



AAUW
Alhambra-San Gabriel (CA) Branch

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The Mission Gateway

President's Message



Marilee Wood

Welcome to the beginning of our 2024-2025 Year! New opportunities await us as we move forward with exciting programs which move us closer to our vision of Equity for All.

Let me begin by welcoming Cyndy Ramos as our new Treasurer. She will be handling the position as the new Chair and we are happy to

welcome her to our Board of Directors.

We are experiencing new nationwide energy in the direction of Women's Rights and Equality and it is exciting to see the outpouring of support for this cause. This is going to be an eventful Fall 2024 as we move closer to making visible our Mission, Vision and Values. The fight for women's rights is at a critical junction.

My personal vision continues to Inspire and Embrace our Audience, Embolden our commitment to improve our community and Initiate pathways for student achievement in the sciences and math.

DEI, under the direction of Janice Lee, will be proposing a new Branch project, which will be educational and enlightening. Colonel Wayne Scott will present Women in the Military, with a focus on women jet fighter pilots.

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Membership Meeting
September 21, 2024
Noon to 2:00 pm
Doors open at 11:45 am



Luncheon

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

Place: First United Methodist Church of San Gabriel
201 N. San Gabriel Blvd.
San Gabriel, CA 91775

Deadline to register: September 13th

Name: _____

Cost: \$15.00 [Subway box lunch]

____ Check enclosed sandwich choice:
____ Will pay at the door Turkey ____
 Tuna ____
 Vegetarian ____

Send to: Cyndy Ramos

Email: ramoscindy12@gmail.com

Address: 1749 La Senda Pl.

South Pasadena, CA 91803

Marilee Wood, President • Betty Morin, Secretary • Cyndy Ramos, Treasurer • Kathleen Doty, Newsletter Editor
Deanna Arthur and Lovey Sherman, Co-Program VP • Jane Anderson, 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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President's Message...

Colonel Scott trained many young women and is eagerly looking forward to sharing the talents and outstanding performance of these women.

Our Branch Programs continue with Author's Luncheon, Alhambra-San Gabriel/ELAC Scholarship, Colorful Stories, La Casa Community Center, Speech Trek, Tech Trek, and Propositions.

The fight continues for the Title IX changes, which were effective August 1st. The employment laws; an expanded definition for Sexual Based Harassment, Discrimination of LGBTQ, and Pregnancy and Gender Identity are being challenged. States are refusing to implement them and the Congressional Review Act is challenging them. Equity does not come without trouble.

We are excited that three bills on our CA 2024 legislative agenda have been signed; AB 1995, AB 1790, and AB 2608. Hooray! Look to Public Policy for an in-depth explanation of each bill. Also, look to "Sign" the petition in support of AB 2326.

We can be proud of our programs that support AAUW-CA and AAUW National in Washington, D.C. Our programs will grow with the ongoing donations from you, our members, and our community friends.

Be sure to stay current with your Mission Gateway. What catches your attention and where would you like to be involved?

Thank you for all you do on behalf of women and girls and Equity for All.

Marilee

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.

Membership Corner

There are friends, there is family, and then there are friends that become family; that is our Alhambra/San Gabriel AAUW branch. Our Mix & Mingle event was successful. We mingled, ate, sipped wine, shared memories and made some new ones. I look forward to our 2024-2025 year creating even more memorable events together. If any of you have membership suggestions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Veronica



Liz (L) and Dolores (R)



L-R
Delora, Cheryl,
Pratima, and
Jeanne



L-R
Deanna, Kathleen,
Delora, and
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

Information is coming on opportunities to learn from AAUW Fellows studying in California. In the meantime, we will continue raising \$\$\$ for the Fund with chances to win a Gourmet Gala with Kathleen and Her Sister - check it out below!

Jane A.

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 10th (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 19, 2025**. 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.



Drama

Drama gatherings are be on the 2nd Monday of each month. Our first play will be October 14th. Contact Kathleen Doty for more information.



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 12 girls participate and Tech Trek North had 4 girls participate, 12 girls attended Whittier College for a week 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/STEAM fields. A few of the campers wrote in their thank you letters that they "learned to be brave, not perfect."

The September AAUW membership meeting will be highlighting the girls' experiences at the Tech Trek camps. The date is Saturday, September 21st. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. [see page 1 to register]

Tech Trek 2024 facts from Dr. Mimi Issac, AAUW CA Tech Trek Program Director:

- We held eight in-person camps at seven sites (Whittier had two weeks)
- 727 campers completed in-person, 57 completed virtual.
- 105 of 109 branches who normally do Tech Trek participated across the state.
- We had an average of six volunteers for every ten campers during the season, maybe more!

Both TT South and TT North will begin in the fall with fundraising activities. Then the recruitment and selection process will follow for the 2025 Tech Trek program. This will be the 27th year of Tech Trek, amazing, isn't it?

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

Jane Krause
Tech Trek South Program Coordinator

BOOKS

Day Books will meet Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. to review our summer reading and select books for the coming months. Contact Kathleen Doty for more information.

Evening Books will gather September 23, 2024 to discuss our summer reads and plan for the coming year. Contact Deanna Arthur for more information.

SEPTEMBER 2024 PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

Amy Hom and Melissa Maceyko, *Directors, Public Policy Committee Co-chairs*, publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org

PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES AND THE ELECTIONS

Welcome to another presidential election year in the United States! We have you covered with **All The Resources**.

During the current election cycle, the Public Policy Committee will be putting out a series of election resources. As part of these resources, we will highlight some AAUW California Public Policy Priorities (PPPs) that are rising as central issues in the upcoming election and give you the tools to do your own candidate assessments.

The first PPP we highlighted is Title IX Protections; see the August issue of [Public Policy News](#) for more information.

Although the 2024 legislative session won't end until this fall, the governor has already started to sign bills. We are excited to let you know that **three bills on our agenda have already been signed, AB 1955, AB1790, and AB2608. Hooray!**

AB 1955 will prohibit school districts from requiring staff to notify parents if a student uses a different name or pronouns or identifies as a different gender than what is on their birth certificate. California is the first state in the nation to ban forced outings of transgender students.

AB 1790 will strengthen protections against sexual assault and harassment at California State University (CSU) campuses by requiring two reports from CSU on the status of their implementation of the State Auditor recommendations.

AB 2608 will require the California Community Colleges and the CSUs, and request the University of California, to provide educational and preventive information on sexual violence and harassment, including how to recognize if someone is at risk of drug-facilitated sexual assault.

A school board candidate questionnaire is now available, courtesy of the AAUW Fallbrook Branch. This is an excellent vetting tool. If a candidate approaches you for an endorsement or other support, ask them to complete this [questionnaire](#), which also can be found on the Public Policy website in the School Project toolkit.

Bonus: Quick Tips for Things to Try

Learn how to reduce polarization through talk. Check out [THIS GUIDE](#), written by Missy, to learn more about how you might approach difficult conversations during election season.



Liz Tarnove
Public Policy Chair

NEW THIS YEAR: BRANCH SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

In this September 2024 issue of the *Mission Gateway Branch Newsletter*—a new column will shine light on our member-to-member relationships. The Branch is currently assembling a **Sunshine Committee** to connect us by sharing our Life Events & Updates with each other. How will it work?

It will only take One (1) Member—YOU—to share a **Life Event & Update**. Contact **Sunshine Chair Gerry Kreger** by phone, text or email. If you wish, designate a Friend to contact Gerry.

Life Events & Updates can include:

1. Acknowledgement of Life Transitions—the births, marriages and deaths among us
2. Members who are experiencing particular health issues, or are hospitalized
3. Announcement of a Personal or Family Achievement or Celebration
4. Notice of a Specific Personal or Family Need
5. Change of contact information, etc.

CALL FOR Sunshine Committee Members

Are you interested in getting to know other members? Would you like to write out greeting cards and post them via US Mail? Occasionally text or phone other members? PLEASE get in touch now if interested. With your help, our committee can radiate Branch Sunshine among us.

Note: Gerry is currently in Eastern Europe, returning mid-September.

In the meantime, to share YOUR Life Event & Update please contact **Elena Velarde** (text: 213-304-7403; or email la.elenalove@gmail.com).

Also, please contact Elena if you would like further information on participating in the Sunshine Committee, and to share your interest/ideas.

LIFE EVENTS & UPDATES OVER THE SUMMER OF 2024

On behalf of the Alhambra San Gabriel Branch, Gerry & Elena monitored and conveyed cards to the following Members:

Dolores Seidman on the passing of her Beloved Husband *Charles Norman Stevens*

Marian Hallin on the convalescence of her Husband *Jack Hallin*

Bonnie Gonzalez on the convalescence of her Husband *Charles “Chuck” Gonzalez*

Diane Askew on her health journey

Lyda Chee on her convalescence following hospitalization

Please pardon us if we have missed you. We hope that this coming program year, we will all keep in touch and share our Life Events and Updates with one another as best we can.

Gerry & Elena

ACTIVITIES

Tap into the Fun!

New faces, and used ones, are always welcomed.

Join Us!

Board Meeting Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 PM at the home of Kathleen Doty, 1224 S 4th St, Alhambra. (Note *change of day* due to Labor Day Holiday.) Socialize at 6:45 PM. Open to all members.

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 18th at 1:00 PM. Contact Kathleen Doty.

Evening Books will meet Monday, September 23rd. Contact Deanna Arthur for more information.



Every Member Event: Hope to see you at the branch meeting on September 21st 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 TBD. Contact Jane Anderson for more information.

Restaurant Gourmets Saturday, September 21st, 6:00 pm. A place has not been selected 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 4th, October 2nd, and November 6th. 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.



Please donate to the Alhambra-San Gabriel-ELAC STEM Scholarship Fund.

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 Communities and our student's success.

For more information and to donate online, please visit www.elacfoundation.com and indicate that your donation is earmarked for the AAUW Alhambra/San Gabriel Scholarship. **OR...**

Mail In Donations: Please make checks payable to East Los Angeles College Foundation. Write in the memo line "For AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Scholarship" and mail the check to: East Los Angeles College Foundation, 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park, CA 91754

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Our MeetUp.com page is

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Our Facebook page is

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