



THE TWIG

East San Gabriel Valley Branch, California
American Association of University Women

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President's Corner

Thank you one and all for making the STEM Tech Trek Ice Cream Social so successful, and for supporting the STEM Tech Trek girls' efforts to convey their enthusiasm and learning at the Summer Program. Once again, there were well over 40 ESGV members and over 40 family members in attendance. The donations placed in the envelopes totaled \$825.00 which covers the cost for one more 7th grade girl going to next year's STEM Tech Trek Summer Camp.

Hopefully, you are planning to be in attendance at the November 18th "Sisters In Crime" luncheon. Lunch will consist of a delicious buffet. This year, our forum has slightly changed. There will be four authors discussing their books and how they became writers, followed by Q & A. Each author will have books available to purchase. Karen Praeger has been sending out weekly "briefs" on each of the authors to give you a glimpse of what fun you are in for at the luncheon. If you need a ride to the event, phone Carrie Bass and let her know. If you are driving and have room for more, please phone Carrie Bass and let her know. (909) 468-1485.

It will not be too soon to start planning to attend ESGV Branch's annual Holiday Party on December 9th. Each year, we collect "Toys for Tots" to be delivered to the Fire Department for distribution to The "Needy Families Program". With that in mind, pick up toys to donate. Stick a pin in 12/9/2017 @ 12:00 to attend the Holiday Party Luncheon. (Reservation form on Page 3)

Lucille Wright,
Branch President



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Board Meeting — Saturday, November 11, 10:00 a.m. at Glenwood Townhomes Clubhouse, 1289 Tarryglen Lane, San Dimas. (This is the townhome complex where Ila Harris lives).

"Sisters in Crime" Author's Luncheon — Saturday, November 18, 11:30 a.m. Westminster Gardens, Duarte. (Details and reservation form on Page 5)

Interest Groups

Evening Books I — Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m. at Marie Callender's off the 10 freeway. Read *The Nest* by Cynthia Sweeney. For more details call Ruth Currie (951) 970-2582

Evening Books II — Wednesday, November 15, 7 p.m., Hillcrest Retirement Homes, Pinecrest Activity Room (1st floor), 2765 Mountain View Dr., La Verne. Read *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio and *Mama Makes Up Her Mind* by Bailey White. New members welcome! Contact: Judy Woodruff (626) 485-0418.

Daytime Books — Friday, November 10, 11 a.m. Meet at Marie Callender's, Azusa (corner of Route 66 and Barranca). Read *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Contact: Jody Mentzer (909) 599-6023.

Mystery Books — Tuesday, November 21, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara Hall. Read *Blood Defense* by Marcia Clark.

Bridge I — Monday, November 6, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Ruth Currie (909) 599-4260.

Bridge II — Tuesday, November 14, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Donna Mason. Call Donna at (909) 946-0115.

Bridge III (Beginning) — Thursday, November 16, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Carol Donahey (626) 335-6132.

Bridge IV — Friday, November 10, 9:30 a.m. (Sue Johnson: (626) 963-5623).

Daytime Bunco — Tuesday, November 7, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Ila Harris (626) 335-6561.

International Lunch Bunch — Friday, November 3, 11:30 a.m., Aldolino's Italian Restaurant, 659 E. Arrow Highway, Azusa. Any questions, call Darlene Knox (909) 594 3295.

Needlework — Monday, November 20, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Martha Olson.

Playreading — Thursday, November 9, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Brancheau. RSVP to Sandy (626) 339-7181.

AAUW Funds Luncheon

On October 15, four East San Gabriel Valley Branch members attended the fall AAUW Fund Luncheon held in Seal Beach for 2017-2018 California grant recipients.

Lucille Wright, Ruth Currie, Dolores Martenson and Jeanette Gulli learned about areas of the E.O.F. services, including American Fellowships, selected professional grants, community action grants, and international fellowship grants.

Each recipient in a category explained how she has personally benefited from these grants.

In celebration of over 135 years of the Educational Foundation, now known as Educational Opportunities, AAUW California is very proud to announce there are 26 AAUW Fund Fellowship and grant recipients studying in California colleges this year.

The fund recipients represent a broad and diverse range of studies and interests, and are an excellent example of the productive use of branch membership donations.

Submitted by Jeanette Gulli, E.O.F. Chair

Our Funds Programs

Many thanks to all of our members who donated to EOF and LAF for the 2017 year. We reached our goal.

The many women who will benefit from your donations will be grateful to be able to pursue their educational research and legal endeavors.

Again, thank you!

Jeanette Gulli, EOF Chair and
Dolores Martenson, LAF Chair

Entertainment Books for Sale

Entertainment books are for sale. Our group receives \$6 for each book sold. The books are filled with savings and coupons from hundreds of local businesses, including restaurants, movie theaters, and more. Dorothy Fountain has the books and they will be available at our November 18 meeting, and other meetings, also. Contact Dorothy Fountain (626) 335-3735 dotfountain@aol.com

Happy Birthday!

- 1 —Karen Praeger
- 15—Janet Bartel
- 16—Debra White
- 16—Sarah Byer
- 18—Susan Curtis
- 28—Jody Mentzer

If you have not already submitted your birthdate, please do it now, so we can continue this monthly tribute.

Please send it to Karen Praeger:
karenpraeger111@hotmail.com

Directory Corrections

Darlene Knox: **(909) 594-3295**
(951) 201-6483

Sue Johnson: (626) 824-**6228**
(626) 963-5623

Jane Glenn: (626) 332-**6451**
(626) 272-1746

Ruth Currie delete (909)599-4260

Opera at the Movies: Correct dates are only:

1/27, 2/24, 3/31, and 4/28 (Directory Page 9)

When you receive your directory, please check that your information is correct, and let me know if any changes need to be published in the Twig.
karenpraeger111@hotmail.com



Veterans Day
Saturday, November 11

Domestic Violence Action Coalition Meeting Notes
October 16, 2017, Covina Woman's Club
Janice Masters, DVAC Reporter

Our October meeting featured a presentation by Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA), an international organization that assists children in abuse situations by keeping their abusers from intimidating them. This is a 501(c)3 non-profit established in 1995 by a biker called Chief who noticed that an eight-year-old boy in his Utah neighborhood was being harassed by his abuser to the point where he was afraid to come out of his house. Chief rallied some of his biker friends to help support and defend this child and others, and the idea took off in the biker community.

When I drove into the parking lot of the Covina Woman's Club to attend this meeting, I saw about a dozen motorcycles, mostly Harley Davidsons, parked along the back fence—not something you normally see there. The BACA members present were from the Orange County Chapter, including their president and other club officers who took turns speaking about the group and its mission to help abused children. They also showed a video which you can view on their website or on YouTube. <http://bacaworld.org>

These folks are true bikers, which are not normally associated with causes on the right side of the law; however, the members of this club were clearly committed to helping children who are being intimidated by their perpetrators by shielding them when they show up in court and empowering them to testify against their abusers without fear of harassment.

Like teachers, medical professionals and others who work with children, BACA members must be thoroughly background checked and fingerprinted as well as go through a rigorous training before they can work with the kids. They presented at the DVAC meeting because the group is considering including BACA in its list of organizations to support, so I will let you know after next month's meeting what was decided.

<http://bacaworld.org/>



Holiday Luncheon



Our annual holiday party lunch will be held on Saturday, December 9th from 12 noon to 2:00 P.M. at South Hills Country Club, 2655 S. Citrus Street, West Covina. The cost is \$20 a person. Use the coupon below to send in your reservation and money to Ila Harris, 458 Heatherglen Lane, San Dimas, 91773 by Monday, November 26th. Seating is limited and no seats will be sold at the door. Get your reservations in early.

Holiday Party Lunch on Saturday, December 9th from 12 noon to 2:00 P.M. Cost \$20

Name _____ #of Guests _____ Total Cost _____

Please select one entree:

Southwest Chicken Salad _____

Club Sandwich with Fries _____

Tri-Tip Sandwich with Soup _____

In addition, coffee, tea, rolls and butter and a molten chocolate dessert will be served. There will be a cash bar for alcoholic beverages. Deadline for reservations is Monday, November 26th.

**East San Gabriel Valley Branch of
American Association of University Women
Presents "Sisters In Crime" Luncheon & Panel Discussion
Saturday, November 18, 2018, 11:30 a.m.
Packard Hall, Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave., Duarte 91010**



Nancy Cole Silverman credits the fact both she and Edgar Allen Poe share the same birthday, along with her twenty-five years in talk radio, for helping her to develop an ear for storytelling. She left radio in 2001 to write fiction, and has written numerous short stories and novelettes. Silverman's Carol Childs Mysteries series (Henery Press) takes place inside a busy Los Angeles Radio station. Silverman lives in Los Angeles with her husband, four adult children, and a thoroughly pampered standard poodle.

Jill Amadio is an author, biographer, and ghostwriter. She writes a mystery series set in Newport Beach, DIGGING TOO DEEP and DIGGING UP THE DEAD. Originally from Cornwall, U.K., like her amateur sleuth, Jill was a journalist in several foreign countries and writes a column for the British Mystery People magazine. Jill is based in Southern California where her amateur sleuth, exiled gossip columnist Tosca Trevant is busy solving crimes, cussing in her native Cornish language, and forcing her home-brewed mead on reluctant neighbors.

Shannon Muir's short stories encourage readers to "uncover the mystery of character" in her fiction. Her short stories are "Tropical Terror" in CRIME DOWN ISLAND, "Hidden History" in EXPLORER PULP, "Tragic Like a Torch Song" in THE DAME DID IT, the Single Shot New Pulp tale "Ghost of the Airwaves," preceded by her crime fiction story "Pretty as a Picture" in the anthology NEWSHOUNDS. Her husband is writer and artist Kevin Paul Shaw Broden.

Pamela Samuels Young is an attorney and award-winning author of eight legal thrillers. Her most recent courtroom drama, **Abuse of Discretion**, tackles a troubling sexting case and is the sequel to **Anybody's Daughter**, an NAACP Image Award winner for Outstanding Fiction. A former journalist, Pamela holds degrees from USC, Northwestern University, and UC Berkeley School of Law. She is a frequent speaker on the topics of child sex trafficking, online safety and fiction writing. Visit her website at www.pamelasamuelsyoung.com.

Will Zeilinger's novels range from 1950s hard-boiled mystery to romantic comedy and include The Final Checkpoint, Something's Cooking at Dove Acres, and The Naked Groom. Will also writes short mystery stories. His work appears in CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: DREAMS AND THE UNEXPLAINABLE. He lives in Signal Hill, California where he co-writes the Skylar Drake Mystery series "SLIVERS OF GLASS," "STRANGE MARKINGS" and "DESERT ICE" with his wife Janet Lynn.

AAUW-ESGV Author's Luncheon Reservation Form

November 18, 2017, 11:30 a.m.

\$15 per person

Check should be payable to: AAUW ESGV Branch. Deadline date: 11/11/2017

Mail check to: Ila Harris, 458 Heatherglen Lane, San Dimas, CA 91773

Member's Name and Guests: _____

Car pooling will be arranged for the event

Do you want to car pool (yes) (no). Would you be one of the drivers (yes) (no)