



**2023-2024**

## **MEMBER INFORMATION**

### **Mission**

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

### **Vision**

**Equity for all.**

### **Values**

**Nonpartisan.**

**Fact-based.**

**Principled.**

**Inclusion and Intersectionality.**

**Joe Des Barres**

**Branch President**



**President's Personal Vision Statement  
2023-2024**

1. **EXPAND** our Branch's visibility in our communities.
2. **INFORM and ENGAGE** new audiences in our Branch Mission, Vision and Values.
3. **BOLDLY** enrich our communities.

**Our Purpose**

*We strive to advance gender equity, education, intellectual growth, individual worth  
and the development of opportunities for women  
and girls under the rubric of **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION and BELONGING.***

**The Branch**

- a. **PROMOTES and SUPPORTS** positive societal change in our communities;
- b. **PARTICIPATES** in and **PROMOTES AAUW** policies and programs through study, action and public policy advocacy related to community, cultural interests, education, and international relations;
- c. **CONTRIBUTES** to the growth and advancement of the Association and AAUW Funds;
- d. **COOPERATES** in AAUW regional, state and interbranch work; membership and participation in the Los Angeles County Interbranch Council. Joining with other branches in Los Angeles County we speak with one voice on pertinent, current issues;
- e. **OFFERS MEMBERSHIP** to graduates of regionally accredited higher educational institutions.

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*Note to Readers: Most links in this document are active, including websites and email addresses.*

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.

## **AAUW**

Julia Brown, J.D., Board Chair

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## **AAUW of California**

Sandi Gabe, President

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NOTE: Use the password “aauwca” to enter member-only areas of the AAUW California website.

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## **AAUW California Events:**

See [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) for updates and details

## Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC)

### LACIC Meetings 2023-2024

#### Meeting Schedule Dates:

Sunday, September 10, 2023 Via ZOOM from 2:00 – 4:00PM

Sunday, November 12, 2023 Via ZOOM from 2:00 – 4:00PM

Sunday, January 14, 2024 Via ZOOM from 2:00 – 4:00PM

Sunday, March 10, 2024 **IN-PERSON, Time & Location TBA**

Sunday, May 5, 2024 Via ZOOM from 2:00 – 4:00PM

### AAUW LACIC Board and Steering Committee 2023-2024

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Deanna Arthur	Chair	<a href="mailto:deannaaaauw@gmail.com">deannaaaauw@gmail.com</a>	C: 626.818.6536
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[Newsletter deadline the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month before the meeting.](#)



Branch website: <http://alhsangab-ca.aauw.net/>  
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Our [www.MeetUp.com](http://www.MeetUp.com) page:  
Am. Assoc. Univ. Women – Alhambra, San Gabriel, Monterey Pk  
Our [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com) page: AAUW-Alhambra-San-Gabriel-  
Branch

### **Board of Directors 2023-2024 Elected Officers**

President	Joe Des Barres	(310) 363-3457
President Elect	Marilee Wood	(626) 864-0890
AAUW Fund VP	Deanna Arthur	(626) 818-6536
Membership VP	Veronica Alvarez	(626) 705-4115
Program Co-VP's	Jackie Fisher	(626) 808-3258
Program Co-VP's	Lovey Sherman	(213) 309-5992
Secretary	Marilee Wood	(626) 864-0890
Treasurer	Tiffany White	(716) 417-8815

## Appointed Officers

Brave Resilient Women, 2023-2024 chair	Betty Morín
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI), chair	Janice Lee
Directory Editor	Jane Krause
Budget chair	Tiffany White
Fund chair	Deanna Arthur
Governance/Bylaws/ Parliamentarian	Kathleen Doty
La Casa Liaison	Dennisse Santana
Member Notification chair	Elena Velarde
Mission Gateway Newsletter Editor	Kathleen Doty
Program Committee co-chairs	Jackie Fisher, Lovey Sherman
Public Policy Chair	Elena Velarde
Publicity Chair	Jackie Fisher
Speech Trek Coordinator	Kathleen Doty
Sunshine chair	Gerry Kreger
Tech Trek Coordinator North	Rozanne Child
Tech Trek Coordinator South	Jane Krause
Web Managers	Joe Des Barres, Kathleen Doty, mentor

## Committees

Where not specifically listed as a committee member, the Branch President and President elect are both *ex officio* members of all committees.

<b>AAUW Fund</b>	<b>Deanna Arthur, chair</b> Deanna Arthur, Delora Brown, Kacy Do, Kathleen Doty, Gerry Kreger, Leticia Peralta, Cheryl Plotkin
<b>Brave Resilient Women in the Arts 2023-2024</b>	<b>Betty Morín, chair</b> Veronica Alvarez, Deanna Arthur, Jackie Fisher, Jane Krause, Tina Vartanian, Tiffany White, Elena Velarde
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Tiffany White, chair</b> Deanna Arthur, Jackie Fisher, Betty Morín, Cheryl Plotkin, Elena Velarde
<b>Colorful Stories</b>	<b>Kathleen Doty, chair</b> Jane Anderson, Cheryl Plotkin, Cheryl Prentis
<b>East Los Angeles College STEM Scholarship</b>	<b>Joe Des Barres, chair</b> Betty Morin, (liaison), Kiem Tjong, Elena Velarde
<b>Governance</b>	<b>Kathleen Doty</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Veronica Alvarez, chair</b> Deanna Arthur, Kathleen Doty, Janice Lee
<b>Membership Notification</b>	<b>Elena Velarde, chair</b>
<b>Program Committee</b>	<b>Jackie Fisher, Lavonne Sherman, chairs</b> Veronica Alvarez, Deanna Arthur, Rozanne Child, Kathleen Doty, Jane Krause, Gerry Kreger, Betty Morín, Robin Polito, Dennisee Santana, Elena Velarde, Marilee Wood
<b>Public Policy</b>	<b>Elena Velarde, chair</b>
<b>Speech Trek</b>	<b>Kathleen Doty, chair</b>
<b>Tech Trek North</b>	<b>Rozanne Child, chair</b> Jane Anderson, Lyda Chee, Bonnie Gonzalez, Sandy Jelinek, Virginia Orenos
<b>Tech Trek South</b>	<b>Jane Krause, chair</b> Deanna Arthur, Jackie Fisher, Marian Hallin, Betty Morín, Pat Naritomi, Lucia Navar, Dolores Seidman, Lovey Sherman, Kiem Tjong, Sonia Tuma



## Branch Board Meetings (BOD)

Meetings of BOD will be hybrid (in person/Zoom) or Zoom only.

Board Meetings Social Gathering at 6:45 pm; Call to Order at 7:00 pm or 9:45 am; Call to Order 10:00 am

***Board Meetings are open to all members and all members are encouraged to attend.***

For further details, please contact the Branch President, [joedesbarres@gmail.com](mailto:joedesbarres@gmail.com)

### Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, September 5, 2023      Zoom    7:00 pm

Monday, November 6, 2023      Zoom    7:00 pm

Monday, January 8, 2024      Zoom    7:00 pm

Saturday, March 2, 2024      Hybrid    10:00 – 11:30 am, location TBD

Installation: To Be Determined by Incoming President

“In and Out”: To Be Determined by Incoming President

Planning/Calendar meeting: To Be Determined by Incoming President

*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.*

Members are encouraged to confirm Board Meeting Dates by checking the Branch Directory, Mission Gateway Calendar or Branch Website.

## Branch Program Calendar:

General meetings may be held virtually or in person.  
Branch members will be notified via email or via the Mission Gateway.  
Prior notification will be announced via E-mail Blast.

### General Membership Meeting Dates:

Saturday, September 23, 2023, 12 noon to 2:00 pm

Welcome Back!

Tech Trek presentation

Venue: Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arcadia

Saturday, October 28, 2023, 11:00 am to 12 noon

Readers Theater: Brave Resilient American Women in the Arts

Venue: TBD

No November Meeting

Monday, December 4, 2023, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Holiday Program – Gabrielino Choir

Venue: TBD

Saturday, January 27, 2024, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Authors Luncheon

Dr. Gary Scott, co-author with Isabel Piczek presents *The Universe Speaks*

Venue: TBD

Saturday, February TBD, 2024

Speech Trek Competition

(Date, Time, Venue TBD)

Saturday, March 16, 2024, 1:00 pm

Fund Event

Venue: TBD

Saturday, April 27, 2024, Town Hall, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Annual Meeting

Venue: TBD

## Branch Activity Groups

Fun stuff to do and fun people to do it with. Join in!

**MeetUp:** Come and share the events of your day with a like minded group of humans. Contact Deanna Arthur [deannaaauw@gmail.com](mailto:deannaaauw@gmail.com) or Veronica Alvarez [valvarez@lawyer.com](mailto:valvarez@lawyer.com) . There will be a link on [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com) - Am. Assoc. Univ. Women – Alhambra, San Gabriel, Monterey Pk

**Day Books:** Read a book a month, then meet to discuss the book (etc.). Contact Kathleen Doty [dotyk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dotyk@sbcglobal.net) for access code. Meet the third Wednesday of the month at 2:00pm.

**Evening Books:** Read a book a month, then meet to discuss the book (etc.). Contact Deanna Arthur [deannaaauw@gmail.com](mailto:deannaaauw@gmail.com) for access code. Meet the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00pm.

**Creative Crafters:** Join us for crafting fun and special projects. Contact Jane Krause [jkbigdog517@gmail.com](mailto:jkbigdog517@gmail.com) for more information. Meet on first Wednesday of the month at 3:00 pm.

**Drama:** Group reading of a play. No rehearsals. Acting talent not required – just love of drama. Contact Kathleen Doty [dotyk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dotyk@sbcglobal.net). Meet the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

**Scattergories!:** How many “Things you can do online” beginning with the letter “S” can you list in 2 ½ minutes? Scattergories meets for about an hour via Zoom at 3:00pm every Thursday. Contact Kathleen Doty [dotyk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dotyk@sbcglobal.net) for access code.

**Professional Women/Men Gourmets:** Home cooking by people who love to cook. Each member contributes. Responsibilities rotate monthly. Contact Jane Anderson [misc1ay1@charter.net](mailto:misc1ay1@charter.net) to RSVP! (Let Jane know if you prefer Zoom!)

**Restaurant Gourmets:** Good food. Good company. No dishes. Locations, dates, and times vary monthly—may be via Zoom. Contact Deanna Arthur [deannaaauw@gmail.com](mailto:deannaaauw@gmail.com) for more information.

## Ongoing Branch Community Projects 2023-2024

**Colorful Stories** – Kathleen Doty

**ELAC/AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch STEM Scholarship** – Joe Des Barres, chair and Betty Morín, Liaison

**La Casa de San Gabriel Winter Holiday Stockings** – Lovey Sherman

*Tiffany's --- Hope in a Suitcase* ??????????????????????????

*Dennisse's – Books for La Casa Library* ??????????????????????????

## Why We Belong

As we live in community, we acknowledge the need and necessity to continue to build our community to be diverse, equitable, inclusive and one of belonging. And further, we act in public ways to further that growth through activities such as Colorful Stories, Brave Resilient Women, Liaison with La Casa Community Center, Tech Trek and Speech Trek. We also offer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Scholarships through East Los Angeles College (ELAC).

We sponsor seventh grade girls to attend **Tech Trek**, a week-long camp at college campuses that give young girls exposure to exciting careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Since 1998, hundreds of girls have participated with our Branch financial and educational support.

We offer **Speech Trek**, a state-wide AAUW speech competition for high school students. Students hone their presentation skills in Speech Trek. Participating in this local branch contest offers opportunity for state-wide competition, while enhancing their secondary education experience.

Together with other US branches, we contribute to the AAUW Fund. AAUW provides over \$6.???? million dollars annually in fellowships, grants and awards from the Endowment's interest. These awards provide educational, professional and career development for women.

Our Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a membership organization dedicated to advancing gender equity for women and girls in all that we do.

We offer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) scholarships through East Los Angeles College (ELAC).

## AAUW Membership Dues (2023- 2024)

	Student		Regular		National Life	50-Year Honorary
Branch	\$	21.00	\$	21.00	\$ 21.00	\$0.00
State		\$0.00	\$	20.00	\$ 20.00	\$0.00
Association	\$	18.81	\$	72.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$	39.81	\$	113.00	\$ 41.00	\$0.00

## Past Branch Presidents

The Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch originated in 1944.

The following listing includes the 27 most recent Past Presidents:

Kathleen Doty	1989-90
JoNell Hjelsand	1990-91
Bonnie Gonzalez	1991-92
Rozanne Child	1992-93
Mary Hyland	1993-94
Deanna Arthur	1994-95
Jim Doty	1995-96
Cheryl Plotkin	1996-97
Jane Anderson	1997-98
Helen Meagher	1998-99
Delora Brown	1999-00
Rozanne Child	2000-02
Ann Nelson,	2002-03 (Deceased)
Sandie Rambach	2003-04 (Deceased)
Deanna Arthur	2004-06
Jane Anderson	2006-07
Rozanne Child	2007-08
Jim Doty	2008-09 (Deceased)
Deanna Arthur	2009-10
Kathleen Doty	2010-12
Deanna Arthur	2012-13
Delora Brown	2013-15
Cheryl Plotkin	2015-17
Kathleen Doty	2017-19
Betty Morín	2019-20
Elena Velarde	2020-21
Joe DesBarres	2021-22
Joe DesBarres	2022-23

## Honored Members

The following members are honored for their outstanding and devoted service to our branch, in recognition of which the branch's annual contribution to the AAUW Educational Foundation (1962-2008) or AAUW Fund (2009 and thereafter) has been made in their names.

1989-90 May Gleason, Dorothy Hanson, Martha Killian, Ester Kline, Helen Pash, Faye Van Doren

1990-91 Lyda Chee, Sally Cook, Kathleen Doty, Lora Schlaifer, Ethel Smith, Gail Swain

1991-92 JoNell Hjelsand

1992-93 Helen Meagher

1993-94 Rozanne Child, Neva Roberts

1994-95 Mary Hyland, Deanna Arthur

1995-96 Jim Doty

1996-97 Delora Brown, Lilia Hall, Jean Neelan-Siegal, Cheryl Plotkin

1997-98 Wilma Hubbard, Ann Nelson

1998-99 Jan Carr, Emilie Ferry, Sandy Jelinek, Fran Meyer, Betty Rauth, Joan Schlaifer, Joanne Tassi

2000-01 Rozanne Child, Jim Doty, Kathleen Doty, Sam Knowles, Virginia Knowles, Georgiana Neiswander, Ann Nelson

2001-02 Delora Brown, Eileen Ferguson, Bonnie Gonzalez, Wilma Hubbard, Mary Hyland, Ann Nelson

2002-03 Sandie Hurwitz, et al.

2003-04 The members of the Professional Women Gourmets group

2004-05 Jan Vahldeck, Wilma Hubbard, Kathleen Doty

2005-06 Sandie Rambach

2006-07 Ellen Griffin

2007-08 Modest Schwartz, Ethel Smith

2008-09 Lilia Holguin, Lilia Hall, Mary Smeritschnig

2009-10 Jane Anderson, Lyda Chee, Emilie Ferry, Lilia Hall, Sandy Jelinek, Janice Mangerino

2010-11 Deanna Arthur, Rozanne Child, Jim Doty

2011-12 Kathleen Doty, Bonnie Gonzalez, Ann Nelson, Eunice Ting

2013-14 Eleanor Callahan, Dennis Chee, Fran Del Sordo, Charlotte Doty, and Margaret Leonetti (recently deceased loved ones of contributing members)

2017-18 Fran Meyer and Josephine Tassi

2018-19 Kathleen Doty

2020-21 Jim Doty

2021-22 Betty Morín and Elena Velarde

2022-23 Brave, Resilient Women