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American Association of University Women

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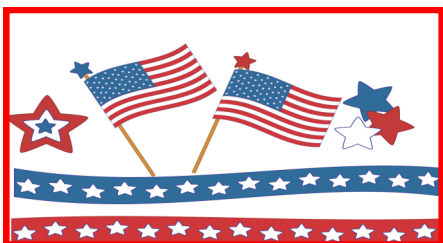
President's Corner

The Fashion Show was spectacular. Beautiful decorations, so many baskets and door prizes. Fantastic flowers on and around the runway- white hydrangeas and red roses. Attractive table decorations and classy programs. Outstanding models who showed off their excellent selection of garments from Stein Mart. Ruth Currie and Sarah Byer were the announcers as the models demonstrated their garments on the runway and throughout the room. It was a very refreshing change of pace to have our members introduce the models and describe their clothing.

Our guest speaker, Samantha Beckel, is a freshman at Charter Oak High School. She was at Royal Oak Middle School last year where she was chosen to attend last summer's STEM Tech Trek camp program. She described it as "a very positive life experience". She met and continues relationships with many of the attendees from other schools. Samantha thanked the members of East San Gabriel Valley Branch –AAUW for the experience. She spoke of her impression of the camp and praised the teachers who taught the classes. Samantha was so touched by her experience that she said that she now knows what educational major she wants to pursue-Astrophysics. Through a middle school program, she has been introduced to scientists at JPL and looks forward to interning at JPL next summer and many more summers.

All Interest Groups are to receive a big thank you for preparing baskets this year. Their baskets were attractively prepared and each one contained a value of over \$100.00, including the two balloons. The baskets were cleverly wrapped and received many positive comments about their content and value. Again, thank you all Interest Group members.

Thank you also goes out to many of our members who donated baskets that they prepared, door prizes, gift cards, including the very unusual plants.



Our sincere appreciation to all who attended this year's "Notes on Fashion" show and luncheon and made it another year of fun, enjoyment and success.

The attendance was down from last year. Last year, there were just over 200 attendees, but this year there were only 181. The total amount of individual donations toward Tech Trek Summer program this year is \$4,224.00, raffle tickets sales were \$2,893.00, Vendors shared percentage \$380.00. Totaling \$7,117.00. That amount provides for seven girls to attend the camps. The donations by check have been sent to the California Special Fund Program office in Sacramento and all the checks will be clearing within a reasonable time.

ESGV Branch will continue to raise funds throughout the year in order to increase the number of middle school girls attending the STEM Tech Trek Summer Program.

The "Notes on Fashion" models were: Melinda Jones, Hope Holdsworth, Shahin Massoudi, Joey Sanchez, Dianne Saurenman, and Debra White.

The Fashion Show Committee was chaired by Susan Curtis and Mary Kay Ogden. The Committee members were Sarah Byer, Ruth Currie, Brenda Gulbranson, Hope Holdsworth, Gaynel Kendrick, Nancy Klinkhart, Cindy Knutson, Micaela Ruiz, Dianne Saurenman, Debra White, and Lucille Wright.

**Lucille Wright,
Branch President**



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JULY CALENDAR

Board Meeting —Saturday, July 14, 11:30 a.m. at the home of Hope Holdsworth. A potluck lunch for all incoming and outgoing board members.

Interest Groups

Daytime Books — Friday, July 13, 11 a.m. Meet at Marie Callender's, Azusa (corner of Route 66 and Barranca). Read *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. Contact: Jody Mentzer (909) 599-6023.

Daytime Books II — Monday, July 9, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Joey Sanchez. Read *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt. Contact: Sue Johnson (626) 963-5623.

Bridge I —Monday, July 2, 1:00 p.m. Contact: Joey Sanchez (626) 339-6522.

Bridge II — Tuesday, July 10, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Ila Harris. Call Ila at (626) 335-6561.

Bridge III (Beginning) — Thursday, July 19, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Ila Harris (626) 335-6561.

Bridge IV —Friday, July 13, 9:30 a.m. San Antonio Gardens. Contact: Darlene Knox (909) 594-3295

SAVE THE DATE

STEM Tech Trek Ice Cream Social
Saturday, September 29, 2018
2:00 p.m.
Glendora Library—Bidwell Forum
140 S. Glendora Ave., Glendora

Fashion Show 2019
is planned for April 6, 2019



Happy Birthday!

2—Barbara Forgey
6—Gaynel Kendrick
7—Teri Kennan
9—Hope Holdsworth
15—Linda Burns
22—Mary Skavinski
25—Sally Mabry

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 2018-2019

The new directory will be published during the summer, and available at our September meeting. To help make sure the correct information is listed, I would like to ask each member to please check your information in the current directory, and please let me know of any corrections or additions that may be needed.

Have you changed your e-mail, added or changed a phone number or changed address? Is your school information correct? Please check carefully, and let me know if anything needs to change.

Thank you,
Karen Praeger
karenpraeger111@hotmail.com



PUBLIC POLICY

State of the States: A Globally Competitive Workforce Starts with an Equitable Workplace

Every year, at the start of their respective legislative sessions, governors across the country deliver their assessments of the condition of their states. Governors used their 2018 state of the state addresses to speak about the strength of state economies and the prioritization of programs to further grow workforces. **But how will we build a more robust workforce when half of the population still faces stereotypes, gender bias, and discrimination that hinder their paths to success?** While states are making headway into many of the issues that AAUW members prioritize, substantive discussions about the role of gender equity in the economy were largely left out of the conversation.

Of the 47 gubernatorial addresses that were delivered in 2018, 32 made a strong push to improve education and build a more competitive workforce for high-demand careers in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. **Yet only one governor mentioned the importance of supporting women in these fields.**

Women make up nearly half of the nation's workforce (and have surpassed men in college enrollment), **but women still only account for 29 percent of those in STEM careers.** STEM job growth must be coupled with conscious efforts to diversify the workforce

Yet since the start of this year's legislative sessions, **lawmakers have made virtually no attempt to promote the inclusion of girls and women in STEM programs.**

While governors cited numerous legislative efforts to fortify their citizens' economic welfare, one key element seemed to be consistently ignored: **pay equity.**

Only three of our nation's governors even discussed efforts to close the gender pay gap.

AAUW applauds the governors of Connecticut, Louisiana, and Oregon for addressing this issue, but **where is the commitment to pay equity from the other 44?**

State executives were more receptive to the nation's cries to address sexual harassment. **Over a third of the country's governors used this platform to declare their states' positions of intolerance of harassment.**

Though this crucial policy area undoubtedly requires more than just lip service, AAUW is excited to see that **many states have actually introduced substantive legislation during this session to address sexual harassment in the workplace.** Creating a strong and healthy workforce means more than just increasing the availability of high-paying positions. **States must establish and implement measures that promote the success of an ample portion of their labor forces.**

We need more than just superficial avowals for reform, let us see **more initiatives to recruit girls into male-dominated fields of study,** let us engage in rich discussions about pay equity, and let us build workplaces that are free from sex-based discrimination.

Submitted by Jill Quezada