



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

# The Mission Gateway

## Author's Luncheon

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Noon

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

**Kyoko Nancy Oda**

author of Tule Lake Stockade Diary

We are excited to invite Kyoko Nancy Oda, as our speaker for the January 18, 2025 Authors Luncheon. She will introduce her translation of her grandfather's journal, Tule Lake Stockade Diary, when he was incarcerated at Tule Lake Camp during WWII. The following description was written by the author. I could not choose any more eloquent words than these:

“My story is part of the American fabric that many of us have. Growing up with a diverse group of neighbors on Folsom St. in ELA impacted my world vision. I never experienced any problems going from a concentration camp to Maryknoll School to Garfield. Yes, I'm a bulldog. When the Belvedere Citizen newspaper wanted to interview my father and mother, they were reluctant. I begged them to tell their feelings about Pearl Harbor, since that was the topic, from a Japanese American point of view.



I was AP at Haddon Avenue School in Pacoima and deeply believed in my Title 1 students who meant the world to me. Tangee Mason\* was the principal. We were 50 years old then.

The book became a family project in 2020 although I began to translate it in 1970 for a class assignment at UCLA. This year, my grandchildren came to the Tule Lake pilgrimage with the family.”

This should be a *very* informative meeting. The reservation form for lunch is below.

\*Lorraine (Tangee) Mason is one of our AAUW branch members and will introduce Kyoko.

Lunch menu is Diane Salad and zucchini bread with cookies for dessert.

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ lunch(es) at \$15.00 each                      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Send reservations, by **1/14/25**, to Deanna Arthur, 1608 S. Atlantic Blvd., Alhambra, 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.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Marilee Wood

## Happy New Year! 2025

Reverence for the Past  
Advocacy for the Future

In nineteenth-century America, entomologist Margaretta Hare Morris was famous for her discovery that cicada Larvae feasted on the roots of trees, her controversial theories about wheat flies, and her observations of water beetles transporting fish eggs from lake to lake. Her sister, Elizabeth Carrington Morris, was a prolific science writer and a trusted supplier of specimens to the country's leading experts. Yet Margaretta and Elizabeth – like the many other women who labored alongside them – are little known today.

Despite their discoveries and contributions, the sisters routinely found themselves patronized and dismissed by their male colleagues. But their work nevertheless helped fuel the growth of science in antebellum America as it increasingly became the domain of institutions and professionals rather than amateurs and enthusiasts. Ironically, these developments pushed women in science into underpaid and underappreciated roles for generations to follow, erasing the Morris sisters' legacy along the way.

Later in her career, Margaretta would be one of the first women elected to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and she and Elizabeth were in conversation with Charles Darwin, Asa Gray, Louis Agassiz, and other major scientists who benefited from their discoveries. The path to that hard won recognition began with those tiny wheat flies.

***Our strength comes from our collective voice, and together we will continue the work to support women's education and economic empowerment.***

\* \* \*

Our December Holiday Celebration and Holiday Craft Fair was a delightful success! Betty Morin directed an engaging rendition, with the Cast and Crew, of *A Christmas Carol* and Theresa Jolley led us in a Christmas "Sing Along" to start us off in the holiday spirit. There were fun games and prizes and the Holiday Craft Fair proceeds were donated to the ELAC Scholarship Fund.

Please be sure to join us on January 18, 2025 at 12 p.m. for our Author's Luncheon. We will welcome Kyoko Oda as our guest speaker. Details are included in this newsletter.

*Marilee*

### *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 Fund

2024 wouldn't have been the same without each and every one of you. We are grateful for our friendship and unbelievably excited to see what 2025 has planned for us.

Here is to 2025, may it bring joy, prosperity and MEMBERSHIP to our AAUW family.

Please join us at our meet up first meet up of the year on February 13, at 6:00 p.m. at Limericks Tavern, located at 300 W. Main Street, #110. Everyone is welcome to join us. Bring a friend.

*Veronica*

Holiday resale deal! Donate your unwanted gifts to the branch at our January meeting. You may find something you really WANT that another member doesn't! Purchasing others' unwanted gifts will benefit the AAUW Fund too! Don't miss out on the **Fun for the Fund!!**

And don't forget to purchase your chance to win a gourmet meal from Kathleen and Her Sister!

*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 10<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 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.



### SAVE THE DATE!!

Speech Trek 2025

February 1, 2025

2:00 PM

Friends Room

Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library

318 S. Ramona Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754

We are looking forward to an exciting competition between local high school students on the topic: **Select one area of impact and explore the effect climate change is having on women in the USA and around the world.**

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.

# JANUARY 2025 PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

Amy Hom and Melissa Maceyko, *Directors, Public Policy Committee Co-chairs*, [publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org)

## SELF CARE IS A POLITICAL ACT

Looking forward to the New Year

We would like to take this moment to wish you a happy holiday season and to extend our deepest gratitude for your hard work, passion, and commitment to advancing gender equity and improving the lives of women and girls.

With the looming post-election threat of an uptick in policies and enforcement actions that run counter to our core values, including the promise to advance Project 2025, many of you may be feeling a range of emotions, including exhaustion, anxiety, fear, and despair. Please take time during this holiday season to practice self-care--as [Audre Lorde teaches us, this is, indeed, a political act](#). Unplug if you have to, spend time with your loved ones, and recharge so that we can continue to work together to advance and protect the communities that we care about.

When you feel ready to take action, we are here to support you. We will have opportunities on the ground, including via Lobby Days and the School Board Project. We will have opportunities within our organization, including through solidifying and expanding our Public Policy Priorities. And we will continue to build new opportunities, including through partnering with organizations and individuals that share our priorities. We are gathering resources, projects, and outlets that will streamline our collective efforts. With this in mind, we wish you all the best. Warm wishes for a peaceful holiday and a resolute New Year.

In Solidarity, Missy and Amy

## LOBBY DAYS 2025 - SAVE THE DATE!

Get ready to advance legislation that makes a difference! This spring, the AAUW California 2025 Lobby Days event will be held over two days: an in-person meeting day at the State Capitol on Tuesday, April 8th, and a virtual meeting day over Zoom on Wednesday, April 9th. A registration form will arrive in your inbox in early January. For more details about the event, see the December issue of Public Policy News [HERE](#).

## JOIN THESE UPCOMING VIRTUAL MEETINGS!

*AAUW Priorities in Light of the Election Results* featuring Meghan Kissell, AAUW Senior Director of Policy and Member Advocacy. The meeting is hosted by AAUW Silicon Valley and will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, from 4-5 pm. You can register [HERE](#).

*2024 Revisions to Title IX: How they Impact AAUW Values and Public Policy Priorities* by Kathi Harper, member of the Public Policy Committee and chair of the School Board Project. The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025, from 3-4 pm. Register [HERE](#).

## B2B Bonus: Quick Tips for Things to Try

Some branches have reported that some local colleges are refusing to post scholarships to their portal because the scholarships are limited to individuals who identify as women. See the December issue of Public Policy News [HERE](#) for an article that explains how scholarships that seek to target protected groups to overcome historical forms of marginalization have become a target in the larger attack against DEI.

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.

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

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

The LEAFY TWIGS on the BRANCH of the TREE are **US**. And **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* 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](mailto:gerrykreger@gmail.com)

### **TWIG-ITEMS for January 2025:**

- **Lyda Chee** is strictly following doctors' protocols at home to strengthen her legs and improve her balance. She misses us, and we miss her!
- **Gerry Kreger** was readmitted to the hospital with serious pneumonia. She's been released and is now on 24/7 Oxygen treatment.
- **Virginia Orenos** is improved and will be rejoining us as soon as she is at full capacity.
- Hats Off to the Holiday Program! **Betty Morin's Brave Resilient Women Readers Theatre Players + Lovey Sherman + Jackie Fisher**; The BRW Production of "A Christmas Carol;" and To **Jane Krause** for coordinating our **Creative Crafters Arts & Crafts Boutique**.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE COOKIE BAKERS AND SECRET SANTA ELVES who provided the Festive Refreshment Table & Decaf Coffee!!!**

- **Joe Des Barres**, Alh-SG Br/ELAC Scholarship Chair delivered **Branch Tribute Checks In Honor of Delora Brown** to ELAC Scholarship Foundation.
- **Betty Morin** donated the proceeds from the **Creative Crafters Arts & Crafts Boutique** to the Alh-SG Br/ELAC Scholarship Fund of the ELAC Scholarship Foundation.
- **Deanna Arthur** with **Charmen Gohring\*** shared fascinating Facebook photos of their journey through Spain's capitals and landmarks. (\*Charmen is AAUW State President, a near and dear Alh-SG Branch Friend.)
- **Dolora Brown** is now residing in Reno, Nevada! Write to her at: 525 Court St., Unit C102, Reno, NV 89501; Phone her at (626) 688-1880.

KUDOS to Members who reached out to share a **TWIG-ITEM**: **Jane Anderson, Deanna Arthur, Rozanne Child, Joe Des Barres, Kathleen Doty, Gerry Kreger, Betty Morin, Elena Velarde**. **Branch Members: Please keep the TWIG-ITEMS coming!**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS—WHEREVER YOU MAY BE. A HAPPY NEW YEAR OF PEACE, HAPPINESS, HEALTH AND LOVE TO ALL. AS TINY TIM REMINDED US: GOD BLESS US ONE AND ALL!**

Gerry & Elena

# HONORING DELORA BROWN

Thank you to branch members for their contributions **In Honor of Delora Brown** to the AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Scholarship at East Los Angeles College (ELAC).

These contributions, coupled with funds raised at our Holiday Program's Creative Crafters Arts & Crafts Boutique have resulted in \$1000.00 added to our scholarship balance.

Any member still wishing to contribute to our scholarship fund and gain a deduction for Tax Year 2025 may do so by:

Sending a check payable to **East Los Angeles College Foundation**;

Writing in the memo Line—*AAUW Ath-SG Br Scholarship*.

Please US Mail to my address: Joe Des Barres, 4315 San Rafael Ave; Los Angeles, CA 90042.

Feel free to call me at 310-363-3457 if you have any questions.

This spring will see our STEM Scholarship Recipient receive a plaque honoring Delora along with a scholarship of \$1000.00.

Thank You for your generous, well-deserved Tribute to Delora. Delora will receive a matching plaque to commemorate this stunning event.

Thank you thus far to these members for their contributions **In Honor of Delora Brown**:

**Lyda F. Chee; Bonnie Gonzalez; Jane Krause; Betty Morín; Dolores Seidman; Elena Velarde and Jackie Fisher.**

Happy New Year!

Joe Des Barres, Chair

AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch/East Los Angeles College Scholarship Fund



Tech Trek Update January

Tech Trek North and Tech Trek South are gearing up for the 2025 camp season. Jane and I have made initial contacts with the schools and will follow up in January with specific instructions. TT North is sending 6 campers and TT South is sending 11 campers.

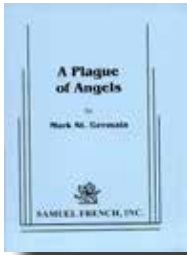
You might be interested in how campers are selected. Campers are recommended by the science or math teacher. Parents must give their authorization for their child to participate in Tech Trek before receiving any information from CampDocs. CampDocs is the online program that the campers use to apply for camp. As branch coordinators we have access to CampDocs so we can help the campers with the application process if something is missing or incomplete. When the campers have completed the application process they write an essay. Tech Trek North and South branch committee read the applications, teacher recommendations, and essays. The final step occurs when the committees interview and select the campers.

Thanks to branch members, and the generous donations of organizations who make Tech Trek available to our girls.

TT North Branch Coordinator  
Rozanne Child

# DRAMA

Drama group will gather January 13th at 7:00 p.m. to read A Plague of Angels by Mark St. Germain.



A Plague of Angels is a play depicting the story of Mary Mallon, better known as “Typhoid Mary” and her struggle with the Public Health system of New York City. It is an exploration of the clash between individual and public rights that continues in ethical issues of medicine today. (3m/3f)

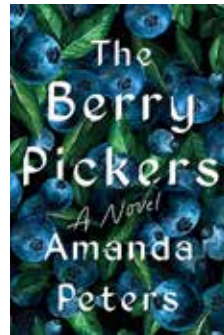
# BOOKS

Day Books will meet Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. to review The Patron Saint of Liars by Ann Patchett.



St. Elizabeth's, a home for unwed mothers in Habit, Kentucky, usually harbors its residents for only a little while. Not so Rose Clinton, a beautiful, mysterious woman who comes to the home pregnant but not unwed, and stays. She plans to give up her child, thinking she cannot be the mother it needs. But when Cecilia is born, Rose makes a place for herself and her daughter amid St. Elizabeth's extended family of nuns and an ever-changing collection of pregnant teenage girls. Rose's past won't be kept away, though, even by St. Elizabeth's; she cannot remain untouched by what she has left behind, even as she cannot change who she has become in the leaving.

Evening Books will gather Monday, January 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to review The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters.



July 1962. A Mi'kmaq family from Nova Scotia arrives in Maine to pick blueberries for the summer. Weeks later, four-year-old Ruthie, the family's youngest child, vanishes. She is last seen by her six-year-old brother, Joe, sitting on a favorite rock at the edge of a berry field. Joe will remain distraught by his sister's disappearance for years to come.

In Maine, a young girl named Norma grows up as the only child of an affluent family. Her father is emotionally distant, her mother frustratingly overprotective. Norma is often troubled by recurring dreams and visions that seem more like memories than imagination. As she grows older, Norma slowly comes to realize there is something her parents aren't telling her. Unwilling to abandon her intuition, she will spend decades trying to uncover this family secret.

LACIC January Meeting  
January 12, 2025  
2-4 PM via Zoom

Featuring  
Gloria Blackwell, AAUW CEO

Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89246630038?pwd=boO1aYaAaM6UJDayyKayJvyIOWwA2.1>

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



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For more information and to donate online, please visit [www.elacfoundation.com](http://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

# ACTIVITIES

Tap into the Fun!

New faces, and used ones, are always welcomed.  
Join Us!

Board Meeting - January 6, 2025, 7:00 PM, via Zoom. The host will open Zoom at 6:45 PM. Open to all members.

Meetup - None scheduled for January. Call Veronica or Deanna for February information.



Day Books will meet Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at Kathleen Doty's home. Book info on page 7. Contact Kathleen Doty for more information.

Evening Books will meet Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, location TBD. Book not chosen at press time. Contact Deanna Arthur for more information.



Every Member Event: Hope to see you at the branch meetings on January 18th and February 1st. 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 of each month. Silly, serious, intellectually challenging. Contact Kathleen Doty for access code.



Drama: Join us on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for a cold reading of the play of the month. Play info on page 7. For more information, contact Kathleen Doty.



Professional Women Gourmets will gather on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. Contact Jane Anderson for more information.

Restaurant Gourmets are gathering January 25, 2025 at Bella Sera, 422 S. Myrtle, Monrovia. Contact Deanna Arthur for details.



Creative Crafters will gather via Zoom on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm. Next meetings: January 8<sup>th</sup> (an exception), February 5<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>. Would you like to join us? For more information contact Jane Krause – [jkbldog517@gmail.com](mailto:jkbldog517@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](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](https://www.facebook.com/AAUW-Alhambra-San-Gabriel-Branch)