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President's Corner

All the year's planning is completed and the Directories are printed. Members who attended the terrific STEM Ice Cream Social have already picked up their 2017/2018 Directory. We have asked that the Chairs of each Interest Group take the Directories to their participants. Maureen Moctezuma really completed this yearly arduous task with great care and talent. The Directories have been proofed in every way there is. They look great. Many, many thanks Maureen!

October 5th is the "Day of the Teacher". Members of the Board formed partners and will be visiting five campuses to leave baked goodies for the faculty and staff. Each year, ESGV Branch receives more and more gracious appreciation for thinking of the teachers. Feel free to join the efforts and take some goodies to your local school.

November 18th has been planned for our Author's event. This year, it will be designated as "Sisters in Crime". There will be a buffet luncheon with reservations at \$15.00. You will receive information throughout October about each author. Each year, the Author's event is very well attended so stick a pin in your calendar to attend.

Thank you ESGV Board for the tremendous planning, personal time and devotion this summer to prepare a great Calendar of Special Events for the upcoming year.

**Lucille Wright,
Branch President**



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Board Meeting—Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a.m. at Glenwood Townhomes Clubhouse, 1289 Tarryglen Lane, San Dimas. (This is the townhome complex where Ila Harris lives).

Interest Groups

Evening Books I— Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 p.m. Read *The Wonder Garden* by Lauren Acampora. For more details call Ruth Currie (951) 970-2582

Evening Books II—Wednesday, October 18, 7 p.m., Hillcrest Retirement Homes, Pinecrest Activity Room (1st floor), 2765 Mountain View Dr., La Verne. Read *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline. New members welcome! Contact: Judy Woodruff (626) 485-0418.

Daytime Books— Friday, October 13, 11 a.m. Meet at the home of Jody Mentzer. Read *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. Call Jody several days in advance at (909) 599-6023. (See Page 2 for details)

Bridge I—Monday, October 2, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Kilgore (626) 919-1252.

Bridge II— Tuesday, October 10, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Joey Sanchez. Call Joey at (626) 915-0114.

Bridge III (Beginning)— Thursday, October 19, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Joey Sanchez (626) 915-0114.

Bridge IV—Friday, October 13, 9:30 a.m. (Sue Johnson: (626) 963-5623).

Daytime Bunco— Tuesday, October 3, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Debra White (909) 861-0837.

Evening Bunco—Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lucille Wright (909) 599-1878.

Great Decisions—Thursday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Glenn (626) 332-6451. Topic: "Nuclear Security." (Details on Page 2)

International Lunch Bunch—Friday, October 6, 11:30 a.m., Felix Continental Café (Cuban Cuisine) 36 Plaza Square, Orange, CA (714)- 633- 5842. Check out their great menu online. Parking can be challenging. Give yourself extra time. There is a parking lot 1 block east of the circle. Turn right on 1st street east of Glassell. Anyone wanting to car pool, I will leave Walnut at 10:30. Any questions, call Darlene Knox (909) 594 3295.

Ladies Gourmet—Saturday October 28. "Fall Harvest Celebration." 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Home of Ruth Currie, 2035 Calle Tomas, San Dimas. Call Ruth Currie to make a reservation beginning October 3 (951) 970-2582.

Needlework—Monday, October 16, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Alice Stewart (909) 624-7668.

Playreading—Thursday, October 12, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Fountain.. RSVP to Dorothy (626) 335-3735 or dotfountain@aol.com

Ladies Gourmet Group

Three fun activities this year. New participants always welcome.

Sat., October 28, 4:00 Harvest Moon Dinner - at the home of Ruth Currie. Please call Joey Sanchez (626) 915-0114 or Vera Drino (626) 339-6522 as soon as possible so that we can determine how many to plan for and distribute the food assignments. It will be a casual soup dinner with all the trimmings.

Sat. December 16, 4:00 Olde English Progressive Dinner - at the homes of Vera Drino, Jane Glenn and Joey Sanchez. In addition to our Olde English Dinner we will play a game exchanging \$5 holiday themed gifts.

Sat. March 24, 4:00 Spring Fling - at the home of Barbara Hall. Our theme will be "lemons" and we will end with prizes for the most interesting and delicious use of lemons in all food categories.

We plan on having great fun so please join us. (Of course we will need for all of you to help us facilitate these festivities)

The Ladies Gourmet Group



Topic for the October 19 meeting

Nuclear Security

Nuclear nonproliferation was a top priority for the Obama administration. While the Iran Deal was a diplomatic victory toward this end, major threats persist from both state and non-state actors. Countries like North Korea, Russia, and India and Pakistan continue to challenge nonproliferation efforts. The possibility that terrorists will carry out an attack using a "dirty bomb," made from captured nuclear materials, looks increasingly real. In a fractious world, which way forward for U.S. nuclear security policy?

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 September 30 meeting, and other meetings, also. Contact Dorothy Fountain (626) 335-3735 dotfountain@aol.com

Happy Birthday!

- 4 —Ruth Crandall
- 4— Ila Harris
- 15—Kathy Robison
- 18—Marlene Morgan
- 18—Karen Tanaka
- 20—Shahin Massoudi
- 20—Sue Johnson
- 26—Pam McKenney
- 29—Bonnie Blum
- 31—Lucille Wright

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

All members will be receiving their directories this month. 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



Daytime Books in October

We will be meeting at the home of Jody Mentzer at 11:00, on October 13th, for a Pu-erh Tea. The book that will be discussed will be The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See.

Li-yan and her family align their lives around the seasons and the farming of tea. An ancient grove of trees over 1,000 years old produces leaves for a rare Pu-erh Tea, which plays a central role throughout this powerful story about a family, separated by circumstances, culture, and distance, Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane paints an unforgettable portrait of a little known region and its people and celebrates the bond that connects mothers and daughters.

Lisa See and her source for Pu'erh Tea research have a special book club package available. We will be preparing this special tea that is still rather expensive in its pure form and believed to have been produced for over 4,700 years. Tea sandwiches will be enjoyed while we discuss the book

Call Jody Mentzer several days in advance if you would like to join us at 909-599-6023.

Domestic Violence Action Coalition Meeting Notes
September 18, 2017, Covina Woman's Club
Janice Masters, DVAC Reporter

About DVAC

Retired police officers Kim Plater and Alice Slaughter co-chair this organization which helps victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through legal advocacy and referral to local agencies that can help them. DVAC, which meets at noon on the third Monday of each month at the Covina Woman's Club, also collects donations of cash, clothing, food, and other items to support those agencies that are helping these women and children. At Lucille's request, each month I will summarize the highlights of our meeting so you know what we're doing, and what you may want to do, to further DVAC's mission. Our next meeting, if you'd like to check it out, will be on Wednesday, Oct. 18th at 12 pm.

BACA

A presentation by Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) was scheduled for this last meeting but was canceled because the presenters had to appear in court with a child their organization is assisting. Though it surprises most folks who hear about it for the first time—you can imagine the initial skepticism of DVAC's founders as retired police—this is a reputable, international organization that advocates for child abuse victims (Google BACA for more information). The group may present at our next meeting, Monday, Oct. 18, if they are not appearing in court again.

Legislation

Legislation discussed included AB 41, which helps make law enforcement agencies accountable for using available DNA evidence from rape kits in sexual assault cases. Members were asked to call or email the governor's office urging him to sign it into law. You can call the governor's office at 916-445-2841 or email at egb@gov.ca.gov.

Collection Drive

Representatives Judy Chu and Grace Napolitano have joined Kaiser Baldwin Park and other partners in sponsoring the 14th Annual Domestic Violence Collection Drive. Gently used women's and children's clothing, household cleaning products, toiletry items, and children's school supplies—no breakable items, please—and other donations. More details and drop-off points are listed on their websites.

DVAC Resource Referrals

Project Sister Family Services (Child Abuse/Sexual Assault) 909-626-4357
House of Ruth, Inc. (Domestic Violence Shelter) 909-988-5559
YWCA WINGS (Domestic Violence Shelter) 626-967-0658
National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-SAFE

SAVE THE DATE!

Author's Luncheon

On Saturday, **November 18th**, from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m., we will be having a luncheon featuring a panel of five authors from the Sisters in Crime organization. Four of them will speak and the fifth will act as a moderator. They will discuss where their ideas come from and highlights from their books. They are: Nancy Cole Silverman, Jill Amado, Shannon Muir, Pamela Samuels Young, and Will Zeilinger. Next month, we will send out more background information on each of these authors so you can do a little research on your own if you would like. The luncheon will be held at the lovely Packard Hall at Westminster Gardens in Duarte and the cost will only be \$15. We will be setting up carpools for those who don't wish to make the drive on their own. Invite your friends for a fun outing.

Submitted by Carrie Bass (909) 468-1485

Looking Ahead

We will be having our annual Holiday Party Lunch at South Hills Country Club on Saturday, December 9th from 12:00 -2:00. The cost will be \$20. There will be a tear off coupon in the November "Twig" to send in to Ila Harris along with your remittance. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on this special event!



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Nominate a Student to Attend NCCWSL**

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is a transformative experience. But don't take our word for it; check out what past attendees had to say!

Go to: <https://www.nccwsl.org/2017/05/29/nominate-a-student-2018/>

Every year hundreds of top college women join AAUW for three days of leadership training, inspiration, and networking. Now in its 33rd year, **the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders** brings together world-class speakers, top brands, and hundreds of passionate and inspired college women who are eager to become the leaders of tomorrow. With more than 10,000 attendees over the conference's history, this is the premier leadership event for college women in the United States and globally.

Would you help sponsor a delegate for this enriching opportunity for young women? **Deadline: April, 2018.**

Contact: Ruth Currie
(909) 599-4260
ruthcur@gmail.com

** Pronounced: "nik whisl"

AAUW-CA Speech Trek:

2017-2018 Contest

Topic: HOW CAN WE STAND UP TO SEXISM?

Actress Emma Watson created the **HeForShe** campaign, which states in part:

"Both men and women should feel free to be sensitive. Both men and women should feel free to be strong...it is time that we all perceive gender on a spectrum, not as two opposing sets of ideals. If we stop defining each other by what we are not and start defining ourselves by what we are—we can all be freer and this is what **HeForShe** is about. It's about freedom."

I need you to help me find the very best representative for our branch. It can be either a male or female and they must be attending high school in the San Gabriel Valley/Inland Empire. Please let me know if you could help Janice Masters and Ruth Currie pick a candidate to send to **AAUW-CA Speech Trek.**

Contact Ruth Currie:
(951)-970-2582 ruthcur@gmail.com

Candidate from our branch must be selected by March 1, 2018.

AAUW FUND

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. It is one of the world’s largest sources of funding for graduate women. Due to the generous contributions of you, its members, many deserving women are aided in their important work and advanced studies.

A contribution to **EOF** (Educational Opportunities Fund) makes possible financial assistance in the form of fellowships and grants to 200 to 300 women and non-profit groups amounting to more than \$3.9 million.

A contribution to **LAF** (Legal Advocacy Fund) works to challenge gender discrimination against women in higher education and the work place using the legal system to seek justice and change.

Your check should be made out to **AAUW FUND** (or use sample below). In the lower, left-hand corner, please write **EOF** or **LAF**. *******Please make out a separate check for each individual fund.*******

<u>Month Day, Year</u>	
Pay to the order of AAUW FUND	\$ <u>100.00</u>
<u>One hundred and no/100</u>	
For EOF (or LAF)	<u>Jane Dee</u>



Yes, I want to help ESGV Branch meet or exceed its commitment to support women whose intellect, courage and effort require financial assistance to realize their fullest potential. My check is enclosed.

Name of Member _____ Deadline: **November 15, 2017**

- _____ \$25.00
- _____ \$100.00 (Century Club)
- _____ \$200.00 (Second Century Club)
- _____ Other Amount

Send check for any EOF donation to:
Jeanette Gulli, EOF Chairperson 1729
Paseo Mundo, San Dimas, CA 91773



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Send check for any LAF donation to:
Dolores Martenson, LAF
Chairperson 1500 Glencroft
Road, Glendora, CA 91740