



# THE TWIG

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

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January 2019



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## President's Corner

Greetings

We wish you a very Happy 2019 New Year

The Christmas Luncheon at the South Hills Country Club was terrific. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the food, entertainment and sing along Christmas carols. Three boxes of toys were collected and delivered to the Covina Fire Department, who distributed them to needy children for Christmas. Thank you for the toys.

The calendar for 2019 is full of exciting activities for ESGV Branch members, as listed in this TWIG issue and on page 10 of your Directory. The most immediate event will be "Cupid's Garden Tea" on February 16, 2019. Hopefully, you have a favorite Tea food which you will want to sign up to bring.

(Contact Dianne Saurenman email:

[dsaurenman@gmail.com](mailto:dsaurenman@gmail.com)) and let her know what you will be bringing and how many it will serve. (remember -finger foods). Again, the event will be held at the Masonic Homes. This year there will be prizes for the most beautiful hats, so dig out that chapeau and plan to be in the theme of the Tea-Cupid's Garden. Please, bring along family members and friends.

The 2019 Fashion Show "Travel in Style" is our big fundraiser for STEM Tech Trek Summer Program. Information will be included each month in the TWIG, along with invitations mailed to every East San Gabriel Valley member. Sarah Byer and Brenda Gulbranson, along with their committee, will be selecting girls from six middle schools. This year, the Azusa Unified School District has been selected to send two students from one of the middle schools. This will be Azusa's first year in participating in the STEM Tech Trek Program. Please invite your family and friends to join you and enjoy a delightful lunch, fashion show and raffling of fantastic baskets.

Wishing you a fulfilling New Year,

*Lucille Wright, President*

**Great Decisions**—January 17, 7:00 p.m. (See Page 2)

## JANUARY CALENDAR

**Board Meeting**—Saturday, January 12, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Hope Holdsworth. If you are unable to attend, contact either Lucille (909) 599-1878 or Hope (626) 919-2410.

### Interest Groups

**Daytime Books**—Friday, January 11, 11 a.m. Meet at Marie Callender's, Azusa (corner of Route 66 and Barranca). Read *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Contact: Jody Mentzer (909) 599-6023.

**Daytime Books II**—Monday, January 14, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Joey Sanchez. Read *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain. Contact: Sue Johnson (626) 963-5623.

**Evening Books**—Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 p.m. Hillcrest Retirement Homes, Pinecrest Activity Room (1st floor), 2765 Mountain View Dr., La Verne. Read *I Will Not Fear: My Story of a Lifetime of Building Faith Under Fire* by Melba Pattillo Beals. Contact: Judy Woodruff (909) 392-4046.

**Mystery Books**—Tuesday, January 15, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Fountain. Read *The Cater Street Hangman* by Anne Perry. Discussion Leader: Ruth Currie.

**Bridge I**—Monday, January 7, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Glenn (626) 332-6451.

**Bridge II**—Tuesday, January 8, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Joey Sanchez. Call Joey (626) 915-0114.

**Bridge III**—Thursday, January 17, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Darlene Knox (909) 594-3295.

**Bridge IV**—Friday, January 11, 9:30 a.m. Hillcrest Retirement Homes, Pinecrest Activity Room (1st floor) 2765 Mountain View, La Verne. Hostess: Sally Mabry. (909) 985-7064.

**Daytime Bunco**—Tuesday, January 8, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Hope Holdsworth. (626) 919-2410. Please note location change. Call Hope if you want to play.

**Evening Bunco**—Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jeanette Gulli. Call Jeanette (909) 599-1904, if you want to play.

**Needlework**—Monday, January 21, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Alice Stewart.

**Playreading**—Thursday, January 10, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Hope Holdsworth. New participants welcome!

**Couple's Gourmet**—Progressive Dinner on Saturday, January 19th at 5:30. We will start with hors d'oeuvres at Diane Hoback's (1250 Vega Circle, San Dimas), then walk across the street to Sandy Moore's home for the main dish of baked potatoes with toppings and the salad course. Lastly (but not least) we'll travel to Ruth Currie's home in San Dimas for dessert. Call Hope (626) 919-2410 for a food category.



Topic for the January 17 meeting:  
7:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Glenn

**Refugees and Global Migration**

Today, no countries have open borders. Every state in today's global system has its own laws and policies about who is permitted to cross its borders, and how they will do so. Who determines whether someone is a refugee or a migrant? How have different countries, including the United States, reacted to migration? How effective are the international laws, policies and organizations that have evolved to assist and protect refugees and migrants?

**ESGV Branch Activities 2018-2019  
BRANCH MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Saturday—12/08/2018**      **Holiday Party**  
11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
Reservations:\$25  
South Hills Country Club  
2655 S. Citrus Street, West Covina 91791  
(Bring a toy for the Toys for Tots Program)

**Saturday—2/16/2019**      **Spring Tea**  
12:00-2:30 p.m.  
Masonic Homes of America  
1650 E. Old Badillo Road,  
Covina 91724

**Saturday—4/06/2019**      **FASHION SHOW**  
11:30 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.  
Reservations: \$40.00  
Hillcrest Retirement Center  
2705 Mountain View Dr.  
La Verne 91750  
(Tickets sold in advance)

**Saturday—6/22/2019**      **Officer Installation  
Buffet Lunch**  
12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Reservations: \$20.00  
Villa Tepeyac  
2200 East Garvey South  
West Covina 91791

**Happy Birthday!**

- 7—Joyce Cool
- 9—Sakeena Ali
- 26—Betsy Kaplan
- 28—Phyllis Wenner

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**

Lucille Wright Phone: (951) 398-9022 and (909) 599-1878

New Member:  
Diane Hoback  
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La Verne, CA 91750  
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(951) 533-7424  
Azusa Pacific University—BA

Please add to Page 17 of your directory.

**East San Gabriel Valley Branch—AAUW #CA0023  
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**Elected Officers 2018-2019**

President	Lucille Wright
Vice President—Programs	Dianne Saurenman
Vice President—Facilities	Janice Masters
Financial Officer	Ruth Currie
Recording Secretary	Maureen Moctezuma
	Joey Sanchez
STEM Tech Trek Director	Sarah Byer

**Appointed Chairs 2018-2019**

STEM Tech Trek Co-Director	Brenda Gulbranson
Membership Director	Karen Tanaka
Fashion Show Coordinator	Mary Kay Ogden
	Susan Curtis
Scholarship Director	Ruth Currie
Public Policy Reporter	Jill Quezada
DVAC Reporters	Hope Holdsworth
	Karen Tanaka
Funds Chairs	Jeanette Gulli
	Dolores Martenson
Directory/Yearbook Editor	Karen Praeger
TWIG Editor/Website	Karen Praeger
Historian	Jeanne Verbera
Parliamentarian	Hope Holdsworth
Social Secretary	Dorothy Fountain

Board Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at 2110 E. Cameron Ave., West Covina  
All members are invited to attend.



**Spring Tea  
Cupid's Garden  
Saturday, February 16, 2019, 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
Masonic Homes of America  
1650 East Old Badillo Road, Covina**

Our annual Spring Tea will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 12:00 to 2:30 p.m. at Masonic Homes of America, 1650 E. Old Badillo Road, Covina. There is no reservation fee. There will be prizes for the best hats that fit the Spring theme. A raffle will be held for gift card trees. Use the coupon below for your reservation and email it to Dianne Saurenman at [dsaurenman@gmail.com](mailto:dsaurenman@gmail.com) or mail it to her at 1008 S. Donna Beth Ave., West Covina, CA 91791 by February 7, 2019.

Each member is requested to bring a plate of tea sandwiches, finger food or small desserts to serve 6-8.



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Member's Name and Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the plate for 8 you plan to bring:

- Tea Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
- Small Appetizers \_\_\_\_\_
- Small Desserts \_\_\_\_\_

Send or email Dianne Saurenman at [dsaurenman@gmail.com](mailto:dsaurenman@gmail.com) or 1008 S. Donna Beth Ave., West Covina, CA 91791 by February 7, 2019.



## The New Title IX Proposal: Protecting Institutions at the Expense of Survivors

Title IX has long been the major force driving gender equity in education. While most commonly known for expanding athletics opportunities for girls (and boys) over the past 45 years, **Title IX prohibits all forms of sex discrimination at any educational institution or program receiving federal funding**. The U.S. Department of Education is responsible for holding schools accountable to the promise of Title IX, including ensuring that students can attend school free from sexual harassment and violence. Unfortunately, the Department's **newest proposed rules abdicate this responsibility**, helping schools evade Title IX obligations at the expense of students' civil rights.

Over the past decade, there has been increased recognition that sexual harassment and assault create an unequal educational environment. According to research by the American Association of University Women (AAUW), more than **sixty percent of college students experience some form of sexual harassment, and nearly half of students in grades 7–12 had experienced some form of sexual harassment** in the past school year. Numerous other studies have confirmed these findings about both [college students](#) and [middle- and high-school students](#).

Recently, the Department published a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) that would **eviscerate these hard won gains and drastically reduce schools' obligations when responding to reports of sexual harassment and violence**. After decades of promising movement towards ending sex discrimination, and a year after the #MeToo movement began a cultural reckoning confronting sexual harassment, assault, and violence, these proposed changes represent a retreat to an old approach of sweeping inconvenient truths under the rug. The **proposed regulations are designed to limit when and how schools must act to help their students, and those limits are imposed at the expense of students who have been harmed**. Some of the proposed changes include defining sexual harassment so narrowly that students could be subjected **to repeated abuse before action is taken**, limiting the situations in which schools are required to intervene, imposing an adversarial process at colleges with possible re-traumatizing effects on survivors, and empowering fewer school personnel to help.

These measures will also deter reporting of incidents of sexual harassment and assault, exacerbating the already prevalent problem of under reporting. According to [new analyses by AAUW](#), only **11 percent of colleges and universities disclosed any reported** any incidents of sexual assault last year. Similarly, **only 21 percent of K-12 institutions disclosed reported incidents of sexual harassment or bullying**. These numbers are out of line with the reality of what students' experience.

**With these changes, the Department of Education seems to be enabling schools evade their responsibility to create a safe learning environment for all students.**

We urge everyone to make their voices heard. Sexual harassment and violence have silenced survivors for too long. **We need to fully enforce our civil rights laws, not undermine them**. In undermining those laws, we undermine our nation's students and Title IX's original promise of equal access to education for all students.

*Submitted by Jill Quezada*

### EOF, LAF, Scholarship & Tech Trek

Thank you all who donated to any or all of these worthy causes for 2018.

You can be proud of the many women and girls you help attain their goals.

With much appreciation,

*Jeannette Gulli*, Chair EOF

*Dolores Martenson*, Chair LAF

*Ruth Currie*, Chair Scholarship & Tech Trek

### TRAVEL IN STYLE

Your fashion show committee has been hard at work since October planning another special fashion show and luncheon event for members and their guests. Since this is our biggest fund-raising effort of the year, we hope all of you will be able to participate. And, it is FUN! Here are the details so you can plan to attend and begin thinking about guests you might like to invite. Your invitations will be sent to your homes by U.S. mail in mid-February.

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2019

Place: Meeting House at Hillcrest in La Verne, CA

Time: Doors will open at 10:30 AM. Meeting and lunch will begin at 12:00.

Come anytime between 10:30 and 12:00 – vendors will be waiting for you!

Cost: Tickets will be \$40 each this year.