



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

The Mission Gateway

President's PUSH

AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch



Joe DesBarres

Here we are beginning another Program Year. **OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT!**

Ours is a vibrant, engaged, forward-thinking AAUW Branch. We continue the direction forged nearly 150 years ago when a small group of women banded together to fight the inequities

they faced. We continue to affirm and honor their decision through making visible our Mission, Vision and Values. Each day is an opportunity to move closer to their vision of **EQUITY FOR ALL**.

Our year is filled with promise. Your Program Committee has scheduled presentations to inform, inspire, illuminate and enrich you. I have no doubt we will move the needle closer to **EQUITY FOR ALL**.

My priorities continue: Expand our Branch's community visibility; inform new audiences of our Branch Mission, Vision and Values, and, boldly engage our local areas.

There is a biblical parable informing us not to hide our **"light"** under a basket; but position it to **illuminate**.

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Membership Meeting

September 23rd

Noon to 2:00 pm

Doors open at 11:45 am

An Ice Cream Social



Hosted by Tech Trek Committees
Tech Trek Campers will tell us about their experiences

Place: Our Savior Lutheran Church
512 W. Duarte Road
Arcadia, CA

Deadline to register: September 15th

YES, I will be there!!

Name: _____

Cost: \$7.00

____ Check enclosed

____ Will pay at the door

Send to: Tiffany White
Email: twhite918820@gmail.com
Address: 1844 S. Marengo Ave.
Alhambra, CA 91803

Joe Des Barres, President • Marilee Wood, Secretary • Tiffany White, Treasurer • Kathleen Doty, Newsletter Editor
Jackie Fisher and Suzanne Mantell, Co-Program VP • Deanna Arthur, 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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The President's PUSH...

Our Local Programs certainly **illuminate**. **Authors Luncheon, Alhambra-San Gabriel/ELAC Scholarship, Brave Resilient Women, Colorful Stories, La Casa Community Center, Speech Trek and Tech Trek** radiate light we can be proud of conceiving and funding, as we support **AAUW-CA** and **AAUW National in Washington, DC**. These seeds we have planted will only grow with the light of ongoing donations from you our members and community friends.

Carefully peruse your Mission Gateway. Find articles about our collaborative commitments planned for 2023-24. What lights you up and where do you want to be involved?

Thank you, Members for being the Branch "Lights" that shine for all to see.

Joe

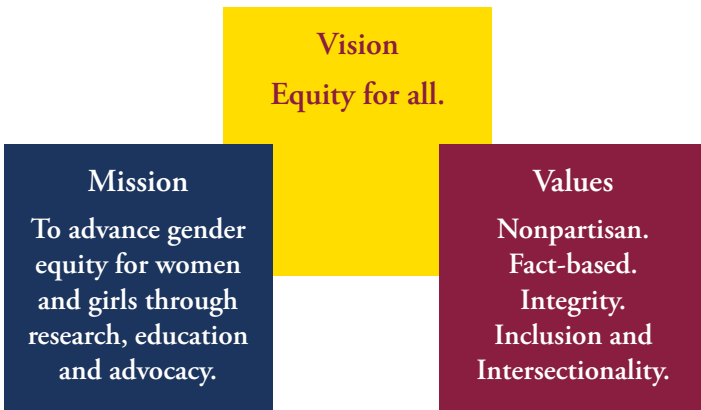
Membership Corner

Welcome back! For those of you who were not able to attend our AAUW branch new-member orientation, we had an amazing event with great wine, food and most importantly, a look at the history and the impact AAUW has had and continues to have in advancing women in leadership and fighting for equity.

Join me this year in strengthening our membership together and make this 2023/2024 a year of sharing the amazing group we are with a friend, colleague, or family member.

Our meet ups for the 2023/2024 year will be on the 3rd Thursday of each month, starting September 21, 2023 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Limericks Tavern (300 W. Main Street, Alhambra, CA 91801). Bring a friend or two. The more the merrier.

Veronica



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 Fund

I can't believe it's almost September. The kids are back in school and there is another turn around the sun under-way.

First, I would like to take care of a piece of leftover business from last year. **Betty Morin** was named as our Named Gift Honoree for her work on BRW and all the community and branch support she gives. She sits quietly in the background and takes care of business. She is not the only one, so stay tuned for next year's honoree. It could be you!

If you want to know more about the Fund, consider joining the Fund Committee. We always have room for more people, help, and ideas.

I will have more news from the AAUW Fund Front next month but don't want to steal their thunder.

Stay tuned for more information on how to send donations, view recipients, and learn how valuable this work has become.

Deanna



Update from TechTrek

Tech Trek South and TT North sent 17 - 7th grade girls [going into 8th grade] to either the residential or virtual camps this past summer. Tech Trek South had 11 girls participate and Tech Trek North had 6 girls participate, 11 girls attended Whittier College for a week, two girls went to UC Santa Barbara and 4 girls attended the virtual camp. Both camps had exciting activities to keep the girls engaged and learning about future job opportunities in the STEM fields.

The September AAUW membership meeting will be highlighting the girls' experiences at the Tech Trek camps. The date is Saturday, September 23rd. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. [see below to register]

Both TT South and TT North will begin in the fall with fundraising activities. Then the recruitment and selection process will follow for the 2024 Tech Trek program.

Hope to see many of you at the September membership meeting.

Jane Krause
Tech Trek South Program 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 11th (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 27, 2024**. 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.





2023 AAUW Alhambra-SanGabriel ELAC Scholarships

#1: Ashley Arizmendi is a graduate of Alhambra HS. She is committed to continuing her studies and takes the necessary science and math classes in order to pursue her career as a *Clinical Psychologist. At an early age, she was diagnosed with an anxiety disorder which led her to focus on this field of study. She states that she is “a woman ready to pursue higher education in hopes of effectively working with those interested in building up the community by breaking educational barriers and paving the way for future generations...”

**[Psychology is considered a science because of the breadth of rigorous research, evaluation and analysis involved. It begins with the scientific method and researchers employ many of the same methods as their colleagues in the natural and physical sciences, but psychology also calls for a deep understanding of human behavior that goes beyond science alone.]*

#2: My name is **Sydney Zheng** and I am a rising sophomore at East Los Angeles College. My major is biology, and I plan on transferring to the University of California Irvine or the University of California Los Angeles in Fall 2024. I have been doing biotechnology and microbiology research at Cal State LA and have enjoyed the field thus far. Therefore, after earning a PhD, I aspire to join the biotechnology research field to combat public health issues. I will be applying to biotechnology research internships for next summer to get a more involved experience in this exciting career path.



The East Los Angeles College Foundation

East Los Angeles College Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is dedicated to the philanthropic support of the East Los Angeles College Community and empowering the communities we serve through our commitment to student success. Scholarships are managed and dispersed by the Foundation, and they showcase an extraordinary commitment to education and empowering the next generation of leaders.

To donate, please visit www.elacfoundation.com. And indicate that your donation is earmarked for the AAUW Alhambra/San Gabriel Scholarship

Betty

FYI: Two Important AAUW-CA Public Policy Items-- The California School Board Project and The Equal Rights Amendment

1. The California School Board Project. We are hosting an important webinar on September 21st entitled *Book Banning and Curricula Censorship in California? AAUW California to the Rescue!* For an article on this critical issue which is rapidly sweeping across the country, and the School Board Project, click [HERE](#). Public Policy committee members will explain the breadth of the problem and the scope of the proposed solution. They'll be joined by a member from Equality California, our collaborative partner, and a representative from the League of Women Voters. You'll gain useful tips about speaking out at school board meetings. We encourage you and your branch members to join us for this webinar to learn about the School Board Project and how you can take action. To register, click [HERE](#).
2. The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). This year marks the 100th anniversary of the introduction of the ERA. AAUW's 2023-25 Public Policy Priorities state that we advocate for ratification and passage of the ERA "to guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse and inclusive society." We are happy to report that multiple paths are being pursued in the current session of Congress to affirm the ERA as the 28th amendment. Right now, we could use your help to finally make this a reality!

One of the paths that looks fruitful for advancing the ERA is passage of a [discharge petition for House Joint Resolution 25 \(H.J. Res. 25\)](#). This will allow there to be a vote to remove the current ratification deadline for the ERA. Here in California, there are two members of Congress who are a focus of critical outreach because of their demonstrated bipartisanship:

- CA-13 Rep. John Duarte
- CA-41 Rep. Ken Calvert

If your branch is in one of these districts, please ask your members to reach out to your representative and urge them to sign the discharge petition H.J. Res. 25. When you call, make sure to note that you are a constituent. If you are not sure what to say, you are welcome to use the message below:

We're asking for your office to sign the discharge petition on House Joint Resolution 25 (H.J. Res. 25). This would simply allow there to be a vote on the resolution to remove the ratification deadline and affirm the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment to the Constitution.

If you want to know more, you can learn about the ERA and current pathways for its passage [HERE](#).

Elena

Wanted: Folks Who love to Talk

Do you have the gift of gab? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Would you like to help but don't have a lot of time? If you've answered "Yes" to any one of these queries, our Invitation Service may be your cup of tea, or glass of vino!

This year we're inviting the Tech Trek campers and their families to join us at our Fantastic General Meetings: Brave Resilient American Women in the Arts, Oct. 28, Celebration of the Season, Dec. 4, Author's Luncheon with author Dr. Gary Scott, Jan. 20, Fund Event, March 16, and a Town Hall Meeting, April 27.

To get us started, we'll meet on zoom at the beginning of September.

Please call or text Jackie Fisher, 626-808-3528, to volunteer or for more information. You'll be glad you did!

BOOKS

Day Books will meet Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. to review our summer reading and select books for the coming months.

Evening Books will gather September 25, 2023 to discuss our summer reads and plan for the coming year. Contact Deanna Arthur for more information.

Drama

Drama gatherings are be on the 2nd Monday of each month. Our first play will be October 9th. Contact Kathleen Doty for more information.

ACTIVITIES

Tap into the Fun!

New faces, and used ones, are always welcomed.

Join Us!

Board Meeting Tuesday, September 5th via Zoom at 7:00 PM. (Note *change of day* due to Labor Day Holiday.) 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 September 21st at Limericks Tavern, 300 W. Main St., Alhambra. Details can be found on Meetup, or call Veronica or Deanna closer to the date.



Day Books will meet Wednesday, September 20th at 2:00 PM. Contact Kathleen Doty for access code.

Evening Books will meet Monday, September 25th. Contact Deanna Arthur for more information.



Every Member Event: Hope to see you at the branch meeting on September 23rd at Noon. 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 the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for cold readings of the play for the month. The first play will be October. 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 on September 2nd, 11:00 am, at Kathleen's in Pasadena. Contact Jane Anderson for more information.

Restaurant Gourmets has not set a place or time for September yet. Contact Deanna Arthur for breaking information.



Creative Crafters will gather via Zoom on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm. Upcoming dates are: September 6th, October 4th, and November 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) (https://my.lwv.org/california/pasadena/article/zoom-tips#.XzMUWd-Vc6bo)

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Our MeetUp.com page is

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

Our Facebook page is

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