

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

# The Mission Gateway



Join us

Saturday,

**November 11, 2023**

**1:00 PM**

Asbury Lounge,

Alhambra First United Methodist Church  
9 N. Almansor St., Alhambra



## Celebrate the Season!

**December 4, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

First United Methodist Church  
of San Gabriel

201 N. San Gabriel Blvd.  
San Gabriel, CA

to hear local high school students answer the following question:

***How can we ensure a robust public-school curriculum that is accessible to all and teaches historically accurate information?***

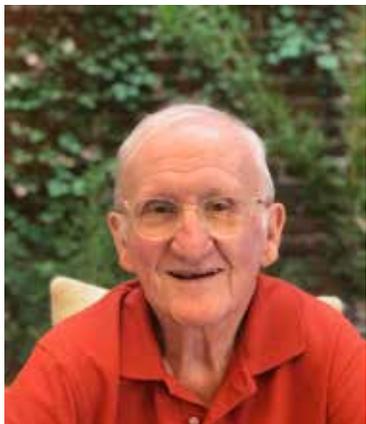
The annual Speech Trek competition promises to be interesting and make us think! Hope to see all of you there!

**The Gabrielino Choir** under the direction of David Pitts will begin the holiday season with a medley of holiday songs. Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Members are encouraged to bring family and friends to this free general meeting. Professional Men/Women Gourmets and Restaurant Gourmet Activity Groups will be asked to donate delicious seasonal baked goods to the festivities.

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.

# PRESIDENT'S PUSH



Joe DesBarres

Best Wishes to each of you!

To say we live in unsettling times is understatement. Running through my mind is that phrase from **John Lennon**, "*All we are saying is give peace a chance.*"

I hope many of you attended our **Brave Resilient American Women in the Arts** tribute on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church in San Gabriel. Women Artists in Dance, Drama, Literature, Music and Visual Arts were gloriously remembered in both readers theatre and visual formats. It was a significant event for all. **Thank you, Betty Morin, cast and crew.** "*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.*" (Margaret Mead)

Please mark your calendar NOW for our **December Membership Holiday Program** on **Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**—at **First United Methodist Church, San Gabriel (FUMC, SG)**. We will welcome back the Gabrielino Singers and Director David Pitts. We are also inviting our most recent Tech Trek Campers and their families to join us! There will be holiday camaraderie, entertainment, refreshments and door prizes. It will also be your opportunity to brighten a child's mind through our **Book Gift Project**, benefitting preschool children of **La Casa Community Center**. Each donated book will receive a special bookplate from our Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch. Just one book is all it takes to launch a child into lifelong learning.

**2024 Planning—Save the Date: AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch's Author's Luncheon.**  
Come to hear **Dr. Gary Scott**, co-author of **The Universe Speaks**, on **January 27<sup>th</sup>** at FUMC, SG.  
You'll be glad you do!

Finally, an American woman, Harvard Professor Claudia Goldin, 77, has won the Nobel Prize in Economics for her work studying the economic lives of American women. Goldin is the only woman ever to be honored by herself—no men shared this prize!

Goldin's research in 200 years of history is compelling. Some findings: (1) Parenthood was the main factor animating the gender wage gap; (2) The earning difference now between men and women in the same occupation largely arises with the birth of the first child; (3) Women pay a "motherhood penalty" while men enjoy a "fatherhood premium"; (4) The progress of the 1963-1973 decade produced a powerful anti-women's rights movement that rapidly joined with the anti-abortion and anti-gay/work lobbies to remain a potent force in America to this day.

*"We're never going to have gender equality until we also have couple equality."*—Claudia Goldin

I invite you to look more closely at her research and findings. If you would like to hear Claudia Goldin discuss the Gender Pay Gap, go to [freakonomics.com](https://www.freakonomics.com) and select freakonomics radio, episode 232 where she discusses why women earn so much less than men.

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.

Joe

## 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.

# Membership Corner

AAUW members please welcome one of our newest members- Cindy Ramos.



Cindy graduated from CSU-LA with a BSBA in Accounting. She currently works at Union Station Homeless Services a nonprofit that helps house and provides services to the homeless. Cindy has a rabbit named Balthazar.

Lovey Sherman introduced her to AAUW. Cindy wanted to belong to an organization that empowers the youth as she did not get much guidance. Cindy understands the need for young people to be exposed to different educational areas and to be given guidance.

*Veronica*

# AAUW Fund

“Nowhere has the AAUW demonstrated its practical idealism and its educational power and promise more fully than in the establishment of fellowships to advance women who give promise of scholarly distinction.” AAUW Fellowships and Fellows, 1935

It is always a good time to donate to the FUND, but end of year donations are especially welcome. Not only is it a time of giving, but your donations are tax-deductible, even your purchase of Gourmet Gala raffle tickets!

Over \$4,000,000 was awarded this year from the interest on completed endowments. Let's see if we can raise \$2,000 or more this year on the Gourmet Gala so even more money is available to complete endowments and distribute to worthy recipients. To achieve that goal, everyone is invited to get a packet of tickets from Kathleen and sell them to your friends and family. Who knows? When your friend wins, they may invite you as one of the guests! Help our fund raiser grow and maybe there could be \$5,000,000 in AAUW Fund awards next year!

AAUW trivia for November: Did you know that in 1950 Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-WI) accused AAUW of being a communist front? AAUW leaders successfully defended against these allegations.

## 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.



# 2023 – 2025 Public Policy Priorities (PPP)

The AAUW California Public Policy Program establishes policy directives that will guide our members, inform our legislative priorities, serve our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, and are consistent with our values of achieving fair and equitable opportunities for our diverse society. Toward that end, AAUW California advocates policies that promote, enhance and ensure:

## *Economic Security for All Women, including:*

- Equity in the workplace
- Enforcement of workplace anti-discrimination statutes
- Security in retirement
- Access to job training for career development
- Work-life balance, including access to quality affordable childcare and paid sick and care-giving leave

## *Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students, including:*

- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX
- Adequate and equitable funding at all educational levels, including pre-school and post-secondary
- Removal of barriers for girls to access instruction in STEM fields
- Civics instruction in all CA high schools
- Access to diverse staff and curriculum that represents historically accurate information
- Funding adequate to support a strong infrastructure, and equitable access to resources, including technology
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic and charter schools that do not meet public school civil rights and accountability standards

## *Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society, including:*

- Self-determination in reproductive health
- Equal access to quality affordable health care, housing and a healthy environment
- Freedom from violence in all its forms and wherever it occurs, including violence against historically marginalized groups, and support for policies that reduce or prevent gun violence
- Guarantee of civil and constitutional rights for all, including all forms of gender identity and expression, and all family structures
- Protection and expansion of voting rights
- Support for United Nations sustainable development goals which address human rights and women's and girls' concerns

## *Increased Representation of Women in Leadership Roles, including:*

- Proportional appointment to publicly-held corporate boards
- Access to leadership skills training
- Access to programs that promote participation in public service careers

*Elena*

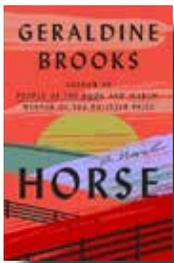
# BOOKS

## November

Day Books will meet Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Evening Books will gather Monday, November 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Both will be reviewing Horse by Geraldine Brooks.



*Kentucky, 1850.* An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. When the nation erupts in civil war, an itinerant young artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up arms for the Union. On a perilous night, he reunites with the stallion and his groom, very far from the glamor of any racetrack.

*New York City, 1954.* Martha Jackson, a gallery owner celebrated for taking risks on edgy contemporary painters, becomes obsessed with a nineteenth-century equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance.

*Washington, DC, 2019.* Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian-American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse—one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success.

Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, Horse is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.

## December

Day Books may meet Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. (Actual date to be determined.) The book to be reviewed is Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See.



According to Confucius, "an educated woman is a worthless woman," but Tan Yunxian—born into an elite family, yet haunted by death, separations, and loneliness—is being raised by her grandparents to be of use. Her grandmother is one of only a handful of female doctors in China, and she teaches Yunxian the pillars of Chinese

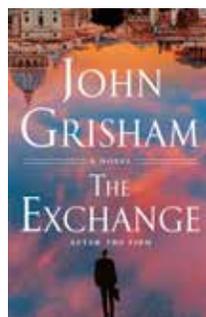
medicine, the Four Examinations—looking, listening, touching, and asking—something a man can never do with a female patient.

From a young age, Yunxian learns about women's illnesses, many of which relate to childbearing, alongside a young midwife-in-training, Meiling. The two girls find fast friendship and a mutual purpose—despite the prohibition that a doctor should never touch blood while a midwife comes in frequent contact with it—and they vow to be forever friends, sharing in each other's joys and struggles. No mud, no lotus, they tell themselves: from adversity beauty can bloom.

But when Yunxian is sent into an arranged marriage, her mother-in-law forbids her from seeing Meiling and from helping the women and girls in the household. Yunxian is to act like a proper wife—embroider bound-foot slippers, pluck instruments, recite poetry, give birth to sons, and stay forever within the walls of the family compound, the Garden of Fragrant Delights.

How might a woman like Yunxian break free of these traditions, go on to treat women and girls from every level of society, and lead a life of such importance that many of her remedies are still used five centuries later? How might the power of friendship support or complicate these efforts? Lady Tan's Circle of Women is a captivating story of women helping other women. It is also a triumphant reimagining of the life of a woman who was remarkable in the Ming dynasty and would be considered remarkable today.

Evening Books meeting date in December has not been set. The book for review is The Exchange: after the Firm by John Grisham.



What became of Mitch and Abby McDeere after they exposed the crimes of Memphis law firm Bendini, Lambert & Locke and fled the country? The answer is in The Exchange, the riveting sequel to The Firm, the blockbuster thriller that launched the career of America's favorite storyteller. It is now fifteen years later, and Mitch and Abby are living in Manhattan, where Mitch is a partner at

the largest law firm in the world. When a mentor in Rome asks him for a favor that will take him far from home, Mitch finds himself at the center of a sinister plot that has worldwide implications—and once again endangers his colleagues, friends, and family. Mitch has become a master at staying one step ahead of his adversaries, but this time there's nowhere to hide.



At the present time Tech Trek is quiet – we have finished the 2023 TT program with the culmination of many of the campers presenting at the AAUW Alhambra San Gabriel fall membership meeting. I am including two pictures: one) with most of the TT South and TT North girls and two) a picture of the table decorations at the membership meeting.

Both TT South and TT North are thinking about 2024 Tech Trek program. We are beginning the fundraising efforts, talking to donors and sending our annual donation letters. In January recruitment will begin working with our local schools.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families

Jane Krause  
TT South coordinator



## Drama

Drama group will gather November 13th at 7:00 p.m. to read Lunch Hour by Jean Kerr.



This comedic play covers the vagaries of marital bliss, once the honeymoon is over. The characters include Oliver DeVreck, a psychiatrist who needs more help than any of his patients, and Carrie Sachs, a patient of Oliver's whose husband is having an affair with Oliver's wife.

In December, Drama Group will gather on the 11th at 7:00 p.m. The play to be read is not yet known. The November play was not received in the expected order, so it is difficult to predict which of the remaining 7 plays we will receive to read in December.



## Tech Trek North See's Candy Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who continues to support Tech Trek with your generous donations, to those who serve on our Tech Trek Selection Committee, and those of you who attended our Tech Trek Ice Cream Social on September 23, 2023.

The price of attending camp, whether residential or virtual, continues to rise. Dr. Mimi, AAUW State Tech Trek Program Director, says the prices for camp will rise this year perhaps to \$1200 for both Whittier and Santa Barbara. We **must** think of additional fundraising options in addition to individual member donations.

Powered by AAUW California

Lyda Chee has volunteered to do a See's Candy Fundraising event for Tech Trek North. The Fundraising will run November 1<sup>st</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. The flyer and order form can be found on pages 8 and 9 of this issue of Mission Gateway. Please send the order form and payment

to Lyda Chee, 1325 Ridgecrest St. Monterey Park, CA 91754 by November 20th so she can process and order the candy. Make checks payable to AAUW Alhambra San Gabriel Branch and put TT North See's Candy in the memo line. Candy orders will be ready for pickup on December 4th at the Holiday program at the First United Church in San Gabriel. Tech Trek will receive 20% profit for all items listed except 50% for the Dashing Delivery Box and the Merry Moose Box.

Thank you for helping with this important Fundraiser for Tech Trek North. If you have any questions text or email Rozanne Child [rchild44@gmail.com](mailto:rchild44@gmail.com) or 626-42-0404.

## Thanksgiving Jokes



Q: Why was the turkey in jail?

A: Fowl play.

Q: What kind of music did the Pilgrims like to listen to?

A: Plymouth Rock.

Q: Who is never hungry on Thanksgiving?

A: The turkey because he's already stuffed!

Q: What's the most musical part of a turkey?

A: The drumstick.

Q: Why do turkeys lay eggs?

A: Because if they dropped them, they would break!

Q: Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building?

A: Of course – buildings can't jump at all.

*Betty*

# See's CANDIES®

## 2023 Winter Fundraising



**Assorted Chocolates**  
Milk and dark decadence.  
Delivered in seasonal wrap.  
1 lb \$29.00 #550318  
2 lb \$55.00 #550319



**Milk Chocolates**  
Pure milk chocolate goodness.  
Delivered in seasonal wrap.  
1 lb \$29.00 #550326



**Dark Chocolates**  
A taste of cacao in every bite.  
Delivered in seasonal wrap.  
1 lb \$29.00 #550330



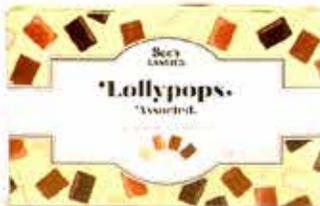
**Nuts & Chews**  
Yummy, crunchy and chewy.  
Delivered in seasonal wrap.  
1 lb \$29.00 #550334  
2 lb \$55.00 #550335



**Truffles**  
Wonderfully decadent and rich.  
1 lb \$32.00 #500902



**Toffee-ettes®**  
Crunchy toffee, milk chocolate & almonds.  
1 lb \$29.00 #500316



**Assorted Lollipops**  
Vanilla, Butterscotch, Café Latte & Chocolate.  
Approximately 30 lollipops.  
1 lb 5 oz \$28.50 #500296



**Peanut Brittle**  
Buttery, crunchy and irresistible.  
1 lb 8 oz \$29.00 #500355



**Dashing Delivery Box**  
The ultimate stocking stuffer.  
3.5 oz \$11.00 #506944



**Silver Assorted**  
An assortment that shines on its own.  
8 oz \$16.50 #500474



**Assorted Peppermints**  
Creamy mint treats in milk & dark chocolate.  
8 oz \$14.50 #500358



**Assorted Molasses Chips**  
Crispy wafers covered in milk & dark chocolate.  
8 oz \$14.50 #500360



**Merry Moose Box**  
An irresistible treat.  
3.5 oz \$11.00 #506946



# ACTIVITIES

Tap into the Fun!

New faces, and used ones, are always welcomed.

Join Us!

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, November 16<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, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. December meeting date not set. Book info on page 5. Contact Kathleen Doty for more information.

Evening Books will meet Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. December meeting date not set. Book info on page 5. Contact Deanna Arthur for more information.



Every Member Event: Hope to see you at the branch meetings on November 11<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>. 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, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for a cold reading of the play of the month. Play info on page 6. 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 November 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jane Anderson for more information.

Contact Deanna Arthur for information regarding Restaurant Gourmets.



Creative Crafters will gather via Zoom on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm. Next meeting: 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#.XzMUWd-Vc6bo) (https://my.lwv.org/california/pasadena/article/zoom-tips#.XzMUWd-Vc6bo.gmail)

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Our MeetUp.com page is

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

Our Facebook page is

[AAUW-Alhambra-San-Gabriel-Branch](#)