

# **Verdugo Views**

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# **WOMEN IN POLITICS – AN INSIDE VIEW**

Our September program offers a unique political perspective. AAUW-Glendale member, Paula Devine, is the seventh woman to be elected to the Glendale City Council's 108 year history. Councilwoman Devine will provide an insider's view of the challenges on a campaign trail, and give us her views on women in politics today.

"The perception of difficulty, on so many levels, is daunting to most," Paula Devine indicated in a July *Glendale News-Press* article. "However," she continued, "if more women would lead the way for our younger generation, set a good example as politicians, and be good role models, I believe more women would get involved."

(Historic note: Laura Friedman, one of our former speakers, currently serves as the sixth woman on our city governance. Another AAUW-Glendale member, Eileen Givens, served as both a councilwoman and then mayor of our town from 1991 to 1999.)

# **AAUW Glendale September Branch Meeting**

Date: September 13, 2014

Place: Oakmont Country Club 3100 Country Club Dr Glendale, Ca. Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 pm

Cost: \$25 per person –Please make your check payable to: AAUW Glendale Please reserve by Wednesday, September 10, 2014

For reservations call: Susie Robinson

Reservations made but not kept will be billed



# **Presidents Notes**

Glendale Branch Yearbooks for 2014-2015 Yearbooks will be available at the September and October Board and Branch meetings. Please pick up your copy.

Macy's Shop for a Cause As of August 15, Glendale Branch has sold 125 tickets for this event, and we have raised \$625.00 for Tech Trek. Thanks to everyone who participated.

#### **NEW MEMBER FOCUS**

In the past six months AAUW- Glendale has welcomed several new members as well as a returning one. Here is a brief introduction:

Felicia Soison-Segal has been an AAUW member for many years in the San Fernando Valley branch, but she now will belong to our branch as well. Felicia is a retired medical social worker who counseled young patients and their parents in handling medical challenges. Like so many of our members Felicia has always been an avid reader. In addition, in retirement she has time for new hobbies, and she is painting in oils and enjoying the challenge.

Laura Faye Tenenbaum was our featured speaker at our October 2013 brunch that traditionally focuses on women and science and introduces our Tech Trek participants. Laura has been a member of the Earth Science Communications Team at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). In that role she was responsible for creating content for the climate website "Global Climate Change: Vital Signs of the Planet." Our members enjoyed hearing her insights and experiences, and we are delighted she has become a member.

We welcome returning member Susan Carroll. Susan has just returned from a bus trip to Nova Scotia and the Canadian Maritime. She says they covered a great deal of territory, but it was very tiring. In addition to her passion for travel Susan, a retired art teacher from the L.A. United system, is passionate about working in ceramics. She takes classes at Glendale C.C., and spends a good deal of her time "at the wheel."

As we went to press in late August we were unable to contact the following new members Ella C. Jarf and Sharon Presant. We hope to interview them in the near future and introduce them to our general membership.

#### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Photos Anyone? Dr. Teresa Morales, our featured June speaker on the Gamble House, has requested photos from her appearance. Many members appeared to be taking pictures, and if anyone has any photos of Dr. Morales, please contact her email.

YEARBOOK TIME: The new branch yearbook listing all of members, their addresses, phone and email numbers will be distributed at our first meeting September 13 at Oakmont Country Club. Nancy Ellyson has graciously and competently served as editor of our yearbook for many years, and we applaud her valiant service in that role as well as completing her second term as president and guiding us at our planning meeting this past June.



#### August Birthdays:

- 2- Neda Fabris
- 2- Hannah Cline
- 10- Phyllis Fernandez
- 14- Rosa Frommer
- 15- Patricia Wilson
- 21- Diane Kightlinger
- 25- Dorothy Powell
- 28- Laura Tenebaum

#### **September Birthdays:**

- 6- Lina Harper
- 11- Olive Warner
- 12- Virginia Footman
- 14- Loys Boner
- 14- Nancy Thurston
- 17- Barbara Clark
- 17- Elsie Anderson
- 19- Mary Margaret Smith
- 19- Jennifer West
- 21- Sunny Wheeler
- 24- Barbara Curl
- 27- Lynne Raggio
- 29- Joan Nellis

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# **Tech Trek News**;

A big thank you to Susan Hallgren who has graciously accepted the role of Tech Trek Co-chair. Seven of The Glendale AAUW Tech Trek award recipients attended the May meeting. They found the speaker very informative about resources available at Glendale Community College. The college scholarship speakers were very inspirational for the younger Tech Trek girls. The girls in attendance are pictured.



L to R: Sonia Meroian, Miya Higuchi, Sangam Sharma, Alexandra Yen, Tenny Alaverdian, Talar Anoushian, Annie Doody.

The Tech Trek project has been successful in achieving its goals. A survey of girls attending in the years 2006-2009 yielded the following results;

- 82% chose to take more science classes in high school because of Tech Trek
- 77% completed pre-calculus; the national average is 37%.
- 91% reported a boost in self-confidence (this is the single most common comment from parents and alumnae after camp).
- 87% said Tech Trek introduced them to new STEM careers and 73% to new college STEM majors.

If you can help: the Whittier camp is seeking a new camp treasurer starting November 1. The camp treasurer needs to be able to receive and send email with attachments and use basic functions of excel--copy, paste, print, save, rename. It requires about 20 hours/month. The duties can be performed at home and no travel to Whittier is required. The annual treasurers' meeting is November 1. It would be best for the new treasurer to attend this training meeting in San Jose. Airfare to San Jose and mileage/parking to the airport would be reimbursed by Tech Trek. If you cannot go to San Jose, the regional treasurer can train you locally.

# **SPECIAL INTERESTGROUPS**



#### **Global Issues**

September 10, 2014 1:30 pm

Home: Rosa Frommer Topic: Food and Climate Leader: Diane Kightlinger

## **Evening Book Group**

September 8, 2014 (Monday)

7:30 p.m.

Home: Mary Jo Brown Book: The Goldfinch

**Leader: Mary Margaret Smith** 

## **Day Book Group**

September 16, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Home: Shirley Buono Book: House of Mirth Leader: Mary Franzen

# SMILE AND DONATE AT smile.amazon.com:

Do you buy merchandise from Amazon.com? Do you want to donate to AAUW in a very painless way? Amazon.com has a new program whereby you can sign in to smile.amazon.com and designate a charity to automatically receive 0.5% of your purchase. There is no extra charge for this and you can buy any items you would normally buy at amazon.com. If you designate AAUW as your selected charity, you will be helping our organization to support its many programs which benefit women and girls.

Mary Jo Brown AAUW Funds State Committee

# **WAYS AND MEANS:**

Do you like to plan parties? We would love to have you on our Ways and Means Committee to raise money for the Glendale branch. We are currently running "in the red" and desperately need someone to organize several events to raise money so that we can continue to hold our fabulous brunches at Oakmont Country Club and send out our newsletter. If you are interested in assisting our branch in raising money in a fun way, please contact JC Chauvin-Byer at her email or telephone number.

#### RALPHS COMMUNITY SHOPPING PROGRAM

Attention all Ralphs grocery shoppers! Registration has begun for a new year of donations to our Glendale AAUW from Ralphs Community Contribution Program. Last year Ralphs contributed \$505.49 to our branch because many of our members registered for this program at no cost to them! It's simple to do, and more information will be available at our September Branch meeting.

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■ August	~ September 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8 Evening Book Group 7:30 pm	9	10 Global Issues 1:30 pm	11	12	13 Branch Meeting- 9:00 am Oakmont CC	
14	15	16 Day Book Group 10:00 am	17	18	19	20 CELEBRATE Mary Margaret's 90th Birthday 2:00 to 5:00 pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30		Notes: Board Meeting is on Monday August 25, 2014 at GUSD- 123 N. Jackson 6:45 pm			



# **CELEBRATE!**

Mary Margaret's

90TH BIRTHDAY

Saturday, September 20, 2014

2:00 - 5:00 PM

881 Cumberland Rd.

Glendale, Ca.

Casual No Gifts, Please



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