



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

The Mission Gateway



“Well-behaved women seldom make history”

... In 1976, Laurel Thatcher Ulrich wrote this line in an article, and ultimately, it has become a call to action.

Join us for an informal evening presentation on the AAUW/ DEI initiative (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion), a discussion panel on personal DEI experiences, including Ms. Irma Moyao, a 1994 immigrant from Mexico and a brainstorming session on how our branch can make an impact in our community.

Let’s make some history, feisty and well-behaved members of Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch! It will be an eye-opening, fun, and informative evening! You will want to participate!

See you there!

Janice Lee, DEI Chairperson

Date: November 19, 2021

Time: 7 PM

Location: Kathleen Doty’s home,
1224 S. Fourth St., Alhambra, CA 91801

RSVP: by November 15, 2024
to Janice: 323-687-3269

Holiday Extravaganza

Friendship Hall

San Gabriel First United Methodist Church

Monday, December 2nd

Holiday Boutique 6:30-7:15 PM

Sponsored by the Creative Crafters

Proceeds to go to Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Scholarship, administered by the ELAC Foundation

Reader’s Theater Performance of “A Christmas Carol”

7:15 PM

A change of pace from our usual, annual Holiday Program. A few of our branch members will be reading a “modified kid’s” version of A Christmas Carol approximately 20 minutes in length.

Come one, Come all!

Audience participation, prizes, snacks, handcrafted gifts, and more!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Fondly, The Cast: Veronica Alvarez, Rozanne Child, Joe DeBarres, Kathleen Doty, Jackie Fisher, Jane Krause, Elena Velarde, Pat Naratomi, Marilee Wood, Imelda Valencia and Betty Morin.

Can’t wait to kick off the holidays with AAUW Friends!

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Marilee Wood

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes to each of you!

Remember: Voting is how we make ourselves heard!

This season, we face a troubling setback: unfortunately, the gender pay gap has widened. Women working full-time now earn just 83% of what men earn – a decline from last year's 84%. This amounts to a loss of \$11,550 annually for each full-time working woman. While there have been gains in real earnings for both men and women, women, especially women of color, continue to be pushed into lower wage jobs.

This pay gap hurts us, our families, and our communities. The pay gap should be shrinking, not growing. We must address the systemic barriers that keep women from earning their fair share – like the lack of paid leave, affordable childcare, and strong pay equity laws.

On Monday, October 21, 2024 during a zoom meeting at 7 p.m., Nancy Mahr, from the League of Women Voters and AAUW-CA's Public Policy Committee, gave a very informative presentation on the propositions. This information should help guide you in understanding and making informed decisions as you vote. Tech Trekker North, Bella Saavedra, joined us and shared her exciting camp experiences.

We are looking forward to a special DEI Panel Discussion, a bonus meeting, to take place on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 – location is at Kathleen's, 1224 S. Fourth St., Alhambra. This discussion is following the lead of the newly minted DEI Strategic Plan authored by AAUW-CA. You won't want to miss this event!

Also, mark your calendars for our **December Membership Holiday Program on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 7 p.m.** This will be held at **First United Methodist Church, San Gabriel.** It's always a fun event and it will be exciting to see what our Program Chairs and committee have planned for us. We will be inviting our most recent Tech Trek Campers and their families to join us. There will be holiday camaraderie, entertainment, refreshments and door prizes. Creative Crafters will have a booth of hand-made items for sale. The money will be donated to the branch scholarship at ELAC. Be prepared to find wonderful stocking stuffers and special hand-made gifts for the holidays!

We are looking forward to our 24-25 Branch Electronic Directory. Thank you, again, Liz Tarnove for your persistent, diligent and generous work. Keep in touch with Liz if your contact information changes. Please let Kathleen know if you want a paper copy this year.

2025 Planning – Save the Date: AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch's Author's Luncheon. January 18, 2025, 12:00pm – 2:00pm at First United Methodist Church, San Gabriel.

Marilee

Membership Corner

AAUW Fund

As this year comes to an end, and this is the last article until the new year, my thoughts are to put together a membership drive sometime before spring. My goal is to get at least 30 new members. Is it possible? Yes! Can we do it? Yes! If each of our current members bring one (1) guest, we can achieve the goal. I look forward to putting an event together that will be both entertaining and focus oriented on the wonderful programs our branch offers its members.

Veronica

Now that the end of the year is coming at us fast, you can, perhaps, begin to think about your year-end giving. You might consider a donation to the AAUW Fund! It is easy to do! Just go to <https://www.aauw.org/> and click on the DONATE button in the upper right.

In January we will have a sale!! Please bring unwanted gifts or treasures from home to sell at an AAUW Fund table.

You might also consider buying a chance(s) for a Gourmet Gala with Kathleen and her sister Ruth!!

Happy End of the Year Giving!

Jane

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@sbcglobal.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.



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.

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.

NOVEMBER 2024 PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

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

2024 ELECTIONS: GET READY TO VOTE!

The highest rate of voter turnout in a national election since 1900 was in 2020. [This rate was 66%](#), or about two-thirds of the voting-eligible population. In every election cycle, it is important to make sure that we all know the mechanics of voting, as well as the issues that are at stake in the election--to exercise our own right to weigh the facts and cast our vote and to ensure that others are able to seamlessly do the same.

Knowing California-specific information about how to **register voters, check voter registration, direct voters to voting locations, answer questions about ballots, dispel misinformation, and have conversations across differences** are all part of an impactful Get Out the Vote (GOTV) effort.

Voting Dates and Deadlines 2024:

October 7. Vote-by-Mail (VBM) Ballots are sent to registered voters.

October 8. Ballot drop-off locations (official drop boxes) become available.

October 12. Check with your county elections office if you have checked that your voter registration details are correct but do not yet have a VBM ballot.

October 21. Most voter registration closes (but you can still register in person on election day).

October 26. Vote Centers open for early in-person voting and VBM drop-off in select counties.

October 29.* Last day to request a replacement VBM ballot (if you make a mistake) in certain counties (e.g. LA). Check with your county elections office.

November 5. Election Day! VBM ballots must be postmarked by today or dropped off at a Vote Center by 8 pm.

November 12. VBM ballots must be received to be counted.

To help GOTV in 2024, brush up on your existing knowledge of voting mechanics in California, important issues, and GOTV outreach--and hopefully, learn something new--by watching *Getting Out the Vote in a Polarized World*. This 60-minute webinar was recorded on September 23rd. The webinar recording and the slides, which include a full index of resource links, can be accessed [HERE](#).

To get you started, we have included a helpful list of important dates for voting in California (above). As you plan your own GOTV efforts, please also watch for weekly emails from AAUW California that ask you to help GOTV by sharing information about the election with your friends, family, and peers via word of mouth and social media. If you want to receive additional GOTV messages each week until the election, please sign up [HERE](#).

Thank you and good luck getting out the vote in 2024!

Public Policy Priorities and the Election:

Student Loan Debt

In order to give you the tools to do your own candidate assessments, we are offering the third (and final) in a series of election resources. These resources highlight AAUW California Public Policy Priorities (PPPs) that are rising as central issues in the upcoming election. See the October issue of [Public Policy News](#) for more information.

Be On The Lookout!

As our election coverage has shown, our Public Policy Priorities (PPPs) are VERY important for shaping how we take positions and advance legislation. Be on the lookout in November for our biannual survey through which YOU tell US your thoughts on our current PPPs--and make suggestions for additions and changes.

Liz



TWIG-ITEMS FROM THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

AAUW ALHAMBRA-SAN GABRIEL BRANCH

ALSO SERVING: MONTEREY PARK, MONTEBELLO, SO PASADENA, ROSEMEAD, TEMPLE CITY & SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Imagine AAUW is our TREE & NETWORK.

Alhambra-San Gabriel & Surrounding Communities represent our BRANCH on this TREE.

Our Members symbolize the intricate Networking of LEAFY TWIGS on this BRANCH.

The LEAFY TWIGS on the BRANCH of the TREE are **US** & **WE** are all part of this Glorious **NETWORK**.

TWIG-ITEMS are Articles about matters that have to do with US—Branch Members of AAUW!

TWIG-ITEMS in *Mission Gateway* will inform US of EACH OTHERS' Life Events and Updates.

It only takes One (1) Member—YOU—to share a **Life Event & Update**.

Contact **Sunshine Chair Gerry Kreger** by phone, text or email. Call or text Gerry at 818-314-9191.

Email Gerry at gerrykreger@gmail.com

TWIG-ITEMS for November/December 2024:

- **Mary Smeritschnig** lost her wallet. Church Members at FUMC-SG found it while moving chairs! Hurray!
- **Gerry Kreger** caught COVID returning to LA from Eastern Europe; developed pneumonia & was hospitalized. She is now OKAY.
- **Virginia Orenos's** displaced shoulder is much improved, and Virginia will be returning to Branch Membership.
- Congratulations and Welcome! **Angie Gamboa** has volunteered to join the Branch/ELAC Scholarship Committee.
- **Joe Des Barres** delivered the League of Women Voters Presentation on the Ballot Propositions to the Arcadia Newcomers Club.
- **Joe & Elena** drove **Herman Velarde's** 2012 Honda to Herm's son in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Car now has turquoise NM license plates.
- **Lyda Chee** is home and recuperating from her second stay in the hospital.
- After almost 60 years as an AAUW-CA Member, **Delora Brown** is moving to Nevada! It's long been a dream of hers to re-join her family in Reno, and this year a great opportunity presented itself! So, she is readying for yet another new adventure beginning mid-November. Delora has always been a steadfast proponent of AAUW's Mission and admits she will miss it being foremost in her life. In California she has made wonderful lifelong friends who have become her bonus family! Delora intends to write to us in the January Mission Gateway. She'll share in more detail some peak experiences and favorite memories along her AAUW Journey. By January, she'll be more settled in, send her home address and share what she is discovering in Reno. In the meantime, phone/email will remain the same, so keep in touch with Delora—as she will do with us. Congratulations from the Branch, D. We miss you already!

KUDOS to all Members who reached out to share a **TWIG-ITEM**: Deanna Arthur, Rozanne Child, Gerry Kreger, Betty Morín, Elena Velarde

Branch Members: Please keep the TWIG-ITEMS coming!

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Creative Crafters will be raising money for the ELAC AAUW Alhambra San Gabriel Scholarship fund by selling a limited edition of hand-crafted items before the membership meeting – December 2nd beginning at 6:30 pm.

Please bring cash or checks payable to *East Los Angeles College Foundation* to purchase items.

Jane Krause



Tech Trek is slowing down right now – we had a great membership luncheon in September with many of girls sharing their experiences of either residential camp or virtual camp.

Both TT South and TT North are beginning slowly to get ready for the 2025 recruitment process that will begin in January. Fundraising is our goal at the moment. If you are interested in making an end of the year donation to either TT South or TT North – contact Jane Krause or Rozanne Child for details.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families

Jane Krause
TT South coordinator

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

Drama

Drama group will gather November 11th at 7:00 p.m. to read The Diary of Anne Frank dramatized by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett.



Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett's acclaimed stage adaptation of Anne Frank's World War II diary won the 1956 Pulitzer Prize, Tony Award, and Critics Circle Award. It ran on Broadway from 1955 to 1957 and was also adapted into a feature film. (5 men/5 women)

In December, Drama Group will gather on the 9th at 7:00 p.m. to read The Unvarnished Truth by Royce Ryton



Tom and Annabel are a reasonably happy married couple. One evening they have an argument as to who loves the other most. A rough and tumble ensues, and Tom discovers to his horror that Annabel is dead. So starts a hectic evening of black farce, which also involves a policeman and Tom's literary agent. It seems no woman can enter the house without rapidly becoming deceased.

Annabel's mother and Tom's appalling landlady follow and disposal of bodies becomes an acute problem. The arrival of a grim police inspector complicates matters until a further corpse involves him too. (4 women, 4 men).

BOOKS

November

Day Books will meet Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Evening Books will gather Monday, November 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Both will be reviewing *A Week In Winter* by Maeve Binchy.



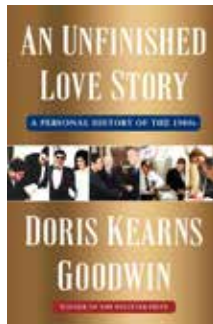
Stoneybridge is a small town on the west coast of Ireland where all the families know one another. When Chicky Starr decides to take an old, decaying mansion set high on the cliffs overlooking the windswept Atlantic Ocean and turn it into a restful place for a holiday by the sea, everyone thinks she is crazy. Helped by Rigger (a bad boy turned good who is handy around the house) and Orla, her niece (a whiz at business), Chicky is finally ready to welcome the first guests to Stone House's big warm kitchen, log fires, and understated elegant bedrooms. John, the American movie star, thinks he has arrived incognito; Winnie and Lillian are forced into taking a holiday together; Nicola and Henry, husband and wife, have been shaken by seeing too much death practicing medicine; Anders hates his father's business, but has a real talent for music; Miss Nell Howe, a retired schoolteacher, criticizes everything and leaves a day early, much to everyone's relief; the Walls are disappointed to have won this second-prize holiday in a contest where first prize was Paris; and Freda, the librarian, is afraid of her own psychic visions.

December

Day Books may meet Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. (Actual date to be determined.)

Evening Books meeting date in December has not been set.

Both will be reviewing *An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s* by Doris Kearns Goodwin.



Dick and Doris Goodwin were married for forty-two years and married to American history even longer. In his twenties, Dick was one of the brilliant young men of John F. Kennedy's New Frontier. In his thirties he both named and helped design Lyndon Johnson's Great Society and was a speechwriter and close advisor to Robert Kennedy.

Doris Kearns was a twenty-four-year-old graduate student when selected as a White House Fellow. She worked directly for Lyndon Johnson and later assisted on his memoir.

Over the years, with humor, anger, frustration, and in the end, a growing understanding, Dick and Doris had argued over the achievements and failings of the leaders they served and observed, debating the progress and unfinished promises of the country they both loved.

The Goodwins' last great adventure involved finally opening the more than three hundred boxes of letters, diaries, documents, and memorabilia that Dick had saved for more than fifty years. They soon realized they had before them an unparalleled personal time capsule of the 1960s, illuminating public and private moments of a decade when individuals were powered by the conviction they could make a difference; a time, like today, marked by struggles for racial and economic justice, a time when lines were drawn and loyalties tested.

Their expedition gave Dick's last years renewed purpose and determination. It gave Doris the opportunity to connect and reconnect with participants and witnesses of pivotal moments of the 1960s. And it gave them both an opportunity to make fresh assessments of the central figures of the time—John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., Robert Kennedy, Eugene McCarthy, and especially Lyndon Johnson, who greatly impacted both their lives. The voyage of remembrance brought unexpected discoveries, forgiveness, and the renewal of old dreams, reviving the hope that the youth of today will carry forward this unfinished love story with America.

ACTIVITIES

Tap into the Fun!

New faces, and used ones, are always welcomed.

Join Us!

Board Meeting - November 4, 2024, 7:00 PM, via Zoom. The host will open Zoom at 6:45 PM. Open to all members.

Meetup - None scheduled for November. Call Veronica or Deanna for December information..



Day Books will meet Wednesday, November 20th at 1:00 PM at Kathleen Doty's home. December meeting date not set. Book info on page 7. Contact Kathleen Doty for more information.

Evening Books will meet Monday, November 25th at 7:00 PM at Kathleen Doty's home. December meeting date not set. Book info on page 7. Contact Deanna Arthur for more information.



Every Member Event: Hope to see you at the branch meetings on November 19th and December 2nd. 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 the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month. Silly, serious, intellectually challenging. Contact Kathleen Doty for access code.



Drama: Join us on Monday, November 11th and December 9th 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.



Professional Women Gourmets will gather on November 2nd at 11:30 AM at Kathleen's Restaurant in Pasadena. Contact Jane Anderson for more information.

Restaurant Gourmets are gathering November 16th and December 28th. Locations to be determined. Contact Deanna Arthur for details.



Creative Crafters will gather via Zoom on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm. Next meetings: November 6th and December 4th. 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.



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.

Our branch email address is

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Our branch website is

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](#)