

# **VERDUGO VIEWS**

American Association of University Women Glendale Branch

#### AAUW Glendale 2017 - 2018

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#### **Interest Groups**

Book Clubs:

Day - Charlene Carnachan

Evening - Anna

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Donlin

Bridge:

Duplicate, Great Eight,

Round Robin -

Donnalee Monninger

<u>Global Issues:</u>

Charlene Carnachan

Gourmet Dining:

Leni Richardson

Senior Transitions: Barbara Bodden

### Antaeus Theatre Comes to Glendale

Ana Rose Halloran, Executive Director, will bring us up to date on Glendale's newest live theater company. In March 2017, the Antaeus Theatre Company established its permanent home in Glendale at the Kiki and David Gindler Performing Arts Center at 110 E. Broadway. This company had a long history of producing plays and enabling actors back to its establishment in 1991. In addition, the Antaeus Academy trains the next generation of actors as well as conducting a tune-up program for seasoned actors.

Backstage Magazine states, "Antaeus company is one of the most important classical ensembles in the country." In addition, F. Kathleen Foley of the LA Times indicates, "...when it comes to gifted performers, Antaeus has an embarrassment of riches."

The company has won numerous awards, most notably the McCulloh Award for revival plays (1920-1980). Recent productions have included THE HOTHOUSE and CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF. NATIVE SON, a play based on by Richard Wright's celebrated book, will open for previews on April 12th and the company will present THREE DAYS IN THE COUNTRY this summer.

# AAUW Glendale April Branch Meeting

Date: April 14, 2018

Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Location: Oakmont Country Club

3100 Country Club Drive

Glendale, CA 91208

Cost: \$28 per person

Please make your check payable to: AAUW Glendale

Please call Susie Robinson to make your reservation by April 11, 2018

Home: (818) 951-6104 | Cell: (818) 317-5602 Reservations made but not kept will be billed

### President's Message

Hello Glendale Branch:

This month is the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In fighting for Women's Rights, we in AAUW are in essence also fighting for Equal Rights. I believe AAUW goes beyond the Declaration in all the different facets of equality that we strive for, but just the fact that this document was created is a very important acknowledgement to our gender and our humanity. I have included some information on this Declaration for you below:

The year 2018 marks 70 years since the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was adopted by the United Nations, and today the rights of women and girls are being proclaimed globally in marches, social media campaigns, and legislatures. While the world will never be free from conflict or violations of human rights, the UDHR set forth a foundation for a more just world – a world in which people are inherently born with dignity and fundamental rights. Never before had that idea been internationally recognized. Never had a single document been so effective at laying the groundwork for national and international protections against human rights abuses.

The AAUW was involved in the crafting of the UDHR and the creation of the United Nations itself from the beginning. Less than two months after the end of World War II in September 1945, 50 nations and 40 organizations, including AAUW under the intrepid leadership of Virginia Gildersleeve, Ph.D., came together to establish the United Nations. This new organization would succeed the League of Nations, an earlier, ineffective version of the UN that had failed to prevent the onset of World War II.

The drafting committee of the Declaration, chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt, worked with the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and AAUW CSW representatives like Dorothy Kenyon, J.D., to ensure that the rights of women and girls were represented in the document. AAUW is still present at the UN today, working to advance the rights of women and girls.

"We stand today at the threshold of a great event in both the life of the United Nations and the life of all mankind. This declaration may well become the international Magna Carta."

–Eleanor Roosevelt, the driving force behind the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, on its presentation to the UN General Assembly.

The Declaration's 26th article proclaims that everyone has the right to education, regardless of gender. The document states that fundamental education for women and girls is not a privilege. It is a right that must be distributed equally. This clause has been a guiding principle of the AAUW through our legislative advocacy, campus initiatives, and fellowships and grants, in which \$3.7 million is awarded annually to advance educational opportunities for women and girls worldwide.

Under the UDHR, women also have the right to work in an environment free from harassment. Article 23 states that everyone has the right to work in "just and favorable conditions." In the age of #MeToo, this right is in the forefront of current discourse and advocacy as sexual harassment and gender-based violence in the workplace are in the spotlight. Equal pay for equal work is also a core component of the article, which we know is still an unrealized right for women in the workplace, especially for many women of color.

As AAUW fights for access to education, pay equity, and a seat at the leadership table on all fronts, we must keep in mind that these are rights that are inherent and inalienable under the precepts of the UDHR.

While the declaration is not legally binding, it has paved the way for enforceable treaties to expand on the articles, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), which was created with AAUW involvement. Ratification of CEDAW is a component of AAUW's public policy principles and priorities. The treaty addresses discrimination in education, health care, politics, finance and law, employment, and marriage and family relations, all of which are essential to ensuring global gender equity.

I see many changes coming this year, and I am keeping AAUW-Glendale in my prayers. In particular, I pray that the changes will be positive, that all our positions will be filled, and that our membership increases.

My AAUW best wishes to you,

Cathy Zitnick
Co-President, AAUW-Glendale

# Special Interest Groups

### **Evening Book Group**

April 9, 7:30pm

Home: Elaine Smith | (818) 247-6082

Book: A Gentleman in Moscow

#### **Global Issues Group**

April 11, 1:30pm

Home: Monte Cedro Retirement

RSVP: Rosa Frommer | (626) 421-6666

Leader: Clarli Wilson

Topic: China's Geopolitics

#### **Day Book Group**

April 17, 10:00am

Home: Mary McVay | (818) 242-9797

Leader: Charlene Carnachan

Book: Hillbilly Elegy

### **Board Nominations**

Are you interested in becoming more involved with AAUW Glendale? Consider becoming President or Programs and Membership Treasurer! No prior experience necessary but enthusiasm and commitment is required! If members do not respond to this appeal, the branch will be in jeopardy of dissolving.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**AAUW CA Convention:** April 27-29, 2018 at the Marriott Hotel in Irvine. Register today at AAUW-CA.ORG!

# Directory Update

Anna Hernandez-Torres: annamh.torres@gmail.com



# April Birthdays

Margarit Mardirosian

5 Peggy Neiman

30 Florence Chase

### **Senior Transitions**

Ad hoc discussions of concerns and issues facing older women. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at noon, all year long, at various restaurants and occasionally in private homes. Reservations required for lunch. Please contact Barbara Bodden at barbarabodden@sprintmail.com or 818-396-5588 if you would like to be added to the contact list.

# Antique Sale

**Saturday, May 26:** Valerie Howard (818) 244-7245 will be selling some of her antiques at her home. Members are welcome to join her; however, they will need to provide a table to display the items.

### Help with Tech Trek

Laura Guillory will be taking a hiatus as chair of the Tech Trek Committee at the end of the June 2019 summer camp. She would like to have someone work with her in 2018-2019 so that they can assume the role of Tech Trek chair. If you are interested, Laura would like to meet with you (perhaps over lunch) and discuss the responsibilities of the position. Please let her know (818 244-8004 or email to

<u>Iguillory1430@gmail.com</u>) within the next few months if this position is something you would consider.

### **Branch Meeting Carpool**

We are encouraging attendance for our members who are unable to drive and need a ride to the meeting. Please advise Susie when making your reservation. Carpools will be organized accordingly.



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### April 2018 AAUW Glendale Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday	Board Meeting 6:45 p.m. Glendale Board of Ed. 223 N. Jackson St.	3	Senior Transitions 12 p.m. Call Barbara Bodden for Details	5	6	7
8 3 3rd Quarter	9 Evening Book Group 7:30 p.m. Home: Elaine Smith	10	Global Issues Group 1:30 p.m. Call: Rosa Frommer	12	13 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday	Branch Meeting 9 a.m. Oakmont Country Club
15 New Moon	16	Day Book Group 10 a.m. Home: Mary McVay	18	19	20	21
22 © 1st Quarter	23	24	25	26	AAUW Convention 10 a.m. Irvine Marriott	28
29 O Full Moon	30	1	2	3	4	5