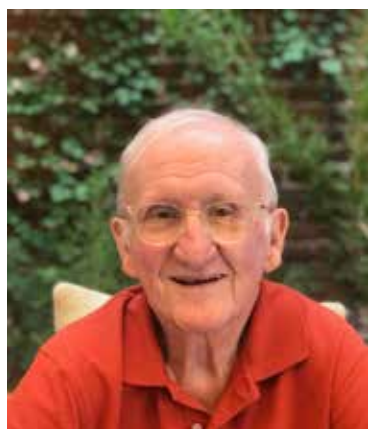




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# The Mission Gateway

## PRESIDENT’S PUSH



Joe DesBarres

Greetings, AAUW Equity Activists! Equity for women and girls requires continual action. The patriarchy is entrenched. Eventually though, the tide will turn; but we must continue to advance Gender Equity through research, education and advocacy.

I call your attention to our second BRW production under the direction of Betty Morín:

Branch Brave Resilient American Women in the Arts (BRAWA).

Join with your friends and peers when the doors open at 10:30 AM at First United Methodist Church of San Gabriel (FUMC-SG). You are in for an extraordinary Readers Theatre piece by Branch Members who have written, revised and rehearsed just for you and your friends.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:  
Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM

You’ve received our 23-24 Branch Electronic Directory. It comes to you from the persistent, diligent and generous Jane Krause. Feel free to print yourself a copy (double-sided). You can also save the PDF to your desktop for easy access. As an electronic, digital directory we will be able to update it periodically as necessary. Keep in touch with Jane  
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AAUW Alhambra/San Gabriel Branch Presents

## BRAVE RESILIENT AMERICAN WOMEN IN THE ARTS

October 28, 2023

11:00 – 12:30 p.m.

(Refreshments and Social 10:30-11:00 a.m.)

First United Methodist Church of San Gabriel  
201 N. San Gabriel Bl.  
San Gabriel, CA 91775

### An Original Readers’ Theater Production

### Featuring women artists in 5 artistic disciplines...



Dance, Drama, Literature, Music, and Visual Arts  
(Program includes Audio/Visual Effects)

Director: Betty Morín

Writers: Jackie Fisher, Betty Morín, Elena Velarde

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...

if any of your contact information changes.

On December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at FUMC-SG you will enjoy our Holiday Program. We will be welcoming the Gabri-elino Singers under the direction of David Pitts. We will also be accepting donations of new books for the La Casa Preschool Library. Books on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) are particularly sought, however all story books are welcome. A child's trajectory in life is established long before they enter elementary school. Exposure to all manner of ideas in books is critical to educating our young people.

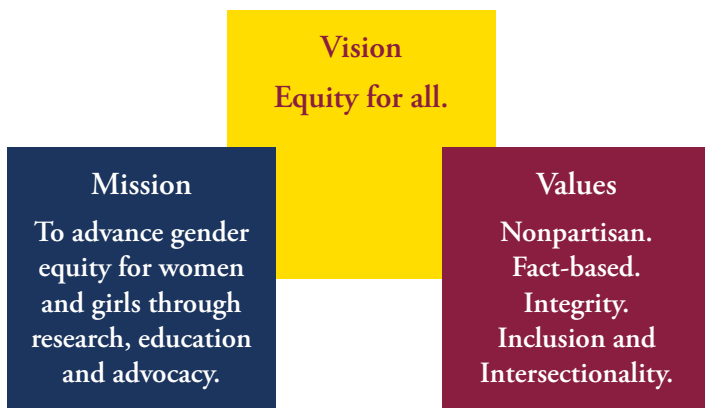
Thank you to those who have donated financially to AAUW. If you are planning a contribution this year, please consider our AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Scholarship at East Los Angeles Community College. It's one way to pay forward the help we've all received in our lifetime. Importantly it supports a young woman on that STEM trajectory we so urgently need.

Looking forward to seeing YOU IN PERSON on:

Saturday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM  
and  
Monday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM

Best Wishes,

*Joe*



# Membership Corner

Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch currently has 64 members. What an accomplishment it would be if, together, we reached 100 members! I was recently reminded by a wise member that once you join you can be as active or inactive as you want; membership equates to political power. AAUW's influence over events and shaping policy at both the state and federal levels has been accomplished by the strength of the number of members it has behind the name. LET'S PUSH!! We only have 36 to go.

Our Meetup events are an opportunity to bring prospective members into the fold, and a place to go and share, or simply to enjoy talking with friends, old and new. All are welcome to enjoy these events. Come and bring a prospective member. Looking forward to seeing you at the next meet up on October 19 @ 6:00 p.m. at Limerick's Tavern in Alhambra.

*Veronica*

**NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**  
September 15 to October 15

The Department of Education has designated September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month. First observed in 1968 and later expanded and formalized in 1988, the month-long celebration honors the positive influence and contributions of Latina/os in the United States over many generations.

## *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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the intended month of publication.

# AAUW Fund

Breaking News!!!!!!

There is a change in format for viewing the California fellows and grantees this year. The traditional “Fund Luncheons” will NOT be held. The fellows and grant recipients will record a 5-8-minute presentation on their study or project. Topics this year include Women’s History, Medical Sociology, Gender Race and Ethnicity, and many, many more.

It is hoped this will make it easier for everyone to see the presenters. I am hopeful you will all watch the presenters and assist in choosing which one we want to invite to speak to the branch.

We believe that we will be notified in late October regarding when the videos will be posted. Once they are posted, they will be available until April 20, 2024. Branches may begin requesting Fund speakers starting on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

I have some ideas for low key, high fun fundraisers and am looking for more. Have an idea? Please share.

*Deanna*

# AAUW FUND (addendum)

What an exciting announcement that I won the AAUW Fund Doty Dinner Raffle, and then that three friends and I had such a wonderful evening. Yes, I won the raffle after donating to the AAUW Fund, and on September 9 my friend Mary, her son, daughter in law and I enjoyed a gourmet meal of five courses at Kathleen Doty’s home. She and her sister Ruth served elegant appetizers, soup, salad, entrée, and dessert. A different wine with each course. It was so delicious and beautifully served on an elegant table with lovely dishes.

You could be a winner also, so watch for the next Gourmet Gala Raffle and buy your tickets. All money goes to AAUW Fund, to give scholarships and fellowships to deserving and exceptional ladies.

*Delora*

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> (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.



# Advancing Gender Equity is Advancing Environmental Sustainability (and vice versa)

By Missy Maceyko, Co-Chair, CA State Public Policy Committee

After a year of wild weather in California, many of us may be thinking more about climate, environment, and sustainability. How does our concern with the weather relate to AAUW California's [Public Policy Priorities](#)? Advancing gender equity is directly related to environmental sustainability. The inverse is also true.

[The United Nations sustainable development goals](#), adopted in 2015, seek to push all countries to act to protect the planet, ensure widespread prosperity, and promote peace. Achieving gender equality, goal number five, is a crucial element in this overall strategy.



We know that [having greater gender diversity in leadership](#) improves organizations. One of AAUW California's public policy focus areas is increasing women in leadership positions. However, advancing this goal can also have positive climate impacts. [The UN has found that having greater gender diversity in climate discussions leads to improved outcomes](#) on climate-focused policies and projects. This is just one case in which we can see how sustainable development goal 5, promoting greater gender equality, alongside advancing AAUW California's public policy priorities, can be important for achieving sustainable development goal 13, creating more impactful climate action.

Data also shows us that (un)sustainable production and consumption patterns, which harm the environment, [tend to be gendered](#), with "green" choices being widely feminized. While this is a global trend, we see this in popular portrayals of more planet-friendly consumption choices in the United States, as well, such as veganism, [which tends to be marked as more "feminine"](#) and less "masculine." This example shows us that sustainable development goal 5, promoting greater gender equality, alongside AAUW California's overall public policy mission of advancing equity for women and girls, is also important for achieving sustainable development goal 12, which focuses on creating more planet-friendly and responsible production and consumption patterns.

Advancing gender equity is directly related to environmental sustainability, and vice versa. In advancing AAUW California's public policy goals, and expanding the rights of all women and girls, we can help create the conditions for greater justice and inclusion, economic parity, and environmental viability, all at the same time.

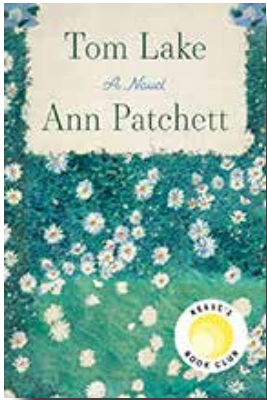
*Elena*

# BOOKS

Day Books will meet Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Evening Books will gather Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Both will be reviewing Tom Lake by Ann Patchett.

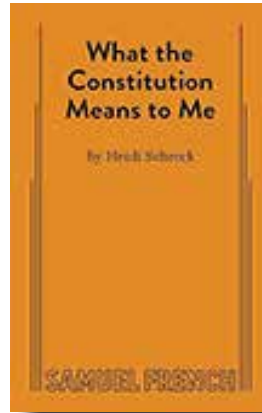


In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother,

and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew.

# Drama

Drama group will gather October 9th at 7:00 p.m. to read What the Constitution Means to Me by Heidi Schreck.



Fifteen-year-old Heidi earned her college tuition by winning constitutional debate competitions across the United States. In this hilarious, hopeful, and achingly human new play, she embodies her teenage self in order to trace the founding document's profound impact on not just her own life, but the past four generations of women in her family, starting with the first to set foot in America: a mail-order bride.

A Pulitzer Prize finalist and Tony Award nominee, this boundary-breaking play breathes new life into our Constitution and imagines how it will shape the next generation of Americans.



## Alhambra-San Gabriel/ELAC Scholarship

Please donate to keep this community outreach project going. Graduates of Alhambra, Montebello HSs, including Ramona Convent are eligible for a springtime, \$500 scholarship. To learn more about the scholarship and to donate, please visit [www.elacfoundation.com](http://www.elacfoundation.com) and indicate in the memo line that your donation is earmarked for the AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Scholarship.

Betty

## Invitation Service Has a Few More Spots Open

Thank you, thank you, to four of our members who volunteered a small amount of their time to join the Invitation Service! Luckily, this opportunity is still open. It will not require a large amount of time and will support our Tech Trek campers.

Here's how: With your help we're inviting the girls 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. Attending these meetings will give the girls the chance to see each other again, get to know our members, and add to their cultural enrichment.

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

## 2023-2024 Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Budget

<b>Income:</b>	
Dues	
Less State & National	
Dues for 2023-24	
Less State & National	
<b>Total Dues</b>	<b>1092</b>
Donation	25
State award	
BRW Program	
Teck Trek Luncheon	
Teck Trek Transfer from savings	
Tech Trek- South Parent payments	
Tech Trek- North Parent payments	
Author's Luncheon net of Expenses	
Events net of Costs	300
Miscellaneous	
Interest	2
Restricted-Colorful Stories Book Project	
Restricted -Brave, Resilient Women	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1419</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
<u>Meetings and Operations</u>	
Newsletter	
Yearbook/Directory	25
Insurance	300
Rent	300
Programs	400
Hospitality/Committee	40
AAUW Funds Assessment	60
Teck Trek Luncheon Expenses	
Teck Trek South Expenditure	
Speech Trek	350
Miscellaneous	60
Restricted-BRW/Special Community Outreach	
Restricted-Colorful Stories Book Proj	
Total Meetings and Operations	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>1562</b>

## Books For La Casa Library

Preschoolers of La Casa de San Gabriel Community Center have been welcomed into their classrooms, some returning, and for some its their very first time. The young minds of these 3-5 year-olds are filled with wonder, anxiety, fear, excitement, and adventure. Through reading, language, play, discovery, and new experiences, they will enrich their confidence and seek their own opportunities in their own world.

As with our AAUW's Mission for advancing equity for women and young girls, the Books for La Casa Library project for this year will inspire the preschoolers to reach for their future life's goals and build a community of young girls to be readers and leaders in their more formidable years!

All Members will have an opportunity to create an ongoing learning library with a generous STEAM-based book donation by members like you. Member donations will help encourage a sense of wonder for the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics for these young minds.

A colorful collection box will be available at our two upcoming General Meetings: the first being Saturday, October 28, from 11am-12pm, and the second collection being Monday, December 4, from 7-8pm, where both will be held at First Methodist Church of San Gabriel.

If you are as inspired as I am, and you can find time in your days to strengthen the La Casa Library project, please consider joining me on the committee, your help and ideas are needed. Contact me, **Dennisse Santana**, at (323) 679-4010 or email: [teach3ird@gmail.com](mailto:teach3ird@gmail.com).

All STEAM-based books that are collected for La Casa Library will be donated at the preschool's 2023 Christmas Program (TBD).



# Happy Birthday Tech Trek



The Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch celebrated Tech Trek's 25 Year Celebration with an Ice Cream Social at The Our Savior's Lutheran Church on September 23, 2023 honoring our 17 Tech Trekkers. The girls made brief presentations highlighting their experiences at camp. Our branch sent 4 girls to the Virtual Camp, 2 girls to Santa Barbara and 11 girls to Whittier. All the campers were presented with Certificates honoring their achievements at camp.

We had over 80 guests at the Tech Trek Celebration, which is a favorite meeting for the campers, parents and branch members. Everyone enjoyed a delicious Sundae from Handel's Ice Cream of Pasadena, homemade cookies, and a beverage. In addition to the festive decorations, each person received a wonderful "Swag Bag" full of science items and a fun "Ice Breaker".

We want to thank everyone who came to celebrate our campers, and everyone including parents, campers, and branch members who made this event possible. We are so proud of all our 2023 Tech Trek campers.



## Community Involvement Opportunity!

Come out to the Alhambra High School PTA Bingo Night Fundraiser. You might win! You might recruit a new member! You surely will have fun! Questions? Contact Veronica Alvarez.

# ACTIVITIES

Tap into the Fun!

New faces, and used ones, are always welcomed.

Join Us!

Board Meeting - None in October. Next Board meeting November 6, 2023, 7:00 PM, via Zoom. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Book info on page 5. Contact Kathleen Doty for more information.

Evening Books will meet Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Delora Brown's, 5619A Sultana, Temple City. Book info on page 5. Contact Deanna Arthur for more information.



Every Member Event: Hope to see you at the branch meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM. 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 Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for a cold reading of the play of the month. Play info on page 5. 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 October 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am, at Kathleen's in Pasadena. Contact Mary Smeritschnig for more information.

Restaurant Gourmets will meet Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Bella Serra, 422 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia. Contact Deanna Arthur for reservations, please.



Creative Crafters will gather via Zoom on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm. Upcoming dates are: October 4<sup>th</sup>, and November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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)

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Our branch website is

[alhsangab-ca.aauw.net](http://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](#)