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AAUW Glendale

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Founders' Day Luncheon

Date: Saturday, January 11, 2020

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Oakmont Country Club

Cost: \$40 per person

Please call or email Susie Robinson to make your reservation by January 8, 2020

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Marilyn_Robinson@hotmail.com

Reservations made but not kept will be billed



Bringing the Power of Hope Through the Tournament of Roses

Our speaker for January 11, 2020 is Laura V. Farber, Tournament of Roses (TOR) President providing leadership for the 131st Rose Parade and the 106th Rose Bowl Game held on January 1, 2020. Laura is the first Latina and third woman to serve as President of the TOR.

Laura has been a volunteer member of the TOR since 1993. She was appointed a Tournament Chairperson in 2004 and Director in 2010. Laura has served on and chaired various committees and was elected to the Executive Committee in 2012.

Professionally, Laura is a partner at the Pasadena law firm of Hahn & Hahn where she practices law litigation. She is member and chair of several other organizations.

Prior to her many years at TOR, her civic activities include being a member of the board of directors of the non-profit Clazzical Notes, a four-year member of the board of directors for the YWCA and member of the several other boards.

Laura has been named one of the top 50 women lawyers in Los Angeles and featured in the Los Angeles Business Journal. In 2003, she received the American Bar Association's Commission on Ethnic and Racial Diversity in the Profession – Spirit of Excellence Award and in 2004 she received the YMCA San Gabriel Valley Women of Excellence in Law Award.

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Laura's native language is Spanish. She earned her bachelor's degree, with honors from UCLA and her juris doctor in 1990 from Georgetown University. She is admitted to the bars of California, the District of Columbia, Ninth and D.C. Circuits and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Hello Glendale Branch:

Recently I participated in a webinar with Kimberly Churches, our CEO, and she had some enlightening things to pass on to the Presidents, in hopes that we would pass these things on to you. She started by saying that a significant donor to AAUW, and a member of the Legacy Circle, just passed. She had been a devout member of AAUW for many years. Nancy Grace Roman was an American astronomer and one of the first female executives at NASA. She is known to many as the "Mother of Hubble" for her role in planning the Hubble Space Telescope. Throughout her career, Roman was also an active public speaker and educator, and an advocate for women in the sciences.

This year we will again not be having a National Convention. Instead we will have the AAUW Convening Series. Much will be covered in regards to both the 19th Amendment (which passed 100 years ago in 1920) and the Voting Rights Act (which passed 55 years ago in 1965). Ms. Churches pointed out that even though the 19th Amendment secured voting rights for primarily white women, the Voting Rights Act secured voting rights for ALL people.

The AAUW Convening Series will start with two webinars on the 28th of January and the 14th of April. The theme for these two webinars will be: Election 2020: A Gender Agenda. There are five women's issues that will be the primary focus of these webinars.

1. Equal Pay,
2. Investment in Education,
3. Reducing Student Debt,
4. Strengthening Social Security,
5. Implementing Paid Leave.

She stressed to us that she received various inquiries as to why other issues were not on the agenda, such as: reproductive health, gun control, etc. She explained that AAUW only has so much in monies to be able to put towards specific issues, and AAUW had to prioritize which best would help the standard of living of the young graduate as she begins her working career. (I am paraphrasing, of course.)

Kimberly told us that Kate Nielson is now the Public Policy chair and she is currently working on NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) in organizing the West Coast Regional

Conference for NCCWSL to be held in May of 2020. She is also working on AAUW's new national website due out in the first quarter of 2020. In closing, she gave a quote. "Above all, be the Heroine of your life" by Nora Ephron.

At the LACIC meeting on November 8th, Deanna Arthur, who is also the AAUW-CA Director & Membership Committee chair, introduced Lucy Carillo and Terri Armstrong who are members of the AAUW-CA Diversity Committee. Lucy and Terri had us sit in a circle so that everyone in the room could see one another and everyone could be on equal footing. The discussion centered around the need to educate our branch members about diversity. They stated that we assume that others need what we need in terms of goals. So, AAUW needs to develop a vision of what the young working woman needs and what are her goals. The facilitators brought to our attention that AAUW needs to build trust with diverse ethnicities, and this no longer is just an organization for wealthy white women. AAUW needs to build a network of support for new members and concentrate more on how our language can be more inclusive of others. There were three key points to take home to our branches... Find our local narrative (i.e. what it is about our branch that is exclusive to our branch), what is the narrative that we want to create, and how are we going to fund diversity. We were encouraged to think about the people we are recruiting to help change the organization, and how we can change to help them. (One gentleman suggested offering childcare at the meetings for working moms.) Lucy and Terri left us with this point: "Recognizing and speaking out against everyday exclusion can positively impact diversity and inclusion in membership, and help us achieve the AAUW Mission to advance equity for ALL women and girls through advocacy education, and research".

2020 starts off with our Founders Day Luncheon. The doors will be open at 11:30 a.m. for you ladies to buy your raffle tickets and mingle before the meeting starts. This meeting every year is one of my favorite and make sure you let me know what you are bringing by the 7th of January so I can have everything set up and ready for when you arrive. I look forward to seeing you all there. Happy New Year!

My AAUW Best Wishes to you,

Cathy Zitnick

President, AAUW-Glendale

Month—January 2020

1st—New Year's Day

1st—National Mentoring Month

1st—National Stalking Awareness Month

1st—Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

22nd—Anniversary of Supreme Court Decision of Roe vs. Wade

<http://www.aauw.org/2015/01/27/sarah-weddington/>

26th—Condoleza Rice Becomes the First African-American Woman Elected Secretary of State

29th –Lilly Ledbetter Act signed into Law (2009)

Lilly Ledbetter is the woman for whom the bill is named and perhaps the best-known face of pay equity. For nearly two decades at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Gadsden, Alabama, Ledbetter worked for less money than male co-workers with the same job. She lost more than \$200,000 in salary, benefits, and retirement savings due to pay discrimination. After her November 1998 retirement, she filed suit under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and was awarded back pay and other remedies in a jury trial. The U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 decision not only erased Ledbetter's award, but also left women, minorities, and others in Ledbetter's situation with virtually no recourse to pay discrimination. <http://www.aauw.org/2009/01/29/lilly-ledbetter-fair-pay-act-signed-into-law/>

Movie at Mary E.'s

The movie is JEAN DE FLORETTE, to be followed by MANON OF THE SPRING in February. **January 26th, 2 p.m.**, bring a friend or two, refreshments extravaganza! Cost is \$15 Did you miss us? Mary E. missed YOU! **Remember to RSVP by January 19.**



Evening Book Group

Date: January 13, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.

Title: Annie Freeman's Fabulous
Traveling Funeral

Author: Kris Radish

Leader: Felicia Soissons-Segal

Host: Susan Hallgren

Dessert: Barb Nielsen

Global Issues Group

No Meeting in January

If you need a book, and have not signed up for one, please call Barbara Merkle immediately.

Please reaffirm your membership in this group by calling Barbara Merkle, 626-314-2002.

Day Book Group

Date: January 21, @ 10:00 a.m.

Home: Edie Morrow

Book: The Library Book

Leader: Mary Jo Brown

Calling All Bridge Players!

All bridge groups -- party and duplicate -- are looking for substitutes. If you are interested contact: Donnalee Monninger, 818-241-7061

January Birthdays

13 - Camille Veneracion
15 - Sheila Koster
15 - Marnie Morrison
17 - Jerry Johnstone
20 - Jean "Chris" Christensen
28 - Birdie Zitnick

Welcome to New Member

Dr. Susan J. Shaw

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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

In January, Senior Transitions will meet on January 8th, the second Wednesday, due to New Year's Day on January 1.

January 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 	2	3	4
5	6 Board Meeting 6:45 p.m. GUSD	7	8 Senior Transitions Noon at Ocean View Restaurant	9	10	11 Branch Meeting Founder's Day Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Oakmont
12	13 Evening Book Group Home Susan Hallgren 7:30 p.m.	14	15	16	17	18
19	20  MLK Day	21 Day Book Group Home: Edie Morrow 10 a.m.	22	23	24	25
26 Movie at Mary E's 2 PM	27	28	29	30	31	1

Founders' Day Opportunity Raffles in January

Founder's Day Donations: To ensure that we have sufficient display tables, please contact Cathy Zitnick (818 542-9516 or cell. 818 292-7180) (czitnick@outlook.com) and let her know the theme/ contents of your basket or donation by **January 7, 2020**. If you do not plan to attend the meeting on January 11th but have a contribution, please let her know so we can arrange to pick it up. Besides gift baskets, handmade items, original art, unique ceramics, new handbags, event tickets, restaurant gift cards, plants, grocery baskets, wine and spa services have also been popular items. These web sites have fun gift baskets ideas good for many occasions: <https://morningchores.com/gift-basket-ideas/> and <https://www.makinghomebase.com/creative-gift-basket-ideas/>. All proceeds will be going to AAUW Funds and if anyone would like to make an extra donation, they can write a check to AAUW Funds. We would like two or three people for ticket sellers. Please let Cathy know if you can help.



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