



Alhambra-San Gabriel (CA) Branch Serving Alhambra, San Gabriel and Surrounding Communities

The Mission Gateway

President's Message



Elena Velarde

Dear Colleagues,

This month's message is the only one that matters to me. I encourage you to explore as I did, the **National AAUW Website's Open Member Tool Kit**. You'll find information provided by our Leadership that validates seeking the bylaw change coming up for

vote this month. Our Mission, Vision and Values—the reasons for our existence—depend on us. Our vote to get onboard with social, economic, and political imperatives is critical to our beloved organization's credibility and endurance. The following rationale from the Board of Directors is found in the Open Member Tool Kit:

AAUW Open Membership Vote

AAUW's annual election will start on April 7. Included in the vote is a proposal to open membership, which requires a change to AAUW's national bylaws through member vote. A description of the proposed bylaws changes can be found [here](#).

How might this bylaw change affect my branch?

It will help protect the future of AAUW by opening up opportunities for funding. Because our current educational degree requirement can be deemed discriminatory and not in keeping with our mission, some foundations

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Branch Annual Meeting



Jamie Tijerina

Legacy of Redlining in Los Angeles and Environs – How does it affect YOU?

Join us Monday, **April 19th** at **7 p.m.** for an intriguing look at redlining and its legacy. We will be joined by Jamie Tijerina, a Community Activist and Scientific Researcher, along with a panel of our own members. We promise it will be an informative and thought provoking evening!

Zoom link will be sent a few days prior to the meeting.

Elena Velarde, President • Joe Des Barres, President Elect • Betty Morin, Secretary • Cheryl Plotkin, Treasurer • Jim Doty, Newsletter Editor • Deanna Arthur, AAUW Fund VP • Leticia Peralta, Membership VP • Janice Lee & Kathleen Doty, Program VPs

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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and corporations will not donate to our organization since it is counter to their criteria of equity. This disadvantage, along with the now 400-plus organizations competing with AAUW on women's equity issues for funding, greatly affects National's ability to get much needed funding. Declining membership, now at 50,000, only provides 15-20% of the annual budget. This is not enough to support branch and member services.

It will make it easier for your branch to recruit a more diverse membership, including those who did not have the opportunity to attend college 30, 40 or 50 years ago. In addition to possibly increasing membership, these new members may bring new energy and viewpoints critical to your branch's ability to meet the needs of your community through our mission. It will also remove the embarrassing situations when you must tell someone they do not qualify, such as a government official, a non-profit leader or even a Tech Trek parent. Remember, Eleanor Roosevelt and Lily Ledbetter would not qualify for AAUW membership with our current educational requirement.

It will update the relevance and image of your branch as the world reckons with inequality and systemic racism, much of which disproportionately affects women. It might open up more opportunities for collaboration. Having a limiting membership requirement can be considered discriminatory and off putting to other local like-minded groups. When speaking at community functions, it demeans the branch to say that not everyone can be a member.

It will no longer limit your membership by penalizing women who cannot attain a degree due to today's skyrocketing educational costs, childcare, elder care, transportation, working multiple jobs and language barriers. Today, there are more alternatives to college degrees which have burdened women with two-thirds of the national college debt. With more careers open to women, i.e., firefighters, pilots, entrepreneurs, artists, politicians, manufacturers, retail managers, and more, your branch may have the potential for a variety of new members.

What won't change if this passes?

It will not affect AAUW's status as one of the leaders in graduate grants and fellowships. Due to the generosity of our members our fellowships and grants are fully endowed and will continue in perpetuity.

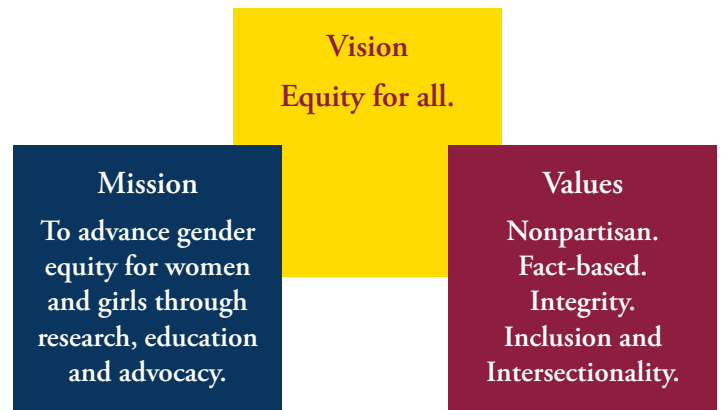
It will not affect the name – AAUW. Like the YWCA and NAACP, much of the original meanings are no longer accurate. For example, we are international, not just American. We have been open to individuals with associate degrees, not just degrees from universities, since 2005 and open to men since 1987.

It will not affect the honor of having earned a degree in times when so few women attained this achievement. Today, with women outpacing men in earning all degrees for decades, we can proud that we were instrumental in breaking down the barriers for women who followed us.

I invite you to join me and the 21st Century AAUW. It's just common sense; it's the right thing to do.

Let's unify and pass the Open Membership Vote.

In Kinship,
Elena



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 15th of the month prior to the intended month of publication.

Colorful Stories

Northrup Elementary School and Granada Elementary School are the first schools to receive books donated by our branch through our Colorful Stories project. Colorful Stories is a project to provide students in the Alhambra Unified School District with books that feature persons of color as protagonists and heroes in order to foster respect for people from different races, religions, and cultures.

Our goal for this first year was to establish the basic operation: Which students? What books? Where do we buy the books? How do we handle the money? Who needs to be involved?... We answered all and, with our initial funding of \$250, we bought and delivered 41 books (31 titles).

Our success was brought about by many persons. However, I would like to especially acknowledge committee members:

Colorful Stories Committee members:

- Jane Anderson - liaison with school district
- Cheryl Plotkin - treasurer
- Kathleen Doty - advisor

For Alhambra Unified School District:

- Adele Rodarte - executive secretary
- Pre-K-12 Instruction, Ed Services

We've made a good start on next year. As of this writing, over \$550 has been received or pledged. Our goal is to establish an account with AAUW Special Projects Fund with continuing funding of at least \$1,000 per year so that contributions can be deemed charitable contributions.

Contact branch treasurer Cheryl Plotkin to donate to the Colorful Stories project.



Colorful Stories

Branch Community Engagement

As we begin to come out of the dark tunnel, which was the year 2020, we must allow ourselves to be hopeful that we as individuals and as collective members of local, state, and national organizations will come out stronger. With that in mind, let us focus on what we, as AAUW members set as our priorities in our Strategic Plan, 2019-21 and look toward establishing our **Public Policy Priorities** in our next Strategic Plan.

Implicit in AAUW's present and future priorities is the realization that we must continue to build partnerships in order to realize our goals. In this and future years, our Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch will continue to expand its presence in the communities we serve. Review the Personal Vision Statement of our current Branch President, Elena Velarde:

Working Together...

We will accomplish diversity, equity and inclusion; expand our branch presence in the communities we serve; and maximize our member-to-member connectedness.

Community engagement is about building those partnerships. By giving, contributing, and helping those who cannot help themselves we make visible our mission to advance gender equity for ALL women and girls. We will influence younger generations to give back to the community and help communities to grow in substantial ways. We will leave a legacy for future generations to both enjoy and continue.

Stay tuned,

Joe

Public Policy:

2021 Proposed Public Policy Priorities

The AAUW California Public Policy Program establishes policy directives to guide our members, inform our legislative priorities, and serve our mission. Every two years we re-assess these directives to determine if updates need to be made in light of an ever-changing cultural and legislative landscape. Members are invited and encouraged to make suggestions through a statewide survey, which was conducted in Fall of 2020, and resulted in comments from over 600 of our members. The AAUW California Public Policy Committee has reviewed all submitted comments and decided on a number of changes for the next two-year period of July 2021 through June 2023. The proposed changes were presented to and adopted by the AAUW California Board of Directors and will be put to a vote by the membership April 16 – May 7, 2021 as required by our bylaws. Thanks to all who submitted comments and thank you for your vote.

The AAUW California Public Policy Program establishes policy directives that will guide our members, inform our legislative priorities, serve our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, and are consistent with our values of achieving fair and equitable opportunities for our diverse society. Toward that end, AAUW California advocates policies that promote, enhance and ensure:

Economic Security for All Women

- Equity in the workplace
- Enforcement of anti-discrimination statutes
- Security in retirement
- Access to job training for career development
- Work-life balance, including access to quality affordable childcare and paid sick and care-giving leave

Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students

- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX
- Adequate and equitable funding at all educational levels, including pre-school and post-secondary
- Instruction in STEM fields
- Opposition to the use of public funds for schools that do not meet public school civil rights and accountability standards

Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society

- Self-determination in reproductive health
- Equal access to quality affordable health care, housing and a healthy environment
- Freedom from violence in all its forms and wherever it occurs, including racially-motivated violence
- Guarantee of civil and constitutional rights for all, including all forms of identity and expression, and all family structures
- Protection and expansion of voting rights
- Support for United Nations sustainable development goals which address human rights and women's and girls' concerns.

Quotations that Speak to Conscientious Voting

Let future generations say we were the ones who stood up. Let them say we were the first to live in a world where all girls can learn and lead without fear.

--Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist and Nobel Prize laureate

Each and every one of us has the capacity to be an oppressor. I want to encourage each and every one of us to interrogate how we might be an oppressor and how we might be able to become liberators for ourselves and for each other.

--Laverne Cox, American actress and LGBTIQ rights' advocate

Inherently, having privilege isn't bad, but it's how you use it, and you have to use it in service of other people.

--Tarana Burke, American civil rights activist

If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.

--Shirley Chisholm, American politician, educator, and author

Women belong in all places where decisions are being made.

--Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

One thing I believe profoundly: We make our own history. The course of history is directed by the choices we make and our choices grow out of the ideas, the beliefs, the values, the dreams of the people.

--Eleanor Roosevelt, American political figure, diplomat and activist

Membership Corner

Sonia Amin



Sonia Amin

Sonia Amin is a Real Estate broker with Re/Max Tri-City Realty and has been serving her clients in the Real Estate arena for 26+ years. She specializes in Trusts, Probates, Conservatorship, Single Family and Apartment building sales and is experienced in dealing with clients from various backgrounds (including a few high profile clients) locally and globally. She has a Business Finance degree from Cal State Los Angeles and is a Certified Probate Specialist, Seniors Real Estate Specialist and a Luxury Home Specialist. She is very active volunteering in the community and is a past board member at Caltech Y, Pasadena Senior Center, Pasadena Rotary Club and the United Nations Association. You can check for more information on her website www.SoniaAmin.com. She is thankful to Tina Karagias for introducing her to the group.

Letty

Directory Updates

Please add the following to your Branch Directory.

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AAUW member since 2021

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BS Business Finance, CSULA
AAUW member since 2021

Please correct Jackie Fisher's phone number in your Branch Directory.

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CSULA, Pacific Oaks
AAUW member since 2001

AAUW Fund

As often happens, we are writing our articles before our events have happened. As I write this, I am looking forward to hearing and seeing Rochelle McFee via Zoom on Saturday. And I am hoping you will be enjoying our fund-raising box lunches as you watch Rochelle. I will report on this event next month.

Our branch contributed over \$5,400 to the AAUW fund last year. Seven of our branch members will be celebrated as Named Gift Honorees. Their names will be printed in next month's report. The bulk of our donations were made to the Greatest Needs Funds and the Leadership Fund. Our branch has many accomplishments to its credit: Colorful Stories, Tech Trek, Speech Trek and great programs and opportunities for our members.

As always, the Fund Committee would welcome your participation and/or ideas.

Deanna

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 8th (or as arranged post pandemic). Raffle tickets are \$10 each – 3 for \$25. Please make checks payable to "AAUW Fund." Contact us at: The Dotys, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra, CA 91801 or 626-284-0763 or

aauwfundraffle-dotys2021@yahoo.com.

All money and ticket stubs must be returned to us by the drawing on April 19, 2021. 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.

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.



It Doesn't Take A College Degree

“In principle and in 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, disability or class.” Higher education is not equally available to every gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class. Requiring a degree to join AAUW is inconsistent with AAUW’s values.

Moreover, it doesn't take a college degree to see the importance of advancing gender equity. The talent and drive to reach our goal is not limited to degree holders. The right thing to do at this time is to drop the degree requirement and welcome all who share our vision!

Some will say, "University Women' is right there in our name! What happens to that?"

What's in a name? AT&T does more than telephones and telegraphs. 3M does more than mine and manufacture in Minnesota. Ford Motor Company made earth-orbiting satellites.

The name “AAUW” represents 140 years of progress but we are not limited by our name. 25 years ago AAUW opened membership to men and our association remains strong. 16 years ago we widened the education requirement to include 2-year degrees and our association remains strong.

AAUW is no stranger to change. We are not afraid to do the right thing to achieve our mission.

In short,

It doesn't take a college degree:
The truth is there for all to see.
The world has changed and so should we.
It's time to drop the college degree.

Jim

The 2021 Virtual Camp Program is moving forward. Jane Krause [TT South] and Rozanne Child [TT North] are working with the Montebello and Alhambra schools. As we have said previously, it is all being done virtually this year. The school Tech Trek coordinators submit the nominees, then the “TT System” takes over. Parents will be sent a parent form to sign, once that has been returned, then the nominee will get the application, which includes a 400 to 500 word essay.

The interviewing committee members have all signed the Conduct Agreement and are ready to interview via Zoom. Of course, this a new experience for us and we will report next month how the process went.

We are hoping by the time the April edition of Mission Gateway is published that all the nominees have been interviewed and both Tech Trek North and Tech Trek South have their candidates for the 2021 Virtual Program.

By the way – are you interested in assisting in one of the Virtual Camps this summer? Tech Trek is looking for

- **Workshops Ideas & Presenter Applications - Apply now!** Now is the time to submit a proposal, concept, or topic and nominate a workshop presenter.
- **Volunteers Needed - Branch Volunteers & Tech Trek Alumnae!** We've gotten great feedback, but we still need more camp coaches, instructors, assistant directors, and logistics coordinators. Work for more than one camp!

IF you are interested, please contact Jane or Rozanne for more information.

Jane & Rozanne

AAUW CALIFORNIA

FROM DIANNE'S DESK...

Dianne Owens, President, AAUW California, statepresident@aauw-ca.org

“THINK CHANGE: Adapt and Thrive or Fall Behind”

We know that change can be challenging. We also know that change is not something to fear or resist. We have all learned to change this past year as we adapted to new ways of meeting and fundraising and helping each other. Change can be a blessing and the essence of life itself. The world around us is changing and so must we. We all want AAUW to remain relevant and continue to move forward as we work toward Equity for All.

Important COVID Reminder

AAUW does not sanction in-person meetings at this time nor for the foreseeable future. Our insurance coverage may allow meetings if waivers are signed, but exercising that option would likely be tested in court. AAUW's guidance is in adherence with California mandates and in the best interests of all our members. Let's remain safe today and enjoy gatherings in the future!

AAUW California Annual Meeting, April 17, 2021

Our AAUW California Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom for the second year. No travel, no hotel reservations, and no lunch, once again. But, that means you can attend at no cost from your office, living room, or kitchen.

You will learn what has been happening in California this past year and it is a lot! You will see the three Speech Trek Finalists, learn who our 2020 State Named Gift Honoree is, and see the first Equity Award given to former State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson. AAUW Board Chair, Julia Brown will join us and we have a special event brought to us by past Co-President Cathy Foxhoven.

Don't delay. Plan to join us on April 17th at 9:30 am by registering [HERE](#) now!

Be bold, brave, and brilliant,

Dianne

AAUW California Webinars

The following AAUW California online webinars are open to all members simply by registering at aauw-ca.org.

April 28. **Congratulations! You've joined AAUW! Now get the most from your membership!** Let's review the expansive committees, programs and projects that make up this public organization and identify how you can help make a difference. Lead by Alice Hill.

May 10. **Beyond the Newsletter!** Learn about traditional and innovative publicity tools to promote your events to both the branch and the public. Lead by Dawn Johnson.

May 26. **Don't Hesitate...Communicate!** Oral, Written, Non-Verbal Communication Skills. Speaking across generational divides. Learn how to lead (not herd) cats in your leadership role and work with diverse personalities. Lead by Marlene Cain.



AAUW CALIFORNIA

The Future for Roe v Wade and Choice

by Claire Noonan, California Public Policy Committee

The times they are a changing – a new president and vice-president who support pro-choice, but a sixth very conservative justice is added to the Supreme Court.

Abortion rights activists stress state-by-state vigilance to be aware of how reproductive choice is now used as a political tool, says Ilyse Hogue, recently retired president of NARAL. New anti-choice bills are mainly introduced by the white male religious minority, except in Montana with six abortion-limiting bills introduced this year by conservative female legislators and one male.

For instance, extreme 2021 legislation in Tennessee will allow fathers to veto an abortion. A Texas bill will require a fetus to have a lawyer. Arizona's new bills propose to criminalize a woman who gets an abortion and the doctor who performs it.

During a pandemic telemedicine is valuable to prescribe pills for medication abortions. In July 2020 the federal courts temporarily suspended the doctor's visit rule for the first pill, mifepristone, but in January 2021 SCOTUS reinstated the rule. Patients again must visit a doctor for the first pill and get a prescription to obtain the second, misoprostol.

These restrictions have a particularly significant impact on low-income communities, which often include women of color, which are stressed economically by the year-long and counting pandemic. Clinics especially in the South, like [West Alabama Women's Center](#), are constantly searching for money sources to provide reproductive services as well as current needs for newborn assistance. The center focuses on providing financial assistance to the under-served, even when services are 'temporarily' deemed "non-essential". Despite efforts to provide full-spectrum reproductive health care access, dwindling numbers of clinics from the Sun Belt across the Deep South curb the availability of services. In the Navajo Nation, Covid infection is so high that patients need a doctor's note to leave the tribal area for a clinic appointment.

Consequently, vigilance means watching the power of the

courts, encouraging reversal of the Hyde Amendment, and backing codification of the Roe v Wade decision. As you know, each woman in California can choose, but support for organizations that oversee the reproductive health rights of women in America is worth the effort.

Top Five Speeches Announced

By Marlene Cain, Speech Trek Coordinator



AAUW California Speech Trek

Hello, dedicated Speech Trekkers! The semi-finals judges have concluded their duties, the ballots are in and the tally is completed. Both returning and new judges commented on the quality of the contestants' speeches and stated the contest was very competitive. Congratulations to you, your contestants and your branches for carrying on the Speech Trek competition in a very challenging year!

Semi-final results (top five contestants):

The top three contestants below will move on to the finals (in alphabetical order by Branch):

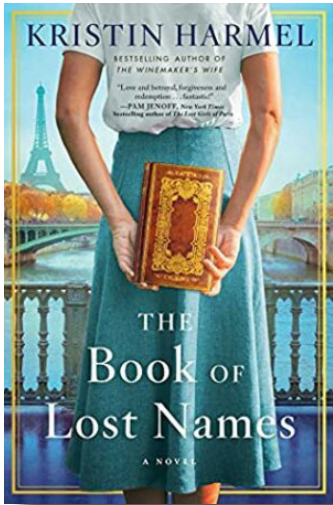
BRANCH	CONTESTANT
California Online	Lilian Chang
Del Mar - Leucadia	Halle Schaffer
La Mesa - El Cajon	Lauryn McGuire

These top three will be moving on to the finals; that is, their videos will be viewed by a new panel of judges who will rank 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The three videos will be showcased at the April 17 virtual annual meeting, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place rankings will be announced at the end of the meeting.

The following tied for 4th place, receiving Honorable Mentions:

BRANCH	CONTESTANT
Fremont	Rhea Jain
Morgan Hill	Liliana Jaquet

Books^{1, 2}



Day Books: will meet via Zoom on April 21st (4th Monday) at 2:00 PM to discuss *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. Contact Kathleen Doty.

Eva Traube Abrams, a semi-retired librarian in Florida, is shelving books one morning when her eyes lock on a photograph in a magazine lying open nearby. She freezes; it's an image of a book she hasn't seen in

sixty-five years—a book she recognizes as *The Book of Lost Names*.

The accompanying article discusses the looting of libraries by the Nazis across Europe during World War II—an experience Eva remembers well—and the search to reunite people with the texts taken from them so long ago. The book in the photograph, an eighteenth-century religious text thought to have been taken from France in the waning days of the war, is one of the most fascinating cases. Now housed in Berlin's Zentral- und Landesbibliothek library, it appears to contain some sort of code, but researchers don't know where it came from—or what the code means. Only Eva holds the answer—but will she have the strength to revisit old memories and help reunite those lost during the war?

As a graduate student in 1942, Eva was forced to flee Paris after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew. Finding refuge in a small mountain town in the Free Zone, she begins forging identity documents for Jewish children fleeing to neutral Switzerland. But erasing people comes with a price, and along with a mysterious, handsome forger named Rémy, Eva decides she must find a way to preserve the real names of the children who are too young to remember who they really are. The records they keep in *The Book of Lost Names* will become even more vital when the resistance cell they work for is betrayed and Rémy disappears.

An engaging and evocative novel reminiscent of *The Lost Girls of Paris* and *The Alice Network*, *The Book of Lost*

Names is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of bravery and love in the face of evil.

Evening Books will meet via Zoom on April 26th (4th Monday) at 7:00 PM. A book has not been selected yet. All are welcome to join/visit even if you haven't finished or read the book. Contact Deanna Arthur.

Drama¹



Drama will meet via Zoom on April 12th (2nd Monday) to read *Mystery at Green Fingers* by J.B. Priestley. 6 F 4 M! Contact Kathleen Doty.

In the closed Greenfingers Palace Hotel part of the staff is enduring a violent snowstorm. They include the chef who is secretly married to the housekeeper, the new social hostess, two maids, the assistant manager and the sleek bartender. Into this group comes Robert Crowther, the rather stupid house detective sent to investigate something secret. As the snowstorm intensifies, a Miss Tracey appears and has a passenger brought in from her car. That night there is a shot and Miss Tracey's passenger disappears from her room even though the doors and windows are locked from the inside. There is an inquisition by Crowther, but it is Miss Tracey and new hostess who solve everything.

"We enjoyed reading it -- playing it very broad -- over-emphasizing the characters, especially Miss Tracy, Edna, and the Detective. It was fun." Tanya Johnson, San Clemente-Capistrano Bay Branch

ACTIVITIES

Tap into the Fun!

New faces, and used ones, are always welcomed.
Join In!

Scattergories: April 1st (and every Thursday) at 3:00 PM via Zoom. How many "Things you can do online" beginning with the letter "S" can you list in 2 1/2 minutes? Scattergories meets for about an hour via Zoom at 3:00 PM every Thursday. Silly, serious, intellectually challenging. [Contact Deanna Arthur.](#)



Professional Women Gourmets will meet via Zoom (unless things open up) on April 3rd (1st Saturday) at 6:00 PM. Theme will be Spring/Easter so get decked out with your Easter bonnet or beret. Kathleen will notify the group ahead of time for the Zoom Log in.

Branch Board of Directors will meet via Zoom on April 5th (1st Monday) at 7:15 PM. The host will open Zoom at 7:00 PM. Open to all members. [Contact Elena Velarde.](#)

Creative Crafters will gather via Zoom on April 7th (1st Wednesday). Would you like to join us? For more information [contact Jane Krause](#) – jkbigdog517@gmail.com. Jane will be sending the Zoom link the day before the scheduled meeting.



Meetup: via Zoom April 8th happy hour at 4:30 PM. Sick of talking to yourself? Join us on zoom. [Contact Deanna Arthur.](#)



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Restaurant Gourmets: April 10th (4th Saturday) at 6:00 PM. Pick up or make your favorite meal and join with friends. Looking forward to the day we can do this in person. For details [contact Deanna Arthur.](#)



Every Member Event: via Zoom on Monday, April 19th at 7:00 PM. Branch Annual Meeting. Details on page 1.

Day Books: will meet via Zoom on April 21st (3rd Wednesday) at 2:00 PM to discuss *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. [Contact Kathleen Doty.](#)



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How to Zoom

Any device connected to the internet can be used to join a Zoom meeting, but you must have the Zoom application on that device. The basic version is free and can be installed from [Zoom](#) (zoom.us) or by clicking on the meeting link provided by the meeting host and following the prompts. Installation will take a few minutes, so if Zoom hasn't already been installed, link early. The Pasadena League of Women Voters has tips for mastering Zoom on their [website](https://my.lwv.org/california/pasadena/article/zoom-tips#.XzMUWdVc6bo.gmail) (https://my.lwv.org/california/pasadena/article/zoom-tips#.XzMUWdVc6bo.gmail)

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Our MeetUp.com page is

[Am. Assoc. Univ. Women -- Alhambra, San Gabriel, Monterey Pk](#)

Our Facebook page is

[AAUW-Alhambra-San-Gabriel-Branch](#)

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.