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The Mission Gateway

PRESIDENT'S

AAUW FUND MEETING

in conjunction with
Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Annual Meeting

APRIL 18, 2022

7:00 P.M.
via Zoom

WE WILL HEAR FROM
AAUW Fellowship Recipient

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Joe DesBarres

PUSH

We find ourselves in the middle of Women's History Month. While I applaud this focus on the vast array of accomplishments by women throughout history, I find myself with the same concern some have about Black History Month. If we confine recognition of Black History and Women's History to a specific month, are we perhaps diminishing such histories?

Women's History cannot be relegated to one month, as it has led to much of women's history being shunted to the back pages of history books, if recorded at all. Women's history is World History—regrettably filtered, interpreted and expressed by men in what continues to be a patriarchal world.

Our Branch demonstrates our unfailing commitment to shining examples of *"dangerously educated women"* through our presentation of ***Brave, Resilient Women*** which debuted on March 19th. These women became leaders in their fields, accomplishing what had never been done before—despite the deck being stacked against them. Our Readers Theater highlights but 10 among millions of women over time unrecognized or perhaps had their achievements usurped by a man. Who invented fire? Who invented the wheel? Who invented storytelling? The list goes on and on, but we only know what we think we know based upon who

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As soon as we receive confirmation of which Fellow will speak to us, we will let you know. The world is our oyster. Will we be hearing about "The Sound of Touch"? Will we be investigating the role of a Supernova Explosion in the Formation of the Solar System? Will we be feeling like we Belong: Student Publications and Extracurricular Rhetorical Education? These are just a few of the possible 37 topics from the AAUW Fellowship recipients in California this year.

Order a dinner box to enjoy as you attend this meeting on Zoom! See the order form on **page 5** in this issue. The monies from these boxes will be donated to the AAUW Fund.

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...

wrote the history books: HIS-story vs HER-story!

Please keep this in mind as we continue to develop our *Colorful Stories, Tech Trek, Speech Trek, ELAC STEM Scholarship, La Casa Community Center* patronage, and our yet to be launched *Tech Trek Alumni Program*. With other Branch projects yet to be considered, our overarching goal remains—leaving the world a better place because we each have been here—*We are the change we want to see in the world.*

Advancing Our Vision,

Joe

AAUW Fund

Where does the money go?

When we send a donation to the AAUW Fund we are able to direct the donation's designated use.

Do you want it to go toward finishing a Fellowship in California? Without help from many branches, it can take years to finish a Fellowship. There is a list available of unfinished fellowships in California we can consult if that is where you want your donation to go. The minimum specified principle for each Fund must be in place before a fellowship is awarded since only the interest from the Fund is used to grant our nearly 5 million dollars in fellowships this year.

Another option is AAUW Greatest Needs (9110) which allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it is needed the most. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and visibility of AAUW into the future.

The Leadership Fund (4452) supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by bolstering the participation of and increasing the number of girls and women in leadership roles particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

Education and Training (4450) addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination.

Economic Security Fund (4449) ensures livelihood for women through achieving pay equity for women providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life.

When you write your check to AAUW Fund let us know where you want it applied. Note: Most of this information was copied from the AAUW California Website. The internet can be your friend!

Deanna

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

BRANCH INSTALLATION MEETING

- SALUTE NEW BRANCH OFFICERS
- HEAR BREAKING DEI UPDATE

11:00AM TO 12:00 NOON
VIA ZOOM

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.

April Public Policy Update

Sexual Assault on College Campuses

By Amy Hom, AAUW Public Policy Committee

College campuses should be safe spaces where students can study, learn, pursue academic goals and engage in social activities. Unfortunately, college campuses have also long been places where students can face sexual violence. A 2019 study conducted by the Association of American Universities found the rate of undergraduates who experienced rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation to be 26.4 percent for females, 23.1 percent for transgender, genderqueer, or nonconforming (TGQN) students, and 6.8 percent for males.

A crucial first step toward solving problems is accurate reporting and measurement. While numerous studies show that campus rape is common, an analysis by AAUW found that the vast majority (89%) of 11,000 American college and university campuses reported zero incidents of rape. This speaks to the inadequacy of reporting structures rather than the frequency of assaults. Only 1 in 5 female undergraduates report their sexual assault to authorities, with victims often reluctant to notify officials because they worry that they won't be believed or might face retaliation. Many schools make it difficult for students to come forward, and a majority fail to properly report incidents of sexual violence when they occur.

Further exacerbating the problem, in 2017 the U.S. Department of Education, led by then-secretary Betsy DeVos, rescinded a number of sexual harassment protections under Title IX. The DeVos rule expanded protections for those accused of sexual misconduct. It subjected sexual abuse claims to higher standards of evidence than other claims. It gave the accused the rights to a live hearing and to cross-examine accusers, which was not previously allowed. And it released schools from investigating incidents that occur off campus. As a result of these changes to Title IX, it has become even more challenging to report sexual assaults through official university channels.

In March 2021 President Biden signed an Executive Order directing Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona to suspend, revise or rescind the DeVos-era rule, or begin the process of collecting comments to draft a new rule. The Department of Education started that process in June 2021, and announced in December that it will unveil new proposed Title IX rules in April 2022, a month earlier than initially expected. The Department has indicated that it intends to propose major revisions to the current Title IX rules, including the definition of sexual harassment and how schools must respond to complaints of sexual harassment. Further, the Department has stated that it will prioritize protections for students based on sexual orientation and gender identity. The AAUW CA Public Policy committee will be looking out for the Department's new proposed Title IX revisions in the spring, and will provide updates as they become available.

Once critical protections for students are restored and further protections established, additional focus will be needed to fully enforce Title IX and to provide oversight of schools' compliance with the laws. AAUW will continue to defend Title IX and promote its effective enforcement as a key to fair and equitable education for women and girls in the United States.

Elena

Membership Corner

Hello Members!

Anyone needing a printed copy of the AAUW 2021-2022 Membership Directory / Yearbook, please reach out to Leticia Peralta, call 626-483-9744.

Can't find your electronic copy in your email? Please reach out to Leticia at letty530i@gmail.com

What to expect for the 2022-2023 Membership Directory / Yearbook?

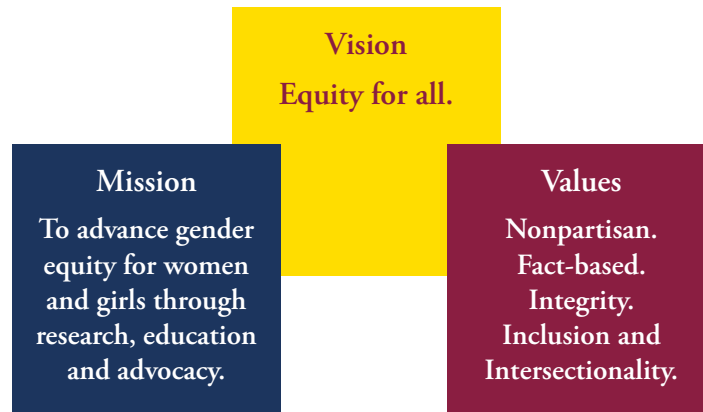
The 2022-2023 Directory will be available in:

1. Soft/digital copy
2. Printed Full 8 1/2 x 11 size
3. Printed Booklet 5x7 size
4. Evolving digital directory accessed from our website <https://alhsangab-ca.aauw.net/membership/> with password protection.

A survey will be sent later this summer to determine who will need a printed full size or booklet copy.

Thank you for your patience as we transform our directory to formats that aim to meet all members' needs.

Letty



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.





Update from Tech Trek South

Tech Trek 2022 is moving along and we are excited. We, TT North and TT South have requested 19 “slots” for our students. We selected ‘hybrid’ some going to Whitter College and some going to the virtual camp. How this materializes is still up in the air. We should know by the end of the month.

Both committees are moving along with the recruitment process. We have contacted the schools and they have submitted candidates for the program. Once we send this list to the “Tech Trek System” everything is done electronically. Parent consent forms are sent to the families, followed by the student application. There is a 400-to-500 word essay that is included in the application. Once the application is received the interview process begins. Deadline for decisions is April 15th.

Jane Krause
Tech Trek South Program Coordinator

Jane

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee recommends the following members as
Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Officers for 2022-2023:

President	Joe Des Barres
President-Elect	(Open)
Treasurer	Cheryl Plotkin
Secretary	Marilee Wood
Program VP	Deanna Arthur
Membership VP	Veronica Alvarez
Fund VP	Leticia Peralta

Election of Officers will be held at our **Annual Meeting on April 18, 2022**. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Nominating Committee: Kacy Do, Bonnie Gonzalez, Leticia Peralta, Deanna Arthur, Elena Velarde

FUND DINNER ORDER FORM

YOUR MEAL INCLUDES:

- ½ Chicken Salad Sandwich
- ½ Egg Salad Sandwich
- Container of Ambrosia Salad
- Chips
- Yummy Dessert

Gluten Free Option Available

Name _____

of Boxes – _____ @\$20.00 ea = \$ _____

Delivery Fee – \$5.00

Total Due = \$ _____

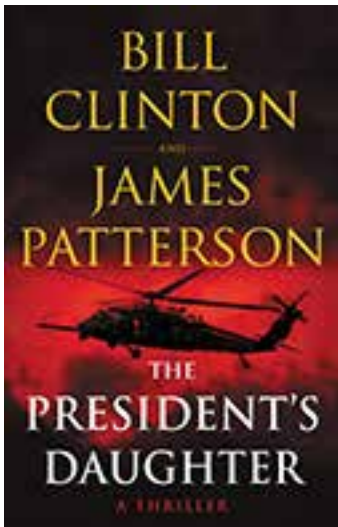
I don't want a meal but here's a donation check made out to the AAUW Fund.

Please send form and checks payable to AAUW Fund to:

Deanna Arthur
1608 S. Atlantic Blvd.
Alhambra, CA 91803

BOOKS

Day Books will meet Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom to review The President's Daughter by Bill Clinton and James Patterson.

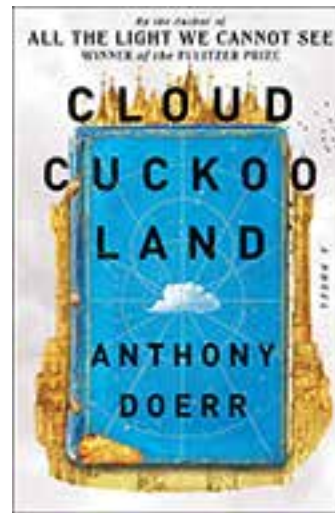


There's a new administration in the White House. But it's the previous First Family who tops an international assassin's hit list.

Michael Keating is a former Navy SEAL -- and a former President of the United States, now relocated to rural New Hampshire after a brave but ill-fated military mission cost him his second term.

All he wants is to sink into anonymity with his family (and his Secret Service detail). But when he's briefed on an imminent threat against his daughter, Keating's SEAL training may prove more essential than all the power, connections, and political acumen he gained as President.

Evening Books will meet Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to review Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr.

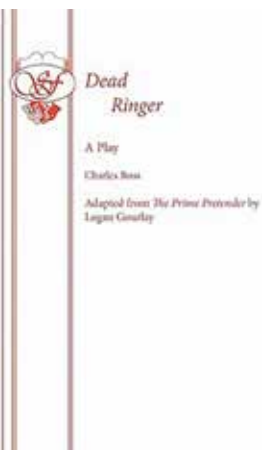


Thirteen-year-old Anna, an orphan, lives inside the formidable walls of Constantinople in a house of women who make their living embroidering the robes of priests. Restless, insatiably curious, Anna learns to read, and in this ancient city, famous for its libraries, she finds a book, the story of Aethon, who longs to be turned into a bird so that he can fly to a utopian paradise in the sky. This she reads to

her ailing sister as the walls of the only place she has known are bombarded in the great siege of Constantinople. Outside the walls is Omeir, a village boy, miles from home, conscripted with his beloved oxen into the invading army. His path and Anna's will cross.

Five hundred years later, in a library in Idaho, octogenarian Zeno, who learned Greek as a prisoner of war, rehearses five children in a play adaptation of Aethon's story, preserved against all odds through centuries. Tucked among the library shelves is a bomb, planted by a troubled, idealistic teenager, Seymour. This is another siege. And in a not-so-distant future, on the interstellar ship Argos, Konstance is alone in a vault, copying on scraps of sacking the story of Aethon, told to her by her father. She has never set foot on our planet.

Drama



Drama will meet April 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. over Zoom to read Dead Ringer by Charles Ross (mystery 5m/2f)

When the Prime Minister drops dead from an apparent heart attack on the eve of a general election, two cabinet members who fear they need his charisma to get reelected hire an out of work actor to replace the deceased. This dead ringer is supposed to fill in until after the election is won, but he grows to like the role until he discovers that the real PM was poisoned. This thriller plunges from early amusing fantasy into murder and dark plots. Its run at the Duke of York's Theatre was very successful.

ACTIVITIES

Tap into the Fun!

New faces, and used ones, are always welcomed.

Join Us!

Board Meeting Monday, April 4th 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 March 9th at Limericks Tavern, 300 W. Main St., Alhambra. There will be a link on Meetup, or call Leticia or Deanna closer to the date.



Day Books will meet Wednesday, April 20th at 2:00 PM on Zoom. See page 6 for the book. Contact Kathleen Doty for access code.

Evening Books will meet Monday, April 25th at 7 PM on Zoom. See page 6 for the book. Contact Deanna Arthur for access code.



Every Member Event: Hope to see you at the AAUW Fund Meeting/Annual Meeting on April 18th at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Details on page 1.

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: Join us Monday, April 11th for cold readings of the play described on page 6. Place: Zoom. 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, April 9th 11: AM at Nano Cafe, 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. RSVP to Lyda Chee by April 6th.

Restaurant Gourmets will gather April 16th at 6 p.m., place TBD. 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 April 6th (1st Wednesday) at 3:00 pm. 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.



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#.XzMUWd-Vc6bo) (https://my.lwv.org/california/pasadena/article/zoom-tips#.XzMUWd-Vc6bo.gmail)

Our branch email address is

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Our branch website is

alhsangab-ca.aauw.net

Our MeetUp.com page is

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Our Facebook page is

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