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AAUW Glendale- 91 Years

2013 - 2014

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AAUW Glendale Holiday Party

HARK! Hear those bells? No, it's not a sleigh – not in Southern California! It's the bell at the Pallares home. Yes, the lifelike carolers on the porch are beckoning because once again Mary and Oscar Pallares are generously opening their home for the AAUW Glendale Holiday Party. They have provided much warmth and merriment for several years, and of course our members always enjoy the celebration. So rev up your holiday spirits and make a reservation now! Members may bring spouses, significant other, prospective members or guests.

**Time: Saturday, December 14, 2013
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Place: Mary and Oscar Pallares Home

Cost: \$35.00 per person

**Members must phone or write their reservation and check
(payable to AAUW – Glendale) FIVE DAYS before the event to:**

Suzie Robinson

NOTE: Permanent reservations do not apply for this special event, and tickets will not be sold at the event.



President's Message

We hope you will plan to attend our annual Holiday get-together on December 14! **Please make sure your reservation and check are received by the deadline.** We must have an accurate count for the caterers, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Happy Holidays!

Please consider donating a gift basket or other item for our January Founder's Day meeting. All money raised at this event will be used to fund Tech Trek campers. What an easy and worthwhile way to give back to the community!

We encourage your active participation! If you need help coming to meetings, please feel free to contact us.

Nancy Ellyson, Co-President
Patricia Wilson, Co-President

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*"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift;
 that's why they call it the present."*
Eleanor Roosevelt (1884 – 1962)



AAUW FUNDS FALL LUNCHEON

On October 19, 2013, a celebration luncheon was held at the Knotts Berry Farm Hotel to honor the 2013-14 AAUW Funds Fellows and Grant recipients. I sat with our Glendale Endowment Fund Career Development Grant recipient, Lisa Yuen, who currently attends Calif. State University, Northridge. Lisa worked for the *Los Angeles Times* and when her department was eliminated, she decided to go back to school and follow a new career path. Her own experience with hearing loss and her positive experience with cochlear implants inspired her to enroll for a M.S. degree in Assistive Technology & Human Services. At the luncheon, she expressed her gratitude to AAUW and our Glendale branch for the financial assistance which has allowed her to pursue this degree. Through her education, she hopes to help other individuals with disabilities find the tools they need to excel in the workplace, at school, and as productive members of their communities.

Lisa is typical of the 37 AAUW Funds recipients studying in California colleges and universities. These recipients are dedicated young women who depend on their AAUW Grants to improve their and our lives. If you wish to donate to AAUW Funds and help complete a California endowment you can specify this on your donation, or designate a certain Calif. Fund like Lindsey/Hankle #4078 (\$18,000 to complete). You can send your donation to: AAUW Funds, P.O. Box 98045, Washington D.C. 20090-8045 and help our California grant recipients.

Mary Jo Brown, AAUW Funds Chair

AAUW PUBLIC POLICY -- Dec.. 2013

NATIONAL: Keeping those Financial Advisors honest

The misnamed "Retail Investor Protection Act" (H.R. 2374) would delay the Department of Labor from updating its rule requiring investment advisers to be free from conflicts of interest that might benefit them at the expense of you, their client. The Department of Labor has conducted extensive analysis and consulted with the financial industry to update this rule, but H.R. 2374 would interfere with the Department of Labor's authority and require the department to meet several additional conditions before issuing the new rule. More workers now rely on 401(k)s and individual retirement accounts (IRAs) instead of traditional pensions, which means they are more vulnerable to dishonest or misleading investment advice. The Department of Labor is ready to finally update this outdated rule, but the House of Representatives is trying to stop the rule with H.R. 2374.

STATE: Ask Governor Brown to Sign SB 340 to defend & protect reproductive health

AAUW California supports the right of every woman to safe, accessible, affordable and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services. The Reproductive Rights Law Enforcement Act (RRLE), including the California Freedom of Access to Clinic and Church Entrances (FACE) Act requires the attorney general to take on responsibilities for investigation of crimes such as violence at clinics that provide reproductive health care, and provides certain protections to clinic and church entrances from those who oppose free exercise of reproductive health rights. But the Act was originally written to expire in 2014 unless the "sunset clause" was removed. [Senate Bill 340](#)(Jackson) will remove the sunset clause and ensure that reproductive health clinics continue to be protected. The need for the law continues to exist as shown in the [January 2013](#) report from the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

Tech Trek

Good news: Our branch received a grant of \$1700 from the Linda Weeshoff Memorial Character and Ethics Fund through the Community Foundation of the Verdugos. We greatly appreciate the grant which will allow us to fund 2 campers in 2014.

This year the funds raised by the sale of gift baskets and donations at the January Founders' day luncheon will be used to fund Tech Trek campers. To ensure that we have sufficient display tables, please contact Laura Guillory or Lois Scaff and let us know the theme/contents of your basket or donation by January 6, 2014. If you do not plan to attend the meeting on January 11, please let us know so we can arrange to pick up your basket/donation. In addition to gift baskets, handmade items, original art, unique ceramics, new handbags, event tickets, spa services have also been popular items. The Tech Trek committee would really appreciate some volunteers to help sell tickets at the event. . Please call me (Laura Guillory) if you can help us out.

The Tech Trek committee is also seeking interviewers for the Tech Trek selection process. This year we hope to limit the number of interviewees to 10 at each school. This means the interviews should only take one half day at each of the three schools. The interviews will be scheduled sometime in the last week of February or the first two weeks of March. The dates will be determined based on interviewer availability and school schedules. We are seeking 2 interviewers for each school. Please call Laura Guillory if think you might be available.

Thanks,
Laura Guillory



Special Interest Groups

Global Issues

Holiday off in December

Evening Book Group

Monday,
December 9, 2013, 7:30 pm
Home: Mary Pallares
Book: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
Leader: Neda Fabris

Day Book Group

Holiday off in December

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| December 2 | Barbara Merkle |
| 6 | Susan Hunt |
| 10 | Charlene Carnachan |
| 13 | June Hasencamp |
| 17 | Mary Pallares |
| 18 | Lois Scaff |
| 18 | Leni Richardson |
| 20 | Laura Guillory |
| 22 | Carol Olesen |
| 31 | Joan Youmans |



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 1 | 2 Board Meeting at GUSD – 123No Jackson- RM 103-6:45pm | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Evening Book Group= 7:30 pm | 10 | 11 Global Issues Holiday off | 12 | 13 | 14 Holiday Party  |
| 15 | 16 | 17 Day Book Holiday off | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Merry Christmas. | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | Notes: Have a safe New Year.  | | | |



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