



THE TWIG

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

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President's Corner

Spring is a few months away, but our annual Spring Tea is February 16th at the Masonic Homes. The theme is "Cupid's Garden." Each table will be decorated with a "Fairy Garden" owned by Jeanette Gulli that she is loaning us for the day. All members, family and friends are invited to attend and enjoy this Spring event. Hats will be a fun addition and there will be prizes for the three best hats. There will be entertainment to brighten the day. Please let us know how many will be attending so the Board can arrange the tables and prizes.

Keep an eye on your snail mail this month. Your invitation to the annual Fashion Show will be mailed during the first week of February. The Theme for this year's Fashion Show is "Travel In Style" and will occur on April 6, 2019 at the Hillcrest Meeting House. It will be a colorful and fun filled day.

It is not too soon to think about the officers on the East San Gabriel Board of Directors and Appointed Chairs. If you have had any ideas that you would like to implement or would like to participate on the Board, please contact Hope Holdsworth by email or phone. All members are eligible.

Through our STEM Tech Trek Summer program, several of our selected students attend Whittier College's TT Workshops. We have been asked by the Directors to reach out to our members for volunteers to participate in the program in the capacities of Dorm Mom's, registration, and class supervisors. If you have one week in June available to volunteer, please contact me and I will provide the names and phone numbers for Whittier College Tech Trek Coordinator.

Lost. Three very large Tech Trek Posters were used at the September 2018 Ice Cream Social but they have disappeared. If you know of anyone who has them, please let me know. They are very attractive and useful to advertise the Tech Trek Program.

Make your calendar for February 16th for the Spring Tea. If you need a ride, please let me know.

See you at the Spring Tea,

Lucille Wright, President

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Board Meeting—Saturday, February 9, 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.

"Cupid's Garden Tea"—Saturday, February 16, 12:00 p.m., Masonic Homes of Covina. Details on Page 3.

Interest Groups

Daytime Books—Friday, February 8, 11 a.m. Meet at Marie Callender's, Azusa (corner of Route 66 and Barranca). Read *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. Contact: Jody Mentzer (909) 599-6023.

Daytime Books II—No meeting in February. For March read *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Harari. Contact: Sue Johnson (626) 963-5623.

Evening Books—Wednesday, February 20, 7:00 p.m. Hillcrest Retirement Homes, Pinecrest Activity Room (1st floor), 2765 Mountain View Dr., La Verne. Read *Pigs in Heaven* by Barbara Kingsolver. Contact: Judy Woodruff (909) 392-4046.

Bridge I—Monday, February 4, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Darlene Knox (951) 201-6483.

Bridge II—Tuesday, February 12, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Carol Callon. Call Carol (626) 488-9998.

Bridge III—Thursday, February 21, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Ila Harris (626) 335-6561.

Bridge IV—Friday, February 8, 9:30 a.m. Hillcrest Retirement Homes, Pinecrest Activity Room (1st floor) 2765 Mountain View, La Verne. Hostess: Donna Mason. (909) 946-0115.

Daytime Bunco—Tuesday, February 5, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Fountain (626) 335-3735. Call Dorothy if you want to play.

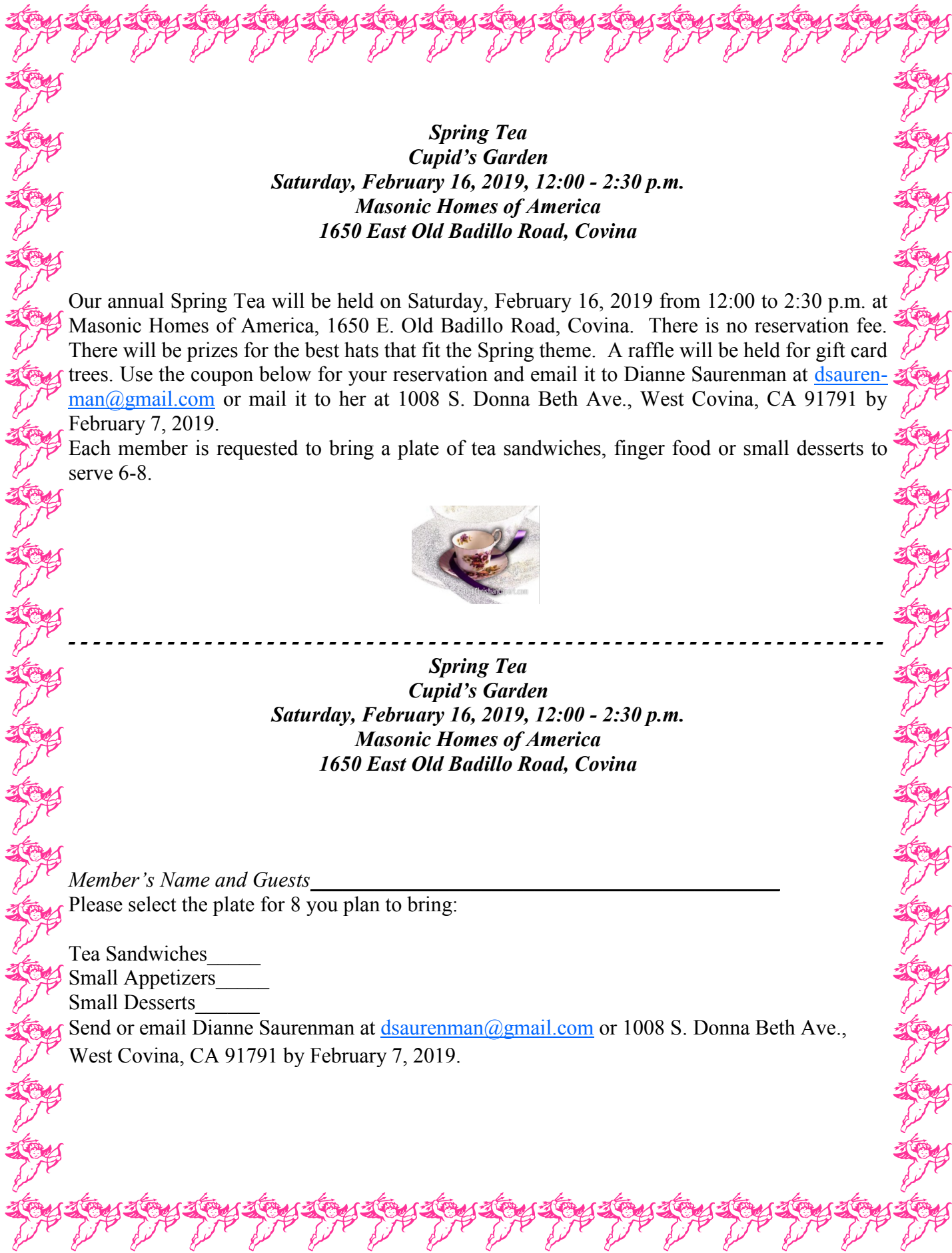
Evening Bunco—Wednesday, February 27, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Karen Tanaka. (This is a change from Dottie Grinstead's home). Call Karen (626) 335-9286, if you want to play.

Needlework—Monday, February 18, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Hope Holdsworth.

Playreading—Thursday, February 14, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Fountain. New participants welcome!

Great Decisions—Thursday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Glenn. Topic: "The Middle East: Regional Disorder." (Details on Page 2).

Opera at the Movies—Saturday, February 2, 9:50 a.m. *Carmen*. AMC Theatre, 1337 E. Gladstone St., Glendora.. Contact: Mary Skavinski (626) 336-4959



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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 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 or 1008 S. Donna Beth Ave., West Covina, CA 91791 by February 7, 2019.

Fashion Show, “Travel In Style”

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2019. Doors open at 10:30 AM. Meeting and lunch begin at 12:00 PM.
Location: Meeting House at Hillcrest Village Center, 2705 Hillcrest Drive, La Verne, CA 91750
Cost: \$40 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

Reservation Information: We will be repeating the process we used last year for reservations. In the next few days, you will receive your own personal invitation in the mail. Be on the lookout. It will contain the following:

Invitation card: You will keep this at home as a reminder of the date, time, and location of the fashion show. There will be a map inside. You may wish to copy this invitation and give a copy to each of your guests so that they have all the details readily accessible.

RSVP card: You will simply indicate the number of people who will be coming as your guests and you will return the reservation card with payment for **ALL** the reservations. It will be your job to get all the checks from guests before you return the RSVP.

Please return all checks for your party together in the same envelope with the RSVP card. No tickets will be mailed to you. You and each of your guests will simply stop at the check-in table and give **YOUR NAME.**

This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and we need the participation of **all** members. We hope you can attend and enjoy the event. If you cannot attend, we encourage you to make a tax deductible donation to Tech Trek.

If attending, mail your reservations as soon as you can. Deadline for reservations to be received is Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

If you cannot attend, you may return your donation with the RSVP card.

Some of you will be attending and may wish to also provide a \$100 tax deductible sponsorship for Teck Trek. You will return the sponsorship donation with the RSVP card as well.

A business donor letter is also attached to the TWIG. If you have business contacts who may wish to contribute to our fashion show, please give them a copy of the letter as soon as possible. If you have donors, please let Nancy know by March 20, 2019 so that we can include their business information in the Fashion Show program.

Questions or concerns? Contact Nancy Klinkhart (626) 963-5072 (H) or (626) 826-1028 (Cell – text or call) or by email at nklinkhart@aol.com. For emails, please type “Fashion Show” in the Subject line so I don’t miss your mail!

AAUW Denounces Rescission of School Discipline Guidance

On January 8, 2014 the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division and the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights issued a **guidance package to assist public elementary and secondary schools in meeting their obligations under Federal law to administer student discipline without discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin.** The departments believed that guidance on how to identify, avoid, and remedy discriminatory discipline assisted schools in providing all students with equal educational opportunities. Creating and maintaining safe and orderly educational environments is supported, but discrimination based on personal characteristics is still the law. The letter provided evidence-based strategies and resources for educators, students, and parents, and reminded schools receiving federal funding that discipline policies and practices must comply with nondiscrimination requirements in civil rights law.

HOWEVER, the Departments rescinded the 2014 joint guidance package to schools, including the Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline and on December 21, 2018 AAUW Chief Executive Officer Kim Churches issued the following statement about the Administration's decision to rescind guidance to schools on how to address disparities in school discipline.

"All children should have equal opportunity to succeed. Today's announcement by the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Justice undermines that goal by rescinding guidance that helped schools to change disciplinary practices that were disproportionately harming students of color and students with disabilities. Girls of color are often suspended for minor or subjective offenses and are significantly more likely to be suspended than white girls. Research also shows that students with disabilities are often subjected to unnecessary exclusionary and harsh physical discipline.

Exclusionary discipline, like suspensions and expulsions, deprives students of classroom learning time, which can cause them to fall behind on work and see their grades slip. It can lead to increased risk for not completing school or even push them into the school-to-prison pipeline.

Let's be clear: Disproportionately high disciplinary rates for students of color and students with disabilities constitutes discrimination.

Schools should be setting children up for successful futures, not for failure by using discriminatory disciplinary practices. While this rescission does not change federal civil rights laws or the Departments' obligations to enforce them, AAUW calls on the Departments to reverse this action and instead reaffirm their commitment to supporting equal rights and opportunity for all."

As members of AAUW, we must stand up for all girls to [eliminate any form of discrimination.](#)

View the full letter at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201401-title-vi.html>

Submitted by Jill Quezada

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