



# THE TWIG

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

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## President's Corner

Our February 8 Right to Vote Tea was a resounding success! Member attendance was great and with our many guests, the room at the Masonic Homes was filled. We enjoyed the intimate setting of round tables which encouraged social interaction. The member donated food was much appreciated with little left over. Our program, *Women's Right to Vote*, was interesting and pertinent. Attendees enjoyed a game about the road to Women's Suffrage and two speakers from the League of Women Voters who gave an excellent presentation on the subject. Be sure to exercise your right to vote on March 3!

Nominations for East San Gabriel Valley Branch of AAUW were held and voted upon at our February 8 meeting. These officers will be installed at our June 27 Installation of Officers meeting. March 31 is a day to celebrate Equal Pay for Women. Be sure to wear red in support.

Our next event is our Fashion Show, *Denims to Diamonds*, on April 25. This event supports our Tech Trek girls at STEM Camp next summer. We are planning to send 12 intermediate school girls this year to camp. Funds for this opportunity come from Fashion Show ticket sales, raffles for baskets from Interest Groups and individuals, and other donations from members and sponsors. This event, held at Hillcrest, is always very popular with our members and their many guests. Mark your calendars—you won't want to miss it!

*Dianne Saurenman, President*

### Board Nominations for East San Gabriel Valley Branch – AAUW 2020-2021

<b>President (second year of term)</b>	<b>Dianne Saurenman</b>
<b>Vice President--Programs</b>	<b>Hope Holdsworth</b>
<b>Vice President--Facilities</b>	<b>Ruth Currie</b>
<b>Financial Officer</b>	<b>Lucille Wright</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Jill Quezada</b>
<b>STEM Tech Trek Director</b>	<b>Brenda Gulbranson</b>

These officers will be installed at our luncheon on June 27.

## Denim and Diamonds

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020

Place: Meeting House at Hillcrest in La Verne, CA

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

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

Cost: Tickets will be the same price as last year -\$40.

Here are some fun things to anticipate for the 2020 Fashion Show:

Our model line up will have some surprises this year – come and find out what they are!

The models will be wearing clothing from 2 stores: Steinmart and Everyday Clothing from the Glendora Village.

We have some great vendors, so bring money to spend.

Some have been with us before such as Simply Scarves, Linda Costello jewelry and the Hillcrest Gift Shop. Others are brand new and include unique candles by Candeline, a pop-up store by Everyday Clothing and beautiful one of a kind fabric creations by Essential Designz.

Start inviting friends and watch for the arrival of your invitation to the fashion show. It should appear in your mailbox in the next few days.

## Fashion Show

Baskets and door prizes have started coming in, but we still need many more. They may either be delivered to my home, 2110 East Cameron Avenue, West Covina, by April 24th or the Hillcrest Meeting House on April 24th between the hours of 2:00-4:00 P.M. If you are unable to deliver them, call me (626) 919-2410 to pick up. We are not accepting any donations after the 24th so please DO NOT deliver anything on the day of the Fashion Show as the room has to be completely set up on the 24th. Again, thank you all for your wonderful donations and those yet to come. They are much appreciated.

Hope

## MARCH CALENDAR

**Board Meeting**—Saturday, March 14, 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, March 13, 11 a.m. Meet at Marie Callender's, Azusa (corner of Route 66 and Barranca). Read *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. Contact: Jody Mentzer (909) 599-6023.

**Daytime Books II**— Monday, March 9, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Joey Sanchez. Read *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Contact: Sue Johnson (626) 824-6228.

**Evening Books**—Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. Hillcrest Retirement Homes, Pinecrest Activity Room (1st floor), 2765 Mountain View Dr., La Verne. Read *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Contact: Judy Woodruff (909) 392-4046.

**Mystery Books**—Tuesday, March 17, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Lucille Wright. Read *A Midsummer's Equation* by Keigo Higashino. Also, bring book titles to recommend for next year's reading.

**Bridge I**—Monday, March 2, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Donna Mason (909) 946-0115.

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

**Bridge III**— Thursday, March 19, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Donna Mason (909) 946-0115.

**Bridge IV**—Friday, March 13, 9:30 a.m. Hillcrest Retirement Homes, Pinecrest Activity Room (1st floor) 2765 Mountain View, La Verne. Hostess: Darlene Knox (909) 594-3295.

**Daytime Bunco**—Tuesday, March 3, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Pamela Hazen, 1016 Hormel Ave., La Verne (909) 816-9259.

**Evening Bunco**—Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Hope Holdsworth. Call Hope (626) 919-2410 if you plan to play.

**Needlework**—Monday, March 16, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Joey Sanchez.

**Playreading**—Thursday, March 12, 1:00 p.m., at the home of Sandy Brancheau. Contact: Sandy Brancheau (626) 339-7181 for information.

**International Lunch Bunch**—Friday, March 20, 11:30 a.m. at Le Gourmet, 121 W. Foothill, Upland. Their number: (909) 981-1716. Come and enjoy their French cuisine. Carpooling may be an option. Contact: Darlene Knox (909) 594-3295.

**Gourmet Group**—Saturday, March 14, 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Lucky Elephant Thai Restaurant, 531 W. Arrow Hwy., San Dimas. Meet in front at 11:30. All are welcome!

**Live Theatre**—Thursday, March 5, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Lucille Wright. Please phone or email Lucille Wright and let her know if you are interested. 951-398-9022 or lucille\_10@verizon.net)

## Happy Birthday!

11—Darlene Knox  
11—Phyllis Anderson  
14—Ruth Currie  
28—Vera Drino  
29—Shirley Boyer  
30—Elaine Jeche  
31—Jill Quezada

Hi Ladies

## *Happy St. Patrick's Day*

Daytime books will once again meet for lunch at Marie Callender's on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We would love to have you join us even if you haven't read the book. We have a great time and manage to discuss the book too. This month's book is **Little Fires Everywhere**, by Celeste Ng. Hope you can make it. Call Jody at 909.599.6023

Our book for April, which will be **The Story Teller's Secret** by Sejal Badani, is an epic story of the unrelenting force of love, the power of healing, and the invincible desire to dream.

Hope you can join us.

Jody Mentzer



## Member Survey

Be sure to respond to the survey attached to the Twig (it will be on the e-mail message page, if you receive the Twig via e-mail. If you receive the Twig in the regular mail, the survey is included as a separate page.

To prepare planning for next year's activities, we would like input from members as to your thoughts about the types of activities and programs you are interested in attending.

The survey should be completed and mailed to Jackie Littrell, 175 E. Meda, #3, Glendora, CA 91741  
You could also copy and paste the document into an e-mail message and answer the questions in an e-mail to Jackie: jackielittrell@yahoo.com

## **AAUW Releases Gender Agenda for 2020 Election**

### **Urges federal and state candidates to commit to policies protecting women's economic security**

With the election season moving into high gear, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has released its 2020 Gender Policy Agenda, which outlines the organization's top priorities for advancing the economic security of women and their families.

"Women make up the majority of American voters, and we have the power to ensure that all the candidates pay close attention to the policies that directly affect our lives and the lives of our families," said Kim Churches, AAUW's chief executive officer.

"While we are a fiercely non-partisan organization, we are not values neutral: Throughout our 140-year history, we have advocated for laws that improve the lives of women and girls—and we'll continue to do so.

"We urge all candidates for state and federal office—regardless of party—to commit to these priorities. We also ask every American to stand with women and to cast their vote in what is arguably one of the most consequential elections in our nation's history," Churches said.

Highlights of the AAUW Gender Policy Agenda include:

- **Supporting new laws to close the gender pay gap:** Despite their advances in the workplace, women still are paid on average just 82 cents for every dollar paid to a man.
- **Implementing paid sick and caregiving leave:** The U.S. does not guarantee paid time off for illness or caregiving leave. Enacting such policies would benefit not only individuals, but employers and the economy as well.
- **Reducing student debt:** Women hold two-thirds of the nation's \$1.46 trillion educational debt and need more programs and policies to alleviate the burden.
- **Instituting robust protections against harassment:** Sexual, racial, and other forms of harassment in the workplace and academic institutions impede the ability of women to fully access education and achieve economic security.
- **Expanding opportunities in STEM:** These are the most rapidly growing fields, yet women and girls continue to face bias and discrimination that hinder their success.
- **Protecting and expanding the right to vote.** Voting discrimination is a threat to the very foundation of our democracy; ensuring the right to vote is an essential first step toward establishing all the other policies AAUW advocates.

*Submitted by Jill Quezada*

**REMEMBER: MARCH 31, 2020 Is Equal Pay Day – WEAR RED**

***Remember, please respond to our survey. We appreciate your input.***