



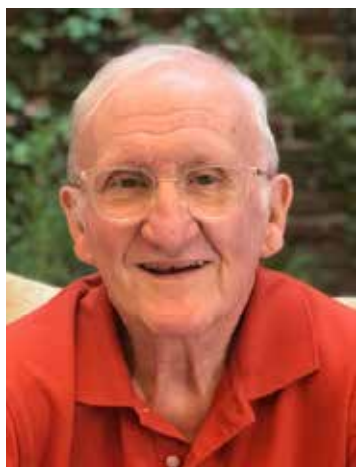
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The Mission Gateway

PRESIDENT'S

Join your Branch Friends!

PUSH



Joe DesBarres

There is a proverbial saying "Wherever you go, there you are." It makes sense when we think that no matter where we are in our lives, we can be actively **ADVOCATING** for women and girls.

We have just completed **Women's History Month** and **Equal Pay Day**. Curiously, few argue for a men's

history month, realizing that men are still apparently the favored gender, and are over-represented in: Elective Office, Pay, compared to women; and Heads of Corporations (women are outnumbered 5-1; the majority of these men and women are white; women of color account for only 3.2% of CEO's).

Equal Pay Day recognizes that day in the following year when women have earned what men did in the previous year. This year it was March 14. Not something to celebrate, but to further our personal and collective resolve to continue our advocacy for pay equity for women.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for April 15th at 11 AM. It's our Branch Annual Meeting. We will meet for Brunch, first, and vote on the incoming officer slate for 2023-24. The Annual Meeting is our final meeting of the year.

Joe

Annual Meeting Brunch

Saturday, April 15 at 11 AM

The Fellowship Room

First United Methodist Church,

201 San Gabriel Blvd, San Gabriel 91775



Our Branch Brunch Annual Meeting will feature a: sumptuous brunch; musical program by Doña Oxford, Julliard-trained musician and actor; an opportunity drawing for an array of great prizes/gifts; and our First Annual Branch Heroines and Heroes Awards, to honor both sung and unsung members of our Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch.

You will find the Brunch Reservation Form with options and pricing on the last page of our newsletter. Please print it out and send your check to Deanna Arthur, Program VP.

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.

Membership Corner

AAUW members please welcome Barbara Shannon.



Barbara joined AAUW in the 90's because she wanted to join an organization that truly championed gender equity for women and girls. This is her first time joining a local branch.

Barbara is an alumna of USC Rossier of Education. She received a Doctorate in Learning and Instruction with an emphasis on Science Education. She co-founded two schools in South Los Angeles, Synergy Kinetic Academy in 2008 and Synergy Quantum Academy in 2011, because she realized that the students in South LA were being denied equal access to courses and resources. Barbara's focus was to ensure that girls took engineering, calculus, physics, and other such courses that would prepare them for the future.

Barbara is now retired and has the time to lend us her skills. A warm welcome to you, Barbara!

We will be having our orientation meeting on June 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Location to be determined at a later date. Newer members will receive an invitation.

Veronica

Branch Nominating Committee Report April 2023

The Nominating Committee recommends the following members as Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Officers for 2023-2024:

President	Joe Des Barres
President Elect	Marilee Wood
Treasurer	Tiffany White
Secretary	Marilee Wood
Membership VP	Veronica Alvarez
Program Co-Chairs	Jackie Fisher and Suzanne Mantell
Fund VP	Deanna Arthur

Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Election of Officers will be held at our Annual Meeting on April 15, 2023 at 11 AM.

Location: First United Methodist Church, San Gabriel, Fellowship Hall.

See last page of this Mission Gateway for Brunch RSVP Form and Meeting Details.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rozanne Child, Jackie Fisher, Virginia Orenos,
Lovey Sherman, Elena Velarde
The 2023-24 Branch Nominating Committee

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.

Vision
Equity for all.

Mission
To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

Values
Nonpartisan.
Fact-based.
Integrity.
Inclusion and Intersectionality.

AAUW Fund

Our March meeting was superb.

Patricia Martin, PhD candidate, was an excellent example of everything that we strive for with the AAUW Fund. The discussion of her work piqued our members interest and participation.

The box lunches were a big hit. Thanks to everyone that prepared food, assembled boxes, delivered boxes, and bought a box for themselves or the Monterey Park Police Department and a special shoutout to Betty Morin for asking our members to buy boxes for the MPPD. Support for our local heroes is always appreciated.

Deanna Arthur, Delora Brown, Lyda Chee, Rozanne Child, Joe Des Barre, Kacy Do, Kathleen Doty, Bonnie Gonzalez, Lilia Hall, Jane Krause, Gerry Kreger, Janice Lee, Marian Hallin, Betty Morin, Virginia Orenos, Leticia Peralta, Dennisse Santana, Dolores Seidman, Elena Velarde and anyone I accidentally forgot.

What a great culmination to my year as Fund Vice-President. Thanks for your help!

Letty

PS - There is still time to get your raffle tickets for Gourmet Gala with Kathleen and Her Sister. Tickets are available up to and at the Annual Meeting, April 15th. Help support the Fund and young women like Patricia!



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.

TECH TREK



Update from Tech Trek

The application process for 2023 is almost done. Both Tech Trek North and Tech Trek South are in the final stages of interviewing and selecting hopefully 17 girls to participate in the residential or the virtual program.

The challenge this year has been the new CampDoc program that everyone has to use. The parents have to sign permission, the girl has to complete the application and the coordinators have to learn how to use the system. I hope that Tech Trek continues with the same system next year, it seems like yearly we are changing program systems.

It is never too late to contribute to the Tech Trek program – this year the cost is \$1100 to \$1200 per residential student and \$500 for the virtual student. Contact Jane or Rozanne if you would like to make a donation.

Jane Krause, Tech Trek South Coordinator

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@sbcglobal.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.



APRIL PUBLIC POLICY

Kathleen Harper, Director, and Sue Miller,
Public Policy Committee Co-Chairs, publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org

AAUW CA SPONSORS CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION

Guided by our member-approved Public Policy Priorities for 2021-2023, the AAUW California Public Policy Committee has selected the bills that we will be supporting as they move through the 2022 Session of the California Legislature. Here are the six highest priority bills:

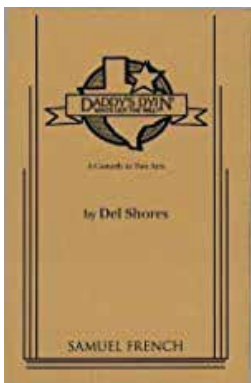
- AB 92—creates an equitable sliding scale for family fees to alleviate the burden on working families struggling to pay for childcare and early childhood education services. Co-sponsor
- AB 1666—enables persons to come from outside California for abortions and not be impacted by laws of other states. Co-sponsor
- AB 1968—mandates the creation of websites at CSU/UC campuses to assist sexual assault survivors.
- AB 2881—Student parents get priority enrollment, registration, and access to basic needs centers, enabling them to remain in California colleges.
- SB 523—Expands contraceptive coverage by requiring health plans to provide point-of-sale coverage without cost-sharing.
- SB 1375—updates statutes relating to abortion care to allow nurse practitioners to practice under standard protocols to provide first-trimester abortion care.

Within our Public Policy Priorities, six bills are related to Economic Security for All Women, seven are related to Equal Access to Public Education, and 18 are related to Social and Racial Justice for all Members of Society. AAUW California is experiencing greater visibility among elected legislators by sponsoring/co-sponsoring bills. The Public Policy Committee members spent many hours in March researching bills, and in discussions over two days, to select bills to support. AAUW members are working to improve the lives of women and children in California!

Elena

DRAMA

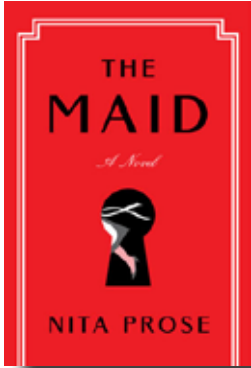
Drama will gather on the 10th of April at Kathleen Doty's home to read Daddy's Dyin' Who's Got the Will? by Del Shores. Comedy/3m,5f



Set in a small Texas town in anytime, U.S.A., *Daddy's Dyin'* concerns the reunion of a family gathered to await the imminent death of their patriarch, who has recently suffered a physically as well as mentally disabling stroke. In essence, however, it is not the story of the impending demise of the father or of the drafting of his will, but of a rebirth of the spirit of the family unit. Without becoming ponderous, losing a sense of humor or pandering to timeworn clichés about Texans or Texas drawls, the story shares many elements of a good summer novel: it's a fast, delicious, easy read with funny moments, tense moments, touching moments, and characters you care about. -The Hollywood Reporter

BOOKS

Day Books will meet Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Janice Lee's home to review The Maid by Nina Prose.



Molly Gray is not like everyone else. She struggles with social skills and misreads the intentions of others. Her gran used to interpret the world for her, codifying it into simple rules that Molly could live by.

Since Gran died a few months ago, twenty-five-year-old Molly has been navigating life's complexities all by herself. No matter—she throws herself with gusto into her work as a hotel maid. Her unique character, along with her obsessive love of cleaning and proper etiquette, make her an ideal fit for the job. She delights in donning her crisp uniform each morning, stocking her cart with miniature soaps and bottles, and returning guest rooms at the Regency Grand Hotel to a state of perfection.

But Molly's orderly life is upended the day she enters the suite of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black, only to find it in a state of disarray and Mr. Black himself dead in his bed. Before she knows what's happening, Molly's unusual demeanor has the police targeting her as their lead suspect. She quickly finds herself caught in a web of deception, one she has no idea how to untangle. Fortunately for Molly, friends she never knew she had unite with her in a search for clues to what really happened to Mr. Black—but will they be able to find the real killer before it's too late?

A Clue-like, locked-room mystery and a heartwarming journey of the spirit, *The Maid* explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different—and reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart.

Evening Books will gather Monday night, 7:00 p.m., April 24th at Kathleen Doty's home to review I Will Find You by Harlan Coban.



David and Cheryl Burroughs were living the dream life when tragedy struck. Now, five years after that terrible night, Cheryl is remarried. And David is serving a life sentence in a maximum-security prison for the brutal murder of their son.

Then Cheryl's sister, Rachel, arrives unexpectedly during visiting hours and drops a bombshell. She's come with a photograph that a friend took on vacation at a theme park with a boy in the background who has a familiar, distinctive birthmark ... and even though David and Rachel realize it can't be, they both just know. It's David's son, Matthew, and he's still alive.

David plans a harrowing escape from prison, determined to do what seems impossible—save his son, clear his own name, and discover the real story of what happened that devastating night.

ACTIVITIES

Tap into the Fun!

New faces, and used ones, are always welcomed.

Join Us!

Board Meeting Monday, April 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 - Join us at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 13th at Limerick's Tavern, 3000 W Main St., Alhambra. Details can be found on Meetup, or call Veronica or Deanna closer to the date.



Day Books will meet Wednesday, April 19th at 2:00 PM at Janice Lee's home, 333 E. California Blvd., #101, Pasadena. See book information on page 5.

Evening Books will meet Monday, April 24th, at Kathleen Doty's home 1608 S. Atlantic, Alhambra at 7:00 PM. See book information on page 5.



Every Member Event: Hope to see you at The Annual Meeting on April 15th at 11:00 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 April 10th at 7:00 PM at Kathleen Doty's home, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra. See page 4 for information on the play to be read.



Professional Women Gourmets will gather April 1st, 11:00 AM, Colonial Kitchen. Lyda Chee, hostess.

Restaurant Gourmets will gather April 22nd at 6 p.m., at La Vie French Restaurant, 2547 San Gabriel Blvd., Rosemead. Contact Deanna Arthur for more information.



Creative Crafters will gather via Zoom on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm. Next meeting, April 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#.XzMUWd-Vc6bo.gmail) (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

[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.

Annual Meeting: April 15

Brunch Box Reservation Form

Pre-order a Brunch Box for the annual meeting. See the pictures below. 2 item combo (beef and chicken teriyaki) or a Vegetarian bento box for \$16.00.

Please do not hesitate to call me with questions (626)818-6536.

Send your checks, **payable to Alhambra-San Gabriel AAUW**, to **Deanna Arthur**, 1608 S. Atlantic Blvd., Alhambra, CA 91803, to arrive by **Monday, April 10th**. These are delicious!

Name _____

2 item combo _____ x \$16 = Total _____

Vegetarian combo _____ X \$16 = Total _____

Grand Total _____



2-item combo



Vegetarian combo