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#### **AAUW Glendale** September Branch Meeting

Date: September 14, 2019 Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**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 Marilyn "Susie" Robinson to make your reservation by September 11, 2019

Home: (818) 951-6104 | Cell: (818) 317-5602

#### **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.



### September Program From Rockets to GPS: The Career of a Scientist at JPL

Celebrating the 50 years anniversary of the "One small step for (a) man, one giant leap for mankind", the great achievement of the first human visit to the moon, our first meeting of the 2019-2020 year (September 14, 2019) will be devoted to the space investigations and career of a scientist involved in this effort. Our speaker is well known to most of us: he is Dr. Nabil Elgabalawi, husband of Mary Elgabalawi, our esteemed member.

Nabil Elgabalawi was born in Egypt in a modest household, the eldest of six siblings, whose father died when he was eighteen and his mother ten years later. Nabil excelled in school and Cairo University accepted him in its aerospace department.

After graduating from Cairo University, he got an appointment in Germany as a flight-test engineer with the German fighter aircraft company, Vereinigte Flugtechnische Werke. Nabil then moved to the USA, completed his Ph.D. in Colorado State University, and was offered a job at Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena. In addition to his remarkable career at JPL, Dr. Elgabalawi has had a distinguished career at the Aerospace Corporation.

In America, he worked on the design and launch of significant space programs including: launch vehicles currently in use by NASA, the USAF, and commercial satellites; the Space Station; planetary spacecraft including Cassini, Galileo, Voyager, Magellan, Mars Rover; and GPS (Global Positioning System).

In his exciting and timely talk, Dr. Elgabalawi will describe what inspired him to become an aeronautical engineer, what encouraged him to come to this country, and what exciting projects he pursued. Please join us in September to listen to our distinguished speaker.

#### Save the Date

The Annual AAUW Funds Luncheon will be held on, Sunday, October 27, 2019, at the Old Ranch Country Club, 3901 Lampson Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740. See and hear how our donations are helping women to achieve their educational goals! You can find a reservation form at <a href="mailto:auw-ca.org">auw-ca.org</a>. Mary Jo Brown AAUW Funds V.P.

#### Movies at Mary E.'s

The last Sunday in September is the 29th, and we meet at 2 pm again at Casa Elgab for the pleasure of seeing THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL.



Welcome! Come with a friend or a family member; the price is still \$15 per person, and refreshments will be offered galore! If you're coming, let Mary know, by email or text. Support your Ways & Means!

#### **Hello Glendale Branch:**

We are again at the beginning of a new year for AAUW. In December I received an issue of Outlook, a newsletter I get from AAUW National. In it was written an article by Shannon Wolfe. She labeled her piece, "Modernizing AAUW." I have wanted for some time now to be able to tell you what was in that article; however, I had more pressing issues to convey at the beginning of 2019. She stated that the goal of modernizing AAUW was central to our new strategic plan so that AAUW could thrive in the 21st century. AAUW made operational changes to the ways that they are working in the D.C. Headquarters. She highlighted three categories:

WE'RE UPDATING OUR TECHNOLOGY AND OPERATIONS.

WE'RE REALIGNING OUR STAFF.

#### WE'RE FOCUSING ON FUNDING.

I, too, would like to "Modernize." I realize the importance of marketing and advertising, and the best way to do that in this new world is through social media. Unfortunately, our Social Media person has relocated to another state. Now I know she will be a great benefit to whichever branch she eventually joins; however, we need to find someone to fill the social media slot. That means that we, as a group, need to update our technology and be willing to be more tech savvy; and not afraid to learn something new.

At this time of our six elected chairs, we have eight people working those chairs. We have another seven appointed chairs, and I couldn't be happier. There are three Appointed Chairs still left to be filled, and they are essential chairs for each branch to fill so that it can continue the mission of AAUW. One of the things that I appreciate about AAUW is that there is no set number of positions for each branch. Some branches have positions that we do not have, and we have positions that other branches do not have. This flexibility offers a great deal of creativity as to how a branch member works on behalf of AAUW. Camille Veneracion wants to create a new chair named "Alumni" where she will be contacting all the past alumni of Tech Trek, Student Grants, and NCCWSL to invite them to be members of AAUW-Glendale. I think that is a superb idea, and I am going to keep working on getting our new members to work for the organization and to understand better why our mission is so important to women around

the globe. I am also going to continue recruiting as much as possible.

Funding is always something that is in the back of everyone's mind at the branch, and I am thrilled that this last year, Mary Elgabalawi and Neda Fabris added to our fundraising efforts by creating a once a month-movie afternoon. As always, we have the Pasadena Showcase House, which helps our treasury, but the movie afternoons have been an exceptional boon. The more monies we have, the more girls we send to Tech Trek, Student Grants we issue; and we will be able to sponsor someone to go to the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in D.C. I know that Mary Elgabalowi and Jean Tanaka are going to do wonders with Ways & Means this year.

On another note; I want to let you all know that Donna Jean Mertens passed on May 25, 2019. I had her come to our Branch to speak when she was California State President, Pro-Tem. She held both the State President and Chief Financial Officer positions for the State of California. The Donna Mertens Honorary Fund (Fund #4435) has been created and you can donate to it by calling (800) 326-2289, or by writing a check made payable to AAUW/Fund #4435, which can be mailed to AAUW, P.O. Box 98045, Washington D.C. 20090-8045. She was survived by her son, Rob Mertens. She was a mentor, a colleague, and a friend. She will be sorely missed.

Also, I would like to call to your attention, that below I have inserted the flyer for (front and back) the annual luncheon of the United Nations Association to which you are welcome to attend. I do so because LACIC works closely with them as they recognize individuals and organizations committed to making a difference in the quality of life of all people locally and globally. Last year they awarded AAUW with that honor and our CEO, Kimberly Churches, accepted on our behalf.

I thank you all for your continued support, and I will see you at the September branch meeting.

My AAUW Best Wishes to You

**Cathy Zitnick** 

President, AAUW-Glendale

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#### **Special Interest Groups**

#### **Evening Book Group**

September 9, 7:30 p.m.

Home: Elaine Smith | (818) 247-6082 Book: Where the Crawdads Sing

Leader: Mary Jo Brown Dessert: Jeri Hughes

#### Global Issues Group

September 11, 1:30 p.m.

Home: Ann Quinn's daughter -- 2087 Redcliff, Los

Angeles, CA 90037

Topic: Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics

Leader: Clarli Wilson RSVP to Barbara Bodden: barbarabodden@sprintmail.com

#### Day Book Group

Date: September 17, 10:00 a.m. Home: Lucille Leard 818 247-9444 Book: The Day the World Came To Town

Leader: Leni Richardson

#### **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 the Ocean View Restaurant, 3826 Ocean View Blvd., Montrose, CA. An occasional field trip may be offered, attendance may be limited. To join the group or to make reservations for lunch, contact Barbara Bodden at <a href="mailto:barbarabodden@sprintmail.com">barbarabodden@sprintmail.com</a> or (818) 396-5588. Barbara Bodden and Barbara Merkle, co-chairs.

#### **Birthdays**

#### July

5 Edith Morrow 5 Sharon Ouellette 9 Paula Devine 10 Marjorie Newton 11 Barbara Bodden 14 Arsine Hovannesian 24 Lucile Leard

#### August

2 Neda Fabris 2 Hannah Cline 10 Phyllis Fernandez 14 Rosa Frommer 15 Patricia Wilson 21 Diane Kightlinger 24 Ann Quinn

#### September

17 Barbara Clark 17 Elsie Anderson 19 Mary Margaret Smith 19 Jennifer West 21 Sunny Wheeler 29 Joan Nellis

#### **Member Message Board**

From Mary Elgabalawi: To: members of the Day Book Group: the first 10 ladies who come to me at our first meeting at the country club in September will receive a copy of THREE MEN IN A BOAT.

#### **AAUW CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2019**

1st - National Hispanic Heritage Month

4th - National College Colors Day

6TH - Jane Addams' Birthday

Jane Addams (1860-1935), first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize (1931), suffragist, helped establish American Civil Liberties Union (1920), first president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom <a href="http://www.aauw.org/2017/03/30/five-aauw-women-you-didnt-know-were-on-postage-stamps/">http://www.aauw.org/2017/03/30/five-aauw-women-you-didnt-know-were-on-postage-stamps/</a>

10th - World Suicide Prevention Day

11th - National Day of Service and Remembrance

http://www.aauw.org/article/veterans-back-to-school/

13th – Anniversary of the Violence Against Act Women (VAMA)

Violence Against Women Act (VAMA), drafted by Sen. Joe Biden and signed by President Bill Clinton in 1994; established the Office of Violence Against Women within the Department of Justice http://www.aauw.org/2013/03/08/violence-against-women-reauthorization-act-is-law/

14th - Margaret Sanger's Birthday

Margaret Sanger (1879-1966), pioneer in birth control and sex education, founded predecessor to Planned Parenthood

15th – International Day of Democracy

http://www.un.org/en/events/democracyday/

21st - International Day of Peace

http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/

22nd - Anniversary of AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)

Active since 1981, The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Our resources range from community outreach programs to backing of major cases. <a href="http://www.aauw.org/2013/09/18/32-years-laf/">http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/</a>

23rd - National Voter Registration Day

http://www.aauw.org/resource/organize-a-voter-registration-drive/ http://www.aauw.org/resource/voter-registration-on-campuses/

25th - Native American Women's Equal Pay Day

http://www.aauw.org/2015/09/03/native-women-gender-pay-gap/

25th - Sandra Day O'Connor is sworn in as the first woman US Supreme Court Justice

(1981) Sandra Day O'Connor Served as the majority leader of the Arizona Senate 1988 AAUW Achievement Award recipient

25th - Deadline to Apply to the AAUW National Student Advisory Council

27th - National Women's Health and Fitness Day

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## Jordie Hannum Special Guest

Executive Director, The Better World Campaign

## Elaine (Elle) Fersan Keynote Speaker:

Director of the Immigrants and Global Migration Initiative Gould School of Law, University of Southern California

# The 2019 Global Citizen Award Recipients:

Supporting refugee and immigrant communities in Southern California and beyond

## Nahla Kayali

Founder and Executive Director, Access California Services

# Gillian Sorensen

Board Member, the International Rescue Committee Former United Nations Assistant Secretary General WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 Registration & Luncheon 11:30 am for External Relations

Program 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

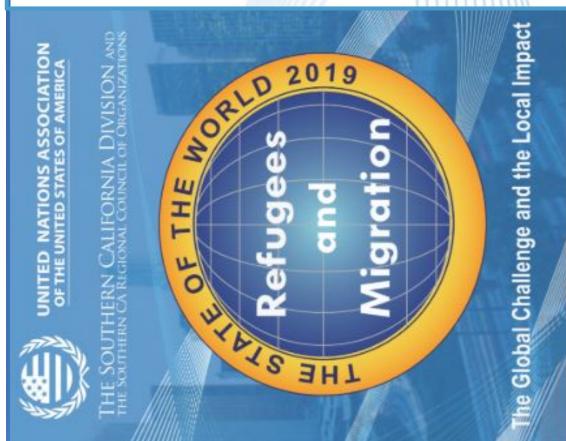
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# To register and purchase tickets online:

www.una-socal.org/global-forum/

For Sponsorship or further information, contact: barrysimonuna@gmail.com





#### September 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 Labor Day	3	4 Senior Transitions 12 noon	5	6	7
8	9 Evening Book Club 7:30 p.m. Elaine Smith	10	11 Global Issues 1:30 p.m, 2087 Redcliff Los Angeles CA 90037	12	13	14 Branch Meeting Oakmont Club 9-12 noon
15	16	17 Day Book Club 10 a.m. Lucille Leard	18	19	20	21
22 Movies at Mary's 2 p.m.	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



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