



THE TWIG

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

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March 2018



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President's Corner

A delegation of ESGV board members attended an AAUW San Diego Branch Conference on January 27th in Rancho Bernardo to meet and listen to AAUW's new CEO, Mrs. Kimberly Churches. Mrs. Churches flew out for the occasion to address her administration's plans for the future of AAUW. She discussed directions that will take AAUW and all the branches into the next phases of the organization. Each branch will consider pivot approaches to their recruiting methods, retention of members, joining other non-profits to share like-minded ideas, national programs, and scholarship for high school graduates. Mrs. Churches joins AAUW with an outstanding business and academic background and is excited about refreshing AAUW for the future. At the February 10th board meeting, following the ideas that were discussed at the conference, East San Gabriel Valley Branch Board of Directors approved a motion that a Scholarship Committee be established to explore the ideas of offering scholarships to high school seniors in the near future. The Scholarship Committee members held their first meeting on February 24th and began the process of researching the feasibility of offering scholarships. The Committee will meet monthly and the progress will be shared through the monthly TWIG.

The Fashion Show Committee held their monthly meeting and the invitations will be mailed to ESGV branch members during the second week in April. It is again going to be a stunning and exciting affair, "Notes on Fashion". The reservation price is again \$35.00. Nancy Klinkhart will collect the reservations and donations. Hope Holdsworth and Sarah Byer are collecting the raffle baskets. This year, we are asking each Interest Group to prepare a basket to be donated. Members who are not in an Interest Group will be asked to donate gift cards or baskets.

"Day of the Woman" on March 17th is coming together very nicely. There will be four very, very interesting presenters. Two were discussed in the February TWIG and two are presented in this issue of the TWIG. Please tear off the Reservation form and mail it to Ila Harris. Extend an invitation to your family, friends and neighbors. The event will be worth your attendance. See you there.

**Lucille Wright,
Branch President**



MARCH CALENDAR

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

Day of the Woman — Saturday, March 17, 10:30 a.m. at Hughes Community Center, Claremont. Lunch and four speakers (Details and reservation form on Page 3)

Interest Groups

Daytime Books — Friday, March 9, 11 a.m. Meet at Marie Callender's, Azusa (corner of Route 66 and Barranca). Read *The Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier. Contact: Jody Mentzer (909) 599-6023.

Evening Books I — **Monday**, March 26, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sue Johnson. Read *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah. Contact: Sue Johnson (626) 963-5623.

Evening Books II — Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. Hillcrest Retirement Homes, Pinecrest Activity Room (1st floor), 2765 Mountain View Dr., La Verne. Read *Camino Island* by John Grisham. New members welcome! Contact: Judy Woodruff (909) 392-4046.

Mystery Books — Tuesday, March 20, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Sandy Brancheau. Read *A Morbid Taste for Bones* by Ellis Peters. Contact: Hope Holdsworth (626) 919-2410.

Bridge I — Monday, March 5, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Donna Mason (909) 946-0115.

Bridge II — Tuesday, March 13, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Kilgore. Call Marilyn at (626) 919-1252.

Bridge III (Beginning) — Thursday, March 15, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Donna Mason (909) 946-0115.

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

Daytime Bunco — Tuesday, March 6, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Lucille Wright (909) 599-1878.

Evening Bunco — Wednesday, March 28, 7 p.m. at the home of Jeanette Gulli (909) 599-1904.

Needlework — Monday, March 19, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Sue Johnson. Try to carpool as Sue lives up in Glendora foothills.

Playreading — Thursday, March 8, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Brancheau. RSVP to Sandy (626) 339-7181.

Great Decisions — Thursday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Glenn. Topic: "China and America: the new geopolitical equation" (More details on page 2).

Opera at the Theatre — Saturday, March 31, 9:55 a.m. AMC Theater, 1337 E. Gladstone St., Glendora. Mozart's *Così Fan Tutte* (Contact: Mary Skavinski (626) 336-4959).

International Lunch Bunch — Friday, March 2, 11:30 a.m., AYCE Sushi, 116 N. Grand, West Covina. Call Darlene Knox (909) 594-3295.

Couples Gourmet — Saturday, March 3, 11:30 a.m., Yum Restaurant, 3920 Grand Avenue, Chino in the Chino Spectrum Shopping Center. **Note change of date from March 10.** Call for reservation: Hope Holdsworth (626) 919-2410.

Slate of Officers 2018-2019

President—Lucille Wright

Vice President Programs—????????

Financial Officer—????????

Recording Secretary—Maureen Moctezuma and ?

Membership Director—Karen Tanaka

AAUW Funds EOF—Jeanette Gulli

AAUW Funds LAF—Delores Martenson

As you can see from the above list, there are several offices yet to be filled. Lucille Wright has graciously agreed to serve a third year as president (the normal term of office is two years) and both Jeanette Gulli and Delores Martenson have served in their respective positions for many years. Our organization, AAUW ESGV, can't continue without your help. If you have never served on the Board of Officers, now is the time to start. If you were once active, but have been off the board for a while, we'd love to have you back.

AAUW ESGV needs your help!

Hope Holdsworth (626) 919-2410

Happy Birthday!

4—Delores Martenson

11—Darlene Knox

14—Ruth Currie

20—Christine Meek

29—Shirley Boyer

31—Jill Quezada

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



Topic for the March 15 meeting:

China and America: the new geopolitical equation

In the last 15 years, China has implemented a wide-ranging strategy of economic outreach and expansion of all its national capacities, including military and diplomatic capacities. Where the United States has taken a step back from multilateral trade agreements and discarded the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), China has made inroads through efforts like the Belt and Road Initiative and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). What are Beijing's geopolitical objectives? What leadership and political conditions in each society underlie growing Sino-American tensions? What policies might Washington adopt to address this circumstance?

Fashion Show, "Notes on Fashion"

The fashion show committee is hard at work planning menus, securing models, preparing decorations, working with vendors, and other tasks. We hope you have marked the date on your calendar and are thinking of friends you would like to invite to join us. We are counting on all members to help make this important fundraiser a success.

The April Twig will have information about reservations and how to make them this year. Here are the details again:

Date: Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Location: Meeting House at Hillcrest Village Center, 2705 Hillcrest Drive, La Verne, CA 91750

Cost: \$35 per ticket which includes a delicious lunch provided by Hillcrest catering staff

Program: Fashions by Stein Mart, modeled by our own members

Extras: Vendors, door prizes and raffle items

Business Sponsors

Attached to this month's Twig is a letter you can give to any business contacts you may have. Please copy the letter if you know of more than one business that might like to provide a raffle basket or a Tech Trek sponsorship.

**“Day of the Woman”
Saturday, March 17, 2018
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Hughes Community Center
1700 Danbury Road, Claremont
Luncheon Cost: \$20**



Performer Judith Helton takes us on a guided tour of life in the 18th century as she presents a one-woman historical show on Abigail Adams. This former First Lady and pioneer of women's rights gives us a guided tour of her life and times.



Mary Dyer, RN, BSN will present “Healthy Living Through the Decades: Practical Information on Women's Health”. She will focus on health, wellness and restoration, hormone balance, supplements, and nutrition. She will also share tips to maintain quality of life into the senior years.

Halley Lee will lead us through the steps that will enhance your daily life through mindfulness and meditation practice. Learn how to feel better every day of your life. Learn to reduce stress, lower blood pressure, reduce anxiety and depression. Smile all day. Live longer.

Dr. Sakeena Ali is a recent graduate from Cal Poly Pomona from the Educational Leadership program. Her passion is to educate and empower others to reach their highest potential. SeneGence, her side pastime, allows her to work with women on reaching success in business and most importantly encouraging women to achieve their life-long aspirations. Dr. Ali will briefly discuss one aspect of taking care of the largest organ in our body-our skin. She will also be demonstrating and applying SeneGence products on a few of our members. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and purchase the products.

✂ - (Cut out and mail with your check) -----

**“Day of the Woman” Luncheon
Saturday, March 17, 2018 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Location: Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Road, Claremont
Luncheon Reservation (\$20 per person)**

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

Check should be payable to: AAUW ESGV Branch. Deadline date: 03/13/2018

Member's Name and Guests: _____

Would like to attend, but need a ride? Check here and someone will contact you about transportation

CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL NO. 169
GENDER EQUITY IN EDUCATION: TITLE IX CODIFICATION
AUTHORED BY SENATORS JACKSON AND DE LEON
SUPPORTED BY AAUW CA

PASSED SENATE AND ASSEMBLY-PRESENTED TO GOVERNOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2017, VETOED BY GOVERNOR OCTOBER 15, 2017. CURRENTLY PENDING IN SENATE. CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNOR'S VETO PENDING.

Senate Floor Pass – 28 Ayes to 10 Noes, Assembly Floor Pass – 61 Ayes to 12 Noes

Existing federal law, known as Title IX, prohibits a person, on the basis of sex, from being excluded from participation in, being denied the benefits of, or being subject to discrimination, which includes sexual harassment, under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. Based on federal regulations, this bill would define “sexual harassment” to include “sexual violence,” as defined, for the purposes of those state laws. The bill would, among other things, require the appropriate governing board or body of each elementary and secondary school that receives state financial assistance, and the appropriate governing board or body of each higher education institution that receives state funds for student financial assistance, to, as a condition of receiving that financial assistance, comply with certain requirements, based on federal regulations. (Based on text date 9/18/2017)

Governor Brown vetoed SB 169, which would have codified Title IX federal law and regulation into California law. This is of great concern to AAUW CA given the importance of Title IX in our organization, especially since Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has very recently systematically done away with many of the enforcement tools in the federal regulations. In his veto statement, Governor Brown commented, “I am not prepared to codify additional requirements in reaction to a shifting federal landscape.” He further stated, “I strongly believe that additional reflection and investment of time in understanding what is happening...will help us exercise due care in this complex arena, I intend to convene a group of knowledgeable persons who can help us chart the way forward.” **AAUW CA will be watching!!**

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL SENATOR AND ASSEMBLY PERSON in SUPPORT OF SB 169 BY GOING TO <http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/> OR WRITE TO:

The Honorable Benjamin Allen, Chair
Senate Committee on Education
State Capitol, Room 2083
Sacramento, CA 95814

Submitted by Jill Quezada

Dues 2018-2019

The Membership Director will shortly be mailing out to all members the dues information for next year. Watch for the notice, and be sure to mail in your membership dues. National dues for next year will show an increase of \$10.

East San Gabriel Valley Branch



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March 1, 2018

Dear Friend:

East San Gabriel Valley Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) would like you to consider donating a door prize or gift certificate for our major fundraiser, a Fashion Show, to be held on June 2, 2018 at Hillcrest Village Center in La Verne, CA. We expect approximately 240 people in attendance.

Proceeds from your raffle donation will support STEM-Tech Trek. STEM is a Science, Technology, Environmental, and Mathematics Tech Trek summer camp program for local Intermediate school girls. STEM-Tech Trek funds will be raised by ticket sales, raffles, and \$100.00+ sponsorships. We hope you can help us meet our goals for STEM-Tech Trek.

In addition to the opportunity to donate a door prize or gift certificate, we also invite you to become a sponsor of this event. Sponsorships are \$100.00+ each and contribute significantly to the success of the event. For every nine \$100.00+ sponsorships, another local girl will be able to attend the summer camp. Because of the volunteer work of the AAUW membership, every dollar raised by your donated items and Sponsorships goes directly into the STEM-Tech Trek Scholarship Fund. Your contributions are fully tax deductible.

Our STEM-Tech Trek-Scholarship TIN# is 526037388. Sponsorship checks should be made payable to AAUW CA SPF with the words 'STEM-Tech Trek-Scholarship' on the memo line. Keep a copy of this letter and your check for your charitable records.

Businesses providing sponsorships or raffle items will be recognized in the Fashion Show Program as well as in our monthly newsletter. Our members appreciate your support and are encouraged to patronize your business.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lucille Wright'. The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Lucille Wright, President