



Verdugo Views

AAUW Glendale- 91 Years

2013 - 2014

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AUTHOR FOCUS

Our February 8th branch meeting will feature JANE HANCOCK, co-director of UCLA's Writing Project at Center X. The author of numerous non-fiction articles, Ms. Hancock has published her first literary work – *JUNGLE JENNY*.

Jane Hancock wrote the 2006 book *SHORT ANSWERS TO BIG QUESTIONS ABOUT LITERACY*, and numerous articles on K-12 education. When she decided to write her first book unrelated to education, she found it at the end of her street in the life story of her neighbor, Jean Armstrong, collector and procurer of wild animals for research and institutions in the late 1940s. Ms. Armstrong was struggling with writing the true story of her adventures, and she asked for help. In turn Ms. Hancock asked permission to fictionalize the work, inject dialogue, etc. She spent a year writing the fictionalized biography published as *JUNGLE JENNY*.

Over the years Jane Hancock has mentored the words of scores of teachers and their students, and she believes that her years working on the UCLA writing project empowered her as an author. She will detail her adventure in creating this book for our members.



AAUW Glendale February Branch Meeting

Date: February 8, 2014

Place: Oakmont Country Club
3100 Country Club Dr
Glendale, Ca.

Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Cost: **\$25 per person** –Please make your check payable to: AAUW
Glendale

Please reserve by Wednesday, **February 5, 2014**

For reservations call: **Susie Robinson**

Reservations made but not kept will be billed

Presidents Message

Our January meeting was very successful, and it was nice to see so many of you! Thank you for your support! A special thanks to Laura Guillory, her committee, and the volunteers who helped.

Three Nominating Committee members were elected at the meeting, including Shirley Buono, Florence Chase, and Leni Richardson. Along with JC Chauvin-Byer and Patricia Donlin, the committee will be selecting our officers for the 2014-2015 year.

Mary Jo Brown, Patricia Wilson, and I attended the Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC) meeting on Sunday afternoon in Whittier. The discussion centered around the United Nations Global Millennium Development Goals in Education for post-2015. Included in this discussion were the issues of "equality and access for all", "quality of education, including its content and relevance", and "targeting learning outcomes to make sure every child performs up to a global minimum standard." In addition, some have suggested that a lifelong learning approach should be the guiding principle for the post-2015 education agenda. A major challenge of any approach is to establish better links with employment opportunities and employability. Education should also encourage creative thinking, teamwork and problem solving. There is wide consensus that the post-2015 education agenda should include a framework recognizing education as a fundamental human right and a public good that should be made available to all. For more information go to www.un.org/millenniumgoals.

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

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

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*"The world needs dreamers and the world needs doers,
 But above all, the world needs dreamers who do."
 Sarah Ban Breathnach, Author*

AAUW PUBLIC POLICY

Just when you got used to peace and quiet from the Nation's capital, came "Happy New Year"!

And it starts all over again. So please follow the political news and contact your appropriate legislator.

You might be interested in the following web-site: <http://www.ncid.us>. If you said, "There ought to be a law," this is for you.

It is the National Initiative for Democracy (NCID) -- a proposal which will permit the People to make or change laws by initiative at all levels of government, including at the federal level.

NATIONAL: Events will move fast. We must make sure the unemployed receive some kind of subsistence, particularly older women who are being let go from their jobs. Please make sure to contact your representatives in government to support any legislation regarding this subject.

STATE: Tuesday, April 8, 2014, is EQUAL PAY DAY. The date symbolizes the time in 2014 when the wages paid to American women catch up to the wages paid to men from the previous year. For more information, please go to: <http://www.equalpay.info/>. It's time to demand parity with the other gender before the parity is widened again.

A list of bills signed or vetoed by Gov. Brown and updates for this year can be found at <http://gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=18265>

If you can't "do the computer," just write a letter to your representative or even a letter to the editor will do.

Web sites for AAUW can be found on the last page of your handbook.

Please thank your Federal and State Representatives and Senators for working so hard on the important issues they work on.

STUDENT GRANTS, REVISITED

When I review the records that the AAUW Glendale has retained over the years, I am struck by what appears to be a large number. That number is 170,000 and that is a dollar figure... as in \$170,000. Our organization has given over \$170,000 in grants to support the higher education plans of young women from local high schools and colleges since the 1940's.

A report presented to our membership in 1995 indicated that we had granted over \$60,000 through 1994. That means over \$100,000 since that date! Times have changed and we have responded to those changes. The grants were in fact loans in the early years and in small amounts; now they are scholarships worth \$1200 to the award recipients. We have also changed the schools receiving the awards. In the past other high schools and colleges were included; now the high schools are part of GUSD and the college is Glendale Community College on Verdugo. The grants have increased in size because the college costs have increased significantly. But our goal has not changed.

We should all be proud of the role that the AAUW Glendale has had over the years. It will continue, and with your help, it will be more beneficial than ever. If you wish to be more actively involved, please contribute, or perhaps consider a bequest in your will or trust. In any case, consider taking part this year as we select our latest grant awardees this spring

Special Interest Groups



Global Issues

February 18, 2014
Home: Shirley Buono
Topic: Defense Technology
Leader: Charlene Carnachan

Evening Book Group

February 10, 2014
 7:30 p.m.
Home: Anna Rundle
Book: The Age of Miracles
Leader: Charlene Carnachan

Day Book Group

February 18, 2014
 10 a.m.
Home: Neda Fabris
Book: The Space Between Us
Leader: Shirley Buono



February:

- 10 Elaine Smith
- 18 Susan Hallgren
- 18 Betty Blanchette
- 21 Susie Robinson
- 23 Jean Phillips



Gourmet Dinner at 158 S. Brand Blvd.

Glendale, Ca.
Date: Friday, February 28, 2014
Time: 7:00 pm

*It is Continental American and the prices range from \$10.00 to \$25, 00
 They do not accept tips.*

This is very European and Asian, and groundbreaking for America.

Their tip is your return trip to the restaurant. The price you see on the menu is what you pay.

The waiters are paid living wages.

The second thing is that they accept debit or credit cards, NO cash.

They feel money is dirty and don't want the waiters handling it.

If you wish to pay cash, I will be happy to put it on my credit card.

The third thing is, I have never had better service anywhere I have eaten, here or in Europe.

*Please call or email Leni Richardson by Tuesday, Feb. 26
 for reservations*

***I hope everyone will come for a unique dining experience. ***

Tech Trek Grant and Donations

Two of the 2014 campers Joined Laura Guillory
 In accepting a donation of \$1700 from Kiwanis
 Of Glendale. Shown in photo (l-r) TJ Denton
 (Kiwanis President), Kira Lazzarini, Samantha
 Dominguez, Laura Guillory



PASADENA SHOWCASE VOLUNTEERS

Last year our volunteers earned \$960 for our Tech Trek project by working 4-hour shifts at the Showcase House. Now it's time to plan for the 2014 Showcase, to open in April. If you can volunteer for a shift or two, I need your name now. This duty requires attending an orientation at the House the week prior to opening and standing for four hours (with a short break) as you welcome visitors. Shifts can be scheduled for morning, afternoon, or evening on dates convenient to you. Your friends are welcome also. Please let me know if you can help us support Tech Trek.

Charlene Carnachan

Many thanks to the donors for opportunity drawings and our helpers: JC Byer, Shirley Buono, Cathy Zitnick, Leni Richardson, and Lois Scaff. We made \$886 which is enough to fund 1 camper.

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◀ Jan 2014						Mar 2014 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Board Meeting GUSD- 123 No. Jackson 6:45 pm	4	5	6	7	8 Branch Meeting Oakmont CC 9:00 am to 11:00 am
9	10 Evening Book Group 7:30 pm	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Day Book Group 10:00 am	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Gourmet Dining Brand 158 Restaurant: 7:00pm	Notes:



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