



THE TWIG

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

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President's Corner

Our Tech Trek girls gave us a wonderful experience on September 28 by showing and telling us about their interesting and worth while STEM adventures this past summer.

We will celebrate International Teacher Appreciation Day with some of the intermediate school faculties where our Tech Trek girls attend on Friday morning, October 4 with pastries and coffee.

Fund raising for Tech Trek is primarily our Spring Fashion Show which will be on April 25, 2020. Another possible fund raiser that our members can assist with is a clothing drive on November 16 at Pioneer Adult School, Badillo and Barranca in Covina. Bring bags of your gently used clothing from 8:00 – 3:00 to be loaded into a truck. Our Branch will be provided with funds according to how much the truck with our bags weighs. The funds for this will be allocated to our Scholarship program.

On November 2nd at our Author's Luncheon we will host authors from "Sisters in Crime" who will speak to us of how humor is integrated into crime novels. Another exciting program arranged for us by Jackie Littrell, Vice-President Programs.

Throughout 2019 and 2020, Americans will celebrate the centennial of the extension of the right to vote to women. When Congress passed the 19th Amendment in 1919 and 36 states ratified it by August 1920, women's right to vote was enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. East San Gabriel Valley Branch will celebrate this centennial on February 8, 2020 at our Spring Tea. We will have a speaker from The League of Women Voters to help us celebrate this wonderful centennial.

Many wonderful programs are scheduled for 2019-2020 that you will want to attend.

Dianne Saurenman, President

Time to Clean out Your Closets!

On Saturday, November 16th we will be having a Gently used clothing drive to benefit our Scholarship Fund. The event will be held from 8 AM – 2 PM in the Parking Lot of Tri-Community Pioneer Adult School. 160 N. Barranca Ave., Covina, CA 91723. Our branch will earn money for your gently used clothing (Men's Women's and Children's) We will also accept shoes/belts, handbags/backpacks, linens/curtains and bedding. If you are unable to drop off items on the 16th contact Lucille Wright at (909)599-1878 to make arrangements for an early drop-off. Please share this information with friends and family.

Author's Luncheon

The annual Author's Luncheon will be held Saturday, November 2nd at Westminster, Gardens 1420 Santo Domingo Dr. Duarte, CA 91016. We will have a panel of three to four authors from Sisters in Crime. Sisters in Crime is a local organization that promotes the ongoing advancement, recognition and professional development of women crime writers. All the authors, on the panel, will be local writers and their topic will be humor in crime mysteries. Books will be available for sale after the presentation. We will have a short business meeting and a buffet lunch will be served. The cost is \$22 per person. Invite a friend or a potential new member. (More details and reservation form on Page 3)



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Board Meeting—Saturday, October 12, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Hope Holdsworth. If you are unable to attend, contact either Hope (626) 919-2410 or Dianne (626) 917-6191.

Interest Groups

Daytime Books— Friday, October 11, 11 a.m. Meet at Marie Callender's, Azusa (corner of Route 66 and Barranca). Read *The Wednesday Sisters* by Meg Waite Clayton. Contact: Jody Mentzer (909) 599-6023.

Daytime Books II— Monday, October 14, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Joey Sanchez. Read *The Other Americans* by Laila Lalami. Contact: Sue Johnson (626) 824-6228.

Evening Books—Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 p.m. Hillcrest Retirement Homes, Pinecrest Activity Room (1st floor), 2765 Mountain View Dr., La Verne. Read *Bold Spirit* by Helga Estby. Contact: Judy Woodruff (909) 392-4046.

Bridge I—Monday, October 7, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Sally Mabry. (909) 985-7064.

Bridge II – Tuesday, October 8, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Sally Mabry. Call Sally (909) 985-7064.

Bridge III— Thursday, October 17, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Ila Harris (626) 335-6561.

Bridge IV—Friday, October 11, 9:30 a.m. Hillcrest Retirement Homes, Pinecrest Activity Room (1st floor) 2765 Mountain View, La Verne. Hostess: Sue Johnson (626) 824-6228.

Daytime Bunco—Tuesday, October 1, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Jody Mentzer. (909) 599-6023.

Evening Bunco—Wednesday, October 23, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Lucille Wright. Call Lucille (909) 599-1878 if you'd like to play.

Needlework—Monday, October 21, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Irene Parker.

Playreading—Thursday, October 10, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Joey Sanchez (626) 485-0308. Contact: Sandy Brancheau (626) 339-7181.

Great Decisions—Thursday, October 17, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Glenn. Topic: “State of the State Department and Diplomacy” (Details to the right).

International Lunch Bunch—Friday, October 4, 11:30 a.m. Meet at the Phoenix Club, 1340 Sanderson Ave., Anaheim. (714) 563-4166. Dee Smist will be hostess. Please RSVP to Dee (909) 636-4430. Contact: Darlene Knox (909) 594-3295.

Gourmet Group—Saturday, October 19, 6:00 p.m. A planning potluck at the home of Hope Holdsworth. Call Hope (626) 919-2410 for a recipe category. All members are welcome to attend.

Happy Birthday!

3—Adrienne Rose
4—Ruth Crandall
4—Ila Harris
5—Judy Woodruff
6—Sandy Moore
15—Kathy Robison
18—Marlene Morgan
18—Karen Tanaka
20—Shahin Massoudi
20—Sue Johnson
26—Pam McKenney
26—Shirley Heckman
26—Pamela Hazen
29—Bonnie Blum
31—Lucille Wright

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



Topic for the October 17 meeting:
7:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Glenn
State of the State Department and Diplomacy

During the Trump administration, the usual ways of conducting diplomacy have been upended. Many positions in the State Department have never been filled, and meetings with foreign leaders such as Kim Jong-un and Vladimir Putin have been undertaken with little advance planning. What effect are these changes having now, and how will they affect ongoing relationships between the United States and its allies and adversaries?

**East San Gabriel Valley Branch of
American Association of University Women
Presents “Sisters In Crime” Luncheon & Panel Discussion
Saturday, November 2, 2019, 11:30 a.m.
Packard Hall, Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave., Duarte 91010**



Diann Adamson is an international selling author who has received awards for her Lillian Dove Mystery Series. *At the Edge of No Return*, recently released, is one of her darker, psychological suspense thrillers. She lives in the Los Angeles area and teaches writing at local colleges.

Jill Amadio is an author, biographer, and ghostwriter. She writes a mystery series set in Newport Beach, *DIGGING TOO DEEP* and *DIGGING UP THE DEAD*. Originally from Cornwall, U.K., like her amateur sleuth, Jill was a journalist in several foreign countries. Find her at jillamadiomysteries.com.

Janet Elizabeth Lynn was born in Queens, New York and raised in Long Island. Her family escaped the freezing winters and hurricanes for the warmth and casual lifestyle of Southern California. She has written seven contemporary mysteries and co-written five hard-boiled 1950s mysteries with her husband, Will Zeilinger. And yes...they are still married! Find her at www.janetlynnauthor.com.

Shanon Muir is an author and also currently serves on the board of Sisters in Crime Los Angeles, maintaining the chapter website. She's passionate about interaction between authors and readers and loves to moderate discussions.

Pamela Samuels Young is an attorney and award-winning author of more than a dozen books. Her thriller about child sex trafficking, *Anybody's Daughter*, received the prestigious NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Fiction. Her newest title is *Failure to Protect*, a legal thriller that deals with the bullying epidemic. A former journalist, Pamela holds degrees from USC, Northwestern University, and UC Berkeley School of Law. She is a frequent speaker on the topics of child sex trafficking, online safety and fiction writing. Visit her website at www.pamelasamuelsyoung.com

**AAUW-ESGV Author's Luncheon Reservation Form
November 2, 2019, 11:30 a.m.**

\$22 per person

Check should be payable to: AAUW ESGV Branch. Deadline date: 10/28/2019

Mail check to: Lucille Wright, P.O. Box 626, San Dimas, CA 91773

Member's Name and Guests: _____

Car pooling will be arranged for the event

Do you want to car pool (yes) (no). Would you be one of the drivers (yes) (no)



Retirement Security or Shall We Say Retirement Insecurity

Women's retirement insecurity is in part because many women do not have private savings to rely on. Among workers participating in an employment-based retirement plan in 2010, female wage and salary workers ages 21–64 participated in a retirement plan at a lower level than males did, and only half of all workers participated in a private plan.

Many women work in industries or occupations that do not offer 401(k)s or other defined contribution plans. For example, women are twice as likely to work on a part-time basis as men. Currently, the Social Security benefit formula cannot make up for the substantial amount of time some women are out of the workforce or that women are unlikely to be able to make pension or retirement savings investments during their displacement.

Social Security

Because women live longer, they depend on Social Security's guaranteed, inflation-adjusted lifetime benefits for more years than do men:

- Social Security supports millions of older women — more than half would fall into poverty without these benefits.
 - Forty-eight percent of all non-married (divorced, widowed, or never married) women age 65 and older get 90 percent or more of their income from Social Security.
 - In 2008, 23 percent of women over the age of 65 relied on Social Security for all of their income.
- Yet Social Security is not perfect. Women still bear a disproportionate burden of caregiving responsibilities, which can take them out of the paid workforce to care for children and aging parents.

Improving Retirement Security for Women

Many women cobble together retirement benefits from a number of sources, and even then are left to rely on the benefits of their spouse, other public assistance programs, or live in poverty.

Although Social Security needs reform, the system is not broken. The most recent Social Security trustees' report shows that the system can pay all scheduled benefits through 2033.

One possible reform to strengthen the system is lifting the payroll tax cap, putting the wealthiest Americans on equal footing with everyone else. The Chief Actuary of the Social Security Administration has projected that applying the payroll tax to income above \$250,000 will extend the full solvency of Social Security for the next 75 years, protecting the benefits of millions of Americans.

Another potential reform is a caregiver credit, which would give Social Security credits to men and women who step away from paid work to provide family care. This would help alleviate the resulting shortfall in Social Security benefits.

Submitted by Jill Quezada

AAUW FUND

**A copy of this letter and the donation envelopes will be mailed to you this week,
or use the tear-off below!**

Dear Member,

October 1, 2019

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. It is one of the world’s largest sources of funding for graduate women. Due to the generous contributions from you, its members, many deserving women are aided in their important work and advanced studies and continue to gain access to educational and economic opportunities – breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance. Since 1888, AAUW has provided more than \$100 million in funding for more than 12,000 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in all 50 states and 140 countries.

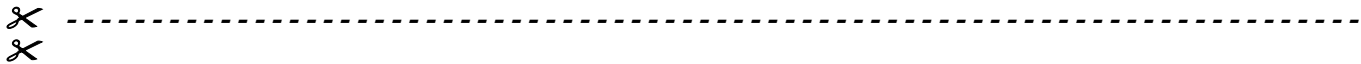
Now is the time to make your tax deductible donations to *any* or *all* of the funds listed below.

- 1) **LAF** (Check payable to AAUW Fund)
- 2) **EOF** (Check payable to AAUW Fund)
- 3) **STEM-TECH TREK** (Check payable to ESGV Branch AAUW)
- 4) **COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS** (Check payable to ESGV Branch AAUW)

Please write a *separate* check for each donation with its fund name listed in the memo section of each check.

Place checks in the pre-addressed, fund-labeled envelopes provided (addresses listed below)

LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund)	Dolores Martenson 1500 S Glencroft Road Glendora, CA 91740
EOF (Educational Opportunity Fund)	Jeanette Gulli 1729 Paseo Mundo San Dimas, CA 91773
STEM-TECH TREK	Ruth Currie 2035 Calle Tomas San Dimas, CA 91773
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS	Ruth Currie 2035 Calle Tomas San Dimas, CA 91773



Yes, I want to support our ESGV commitment to support women whose intellect, courage and effort require financial assistance to realize their fullest potential. My check is enclosed. Mail to appropriate address above.

Name of Member _____ **Deadline: November 15, 2019**

\$__ **EOF Donation (\$100 or more will be named Century Club Donors)**

\$__ **LAF Donation (\$100 or more will be named Century Club Donors)**

\$__ **STEM Tech Trek Donation**