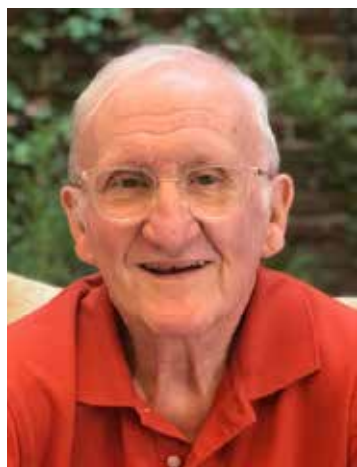




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The Mission Gateway

PRESIDENT'S



Joe DesBarres

PUSH

I almost made it...after 3 ½ years, Covid finally took me down to the mat. I've been isolating at home for the last week. After the initial 2 ½ days sleeping 24 hours a day, as far as I can tell, I am on the mend. My doc didn't recommend Paxlovid because

of my symptoms—just lots of liquids and lots of rest.

The Membership Directory is available on our Branch Website. It is password-protected, so you must have the password. Feel free to contact me via email or message for further information.

Text me at 310-363-3457. Email me at joedesbarres@gmail.com

Look elsewhere in this Mission Gateway re: our upcoming March Fund Event.

Make sure your calendar is marked for our Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 15th for Brunch.

Be well.

Joe



Patricia Martín (she/her/ella) is a Ph.D. candidate at UCLA and AAUW Dissertation Fellow. Patricia's research focuses on the intersection of college access and organizational behavior. She uses mixed methodologies to investigate the digital marketing strategies of postsecondary institutions and their effects on college access for underserved students. Her dissertation explores the college marketing and digital advertising high school students receive in their college search and application journeys and the extent to which these advertisements inform students' college search behaviors and college application decisions. She received her bachelor's degree from UC Santa Barbara and her master's degree from UCLA.

Algorithms are all around us, they structure our everyday life. From the suggested song on Spotify to the recommended restaurant on Yelp. While algorithms in our day-to-day life can be helpful, scholars, journalists, and data scientists have discussed the harm in algorithmic bias particularly for marginalized communities. This can be problematic when considering the type

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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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of content or advertisements high school students receive as they make one of the biggest decisions in their lives— apply for college. Patricia shares some of the work from her dissertation with high school students, mostly girls of color, from the San Joaquin Valley as they navigate searching for and applying to college in this digital age. Her dissertation explores inequities in college marketing and digital advertising and ways to create equitable pathways to college for underrepresented students.

Add to your enjoyment and order a tea box for \$15. You can pick up at Deanna's house or have it delivered. Order details are below.

ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND ADD SOME JOY AS YOU LISTEN TO OUR MARCH FUND SPEAKER!

PURCHASE A TEA BOX FOR ONLY \$15!

Enjoy a chicken salad sandwich, egg salad (on gluten free bread or as salad in a cup); Fruit salad ambrosia; Scones with jam; crème puffs and more dessert.

And, we didn't forget the tea bags!

All proceeds go to The AAUW Fund. Please send your checks, payable to AAUW FUND (its tax deductible), to Deanna Arthur, 1608 South Atlantic Blvd., Alhambra, CA. 91803 by 3/13/23. Please text or call if your check might not arrive in a timely manner.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Letty

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

Fellow members old and new: We have a great time at our meet-ups. They are an informal way of getting to know each other and our interests. We all joined AAUW for the common interest of empowering women and gender equality. Please join us at our next meet up on April 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Limericks Tavern in Alhambra. It is a networking opportunity in a relaxed setting with the added value of serving a purpose. Bring a friend!

Please pay extra attention to our April edition of the Mission Gateway as we will be announcing the time and place for the long-awaited new member orientation.

Veronica

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

Don't miss the March Fund Speaker! Details on page 1.

And, there is still time to get your raffle tickets for the 2023 Gourmet Gala with Kathleen and Her Sister! Ticket sales are lagging a bit, so you have a good chance of winning!! See the information below.

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.



IMPORTANT UPDATE from the Nominating Committee!!!

The 2023-24 Nominating Committee (NC) is currently drafting a slate of candidates to create our next Leadership Team. Candy, Flowers & Valentines to NC members:

Rozanne Child, Jackie Fisher, Virginia Orenos, Lovey Sherman and chair **Elena Velarde**.

The Nominating Committee is setting the stage for our April Annual Meeting and Election of New Officers on Saturday, April 15th at 11:30 am.

Board Positions now open are:

Treasurer

We invite you to join the newly forming Board. It's the core group that looks at the issues and collaborates on decisions on behalf of the Branch. Share your ideas and thoughts about our Branch and Community. Above all, bring your passion to advance equity for all women and girls.

Carefully consider the above openings about which you may have an interest to explore and experience. All members are welcome: Brand New, Seasoned, and all looking for more purpose, friends and fun in life!!! Ask a friend to serve with you as a Co-Chair!!!

Contact any member of the above Nominating Committee and we can assist you with all the information you need to decide not only to strengthen and grow the Branch, but also YOURSELF!!!

Actually, this is what AAUW is all about, isn't it?

March is Women's History Month; a Fitting Time to Observe Transgender Day of Visibility

Melissa Maceyko, Member AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Each year on March 31, the world observes Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) to raise awareness about transgender people. It is a day to celebrate the lives and contributions of trans people, while also drawing attention to the poverty, discrimination, and violence the community faces.

We understand how women's history tells the story of misogyny, which is the systemic mistreatment of women, girls, and feminine peoples through forms of physical and structural violence. But we rarely consider how it is linked to transmisogyny, which focuses on the complex intersections between transphobia and misogyny that are faced by trans women and girls, as well as transfeminine and gender non-conforming peoples. It is a term that attempts to capture multiple layers of gender-based marginalization and systemic mistreatment. If misogyny and transmisogyny are not combatted together, then the root of the problem will never truly be eradicated.

Although the past decade has seen a more vocal public push for diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives around gender, the current sociopolitical climate in the United States is not supportive of, and is often openly hostile to, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. Under this sphere of increased hostility is the explicit targeting of trans women and girls and transfeminine peoples with words, actions, and legislation. It is particularly important for women's organizations who seek to combat gender-based forms of oppression to build coalitions and take a stand against **misogyny and transmisogyny** in all its forms, because misogyny and transmisogyny come from the same place. They both describe gender-based oppression that results from the prioritization of masculinity alongside the degradation of femininity.

Targeted hostility against trans women and girls and transfeminine peoples can be seen not only in the alarming uptick in physical violence against this community, but also in the increasing persistence and intensity of public debates over whether or not trans women and girls and transfeminine peoples are "real women" that belong in "women's spaces," including gender-specific bathrooms, women's sports teams, and locker rooms. These debates prioritize misplaced and misunderstood claims of biological authenticity. They are dehumanizing and cannot be disconnected from other forms of violence as they normalize widespread and explicit marginalization and exclusion.

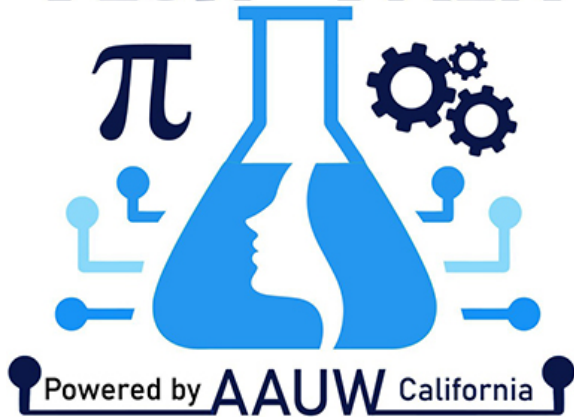
As a women's organization, the increasingly hostile environment for trans women and girls and transfeminine people should be at the forefront of our collective education and activism - let's help ensure that history doesn't continue to repeat itself. Visit the Public Policy website to learn more.

Elena

Colorful Stories Books received at Park School, Alhambra School District, January 10, 2023.



TECH TREK



Update from Tech Trek

Tech Trek is up and running. The schools, teachers and parents have been contacted about the 2023 Tech Trek camp opportunities. AAUW-California is using a new online registration called CampDoc. The CampDoc site is secure, encrypted, and password protected. Both Jane and I have been trained on how to use CampDocs. We will be able to log on to the system and check the girls registration process and offer help when needed. We will keep you updated as we navigate this new online system. Thank you for your continued support of Tech Trek.

Rozanne Child
Tech Trek North Branch Coordinator

22 ways to celebrate National Goof Off Day, March 22, 2023

Happy Goof Off Day, everyone! This is the perfect day to get crazy and loosen up. We spend so much time being stressed, so today is the day to forget your problems and just laugh a little. Here's a handy dandy list of 22 ways to goof off today.

1. Take the day off everything: work, school, whatever.
2. Go somewhere unexpected.
3. Play tourist in St. Louis
4. Try a new food (introduce your kids to something new)
5. Breakfast for dinner – need we say more?
6. Catch up on Netflix
7. Do something you would love to do if you had nothing on your To-Do list
8. Have a dance party- Dance like nobody's watching!
9. Go Outside – it has been a long Winter – Take a day to bask in the sun.
10. Play a board game
11. Take a Nap
12. Have a coffee date with your spouse, the kids, your friends or with a good book.
13. Read a new book
14. Play Golf
15. Take a hike
16. Have a picnic in the park
17. Wake up late
18. Watch old comedies
19. Go for a drive
20. UNPLUG Try to be out of touch for the entire day
21. If stuck at the office – have a nerf gun fight with your coworkers
22. Just Be Silly, pig out and have as much fun as you can!



Betty

BOOKS

Day Books will meet Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Kathleen Doty's home to review Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult. (Note: February's gathering was cancelled and the book deferred to March.)



Diana O'Toole is perfectly on track. She will be married by thirty, done having kids by thirty-five, and move out to the New York City suburbs, all while climbing the professional ladder in the cutthroat art auction world. She's not engaged just yet, but she knows her boyfriend, Finn, a surgical resident, is about to propose on their romantic getaway to the Galápagos—days before her thirtieth birthday. Right on time.

But then a virus that felt worlds away has appeared in the city, and on the eve of their departure, Finn breaks the news: It's all hands on deck at the hospital. He has to stay behind. You should still go, he assures her, since it would be a shame for all of their nonrefundable trip to go to waste. And so, reluctantly, she goes.

Almost immediately, Diana's dream vacation goes awry. The whole island is now under quarantine, and she is stranded until the borders reopen. Completely isolated, she must venture beyond her comfort zone. Slowly, she carves out a connection with a local family when a teenager with a secret opens up to Diana, despite her father's suspicion of outsiders.

Diana finds herself examining her relationships, her choices, and herself—and wondering if when she goes home, she too will have evolved into someone completely different.

Evening Books will gather Monday night, 7:00 p.m., March 27th. Both location and book are to be determined.

DRAMA

Drama will gather on the 13th of March at Kathleen Doty's home to read Snake in the Grass by Alan Ayckbourn.



Miriam has cared for her father in the family home during his vintner last years with the help of a creepily polite nurse, Alice. On Father's death, Miriam's older sister, handsome, divorced Annabel, comes home after over thirty years in Tasmania to find Daddy has left the bulk of his fortune to her. Alice complains to Annabel that Miriam has sacked her and is intent upon blackmail, having evidence, she says, that Miriam did away with the old man. Miriam and Annabel join forces against Alice and the blackmailer's body is soon hurtling down the well, but all does not end there. (Drama, 3f)

ACTIVITIES

Tap into the Fun!

New faces, and used ones, are always welcomed.

Join Us!

Board Meeting Monday, March 6th 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 - No Meetup in March. 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, February 15th 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, February 27th, location TBD at 7:00 PM. See book information on page 6.



Every Member Event: Hope to see you at The Fund Program on March 18th 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 March 13th at 7:00 PM at Kathleen Doty's home, 1224 S. 4th St., Alhambra. See page 6 for information on the play to be read.



Professional Women Gourmets will gather March 11th, 11:00 AM, Kathleen's Restaurant. Lilia Hall, hostess.

Restaurant Gourmets will gather March 25th at 6 p.m., at Don Ricardo's Grill, 200 E. Foothill Blvd., Arcadia. 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, March 1st. 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)

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Our Facebook page is

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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.