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American Association of University Women Glendale Branch

AAUW Glendale

2019-2020

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AAUW Glendale November Branch Meeting

Date: November 9, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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 November 6, 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.



November Program

Medicine and Plants of Antiquity - How People in Classic Cultures Healed Themselves with Plant Products

Our speaker Alain Touwaide has researched the history of botany and medicinal plants in the Mediterranean World from antiquity to the Renaissance for over 40 years. He earned a Ph.D. degree in Classics at the University of Louvain (Belgium, 1981) and has done research in prestigious research centers and institutions across the world, including 15 years at the Botany Department of the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution. He is now affiliated with the Division of Humanities of the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). In 2007, Touwaide co-founded the Institute for the Preservation of Medical Traditions and has created and assembled a unique library collection on the topics covered by his research that is now housed at the Brody Botanical Center of The Huntington. The author of multiple publications, he has lectured worldwide on a great many topics related to the history of botany, gardens, botanical books, and medicinal plants in the Old World.

Attention Ralph's Shoppers

Usually this time of year we ask you to re-enroll in the Ralph's Community Rewards program. However, this year, they say that, if you are already enrolled, your enrollment is continuous unless you change it or cancel it.

If you have never enrolled, sign-in at www.ralphs.com. Go to "my account" or "create account", whichever is appropriate. To create an account, you must enter your email address, create a password, and put in your rewards card ID (you need a Ralph's Rewards card in order to participate – get one at the store). Once you are in your account, scroll down to Community Rewards and click on it. Choose "AAUW Glendale Branch," enter the code JV476 for your organization; push "enroll". That's all there is to it!

Every time you use your Rewards card at Ralphs, including at the in-store Starbucks, AAUW Glendale gets a small donation. You can visit the Community Rewards site on your computer at any time to see what Ralphs has donated on your behalf during the current quarter.

Movies at Mary E.'s

In an effort to schedule the November movie to relieve the post-Thanksgiving doldrums, Mary will host the movie on December 1st, the first Sunday after Thanksgiving. The movie to be shown will be the **LETTERS TO JULIETTE**, one of our all-time favorites with Vanessa Redgrave. The time will be 2 p.m., and all manner of refreshments will be served, so don't plan on dieting just yet!



Without timely RSVP's, we cannot continue to host these movie events. PLEASE give Mary a week's advance notice by email if you plan to come, as a matter of simple courtesy!!!

Hello Glendale Branch:

As you can see by looking below, we have both Election Day and Veterans' Day in November. Both of these days are exceedingly important to us as Americans. Election Day this year will not carry the weight of Election Day next year when we will have a vote for the Presidency once again. As always, our Veterans' Day is important to remember because it is those men and women who fight for us to guarantee democracy and our right to vote.

This last meeting at LACIC, there was a gentleman named Jeff Klein, who spoke on the Voting Solutions for all People (VSAP). VSAP will modernize the way Los Angeles County voters cast their ballots on Election Day starting in March of 2020, as Los Angeles County is the largest jurisdiction in the United States, holding 5.3 million voters, which is more than in 44 states. The March 2020 date was selected in order to have the new voting system in place by the California Presidential Primary election. This system will be open-source developed (code that can be shared without royalties) and will be a vote-tally system, owned and operated by the County. This change will make it easier for voters with disabilities and limited English proficiency. Even though there has never been a successful hack into the L.A. County voter system, the old voter roster will be replaced by electronic check-in. Even though the old technology served us well for 50 plus years, you will now be able to register online as late as Election Day. It will be a provisional ballot, and the voter will no longer be assigned to a specific location, as there will be 2,000 locations to choose from, all listed online. This new system will prevent over-voting (voting for more than one person in an election which voids your vote on that election) and also unintentionally skipping a voting selection. Voters will be able to change their addresses and their selection from mail-in to in-person, all ON Election Day. You will no longer need a stamp to return your vote by mail, and there will be an

interactive sample ballot, which will be available in all the languages spoken in L.A. County. There will also be a verbal function for the visually impaired. The tally machine is said to be quite quick, and you are welcome to go to the facility of your choice; however, reservations are recommended. All you need to do is confirm and then print out your ballot. There will be 150 free-standing ballot boxes, which will not be left unattended in vote centers. Your vote will not be accessible via the internet, as there will be a "block" on the internet (air gap) for the actual room where the votes are tallied. Currently, 25,000 poll workers are needed for every L.A. County election, but starting in 2020, they will be needed for a longer time, but less staff will need to be on hand the actual day of the election. If you would like more information on Voting Solutions for All People, you may go to the website, www.vsap.lavote.net.

Speaking about elections, I would be remiss if I didn't let my own Branch know of the upcoming elections next year for Secretary and Directors for AAUW-CA. Since I am on the Nominations and Elections Committee, I need to let you know that AAUW-CA needs you just as much as we do, and there will be no hard feelings (only encouragement) if you would like to run for either of the offices next year. You will need to go to the AAUW-CA website and click on the link for Committee Responsibilities. There is also a link for Policies and Procedures for the Nomination and Election process. There is also a link for the Board of Directors' Roles and Responsibilities. If you would like to get your name and picture in the California Perspective (our quarterly newsletter), you will need to let Janice Lee (Head of N&E Committee) know by December 1, 2019. You can do that by emailing her at nominating@aauw-ca.org. The official deadline will be April 4th, 2020, as there will be a three-week voting period from April 17-May 8, 2020. There is only one position open for Secretary, and seven positions open for Director.

If you should choose to run for Director, you need to state just that; nothing else. If you are elected, the Co-Presidents of AAUW-CA will decide which Directorship for which Committee you will be assigned to work. (The premise is that ALL work is for AAUW, and you will be directed where you are most needed, not where you personally want to go.) Some candidates only post themselves in the California Perspective, whereas others also send out postcards reminding you to vote for them at election time. For those of you who are more “tech-savvy” you can create a separate Facebook page announcing your candidacy, but it cannot be linked to AAUW-CA’s Candidate Page on Facebook. Once you have created your page, send a link to nominating@aauw-ca.org. You will also be able to create, should you so desire, a 2-minute video on YouTube. You may link that to the Candidate Page on the AAUW-CA website. All you need to do is send the “embedded code” from your video to nominating@aauw-ca.org and the rest will be done for you.

Now November is a very special month because we as Americans celebrate Thanksgiving. It is not only an excellent time for lots of eating, but for getting together with family and friends and giving thanks for all that we have. This year Thanksgiving falls on the 28th of November, the same day as the Birthday of AAUW. Now last year I tried to put together a birthday party for AAUW, but only two of our members showed. This year, I definitely don’t want to impede upon Thanksgiving. So, I am just going to conclude by saying, “Happy Birthday, AAUW!!”

I thank you all for your continued support, and I will see you at the November Branch Meeting.

My AAUW Best Wishes to you,

Cathy Zitnick

President, AAUW-Glendale
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1st—Native American History Month

1st—Transgender Awareness Month

2nd—Latinas’ Equal Pay Day

<http://www.aauw.org/2015/06/04/78-cents-whole-story/>

5th—Election Day

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

11th—Veterans’ Day

12th—Elizabeth Cady Stanton’s Birthday

Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902), feminist, suffragist, organized first US women’s rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848; President of the National Woman Suffrage Association <http://www.aauw.org/2010/07/19/christmas-in-july/>

13th—17th—National Education Week

<http://www.aauw.org/article/cs-ed-week/> <http://www.aauw.org/2014/01/24/vouchers-and-national-school-choice-week/> <http://www.aauw.org/2013/05/13/college-doesnt-make-you-infertile/>

18th—Wilma Mankiller’s Birthday

Wilma Mankiller: 1993 AAUW Achievement Award recipient First woman to serve as chief of the Cherokee Nation (1985-1995) Founded the Cherokee Nation Community Development Department Author of her best-selling autobiography, "Mankiller: A Chief and Her People"

20th—Pauli Murray’s Birthday

Pauli Murray (1910-1985), civil rights lawyer, Episcopal priest, first black person to earn a doctorate at Yale Law School (1965); friend of Eleanor Roosevelt <http://www.aauw.org/2016/12/14/telling-black-womens-untold-stories/>

20th—Universal Children’s Day

<http://www.un.org/en/events/childrenday/>

25th—International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

<http://www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday/>

28th—AAUW’s Birthday/AAUW Holds Its First Organizational Meeting (1881)

On November 28, 1881, Marion Talbot, then a recent graduate from Boston University, and Ellen Swallow Richards, the first woman graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, invited 15 alumnae from eight colleges to a meeting in Boston. Discouraged by the lack of opportunities available to them, the women discussed how they would join together to help other women attend college and to assist those who had already graduated. <http://www.aauw.org/2012/11/28/celebrating-131-years-of-aauw/>

Evening Book Group

Date: **November 11, 2019 7:30 p.m.**

Book *The Wayward Bus* by *John Steinbeck*

Leader: Susan Hallgren

Home: Neda Fabris

Global Issues Group

November 13, 2019, 1:30 p.m.

Home: Mary Elgabalawi

2829 Marengo Ave

Altadena, CA 91001

Topic: State of the State Department & Diplomacy

Leader: Diane Kightlinger

RSVP to Barbara Bodden

Please note: If you want to attend individual meetings, please contact:

barbarabodden@sprintmail.com; 818-396-5588

This is the last meeting of 2019 – See you in February 2020! Please reaffirm your membership in this group by calling Barbara Merkle, 626-314-2002.

Day Book Group

Date: **November 19, 2019 10:00 a.m.**

Home: Mary Elgabalawi

Book: *This Land: America, Lost and Found*

Leader: Chris Christensen

Refreshments; Jean Tanaka

November Birthdays

5	Kathleen Dupree
11	Donna Franklin
12	Mary Elgabalawi
14	Valerie Howard
15	Margot Nenzell

Welcome New Member

Katherine Panaqua (nickname Trina)

3084 Biana Circle

Simi Valley CA 93063

(805) 527-8203

trina4ucla@hotmail.com

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 barbarabodden@sprintmail.com or (818) 396-5588. Barbara Bodden, Chair

Rose Parade Float

The National Women's History Alliance plans to sponsor a float in the 2020 Rose Parade, celebrating 100 years of women winning the vote with the 19th Amendment in 1920. If you would like more information about this project and see the plans for the float, you can go to the website at www.pasadenacelebrates2020.org.

Save The Date ! Branch Party

Saturday December 14th from 4 to 8

Home of Mary Pallares Cost is \$45



November 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 1. AAUW Funds Luncheon 2. Movie at Mary's 2 pm	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 Branch Board Meeting Glendale USD 6:45 pm	5	6 Senior Transitions Noon at Ocean View Restaurant	7	8	9 Branch Meeting 9 am to noon
10	11 Veteran's Day Evening Book Group 7:30 pm Neda Fabris Home	12	13 Global Issues 1:30 pm Mary Ebagalawi Home	14	15	16
17	18	19 Day Book Group 10:00 am Mary Ebagalawi Home	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30
1 Movie At Mary's 2 pm	2	Notes Save the Date - Holiday Branch Party on December 14 from 4-8 pm				

Can You Make Time for Fitness?

For those interested, there are amazing and free exercise classes at Crescenta Valley Park on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. These are CSUN organized, student-led classes. The average participant age range is 55 - 65 years old, and there are all levels. Located on the lawn on the west side of Dunsmore Ave, past the wash. More info: <http://3winsfitness.com/> From Anna Donlin

Calling All Bridge Players!

All bridge groups party and duplicate are looking for substitutes. If you are interested contact: barbarabodden@sprintmail.com; 818-396-5588



Tech Trek Campers gave delightful presentations about their camp experiences in October. They were grateful for the opportunity provided by our branch.



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