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AAUW Glendale- 91 Years

2013 - 2014

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Meet Robin Goldsworthy

The dynamic publisher/editor of *The Crescenta Valley Weekly*, **Robin Goldsworthy**, will share her adventures in spiriting a weekly newspaper. She initiated this local paper in 2009 when the paper she worked for closed its doors. The first issue of her new venture was about to go to press just as the Station Fire, the largest fire in LA County history, began sweeping across the foothill area. As the fires progressed, Robin was evacuated three times while producing that first issue! She will share her adventures and challenges in that first year.

Since then *The Crescenta Valley Weekly* has become the paper of choice for the foothill community, and Robin has earned several awards. In 2013 Assembly member Mike Gatto honored her and the CVW with the California Small Business of the Year award for the 43rd District. (The annual award honors contributions of small businesses in California.) She was also named Glendale Latino Association Woman of the year in 2013.

Robin is also active in her community: she sits on the CV Chamber of Commerce and is president of Prom Plus. She and her husband Steve have been married for more than 32 years, and they have four sons and one granddaughter.

AAUW Glendale September Branch Meeting

Date: September 14, 2013

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, **September 11, 2013**

For reservations call: **Susie Robinson**

Reservations made but not kept will be billed

President's Note



Welcome to the start of Glendale Branch's 91st year! We hope you will enjoy our programs and participate in our activities! Glendale Branch will continue to support the Tech Trek program which is scheduled to be rolled out in five other states this year by our AAUW national organization with the hope of expanding it nationwide. Since 1998 more than 9,000 girls have attended one of California's ten camps. Kudos

to California for its success! Our scholarship program for high school girls entering college, a longstanding tradition for our branch, continues to draw support from our members. Additionally our branch offers interest group activities, information on AAUW funds, and public policy issues at all levels of government. We ask all members to stay informed! Please check our websites at www.aauw.org,

www.aauw-ca.org, and glendale-ca.aauw.net. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. We hope you will enjoy the coming year!

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

*A Friend is a Present
You Give to Yourself*



New Orleans Convention 2013

I was lucky to be able to attend this Convention in June and enjoy the great food and great music of New Orleans. The weather was in the 90's with 95% humidity but a good time was had by all in the cool air-conditioned rooms of the Sheraton hotel. A tour of the city showed that New Orleans is bouncing back from horrible Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the city is rebuilding itself better than before. The rundown levees and flood gates have been rebuilt, houses are being rebuilt, shopping centers restored, and tourism is booming again. Bourbon Street was crowded and restaurants and nightclubs are back to normal. Seeing the growth in New Orleans was a very positive experience.

At the Convention, we met our new National President, Patricia Ho, who used facebook, her website and twitter to win over her opponent. Social media sites are a must for anyone running for office. At the opening night dinner, we heard an all-women jazz band of New Orleans natives. When asked what male jazz musicians thought of their group, they responded "It all boils down to how you play the instrument!"

Our first keynote speaker was Robin Gerber who spoke on Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt

Way and has written two books on Eleanor. Roosevelt lived her famous words "you must do the thing you think you cannot do," and encouraged others in leadership positions to forge ahead even when you think you are not capable of accomplishing all that needs to be done. Another keynote speaker, Cynthia D'Amour, challenged negative thinking about change in branches with persistent thoughts of "We've always done it that way." It is natural to resist change, but we can always improve our outreach skills and focus on how to achieve our goals. She pointed out that the main reasons people join AAUW are to learn, to help others, and to have fun and meet people. We need to engage members and involve them in the activities and goals of our organization.

AAUW awards were given to Linda T. Alepin, who is the founder of a nonprofit international women's leadership group; also to Melissa Harris-Perry, a MSNBC news commentator and professor of political science at Tulane University, who was an AAUW American Fellow. Another award was given to Olympia Snowe. Ms. Snowe is only the fourth woman in history to be elected to both houses of Congress and the first

woman in American history to serve in both houses of a state legislature and both houses of Congress. She is also the third-longest serving woman in the history of Congress.

AAUW now has 165,000 branch members and 30,000 national members and is reaching out internationally, most recently to Northern Australia. Our population of e-student members is growing by leaps and bounds.

All in all, the Convention was educational, inspiring and fun. I made some new friends from our Santa Clarita branch and we are hoping to share further ideas and experiences.



Our next National Convention will be in June of 2015 and will be held in San Diego, California! I hope many of us will be able to attend.

Mary Jo Brown
AAUW Funds

News from a Former AAUW Glendale Member



One of our former members has written her first mystery that will be published by Simon & Schuster in 2014.

Maggie King, nee Gabler, was a member from 1984 until 1991. She was a member of our Contempos group. She and her husband eventually moved to Virginia. She belongs to an AAUW group there in the Richmond area. Her book is titled *Murder in the Book Group*.

She will also have a short story published next year in a Mysteries anthology called *A Not So Genteel Murder*. Best wishes, Maggie, on your new career!

Kathy Dupree, Finance Secretary.

AAUW PUBLIC POLICY -- Aug 2013



Since AAUW's founding, members have spoken out about policies important to women and girls. This advocacy uses lobbying and grassroots efforts to push forward policies that break through educational and economic barriers for women. Support of these policies depends on each of us. If you have e-mail, you already received e-notices from both the National AAUW and State AAUW. Please open these e-mails and respond appropriately ... ignoring if that is the case. In recent years, AAUW has supported legislation

including Family and Medical Leave, Hate Crimes Prevention, and Fair Pay ... all of which were passed. There are many policies for you to support. We are in the 2013-2015 Biennium. Here are some priorities: National: Public Education; Economic Self-sufficiency; the Guarantee of Equality. These are just the headings, which are subdivided into the many policies, which are advocated. You may download the Policy Brochure from AAUW.org. State: Economic Self-sufficiency; strong system of public education; equality, individual rights and social

justice for a diverse society. The State public policies may be downloaded from AAUW-CA.org. For those of you still living in the 20th Century, this column is expected to be published monthly in the *Verdugo News*, and will contain one policy from the National and one from the State has received in e-mails. Please support these policies by writing, calling, or e-mailing your Federal and State Representatives and Senators.

Barbara Bodden, Public Policy

Special Interest Groups



Global Issues

Wednesday,
September 11, 1:30 pm
at Rosa Frommer's
home.
The topic is Iran and
the leader is Anna
Rundle

Evening Book Group

Monday,
September 9, 7:30 pm
at Elaine Smith's home.
The book is "The Sense
of an Ending" by
Barnes, to be led by
Chris Hoehner

Day Book Group

Tuesday,
September 17, 10:00
am at Lorraine Meylan's
home
The book is "Reluctant
Genius" by Gray and
the leader is Edie
Morrow



July		August		September	
2	Jo Ann Hipp	2	Neda Fabris	6	Lina Harper
5	Edith Morrow	2	Hannah Cline	11	Olive Warner
5	Sharon Ouellette	10	Phyllis Fernandez	12	Virginia Footman
9	Paula Devine	14	Rosa Frommer	14	Loys Bonner
11	Barbara Boden	15	Patricia Wilson	14	Nancy Thurston
13	Nancy Ellyson	21	Diane Kightlinger	17	Barbara Clark
14	Arsine Hovannesian	25	Dorothy Powell	17	Elsie Anderson
18	Christine Hoehner			19	Mary Margaret Smith
24	Lucille Leard			19	Jennifer West
				21	Sunny Wheeler
				24	Barbara Curl
				27	Lynne Raggio
				29	Joan Nellis

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9 Evening Book Group- 7:30 pm Elaine Smiths home	10	11 Global Issues 1:30 pm- Rosa Frommers home.	12	13	14 Branch Meeting Oakmont CC- 9:00 am	
15	16	17 Day Book Group: 10:00 am – Lorraine Meylans home.	18	19	20	21	
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