



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

The Mission Gateway

The President's

PUSH...



Joe DesBarres

I'm happy and thankful to be writing to you via my September *President's PUSH*. I chose this title because I expect you, our membership, to push me in the direction you envision for our branch. In turn, I aspire to push you to consider new directions for our branch to serve our communities. We are, after all, a service organization dedicated to advancing our vision of gender

equity for women and girls.

This brings to mind 2021's Equal Pay Days (AAUW), i.e., how far into the new year women must work to be paid what men were paid in the previous year:

Asian American & Pacific Islander Women's Equal Pay Day (3/9/2021)

\$0.85 for every dollar paid to white men.

All Women's Equal Pay Day (3/24/2021)

\$0.82 for every dollar...

Mothers' Equal Pay Day (5/5/2021)

\$0.70 for every dollar...

Black Women's Equal Pay Day (8/3/2021)

\$0.63 for every dollar...

Native American Women's Equal Pay Day (9/8/2021)

\$0.60 for every dollar...

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Welcome Back!

Join us to learn about
the 2021 Tech Trek Virtual 'Camp'

Monday, September 20th

7:00 p.m.

via Zoom

The Branch will continue at least through the end of the year holding our meetings via Zoom. Joe DesBarres, our new branch president, will give the welcome to our first meeting of the new year.

Rozanne Child and Jane Krause will discuss the 2021 Virtual Tech Trek Camp. The Tech Trek program encourages 7th grade girls to develop their interest in STEM programs [Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics]. Our Branch had 16 girls attend one of three, week-long camps. Rozanne was "social coach" for two of the camps and can share how the camp was conducted all via Zoom. The girls and their families are invited to attend the meeting where they will be introduced and we will be showing their "flipgrids". You will have to join us to learn what a "flipgrid" is.

Kacy Do will be sending the Zoom link before the meeting – look for it and join us Monday September 20th at 7:00 p.m.!

Joe Des Barres, President • Betty Morin, Secretary • Cheryl Plotkin, Treasurer • Kathleen Doty, Newsletter Editor
Deanna Arthur, AAUW Fund VP • Leticia Peralta, Membership VP • Jackie Fisher, Program Chair

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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The President's PUSH...

Latinas' Equal Pay Day (10/2/2021)
\$0.55 for every dollar...

At AAUW we are working not only to achieve pay equity for these women, but for their children and grandchildren—as success will take a generation or two. I hope no more, as I'm optimistic. This is akin to a crusade to right a demonstrable wrong!

Join me in congratulating our Creative Crafters Interest Group for originating and spearheading the construction of fleece blankets for toddlers at La Casa San Gabriel. Look for more information in an article elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Join me in congratulating our Tech Trek Committees (North and South) for sending 19 girls to this year's virtual Tech Trek Camp. These committee members saw to it that each Trekker received their materials packet and were completely prepared to participate in camp activities. Look elsewhere in this Newsletter for information on our September General Meeting featuring Tech Trek!

And finally, join me in congratulating our Scholarship Committee for initiating and activating our AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Scholarship at East Los Angeles College. This STEM scholarship is available primarily to female graduates of high schools in the communities we serve. In October, we'll welcome the ELAC Foundation Director as our General Meeting's featured guest. You'll be apprised in more detail about this scholarship fund and how you may participate.

As you can see, we have a number of important projects in the works, and I'm "*pushing*" you enthusiastically to add more community-based projects as this program year moves forward. Don't hesitate to let me know your ideas, inspirations and insights (310-363-3457 or joedesbarres@gmail.com).

Oh, and yes, the title for my monthly column, *The President's Push*, is not mine. I've borrowed it from the Reverend Jesse Jackson who founded *Operation PUSH* in 1971. It stood for *People United to Save Humanity*. Its goal was to improve the economic status of African Americans in Chicago. President Barack Obama was 10 years old at the time...

Advancing Our Vision,

Joe

AAUW Fund

I am happy to report our branch currently has almost \$1400.00 in donations to the Fund as of 6/20/2021.

Lynne Batchelor, AAUW California Fund Chair shared the following: "I am thrilled to announce that we have 37 Fellows/Grant Recipients studying in California this year. In order to allow each of them ample time to tell us about their lives and studies, we will hold three events. The events will occur on Saturday, October 23, Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, November 6. Each one will occur from 10 a.m.-- noon via Zoom. You are invited to register for one, two or all three of these events. Although the events are free, a tax-deductible contribution to AAUW Fund would be appreciated and would help your branch reach the \$750 in contributions necessary to have a branch named gift honoree."

Please attend one or more of the events Lynne announced featuring the Fellows and Grant Recipients studying in California because the Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Fund Committee values your input on the speaker we request to present at a branch meeting. Often, we can hear from the person that we requested. The sooner you let the committee know your preference, the sooner we can submit our request.

As you can see in my opening, we are already up to almost 2 named gift honorees. Last year we had many more.

Finally, don't forget the Fund Number for the James Doty Honorarium is 4497. I would love to see it completed by the end of the year.

Deanna

Gourmet Gala with Kathleen and her sister

Let us prepare a semi-formal dinner for you and three of your friends at Kathleen's home in Alhambra on May 7th (or as arranged). Raffle tickets are \$10 each – 3 for \$25. Please make checks payable to "AAUW Fund." Contact Kathleen at: Kathleen Doty, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra, CA 91801 or 626-284-0763 or dotyk@sbcglobal.net.



All money and ticket stubs must be returned by the drawing on April 18, 2022. 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 Gourmet Gala with Kathleen and her sister.

Congratulations to the 2021 winner - Jane Anderson!!

PUBLIC POLICY SUMMARY

WELCOME TO THE MONTHLY PUBLIC POLICY section of the **Mission Gateway**! My goal for the coming year is to keep members up to date on the progress of legislation that will improve the lives of California women and girls. AAUW CA is currently co-sponsoring or watching 39 bills. 18 are still active; one dealing with childcare and education has been signed. Our state's Legislative Update directly impacts our communities and our lives: where we live, work and spend our time and finances. It's up to each of us to inform ourselves. Let me know if there is any particular area or issue, you'd like to know more about!

REMEMBER TO VOTE in the CA GUBERNATORIAL RECALL ELECTION. Did you receive your ballot? Did you turn it in? Deadline to turn in your ballot is September 14th.

See you next month!

Elena

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: LEGISLATURE IS CURRENTLY IN SESSION

- The Legislature reconvened on August 16th after their one-month summer hiatus.
- AB92, a bill related to preschool and childcare services and fees that we are co-sponsoring, is now in Senate Appropriations.
- Of our initial list of 39 bills on which AAUW California took positions or is watching, one has been signed by the Governor (re-hiring employees displaced by the pandemic) and 18 are still active.

State Budget was Signed by Governor Newsom

A one-time influx of federal funds plus unanticipated California tax revenue increases have enabled addressing some issues that will significantly improve child care and education.

The budget:

- Adds 200,000 more subsidized child care spaces, which would almost double the state's total supply.
- Increases the amount the state pays to child care providers for each subsidized child, (although the details have yet to be ironed out).
- Creates transitional kindergarten (TK) for all 4-year-olds.
- Extends the school year and school day for all low-income elementary students.
- Provides \$115 million to develop pathways for an associate degree in which students don't have to spend money on textbooks.
- Provides state-funded breakfast and lunches for all students, starting this fall.
- Invests \$2.8 billion to turn about a third of the state's 10,000 schools into community schools that provide health care, family services, and after-school programs through local partnerships.
- Provides \$4 billion for a mental health and behavior system that will provide screenings, counseling, and therapy from birth through age 25.

WHAT MORE CAN I DO? Click [here](#) to see the more detailed list of active bills.



Tech Trek Virtual Camp has just finished. There were approximately 600 girls and 76 branches that participated in California. Tech Trek North and Tech Trek South had 19 girls in the virtual program this summer. There were many challenges, a few problems and what an amazing opportunity our girls had to participate in this program.

Truly a rigorous curriculum: Each camper had to participate in the five morning sessions, mandatory daily workshops and two out of the eight workshops to be eligible for the Tech Trek certificate and future junior counselor assignments. Girls and parents were told this time and time again.

The September AAUW program [Monday - 9/20] will highlight the TT Virtual Camp. We will share with you what the week looked like, what it meant to build a Robotics hat and make a Flipgrid video. We hope that a few of the girls will join us on Zoom for the meeting.

Pictured is one of the TT Kits. Each girl received this kit with all the materials that they would need for the week of activities. Our branch gave the girls a TT Bear.

Now begins planning the 2022 Tech Trek camp. At the present time we do not know how it will look – virtual, residential or a combination. We are hoping to know more in October. Our committees are ready to get to work on fundraising and recruitment.

Hope you join us for the September AAUW meeting.



Jane
and
Rozanne

AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch is delighted to present an original Readers' Theater production of *Brave, Resilient Women and Their Contributions to the Fabric of America*. For this, AAUW CA awarded us a \$500 grant to identify 20th and 21st century women who have the following characteristics:

- Women who were willing to challenge the status quo, ask hard questions and get the job done
- Women whose determination and persistence, paired with hard work and talent, brought them to the highest levels of success

Branch members will form a panel in the shape of an informal gathering to highlight the lives and accomplishments of history-making American women of diverse cultures, religions, and areas of expertise. Ruth Bader Ginsburg will convene the panel and after introducing herself and speaking of the role she played in advancing and advocating equity for women and girls, she will briefly introduce each "character" who will then speak of her accomplishments. We propose to present the production at the branch General Meeting in March, 2022. Updates will appear periodically in the *Mission Gateway*.

Thank you to the committee members: Elena Velarde, Donna Tucker, Marian Hallin, Jackie Fisher, Kathleen Doty, and Joe DesBarres, each whom has worked tirelessly since February to create numerous drafts of their *Brave, Resilient Women...* narratives.

Betty

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.

AAUW ALHAMBRA-SAN GABRIEL BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP

As we move forward, our AAUW Branch commitment to Education takes additional shape as a scholarship fund at East Los Angeles College (ELAC)—to be directed primarily at young women graduates from the high schools in the communities we serve.

Our initial scholarship is set to be awarded in the 2022 Spring Semester. Our local high schools will be contacted to apprise them of this financial aid opportunity. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded each semester to one student who has completed the following criteria: (1) earned 24 units with at least a 2.0 GPA; (2) submitted an essay: *How My Education Will Enable Me to Give Back to My Community*; and (3) plans to transfer to a 4-year institution for a degree in a STEM field (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

We will also consider how we can make our Tech Trekkers aware of this scholarship opportunity as part of our burgeoning Tech Trek Alumni Group.

Hear from our member Kiem Tjong, expressing her joy to engage in this giving opportunity:

"A donation to our scholarship fund is not only an investment in the promise of our young people. It is also a way to acknowledge our own successes in life; it's a way to give back and share the help each of us received in our own lives. And finally, it is a way that each of us can add our voice to what tomorrow's society will look like."

AAUW ALHAMBRA-SAN GABRIEL BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP AT EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE AT A GLANCE

Our Vision is Simple:

We bring people together for the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.

Scholarship Recipients Have Access to Important ELAC Resources:

\$3.7 million annually in fellowships, grants, and awards that encourage educational and professional development, as well as resources for members facing employment challenges; networking and mentoring opportunities for professional and personal growth, in person and online; relevant and timely information on issues impacting women and girls through our research, magazine, and action briefings, all available with exclusive member benefits and discounts; and the chance to build lifelong relationships with like-minded women.

Scholarship Criteria:

- Graduates of the following local high schools: Alhambra, Gabrielino, Mark Keppel, Ramona Convent Secondary School, Schurr, Montebello, San Gabriel, San Gabriel Mission, South Pasadena
- Student/students enrolled in Science, Engineering, Technology, and Math as these students will be full-time ELAC students having already completed 24 credits, focusing on female student/students
- GPA of 2.0 or Higher; Plans to transfer to a 4-year institution for a STEM degree
- 500-Word Essay on the Subject: *How My Education Will Enable me to Give Back to My Community*

Elsewhere in this Mission Gateway edition you will find detailed instructions about how to become a Donor and make a contribution to the scholarship fund.

DONORS GET BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP UNDERWAY!

The AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Scholarship committee is delighted to announce our initial donors to the scholarship at East Los Angeles College for students who have graduated from the high schools in our area. Donors will be announced in each issue of the Mission Gateway.

Donors thus far are: Richard Alvarado, in honor of his mother, Maria Gomez; Lena Hines; Kiem Tjong; Elena Velarde and, Betty Morin. We applaud and salute these donors whose donations will ease the financial burden of young women aspiring to obtain a Bachelor's degree at a 4-year institution.

This Branch Scholarship is an enduring legacy of Branch members' participation in local programs to advance gender equity for women and girls, our AAUW VISION. Donors enunciate their desire to leave the world better than how they found it. What better way could one promote the next STEM generation!

Thank you on behalf of the Branch Scholarship Committee,

Joe

MAKING A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE SCHOLARSHIP DONATION— US MAIL (CHECK) or ONLINE

On Behalf of the Branch, THANK YOU!

If you wish to Mail your donation, simply follow these steps:

TO MAIL YOUR DONATION

Instructions:

- Please make checks payable to East Los Angeles College Foundation.
- **Please make sure you write in your check's memo line “For AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Scholarship.”**
- Mail your check to:
East Los Angeles College Foundation
1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Note: Whether you donate by Mail or Online, your donation is tax-deductible to the extent of the law. After your donation has been processed, you will be US Mailed a receipt from the ELAC Foundation.

TO DONATE ONLINE, please follow these steps:

1. In your browser (Safari, Chrome, Firefox, etc.), go to <https://elacfoundation.com>
2. You are now on the ELAC Foundation webpage. Across top of this page, you will see:
Alumni, Donate, Centers & Programs, etc. Click on Donate.
3. A dropdown menu appears. Click on Scholarship Donations for another dropdown menu to the right.
Click on AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Scholarship.
4. You will access the AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Scholarship Page with our AAUW logo.
5. Scrolling down you will see the DONATE link. Click on it.
6. You are taken to a page entitled *SECURE DONATION* at the top. Below is a fillable form titled East Los Angeles College Foundation.
7. Complete the fillable boxes with the amount of your Donation, Contact Info, Billing Address, Payment Info, Comment Box. (Write “For AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Scholarship.” Note: you may also add if this is “*In Memory of*” or “*In Honor of*,” along with the person’s name.)
8. Optional: Under *Increase My Impact*, you may but are not required to add an offset donation for bank fees.
9. Prove you’re not a Robot!!!
10. Click Donate Button. Wait for the acknowledgement of your donation to come up in a few moments. Technology is not always fast.

Questions: Email aghakha@elac.edu or Phone Dr. Aghakhanian at 323-780-6783

AAUW ALHAMBRA-SAN GABRIEL BRANCH

Budget 2021-2022

Income:

	Unrestricted
Dues	336.00
Dues for 2022-23	714.00
Total Dues	1,050.00
Donation	25.00
Teck Trek Parent payment	220.00
Events	50.00
Miscellaneous	10.00
Interest	2.00
(Restricted-Colorful Stories Project	?)
(Restricted-Brave, Resilient Women	?)
Total Income	1,357.00

Expenses:

Meetings and Operations

Newsletter	
Yearbook	230.00
Insurance	142.00
Rent	100.00
Rent for Brave, Resilient Women Presentation	100.00
Memorial AAUW Fund	0.00
National Convention	0.00
Programs	250.00
Hospitality/Committee	0.00
LACIC Assessment	25.00
AAUW Funds Assessment	100.00
Teck Trek Gifts for Girls	220.00
Membership Scholarships	
Speech Trek	300.00
Miscellaneous	100.00

Total Meetings and Operations 1,567.00

Total Net Surplus/(Deficit) (210.00)

Beginning Balance Unrestricted 4,145.16

Ending Balance Unrestricted 3,935.16

(Restricted-Brave, Resilient Women 500.00)

(Restricted-Colorful Stories Project 1,523.58)

BLANKET PROJECT

Our branch's Creative Crafters (CC) interest group decided that it wanted to build on our branch's goal of supporting our local service communities. Our plan was to make No-Sew, fleece preschooler-sized blankets like the ones previously made and deliver them to La Casa de San Gabriel as our Christmas gifts to children enrolled in their Pre-School Program. To date, members of the CCs, with the help of members-at-large, and Kacy Do's Girl Scout troops and additional high school girls, we have successfully met our goal of 40 blankets. We thank all of you who made this effort a success to put something cozy in the hands of the children's and smiles on their faces.

Theresa Jolley



Creative Crafters Theresa Jolley, Jane Krause, Betty Morin, Jane Anderson and Kathleen Doty with some of the blankets for La Casa de San Gabriel.



Members of GS Troop 181, Megan, Madison, and Morgan, with some of the blankets to be made for La Casa de San Gabriel.

ACTIVITIES

Tap into the Fun!

New faces, and used ones, are always welcomed.

Join Us!

Board Meeting Tuesday, September 7th via Zoom at 7:00 PM. The host will open Zoom at 6:45 PM. Open to all members. Contact Joe DesBarres for access code.

Meetup - at 6:00 PM on Wednesday September 15th at Limerick's Tavern, 300 W. Main St., Unit 110, Alhambra. There will be a link on Meetup, or call Leticia or Deanna closer to the date.



Day Books will meet Wednesday, September 15th at 2:00 PM on Zoom to review their summer reading and chose the next reading list. Contact Kathleen Doty for access code.

Evening Books will meet Monday, September 27th at 7 PM on Zoom to discuss their summer reading and plan for the future. Contact Deanna Arthur for access code.



Every Member Event: We will launch the 2021-2022 program year with a ZOOM on September 20th at 7:00 PM. Details on page 1. Connection information will be distributed to all branch members via email and posted on our branch calendar on our website on or about September 19th.

Scattergories! 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 Kathleen Doty for access code.



Drama: This year, **September has Drama!** Join us Monday, September 13th as we read Jerome Bixby's Man from Earth. Place: the Dotys' home. Time: 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Kathleen Doty.

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.



Professional Women Gourmets will gather Saturday, September 11th, 5 PM, at Jane's condo for appetizers and to plan the year. Call or e-mail Jane to RSVP. (Let Jane know if you would prefer Zoom!)

Restaurant Gourmets will gather Friday, September 17th at 6 PM. Location is undetermined at this time. Please call Deanna for more information. (We are going to move the day around and it may be via Zoom.)



Creative Crafters will gather via Zoom on September 1st (1st Wednesday) at 3:00 pm. Would you like to join us? For more information contact Jane Krause – jkbig-dog517@gmail.com. Jane will be sending the Zoom link the day before the scheduled meeting.

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](https://zoom.us) (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) (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](#)