CA was following go to <http://www.aauw-ca.org/bill-tracking/>.

*Kathleen*

# California 2020 Women's Suffrage Project

The California 2020 Women's Suffrage Project has been created to support efforts to celebrate the Centennial of the 19th Amendment. Through coordinated efforts, the project will use education and civic engagement to connect with the past and inspire communities for the future. This statewide effort invites local communities and organizations to join us for the Centennial events and programming that will kick off on the 100th anniversary of California's ratification of the 19th Amendment. The official start date for Centennial Celebrations will begin November 1, 2019, and continue through 2020 with some programs and resources to continue beyond 2020.

The CA 2020 Women's Suffrage Project and the National Women's History Alliance have partnered with the National Vote for Women's Trail to document and bring recognition to the women's suffrage movement between the years 1848-1920. The trail is co-sponsored by two notable nonprofits dedicated to the preservation of historical landmarks; the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites (NCWHS) and the Pomeroy Foundation.

Under the National Votes for Women's Trail initiative, the state of California has the opportunity to designate key suffrage locations across the state and nominate five key historic locations in California for a Pomeroy Marker. The CA 2020 Project's plan is to form a selection committee in October to recommend five historic landmarks to receive a Pomeroy Marker.

For more information, contact Leasa Graves, Project Coordinator for the CA 2020 Women's Suffrage Project (707-321-8152 or [lgraves@nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org](mailto:lgraves@nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org)). Leasa Graves is also Assistant Director of National Women's History Alliance.

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[info@nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org](mailto:info@nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org)

## Branch History

In 1944 in spite of, or perhaps because of World War II, a group of educated women gathered together in the West San Gabriel Valley to organize a branch of a national woman's organization – the American Association of University Women. The minutes of that organizing meeting indicate that the organizers thought a good temporary name for this new branch would be the Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch. Seventy-five years later that temporary name seems to have stuck and here we are, still working for education and equity for women and girls!

Other items from that first meeting in April of 1944 included a preference for evening meetings over daytime meetings and the desire to include "Recent Graduates" in the main group rather than have a separate organization. I, for one, am grateful to the women who gathered "for the purpose of organizing a new branch of the A.A.U.W." because I have gotten to know all of you and am able to support a mission in which I fully believe: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

*Kathleen*



US postage stamps from 1944, 1985 and 2019

## Did You Know...?

Our Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch was founded in **1944**, same year as my entry into the world! Back then, gasoline was 21¢ a gallon (and they checked the tires and engine fluids and cleaned the windshield for free). A loaf of bread was 9¢ and a first class postage stamp was 3¢.

In **1985**, our Branch was forty-one years young and we paid \$1.09 for gasoline, \$1.00 for bread and 22¢ for postage.

This year, **2019**, our Branch's 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee Anniversary, we pay these prices:

Gasoline, \$2.25 (average everywhere but CA);  
Bread, \$2.19 (Sara Lee white); and  
postage is 55¢.

*Joe*

Date to be Announced

# Evening Books<sup>1</sup>



*The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* is a powerful message about how the written word affects people—a story of hope and heartbreak, raw courage and strength splintered with poverty and oppression, and one woman's chances beyond the darkly hollows.

Inspired by the true and historical blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated

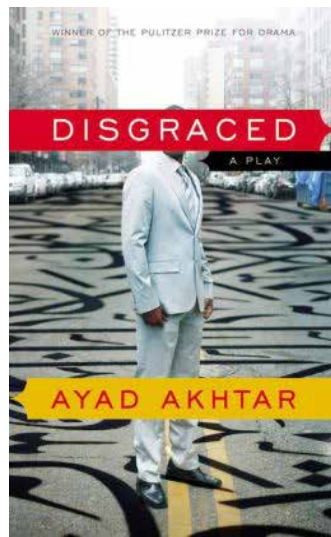
Kentucky Pack Horse library service, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* showcases a first in literary novels—a bold and unique story about the Kentucky Blue people and Packhorse Librarians — a tale of fierce strength and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere — even back home.

from [kimmichelerichardson.com](http://kimmichelerichardson.com)

<sup>1</sup>Evening Book Group members can purchase books on the group's reading list 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."

November 11

# Drama Group



*Disgraced* is a 2012 play by novelist and screenwriter Ayad Akhtar. The play is centered on sociopolitical themes such as Islamophobia and the self-identity of Muslim-American citizens. It focuses on a dinner party between four people with very different backgrounds. As discussion turns to politics and religion, the mood quickly becomes heated. Described as a "combustible powder keg

of identity politics," the play depicts racial and ethnic prejudices that "secretly persist in even the most progressive cultural circles." It is also said to depict the challenge for upwardly mobile Muslim Americans in the post-9/11 America. Productions have included performances by Asif Mandvi and Erik Jensen.

-Synopsis from Wikipedia

## Membership News

November focuses on the family. The time of trick or treat is past and Thanksgiving is upon us. Time to sit back and reflect on all the friendships, leadership opportunities and growth we have achieved through AAUW.

Our branch is an ever-changing family. With every passing year we add new members and lose others. We have memories: some sweet, some bittersweet. But they are all part of our tapestry. It is time to rekindle old friendships and to start new friendships.

Reach out to members, old and new. As a wise woman (Kathleen Doty) once said, "People join people." As another not so wise woman once said "AAUW is the best kept secret." Let's get our light out from under the barrel and let it shine.

On the practical side, if you sign up as a Meetup member and join our group – you will receive reminders of our coming events. It just takes a few minutes to do. You will never forget an event or be out of the loop again. Just saying.

It costs nothing to be kind and a kind word can save a day, get a new member or friend for life.

*Deanna*

**Our branch website is**  
[alhsangab-ca.aauw.net](http://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](#)

# ACTIVITIES

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

**Board Meeting** Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> in Betty Morin's home, 1280 Crest Vista Dr. in Monterey Park. Open to all members. The meeting convenes at 7:30 PM, but members may arrive at 7:00 PM to socialize. There will be no regular board meeting in December.

Any branch member may bring a proposal in writing [including email] to the board for discussion and action at its regular meeting by requesting the president to include the proposal as an agenda item at least seven days before agenda is published or may request to speak to the proposal at board meeting.

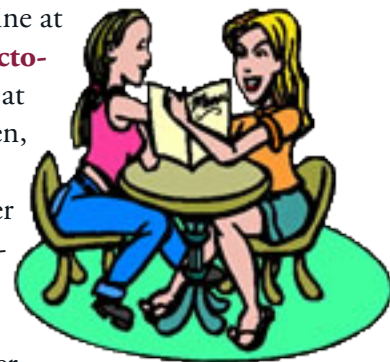
**Drama Group** will read *Disgraced* by Ayad Akhtar at 7:30 PM on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in the Doty's home, 1224 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. in Alhambra. On December 9<sup>th</sup>, the play will be *The Foreigner* by Larry Shue. Contact Kathleen Doty.



**Professional Women Gourmets** will meet on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:30 PM at Grano, Pasta and Pizza, 1028 Huntington Dr. in Duarte. Contact Jane Anderson for reservations by October 30<sup>th</sup> (misclay1@charter.net). On Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, they will meet at El Portal for dinner at 5:00 PM. Following dinner, we will go to the Towne Singers Concert at the First United Methodist Church of Pasadena. Lilia Hall will send more information in November.



**Restaurant Gourmets** dine at 6:00 PM on Saturday, **October 26th (Date change)** at Genovese's Italian Kitchen, 2900 W. Main St. in Alhambra. The November 30<sup>th</sup> dinner will be at Beijing Pie House, 235 W. Main St. in Alhambra.



The December 28<sup>th</sup> dinner will be at Sage Bistro, 521 W. Main Street, Alhambra. Please contact Deanna Arthur at least two days before the event to be included in the reservation.

**Evening Books** will discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle Richardson. The date and location are yet to be determined. December's book will be *Approaching Freedom* by Maria Nodarce.



Gabrielino High School Chamber Singers' **"Home for the Holidays" Program** will be at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the First United Methodist Church San Gabriel Fellowship Hall, 201 N. San Gabriel Blvd. in San Gabriel (doors open at 6:30 PM, see Page 1).

**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).



Save the Date!!!  
**AAUW CA Convention**  
April 17-19, 2020  
Remembering the Past, Rockin' the Future.  
Westin San Francisco Airport  
See you there!!