



Serving Alhambra, San Gabriel, Monterey Park, Montebello, South Pasadena, Rosemead, Temple City, Arcadia and Surrounding Communities

The Mission Gateway

President's



Joe DesBarres

Push

A BIG “THANK YOU” to our members who turned out for our first in-person general meeting in 2 ½ years! We were treated to a program of news and updates about our Interest Groups; as well as availing ourselves of a presentation on the 7 statewide propositions and the 2 Los Angeles County measures. Thanks goes to Deanna Arthur for arranging this and to Delora Brown for

generously welcoming us to Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all who provided delicious cookies and a variety of iced teas!

While you contemplate this previous meeting, please mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 15th** to attend the **Tech Trek Camper Recognition Luncheon**. It will honor and recognize the 18 young women our branch sent to Tech Trek Camp. It will also honor and recognize the STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) educators and staff, along with our hard-working Branch Volunteers without whose dedication and commitment this AAUW collegiate campus/STEM program collaboration would not exist in our Branch.

As you all know we have an **Election coming on Tuesday, November 8th**. Ballots will be mailed to every registered

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Tech Trek Luncheon
Saturday, October 15, 2022
11:30 AM Doors open 11:15 AM
Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Road
Arcadia, CA 91007

Join us for a presentation from our 2022 Tech Trekkers. They will share highlights from their in-person experience at Whittier College or one of the two virtual camps. Our Branch funded 18 campers, eleven went to Whittier and seven went to the virtual camps.

The Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch has been a strong supporter of Tech Trek for many years through generous donations from members, local organizations, and Branch fundraisers. This is an opportunity to hear our campers and their heartfelt thanks to you for making this incredible experience possible.

Please see the registration form in this month's Mission Gateway Newsletter (pg 3) to make your reservation for the boxed lunch from Subway. Deadline for registering is October 4th. The Branch provides one lunch for the camper and one family member. All other lunches are \$10.00.

We hope to see you at the Tech Trek Luncheon on October 15th at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Rozanne Child, Tech Trek North Branch Coordinator

Joe Des Barres, President • Marilee Wood, Secretary • Cheryl Plotkin, Treasurer • Kathleen Doty, Newsletter Editor
Deanna Arthur, Program VP • Leticia Peralta, AAUW Fund VP • Veronica Alvarez, Membership 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.

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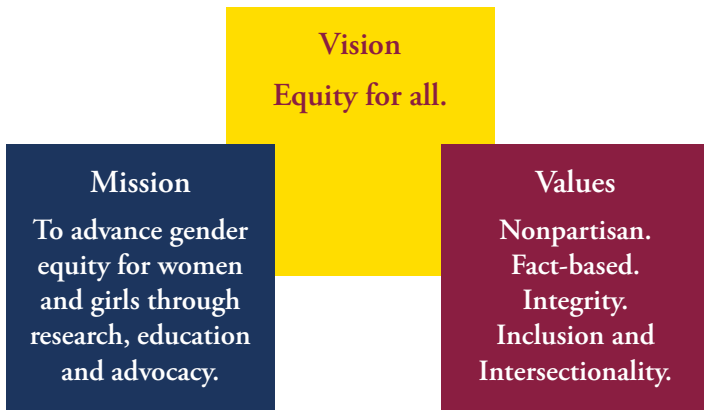
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voter no later than October 10th. Mailing your ballot back requires NO POSTAGE. See elsewhere in this edition of Mission Gateway the **Public Policy** article listing an array of online resources you can access for “at-a-glance” to “in-depth” voting information.

Continuing our Democracy requires that we are “all in”. First, be a voter; second, encourage friends and family often to be sure to vote. And remember, “*The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing.*” At best, the essence of the quote can be traced back to the utilitarian philosopher **John Stuart Mill**, who delivered an 1867 inaugural address at the University of St Andrews and stated: “*Let not any one pacify his conscience by the delusion that he can do no harm if he takes no part, and forms no opinion. Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing. He is not a good man who, without a protest, allows wrong to be committed in his name, and with the means which he helps to supply, because he will not trouble himself to use his mind on the subject.*” Joe

VOTE!

Joe



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.

Membership Corner

Wanted to share with all of you pictures from our wine tasting event. We had a blast. Two (2) new wonderful ladies have joined our association. Let's give a warm welcome to Karen Dumchus and Tina Avakian. Look out for their biographies in coming editions of The Mission Gateway.

As a reminder will we have our next meet up on October 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at VINO's Back Alley, located at 10 N. 1st Street, Alhambra. Everyone is welcome to join us. Bring a friend.

Veronica



AAUW Fund

We all joined AAUW to make a difference. Whether Tech Trek, Speech Trek, or some other program has caught your fancy, your membership supports our work and champions our causes. The AAUW Fund empowers women and girls in a variety of ways, from fellowships and grants to leadership, to pay equity. The Gourmet Gala with Kathleen and Her Sister is an easy way to support the Fund and possibly win a dining event you will remember for a long time. 100% of the ticket proceeds support the Fund. The cost is minimal - \$10 for one ticket, \$25 for three. Tickets are available at all branch activities as well as by contacting Kathleen directly. Get yours before the drawing at our branch annual meeting on April 22nd and know you are supporting great causes.

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 13th (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@sbc-global.net.

All money and ticket stubs must be returned by the drawing on **April 22, 2023**. 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.



BRW:

SPECIAL COMMUNITY OUT-REACH PROJECT(S)

The Brave, Resilient Women (BRW) project has not died, but instead has been reimagined.

Our Branch is and has always been made up of brave, resilient women, and a few men. The intent of this new committee is to build on that premise and continue our outreach to established co-partners with the preschoolers at *La Casa de San Gabriel*, *Colorful Books*, and our *ELAC Student Scholarships*. This committee will look at the communities we serve, Alhambra, Montebello, Monterey Park, and San Gabriel, and recommend special one-time projects to increase our visibility and broaden our AAUW Alhambra/San Gabriel presence.

Our first project will continue our branch's work with *La Casa* to launch a holiday Book for Pre-Schoolers project and will work with Dennisse Santana, the Board's appointed Liaison with *La Casa*. So start thinking about new book(s) you can donate. More information to follow. The committee will meet soon to begin identifying possible additional one-time community outreach projects.

Betty

AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch
Registration for October 15th

Tech Trek Campers to tell us about their experiences

Place: Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Road
Arcadia, CA

11:30 am – doors open at 11:15 am
Masks will be required
Deadline to register: October 4th

Name: _____

Cost: \$10.00 [Subway box lunch will be provided]

____ Check enclosed
____ Will pay at the door

Send to: Cheryl Plotkin
Email: caplotkin62@gmail.com
Address: 201 S Golden West Ave
Arcadia, CA 91007

AAUW
Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch
Budget for 2022-23

Beginning Unrestricted Balance	\$4,307
Income:	
Branch Dues 2022-23	\$ 669
Branch Dues 2023-24	378
Interest	2
Donations	25
Total Income	\$1,074
Expenses:	
Newsletter	\$ 0
Yearbook	100
Insurance	145
Rent	300
Programs	250
Hospitality	40
AAUW Fund Assessment	60
Miscellaneous	25
Speech Trek	300
Total Expenses	\$1,220
Total net deficit	\$ (146)
Est. Ending Unrestricted Balance	\$4,161

Restricted Funds 7/1/2022 balances	
BRW/Special Community Outreach	\$1,969
Colorful Stories Book Project	\$2,674

Assumptions:

- Branch dues 46 members @\$21. But dues are recorded then paid: so some of 2022-23 dues were paid in prior year and some of 2023-24 will be paid this year.
- Meetings will be held in person for the 2022-23 year.

Cheryl

COLORFUL STORIES

Colorful Stories is a project of Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch AAUW to provide students in Alhambra Unified School District, San Gabriel Unified School District and Montebello 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.

In 2020-2021, the inaugural year, 41 books were purchased for Alhambra School District with \$250 seed money. In 2021-2022 donations increased and the project expanded to include San Gabriel and Montebello School Districts with \$500 available for each district. Unfortunately, purchases were not made in 2021-2022 by any of the districts. However, the money donated was carried over to the 2022-2023 school year augmented by continuing donations. So far this year, San Gabriel Unified School District has purchased 80 books and Alhambra Unified School District has notified us that they have selected and purchased their books. Kathleen Doty presented the check and bookplates identifying Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch as the donor to the San Gabriel teacher who was selected to receive our donation, Lisa Woo, on September 15th. Presentation date and time for Alhambra is to be determined. We are still waiting to hear from Montebello Unified School District.

You, too, may be part of this wonderful project by sending a check to Kathleen Doty payable to Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch AAUW. Please note Colorful Stories on the check. Efforts to have the Colorful Stories project finances handled by AAUW CA Special Projects Fund, thereby allowing donations to be tax deductible, are ongoing.

Kathleen



Kathleen Doty (center, 2nd row,) with Lisa Woo (right, 2nd row) and her class holding some of their books.

PUBLIC POLICY NOTES FOR OCTOBER 2022

Dear AAUW Friends,

Remember: **DEMOCRACY is not a Spectator Sport.**

At our September General Meeting we heard from **Margo Reeg** from the **County League of Women Voters (LWVC)**. She spoke to us about the upcoming November Election items we will see on our ballot. Here are some *Live, Helpful Website Resources* for you to STAY INFORMED!!!

About (4) weeks before the election...

League of Women Voters—California Websites

www.LWV.org

- Click on View the Pros and Cons online to obtain ballot measure information to help you decide how you will vote on proposed laws. You can view the pdf version and print if you wish. (Not all elections include state ballot measures.)

www.easyvoterguide.org

- Easy Voter Guides—simple explanation of statewide election; available in English and other languages.

<https://votersedge.org/en/ca>

- Voters Edge offers in-depth information and analyses about what's on your statewide ballot—follow the money!

<https://lwvc.org/vote/ballot-measures/>

- LWVC Recommendations (top menu) and Click on *“Read our recommendations on the Tues November 8th Ballot Measures.”*

League of Women Voters—Pasadena Area

<https://my.lwv.org/california/Pasadena>

- Click on EVENTS to find Candidate Forums, Pros and Cons presentations and Voter Registration events

LA County Election Resources (Registrar's Office)

<https://www.lavote.gov/home/voting-elections>

- Access voter registration status, vote center locations and download an interactive sample ballot and much more.
- Make sure your registration information is up to date.
- Change it when necessary (name change, political party change, address change).
- Sign up for an e-sample ballot
- This site contains both statewide and local election information.

Official California Voter Guide (Secretary of State)

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections>

- This site contains statewide measures and contests.

Elena

BOOKS

Day Books will meet Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at Kathleen Doty's home to review The Pull of the Stars by Emma Donoghue.



In an Ireland doubly ravaged by war and disease, Nurse Julia Power works at an understaffed hospital in the city center, where expectant mothers who have come down with the terrible new Flu are quarantined together. Into Julia's regimented world step two outsiders—Doctor Kathleen Lynn, a rumoured Rebel on the run from the police, and a young volunteer helper, Bridie Sweeney.

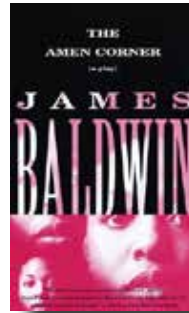
In the darkness and intensity of this tiny ward, over three days, these women change each other's lives in unexpected ways. They lose patients to this baffling pandemic, but they also shepherd new life into a fearful world. With tireless tenderness and humanity, careers and mothers alike somehow do their impossible work.

In *The Pull of the Stars*, Emma Donoghue once again finds the light in the darkness in this new classic of hope and survival against all odds.

Evening Books will gather Monday night October 24th. Book to be announced. Contact Deanna Arthur for more information.

Drama

Drama will gather on the 10th of October at Kathleen Doty's home to read The Amen Corner by James Baldwin.



Only a boy preacher who had grown up to become one of America's most eminent writers could have produced a play like *The Amen Corner*. For to his first work for the theater James Baldwin brought all the fervor and majestic rhetoric of the storefront churches of his childhood along with an unwavering awareness of the price those churches exacted from their worshippers.

For years Sister Margaret Alexander has moved her Harlem congregation with a mixture of personal charisma and ferocious piety. But when Margaret's estranged husband, a scapegrace jazz musician, comes home to die, she is in danger of losing both her standing in the church and the son she has tried to keep on the godly path.

The Amen Corner is a play about faith and family, about the gulf between black men and black women and black fathers and black sons. It is a scalding, uplifting, sorrowful and exultant masterpiece of the modern American theater.

AAUW Fund Events (formerly Fund Luncheons)

Join us in welcoming 39 California fellows and grant recipients at four fall Zoom events!

We can't argue with success. Holding our annual AAUW Fund Events via Zoom has opened them up to far greater participation. More members can log on and hear presentations by more stimulating fellows and grant recipients. Plan on joining us to learn what your Fund dollars are supporting AND perhaps line up a speaker for your branch. So don't miss out this year. Zoom over to this year's AAUW Fund Event on three Saturdays and one Sunday:

Saturday: October 15th, October 22nd, and November 12th 10-noon

Sunday: October 23rd 1-3 pm

Registration is required. Click [HERE](#) to register for one or more events.

Karen Vanderwerken, Director, AAUW Fund Committee Chair

ACTIVITIES

Tap into the Fun!

New faces, and used ones, are always welcomed.

Join Us!

Board Meeting Monday, October 3rd 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 Thursday October 13th at Vino's Back Alley, 10 N. 1st St., Alhambra. Details can be found on Meetup, or call Veronica or Deanna closer to the date.



Day Books will meet Wednesday, October 19th at 2:00 PM at Kathleen Doty's home, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra. See book information on page 6.

Evening Books will meet Monday, October 24th. Contact Deanna Arthur for more information.



Every Member Event: Hope to see you at the branch meeting on October 15th at 11:30 AM. 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 on October 10th at 7:00 PM at Kathleen Doty's home, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra to read *The Amen Corner* by James Baldwin. See page 6 for more information.

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 October 8th at 11:00 AM at Casa del Rey, 31 N. Baldwin, Sierra Madre. Mary Smeritschnig, hostess.

Restaurant Gourmets will gather October 29th at 6 p.m., at Uno Tre Otto, 114 N. Indian Hill Blvd., Suite P, Claremont. RSVP to Deanna Arthur.



Creative Crafters will gather via Zoom on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm. Next gathering, October 5th. 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#.XzMUWdVc6bo) (https://my.lwv.org/california/pasadena/article/zoom-tips#.XzMUWdVc6bo.gmail)

Our branch email address is

alhsangab44@gmail.com

Our branch website is

alhsangab-ca.aauw.net

Our MeetUp.com page is

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

Our Facebook page is

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