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

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Merry Christmas

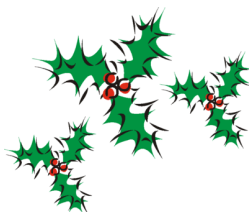
President's Corner

The year is closing very quickly and Santa is just around the corner. ESGV Branch is preparing for the December 9th members and guests Holiday Party at the South Hills Country Club, which will be beautifully decorated for the season. Join us for this delicious seasonal occasion.

Our "Sisters of Crime" luncheon was a marvelous event hosting 55 members and their guests. Four authors and a moderator regaled the audience with discussions of style, motive, plot details, and background of each author. The forum of a panel discussion was very well received and the board will repeat the concept again next year. Many books were sold and the authors were very delighted that their stories were so well received. Their books can also be ordered online.

East San Gabriel Valley Branch's STEM Tech Trek summer program attendees and members of the board will be participating in the December 8th Holiday Parade at Charter Oak School District. The parade starts at 6:00 pm at Charter Oak High School on Covina Boulevard and works its way around the several blocks in the immediate neighborhood. ESGV Branch will also set up a booth in the Charter Oak High School stadium parking lot, along with all the other booths, to distribute information about AAUW and East San Gabriel Valley Branch. Members will be walking in the parade with the middle school girls who attended this year's Tech Trek Summer Program. All our members are invited to bring their chairs and sit along the parade route and cheer the girls and members on. Come on out and support the participants. It will be an uplifting experience and encourage the middle school girls. It will put you in the holiday spirit. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Lucille Wright,
Branch President**



DECEMBER CALENDAR

Board Meeting —Saturday, December 9, 10:30 a.m. at South Hills Country Club (just before our luncheon).

Charter Oak Holiday Parade and Booth— Friday, December 8, 6:00 p.m., Charter Oak High School, Covina Blvd., Covina.

Holiday Luncheon Party—Saturday, December 9, 12 p.m., South Hills Country Club, 2655 S. Citrus St., West Covina. Bring a donation toy for the Toys for Tots. Bring an ornament for a fun ornament exchange (optional)! Make your reservation now (See Page 3)

Interest Groups

Daytime Books— Friday, December 8, 11 a.m. Meet at Marie Callender's, Azusa (corner of Route 66 and Barranca). Read *To Capture What We Cannot Keep* by Beatrice Colin. Contact: Jody Mentzer (909) 599-6023.

Bridge I—Monday, December 4, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Alice Stewart (909) 624-7668.

Bridge II – Tuesday, December 12, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Sally Mabry. Call Sally at (909) 985-7064.

Bridge III (Beginning)— Thursday, December 21, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Barbara Forgey (626) 338-6011.

Bridge IV—Friday, December 8, 9:30 a.m. San Antonio Gardens.

Daytime Bunco— Tuesday, December 5, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Jody Mentzer (909) 599-6023.

Needlework—Monday, December 18, 11:30 a.m. Christmas luncheon at the Lucky Elephant, 531 W. Arrow Hwy., San Dimas. Meet in front of the restaurant. Call Hope (626) 919-2410 if you are planning to come so reservations can be made.

Playreading—Thursday, December 14, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Joey Sanchez. RSVP to Joey (626) 915-0114.

Ladies Gourmet—Saturday, December 16, 4:00 p.m. Old English Progressive Dinner, starting at the home of Vera Drino. **R.S.V.P to Ruth Currie/951-970-2582 or ruthcur@gmail.com by 12/4/2017** for reservation, recipe and game instructions.

Directory Corrections

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Marilyn Kilgore: New Phone: (909) 392-4242
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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.
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AAUW Announces 2017–18 Awardees

Nonprofit awards \$3.7 million to 250 women and projects

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WASHINGTON — The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has announced awards of \$3.7 million to its 2017–18 class of fellows and grantees. These 250 recipients represent diverse backgrounds, locations, and areas of study but have one thing in common: They all aim to promote equity for women and girls.

“AAUW fellows and grantees have contributed to — and will continue to impact — so much of the world at large,” said Kim Churches, the chief executive officer of AAUW. “These trailblazers are breaking the mold in nontraditional fields and redefining what leadership and expertise look like. AAUW is proud to provide the critical resources necessary to help them excel in their chosen fields.”

AAUW is one of the world’s leading supporters of graduate women’s education, having awarded more than \$100 million in fellowships, grants, and awards to 12,000 women and projects from more than 140 countries since 1888. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence, quality and originality of project design, and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research.

AAUW fellowship funding helps women manage the growing burden of student debt, an issue that disproportionately affects women. Unique to AAUW’s program, funding may also be used to pay for expenses outside of those traditionally associated with academic study. Funding may be applied to such expenses as child care and transportation — necessities that can improve recipients’ retention and success in graduate programs.

“We are thrilled to have this year’s awardees join a 129-year legacy of notable alumnae,” said Gloria Blackwell, AAUW’s vice president of fellowships, grants, and global programs. “Recipients now join the ranks of past awardees including Nobel Prize-winning scientist Marie Curie, journalist Melissa Harris-Perry, Ph.D., and astronaut Judith Resnik, Ph.D., to name a few. These awards change lives and these scholars, they change the world.”

Submitted by Jill Quezada

Happy Birthday!

5 —Judy Mason
6—Helen Storland
8—Janice Williams
15—Evelyn Yee
25—Mary Yonan
25—Pat Bain
29—Jeanette Gulli

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:

Member News

We send our condolences to long-time member, Louise Newman, whose husband, Michael, passed away on November 10.

Domestic Violence Action Coalition Meeting Notes
Janice Masters, DVAC Reporter

DVAC Update for TWIG – Dec 2017

Part of DVAC’s mission is to support agencies and legislation that help sexual assault victims. Recently, Senator Gillibrand (NY) called for the Senate to adopt the Military Justice Improvement Act as an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act of 2017. John Rowan, national president of the Vietnam Veterans of America said, “This important legislation would improve protections for service members who have been victims of sexual assault while in the military, and it is inexcusable that the military allows commanders who may be friends with perpetrators of rape to take the lead on investigating these cases.” The Military Justice Improvement Act removes the sole decision-making authority over whether serious crimes move forward to trial from the chain of command to independent, trained military prosecutors. Find out more about this and how to help on Senator Gillibrand’s website <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news>.

Locally, DVAC members are collecting holiday donations of Target and Walmart gift cards, toys, children's books, household items, baby items (especially diapers), purses, wallets, and cosmetic bags. Items should be new. Gently used rolling suitcases and alarm clocks are also being collected. Donations will be given to House of Ruth, Project Sister, Serenity, and Crossroads at our Holiday Party at the Covina Woman’s Club on Monday, December 18 beginning at 11 am. If you would like to contribute, please call me to arrange pick-up. Let me know if you’d like to attend the DVAC Holiday Party as my guest—there will be a potluck lunch and a brief presentation of the gifts to the agencies we’re supporting.

Many Holiday Blessing to All!

Janice Masters
DVAC Reporter

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. 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.