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Rebellious Women

Dr. Peggy Renner is a retired professor of History who taught at Glendale Community College for 29 years. Although she has taught traditional courses in American and World History, her expertise is in Women's History. She created her favorite course entitled "Rebellious Women in Modern America." For our chapter meeting in March (Women's History Month), she will make a presentation that she describes as follows:

"Over the course of the history of our nation, women have often challenged the rules of society, demanding that they be allowed a greater voice in the development of the country and in the redefinition of women's economic, political and social roles in society. On a few occasions their efforts have become so intense that society has labelled their efforts a "woman's movement."

I will venture into the stories of twentieth century rebellious women who fought to make their voices heard ... there were dozens of women whose names are not well known but who have carved crucial opportunities for all of us."

Dr. Renner was the recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1999. She has taught at USC, at California State Universities Northridge and Long Beach, the University of Utah, the University of Texas, El Paso, and Stephens College. During her sojourn at Glendale Community College, she served as President of Western Association of Women Historians, the Executive Director of Coordinating Council for Women in History as well as many other notable positions, including President of the Academic Senate at her college.

AAUW GLENDALE MARCH BRANCH MEETING

Date: March 11, 2017

Place: Oakmont Country Club

3100 Country Club Dr.

Glendale, Ca 91208

Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Cost: \$25 per person

Please make your reservation by March 8, 2017

Call Susie Robinson to RSVP

Home- 818-951-6104

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Reservations made but not kept will be billed

Hello Members:

“**Women’s History Month**” is being honored by AAUW in the month of March. This is the month where we recognize our contributions to the world through celebrations, luncheons, classes, and workshops.

Wednesday, March 8th is “**International Women’s Day**”, a day to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of women globally. Since the first event was held in 1911 in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland; the day has been a call to action for gender equality. The United Nations has celebrated International Women’s Day since 1975 and adopted a resolution in 1977.

The Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley Branch is celebrating *International Women’s Day* on Wednesday, March 8th from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Hyatt-Santa Barbara with their annual Empowered Woman Luncheon. Proceeds benefit AAUW grants for women in higher education. The speaker will be KELSEY GERCKENS. She is a TV News Reporter and Anchor at KEYT-TV, the ABC station in Santa Barbara, California. She has received an Emmy and Golden Mike award for her breaking news coverage. She and her Fiancé, Joey Buttitta, won the hit show on CBS, *The Amazing Race*. When she is not chasing down the day’s top stories, she loves traveling the world, and spending time outdoors.

March 10 marks [National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#), a day to educate about HIV prevention and to raise awareness about the increasing impact of HIV/AIDS on women and girls. Some still consider HIV/AIDS to be a men’s disease or a gay disease. The truth, of course, is that HIV/AIDS is a human disease affecting more than 38.6 million people worldwide today and, alarmingly, the number of cases in women globally and nationally is on the rise.

So what can you do? The [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#) offers some simple ways to take action:

Get **tested** for HIV

Get the **facts** and discuss **HIV prevention**

Support people living with HIV/AIDS

Get involved with an **event** for National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

The **13th of March** is the beginning of **National Deaf History Month**. [Danine Spencer](#) has a bachelor’s degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and is a freelance writer focusing on politics, women’s rights, and health care. She states the following: “I wish I had known about these and countless other deaf and hearing-impaired women who have almost been forgotten by history. As a girl with a hearing impairment struggling to navigate through the hearing world, I could have used a few good role models. It’s not too late, though — for them or for me. I can tell their stories now so we will all remember.”

[Laura Redden Searing](#) (1839–1923) was; I think she would’ve been my idol. After losing her hearing in childhood, Searing became an author, poet, journalist, and a civil war correspondent for the *St. Louis Republican*. I wish I had a ‘shero’ like [Henrietta Swan Leavitt](#) (1868–1921), a graduate of Oberlin College who became deaf as a young adult. While an astronomer at the Harvard College Observatory, Leavitt discovered more than 2,400 variable stars, developed a standard of photographic measurements — called the Harvard Standard — and studied the correlation between [Cepheid variable](#) stars and luminosity. [Nellie Zabel Willhite](#) (1892–1991), the first deaf female pilot and the first woman to earn a pilot’s license in the state of South Dakota.

On the **25th of March** the **AAUW California Leadership Days 2017** will be coming to Los Angeles County. Leadership Days are for everyone – Board Officers, Incoming Officers, as well as those who are considering taking a leadership position in a Branch, but are not quite confident that they have the skills to become a leader. The workshops planned should provide you the tools necessary. The Workshop offerings include: Conflict Resolution Improvised; Enact to Engage: Modeling the Value Promise; Lobbying and Advocacy; Empower, Engage, and Retain Younger Members; and Dealing with an Aging Membership. The Workshop will be held at PIH, Rooms A&B, in Whittier. To find out the particulars, you will have to go online to [aauw-ca.org](#).

Finally, the **31st of March** is the last day to submit titles for AAUW National’s [iAdelante! Book of the Month Club](#): to spotlight engrossing stories and writing by women from all backgrounds. We also connect our members to some of the authors we feature through web discussions, and conference calls.

AAUW touches every aspect of our lives in one way or another, and March is just an example of all the people’s lives you can touch through AAUW.

Cathy Zitnick, Co-President 2016-2017

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LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND LITIGANT FOR 2017

I recently attended the Orange County Inter-branch Council held in Laguna Woods, which was a fundraiser for the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). It was reported that the LAF is currently supporting 2 cases in California: the first being the Aileen Rizo case with the Fresno County Board of Education. She sued for equal pay to that of a male employee of the same rank and it was argued that when he was hired, he had a higher salary at his previous job. It was reported that with AAUW support, a law was just passed this January in California which bans employers from asking previous salary history of new hires. Pennsylvania has also passed this law.

Our speaker for this event was the second case representative, Natalie Gosset. After 20 years of engineering experience, she was hired by the Mann Institute of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Southern California. She was recently fired from the Engineering faculty due to her complaints of sexual harassment by a supervisor. He held meetings with his all male, except for her, staff and bragged of his sexual conquests and used vulgar language at these meetings. Her complaints to USC Human Resources were ignored, and when she complained to her supervisor, his response was that "if she couldn't take it, she didn't belong on the team." He consequently fired her from the project. She is currently in arbitration hearings, claiming a hostile work environment, wrongful termination, sexual discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. You can read about her case at www.change.org and sign a petition to USC.

When you donate to AAUW Funds and specify the Legal Advocacy Fund, you are supporting these women and the rights of women in the workplace.

Mary Jo Brown
AAUW Funds



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 8 – Mary McVay
- 15 – Sheila Price
- 21 – Ann Hermann
- 28 – Linda Blackwell
- 29 – Anna Donlin



Special Interest Groups

Global Issues: March 8, 1:30 p.m.
Home: Neda Fabris
Leader: Elaine Smith
Topic: Trade Policy

Evening Book Group: March 13, 7:30 pm
Home: Mary Margaret Smith
Leader: Mary Jo Brown
Book: The True Believer

Day Book Group: March 21, 10:00 am
Home: Lucille Leard
Leader: Diane Kightlinger
Book: Two Years Before the Mast

Senior Transitions Group: Please contact Susan Carroll for more information

March 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Board Meeting 7:00 pm 123 No. Jackson #103	7	8 Global Issues, 1:30 p.m. Home: Neda Fabris	9	10	11 Branch Meeting 9:00 to 11:30 am Oakmont Country Club
12	13 Evening Book Group 7:30 p.m. Home: Mary Margaret	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Day Book Group 10:00 a.m.. Home: Lucille Leard	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Notes:



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