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## Our exciting January meeting, about new hearing assistive technologies!

After this hectic holiday season, come to our January meeting to enjoy our only luncheon meeting. During this meeting we will recognize our past presidents, who through their hard work have kept our branch vibrant and engaged for years.

Especially during this season of parties, some of us may have been reflecting on how increasingly difficult it has become, for our friends or for ourselves personally, to hear in restaurants or in large gatherings with ambient noise. Or we may realize that it is becoming increasingly difficult to understand on the phone. We take our hearing for granted...until we realize that we are hearing less and less well.

At our January meeting we will hear from Debra Rogers of Hamilton Relay, who, together with Armando Hernandez of California Telephone Access Program (CTAP), will present some of the latest developments in hearing assistive technology. These experts will explain the technologies and how to benefit from them at no cost. Please come and hear what they have to say!

Also at this meeting we will have the opportunity to participate in an "opportunity drawing," the proceeds of which will help support our marvelous Tech Trek.

## AAUW GLENDALE JANUARY BRANCH MEETING

Date: January 14, 2017

Place: Oakmont Country Club

3100 Country Club Dr.

Glendale, Ca 91208

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Cost: \$40 per person

Please make your check payable to: AAUW Glendale and Mail to

Susie Robinson before January 10, 2017

Home- 818-951-6104

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Reservations made but not kept will be billed

## Dear Members:

This is a new year and bringing with it will be many changes. Aside from the new President that will take office in January, new and younger members, technology will also be shaping our world. The January meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, will be our annual meeting to honor our Past-Presidents, their accomplishments, and to raise monies for our Tech Trek program which will enable young women in the STEM fields.

In my childhood, I loved reading Greek Mythology. I appreciated the fact that each of the Greek Gods possessed traits that were necessary to power and protect the Element of the earth and atmosphere they represented. As a young woman in my late teenage years, I attended college, worked part-time, and played tennis at Glendale Community College. I was constantly on the go, expected by my professors, my employer, and my coach to constantly step up to the plate and get it right the first time. *I not only felt, but looked, like Wonder Woman.* Wonder Woman was created during World War II; by the American psychologist and writer William Molton Marston, with his wife and co-creator Elizabeth Holloway Marston, and artist H.G. Peter. Marston drew a great deal of inspiration from *early feminists*, and especially from birth control pioneer Margaret Sanger. The character was initially depicted fighting Axis military forces as well as an assortment of colorful villains with super powers. Although over time her stories came to place greater emphasis on characters, deities, and monsters from Greek mythology.

In October, Wonder Woman was named to the ceremonial post of Honorary U.N. Ambassador for the Empowerment of Woman and Girls with much star-spangled fanfare. A 12-month campaign was planned in which Warner Bros.-DC was teaming with the U.N. and UNICEF to promote female empowerment. The designation of the cartoon character launched a yearlong campaign on gender equality and women's empowerment, one of the U.N.'s new 2030 global goals, and included the real-life actresses who've played Wonder Woman, Gal Gadot and Lynda Carter. *Feminist groups, diplomats and U.N. staff* voiced objections, and a petition of 45,000 people called on Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to **reconsider the choice**. Critics, including hundreds of diplomats and staff members from around the world, staged a protest in the U.N. lobby in New York. They felt the comic super heroine, created 75 years ago, was **culturally insensitive**. U.N. representatives didn't elaborate about why Wonder Woman's ambassadorship would be ending so soon, but with the term of the current Secretary General ending December 31st, members of his staff acknowledged that the choice of the cartoon character was an error in judgment.

I cannot stress enough how wrong I believe the decision was to rescind this post. My generation of ladies were raised to be educated so that we could work to support our families, marry and have children, and do it all while taking pride in our hygiene and our appearance to make our families proud. We were both strong, and appealing. There was absolutely nothing wrong with that!

I believe that AAUW supports the notion that we are all equal under the law. It is **not culturally insensitive** to be strong and beautiful in the heart and the body. Perhaps the rescinding of Wonder Woman as the Honorary U.N. Ambassador has stymied the progress of women's roles in this country and the world. She represented the altruistic morals and values of free peoples the world over.

It is hard to imagine that about twenty years ago, there was the, "*Fourth World Conference on Women*", which was held in Beijing, China, in September 1995. The U.N. conference took a vital step in bringing women's equality issues to the global stage. It seems totally amazing to me that we are still addressing this issue. Issues like pay equity, workplace discrimination, political power, and work-life balance are still making headlines in the United States and around the world. Women and girls in developing countries still struggle to obtain basic needs and rights. However, more women (and girls) are raising their voices, stepping up, and gaining a foothold as it becomes clear that empowering women and girls is essential for democracy, peace, and economic development.

This meeting Anna Hernandez-Torres and I would like you to join us in honoring the past presidents of the Glendale Branch of AAUW and all that they have done to improve the lives of so many young women who benefited from the grants and funds these ladies worked so hard to create. We not only hope to fill their shoes, but to stand proudly by them next year this time at the Past President's Luncheon.

Yours in AAUW,  
Cathy Zitnick, Co-President 2016-2017

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**Founder's Day donations:** Reminder 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 (818 244-8004) ([lguillory1430@gmail.com](mailto:lguillory1430@gmail.com)) and let her know the theme/contents of your basket or donation by January 10, 2017. If you do not plan to attend the meeting on January 14, please let her 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, restaurant gift cards, plants, grocery baskets, wine, spa services have also been popular items. We would like one or two more people for ticket sellers. Please let Laura know if you can help.

**Request for Tech Trek interviewers.** Interview dates are Roosevelt Middle School: February 16; Toll Middle School: February 22; Wilson Middle School: March 2. There is a slight possibility Wilson may require 2 shorter half days in that case interviews would take place March 1 and 2., Interviews would start about 8:15 and end by 2:30. Laura will provide a light lunch. We will have a short meeting in the first 2 weeks of February to go over the interview evaluation process. Many thanks to Elsie A., Barbara M., Susan H. Mary Jo B., Davora D., who have already volunteered. Please call or email Laura Guillory if you are available

**On January 20, 2017**, the Glendale Commission on the Status of Women and Soroptimist International will be showing the film "Sold" at the Brand Library Recital Hall, 1601 W. Mountain St. The film is about human trafficking based on the book by Pamela McCormick. For more information <https://www.soldthemovie.com/> Reception at 6 PM film starts at 7 PM. Event is free with donations encouraged.

### **PASADENA SHOWCASE HOUSE**

The Showcase House will be April 23 to May 21, 2017, and we are again seeking volunteers to work four-hour shifts to support our Tech Trek project. It's for a good cause and is interesting also, so why not give it a whirl? This requires standing for four hours with a short break and helping to guide people. For each shift we will receive \$40, so please contact Charlene Carnachan to volunteer. We need you!

Charlene Carnachan



#### **January Birthdays:**

10 - Lislotte Koerner  
15 – Sheila Koster  
15 – Margie Morrison  
17 – Gerry Johnstone

#### **YearBook Update:**

##### **New Member:**

Joan Raimo  
2029 Verdugo Blvd. #307  
Montrose, Ca. 91020  
Email: [joankomo@hotmail.com](mailto:joankomo@hotmail.com)  
310-408-8627



#### **Special Interest Groups**

Global Issues: No January Meeting, Next Meeting , February 8

Evening Book Group: January 9, 7:30 pm

Home: Susan Hallgren  
Leader: Elaine Smith  
Book: A Man Called Ove

Day Book Group: January 17, 10:00 am

Home: Sheila Koster  
Leader: Leni Richardson  
Book: Sisters in Law

Senior Transitions Group: Please contact Susan Carroll for more information

| January 2017                                                                          |                                                         |                                                         |        |     |     |                                                                                   |
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| 8                                                                                     | 9 Evening Book Group<br>7:30 PM<br>Home: Susan Hallgren | 10 Global Issues-<br>No Meeting                         | 11     | 12  | 13  | 14 AAUW GLENDALE<br>FOUNDERS DAY-<br>OAKMONT COUNTRY CLUB-<br>11:00 AM TO 1:30 PM |
| 15                                                                                    | 16                                                      | 17<br>Day Book Group<br>10:00 am<br>Home: Sheila Koster | 18     | 19  | 20  | 21                                                                                |
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