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

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PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Summer heat is definitely here. It is time to take care of ourselves by keeping hydrated and covering up from the sun’s rays. Free cool evening concerts are still available in August in Azusa Memorial Park August 1, 7-10, Chino Hills Veterans Park August 7, 7-8:30, Claremont Memorial Park August 5, 12, 19, 26 and Sept. 2, 7-8:30, Covina Park August 1 and 8, 7:30, Glendora Finkbiner Park August 4, 6-8 and La Verne Heritage Park August 11 6:30.

The Ice Cream Social Committee led by Brenda Gulbranson and Sarah Byer is meeting and putting together another wonderful event to celebrate our 2019 Tech Trek Attendees. The event is slated for Saturday, September 28 at the Bidwell Forum at the Glendora Library. You won’t want to miss this opportunity to meet our 14 stellar young women.

The East San Gabriel Valley Chapter Board met in July to begin planning the rest of the programs and activities for 2019-2020. More meetings will take place during August. Programs and dates will be published in the 2019-2020 Directory.

On June 4, 2019, our country celebrated the 100th year of the passage of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote. The number of women in public office has grown year after year since that Constitutional Amendment. There are still equity areas that need to be addressed, however, such as equal pay, women’s rights, and sex stereotyping discrimination.

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DVAC Committee

There are two proposed bills pending in the California Senate.

SB 273 would provide additional time for domestic violence survivors to come forward about their abuse by extending the statute of limitations (under current law some crimes have to be prosecuted within one year of the offense).

S1092A addresses the pelvic exams of unconscious women without their consent. This bill would make it a criminal offense rather than an ethics violation.

The Domestic Violence Action Coalition is comprised of representatives from local organizations and agencies. They meet each month at Covina Woman’s Club. Karen Tanaka and Hope Holdsworth represent AAUW at these meetings.

Directory

The 2019-2020 Branch Directory is in the process of being updated. The new directory will be distributed to members in September.

Please take a moment to look at your listing in the current directory, and let us know if changes need to be made. Have you changed phone numbers, want a different one listed, have a new address, is your school information correct, etc. Particularly important is the e-mail address.

The directory chairperson this year is Dee Smist. Please let her know if any changes need to be made.
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AUGUST CALENDAR

Board Meeting—Saturday, August 10, 11:30 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.

Summer Outing—Tuesday, August 1, 6:30 p.m. Trip to Covina Park, Fourth & Badillo in Covina to see The Covina Concert Band. Contact: Jackie Littrell (626) 319-0897 jackielittrell@yahoo.com

Interest Groups

Daytime Books—Friday, August 9, 11 a.m. Meet at Marie Callender's, Azusa (corner of Route 66 and Barranca). Read *Then She Was Gone* by Lisa Jewell. Contact: Jody Mentzer (909) 599-6023.

Daytime Books II—Monday, August 12, 1:00 p.m., at the home of Joey Sanchez. Read *Fifty Things That Aren't My Fault* by Cathy Guisewhite. Contact: Sue Johnson (626) 963-5623.

Bridge I—Monday, August 5, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Kilgore. (626) 862-2660.

Bridge II—Tuesday, August 13, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Donna Mason. Call Donna (909) 946-0115.

Bridge III—Thursday, August 15, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Vera Drino (626) 339-6522.

Bridge IV—Friday, August 9, 9:30 a.m. Hillcrest Retirement Homes, Pinecrest Activity Room (1st floor) 2765 Mountain View, La Verne. Hostess: Carole Callon (626) 488-9998.

Daytime Bunco—No information.

Evening Bunco—No summer meetings.

Needlework—No summer meetings.

Playreading—No meeting in July or August. Contact: Sandy Brancheau (626) 339-7181.

Great Decisions—No meeting in July or August. Meetings will commence on Thursday, September 19.

International Lunch Bunch—No meeting in July or August. Visit some new restaurants and bring some ideas in September. Contact: Darlene Knox (909) 594-3295.

Save the Date!

*Saturday, September 28, 2019
Tech Trek Ice Cream Social
Bidwell Forum, Glendora Library, Glendora*

*Saturday, April 25, 2020
Fashion Show "Denim and Diamonds"
Hillcrest Homes, La Verne*

Happy Birthday!

1—Georgia Florentine
4—Dee Smist
6—Nancy Klinkhart
7—Kathy Davis
8—Peggy Pestal
9—Janice Masters
12—Roxanna Figueroa
14—Joey Sanchez
20—Dianne Saurenman
21—Deirdre McLaughlin
24—Brenda Gulbranson
26—Mary Fulbeck

Fashion Show Committee

The committee is starting to meet to work on the fashion show. All help is appreciated. Volunteer to help in some way, whether it be baskets, decorations, mailings, publicity, favors, etc. Your skill and willingness to help will be welcomed.

Contact Brenda Gulbranson (626) 484-4449 or brendag.824@gmail.com

Remember the fashion show is our main philanthropic fundraiser for Tech Trek. Be a part of the fun of this event!

Contribute to the Cause!

Think: Before you head out the door to your next Interest Group meeting, see if you have any recyclables to take along with you. It's an easy way to help our causes.

An easy way to benefit our group is to save your recyclable aluminum and plastic **beverage** containers (no glass). Bring them to the next interest group meeting or other AAUW event that you attend. Any board member in the group will make sure that your contributions get to Dee Smist. It's an easy way to help out. Thank you, Dee, for organizing this effort! For more information or arrange pickup of items contact Dee at (909) 597-4694 deekis-gr8@yahoo.com



Soccer and Salaries: The U.S. Women's National Team Fights for Equity

Shortly after the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (USWNT) clinched the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup on July 7 with a 2-0 win against the Netherlands, the crowd in the stadium started chanting "Equal Pay!"

It was a powerful reminder of the battle that the USWNT – and women everywhere – have been fighting for years: to be paid the same as men for doing the same work. Or, in some cases, for doing even more work. The USWNT has been the best in the world for decades. According to a lawsuit filed by the team in March, in recent years they have played more games than the men's team, earned larger viewing audiences, and generated a greater share of profits and revenue for the U.S. Soccer Federation. The women have now won four World Cup titles and four Olympic medals. Yet in some cases they earn just 38% of men's pay per game.

Just how much money is at stake? A lot. This World Cup, 24 teams competed for \$30 million in prize money from FIFA — which is a mere 7.5% of the Men's World Cup prize of \$400 million in 2018. As the winners, the USWNT will split \$4 million of these funds.

The women's team is losing out on bonuses as well. If the women were entitled to the same World Cup bonuses as the U.S. men's national team, their rewards would six times larger by the time they reached the quarter-finals.

They're not alone in being underpaid. AAUW research shows that, on average, women working full-time are paid 80% of what their male counterparts' make – a figure that has changed by less than a nickel during the 21st century. Moreover, a gender pay gap persists across all demographics, in every part of the country, and in nearly every line of work, including female-dominated professions like teaching and nursing.

That's why AAUW is committed to achieving gender pay equity by advocating for state and federal equal-pay laws like the Paycheck Fairness Act, working with employers to ensure fair workplace practices, and teaching women to negotiate for more money. It's an approach that focuses on driving change while empowering women to advocate for themselves – because, as Washington Post columnist Sally Jenkins said of the USWNT: **"The U.S. women didn't wait for their moment. They demanded it, and that's what real power is."**

Submitted by Jill Quezada