



Greater Whittier Branch

GREATER WHITTIER BRANCH

APRIL 2009

Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

Special points of interest:

- *Three women to receive Las Distinguidas Honors*
- *First Friday April 3*
- *Annual Meeting & election of officers in April*
- *Your dues are due. Application page 5*

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"The Seasons of Our Memories" April 11

The Whittier Branch Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 11, at 11 AM. **This is a very important meeting and you are urged to make your reservations early.** Lascari's restaurant will provide the popular pasta bar in the main room of the Assistant League Chapter House located at 6339 South Greenleaf Avenue in Uptown Whittier. Ample parking is located in a separate lot off of the alley behind the League house. Come for the social time at 11 AM and help us honor two of our Las Distinguidas nominees.

Do you believe your **memories** can take on "seasons" of their own? Relive the greenness of spring,

the golden hues of summer, the sombre tones of autumn, the frosty white of winter...

What a tantalizing conjecture! So why not explore this at our April 11 Branch meeting when we hope to **entertain** you with our Readers Theatre presentation, "The Seasons of our Memories"? In addition to this combined labor of love on the part of our **Reading, Interpretation and Performance and Memories** sections, you will be welcoming our Branch's new board who will be planning their "first season"—and will be adding more "memories" that promise to be exciting!

Poems written by William Blake will introduce each season.

At this time, AAUW will present two outstanding community women with Las Distinguidas awards. These distinguished women are Diane Britton for her leadership and numerous contributions to the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter and to Jan Berry for her many contributions to AAUW.

Reservations are a must. RSVP to Barbara Nichols, by Monday, April 6—562-696-4474; blnich@verizon.net; be sure to put "AAUW Reservations" in subject line.

Whittier Branch Nominations 2009-10

Thank you to the nominating committee for all your efforts. Hopefully, more members will be available to volunteer on committees in the coming year. We have an (almost) full slate of officers that was presented at the March 14 meeting. The committee members are: Fay Weber, Chair; Brenda Jahn,

Ginny Isenberg, Shirley Ann Stewart, Louise Holden and Barbara Gile.

Proposed Officers

President— Brenda Jahn
 President Elect—Shirley Ann Stewart
 Program VP— Jan Berry/
 Beverly Gall
 Hospitality VP— Peggy
 Burlingham/Barbara Nichols

Membership VP— Joyce Paul/Yvette Rawlinson
 Membership Treasurer— Kaye Kidwell
 Educational Foundation/
 Legal Advocacy Fund VP — Peggy Fretz
 Recording Secretary — Pamela Holmes
 Corresponding Secretary— Margot Kamens
 Treasurer— Jill Smith

Reservations by Barbara Nichols—562-696-4474 blnich@verizon.net—"AAUW Reservations" in subject line

President's Message—Barbara Gile

The past month of March came and went very fast and now we look forward to springtime. Our April Branch meeting is our Annual Meeting where we elect our officers for the 2009-10 year. The complete slate is listed in the newsletter.

Also, we have moved part of the Las Distinguidas program to the April meeting to honor Diane Britton and Jan Berry. Carolyn McFarland will be honored as planned at the May meeting. The RIP (Reading, Interpretation, Performance) Section has been revived thanks to Gwen Woirhaye and Colleen Tan and the seasoned readers will be presenting a stimulating program. Be sure to make your reservations early!

For several months you have probably noticed information on the restructuring of the National AAUW in our newsletter. This month you will find a survey (straw vote) regarding five of the changes. The amended proposed 18 articles of corporation

are available in the *Spring Outlook*. We really want to know your feelings on these changes. Please complete the survey and return by email or snail mail so we can have a report at the Whittier Branch Annual Meeting on April 11.

The International Concerns Section guided by Sharon Heck created a program for the Whittier Central Library on Human Trafficking that is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25. This is an important issue in our community. Come join a local high school teacher who is sending her class to hear the panel discussion.

The saga of the Whittier Branch website grows better with each day. Despite the fabulous Math/Science Conference, lack of technical knowledge, illness, sickness, theft of a computer, birth announcements, declining stock prices, death, house remodeling and maintenance, loss of employment, vacations, car wreck, loss of data and all the minuscule details of living we



do have a website: www.aauwwhittier.info To visit the website and click around to the various pages remember the password is: **member**. The website is still under construction and your input is appreciated.

—Barbara Gile, president

Public Policy—Jill Smith



HR 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act, was introduced in Congress on January 26. It is a bill to create a single-payer, publicly-financed, privately-delivered universal health care program that will cover all Americans without charging co-pays or deductibles. It guarantees access to health care services regardless of employment, ability to pay or pre-existing health conditions.

Medicare is a single-payer system. HR 676 will improve and expand Medicare so that it covers all Americans. Switching to a single-payer system will lead to billions of dollars saved in reduced administrative costs,

reimbursement rate negotiations with physicians and negotiated prices for prescription drugs, medical supplies and equipment.

Rep. John Conyers (MI) is the sponsor and there are now 59 cosponsors (and the number is growing) after just one month since its introduction in Congress.

Send a postcard with your comments and support for this long needed bill to:

President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Board Members

President:

Barbara Gile

President-Elect:

Brenda Jahn

Program Vice-President:

Jan Berry

Hospitality Vice-President:

Peggy Burlingham

Membership Vice-President:

Virginia Ball

Membership Treasurer:

Elsa Galvan

Educational Foundation:

Peggy Fretz

Recording Secretary:

Kaye Kidwell

Corresponding Secretary:

Margot Kamens

Treasurer:

Jill Smith

Dues are Due

Dues are due for 2009-2010!!! Get a head start on dues and mail yours in now! The form is included in this newsletter. \$46 of your dues is tax deductible. When we pay National their \$49, \$3 is used for political and lobbying so the remaining \$46 is tax deductible. Thanks!

—Ginny Ball, Membership Vice-President

Legal Advocacy Fund News

The following information came from the Association website. Did you notice Lilly Ledbetter watching President Obama's recent address to Congress? Lilly was there because she, AAUW and the Obama administration know that the fight for pay equity is far from being over. It is important that we urge the Senate to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. The Paycheck Fairness act provides the tools necessary to give teeth to the Ledbetter bill. The Paycheck Fairness Act is "a comprehensive bill that would create strong incentives for employers to follow the law, empower women to negotiate for equal pay and strengthen federal outreach, education and enforcement efforts. The bill would also deter wage discrimination by strength-

ening penalties for equal pay violations and by prohibiting retaliation against workers who ask about employer's wage practices." As you can see this is an important bill needed to win the fight for pay equity. Please contact your representative and senator and urge them to vote for this bill (S.182).

You also have the opportunity to donate to the Educational Fund and/or the Legal Advocacy Fund by sending a check to me (Peggy Fretz, PO Box 5333, Whittier CA 90608 or planning to donate at the April meeting. I'll have envelopes there to make it easier for you! Your checks can be made out to AAUW-EF or AAUW-LAF.

—Peggy Fretz, EF/LAF Vice-President

First Friday April 3

Thank you to Sandy and Art Bridges, for their gracious hospitality on First Friday, March 6. Some of the Brea-La Habra Branch members attended. They liked us so much, they joined our Branch, and one signed on for a Board position. **Yea!** It was a great evening.

The First Friday of April will find us at Linda Pomeroy's home. Directions to Linda's house:

Go east on Whittier Boulevard to where it ends at Puente; turn left on

Puente to the first stop sign, Northwood; right on Northwood to Poinsettia; left on Poinsettia and a quick right on Oakcrest, which dead ends into Cedarcrest. Left on Cedarcrest to the number, 1620 Cedarcrest. Bring an appetizer to share, and whatever you and yours care to drink. If you lose your way, please call Linda at 714-671-3112. Hope to see you there.

We will be at the Berrys' on May 1, the First Friday in May.

Gen'nel Walters - 562-943-3976

About Our Members...

Jill Smith and her family thank you for the many lovely cards and kind thoughts of sympathy on her father's death.

Colleen Tan and family send grateful thanks for all those expressions of love and support: flowers, cards, messages. Our condolences to Colleen on the death of her husband of 60 years, Tanny Tan.

It is good to see Louise Holden returning from rehabilitation after her silent heart attack. Thank goodness she has a medical background and was able to perceive the warning signs.

Barbara Pickard's husband David underwent heart surgery and now has a new aortic heart valve. He is getting stronger every day and

catching up on the basketball tournament.

Ruth and Jim White both have had eye surgery.

A new pacemaker went to Sal Graziano, the husband of Kaye Kidwell, Whittier Branch recording secretary. We send positive healthy wishes to all who have been challenged by illness (and aging bodies).

Straw Vote on proposed AAUW Association Bylaws

The Whittier Branch Board of Directors and convention delegates would like to know how you feel about these **five** AAUW proposed bylaw changes. Make sure you understand the proposed changes and answer these 24 questions sent by email or snail mail to every Whittier Branch member. Return to: AAUW PO Box 5333 Whittier, CA 90608 or WhittierAAUW@mac.com

It is not necessary to sign your name or identify yourself in any way. Everyone is entitled to her feelings and opinions. Thank you for taking your time to share your thoughts. A tabulated report will be available at the April 11 Annual Meeting. **Please respond before April 9.**

The full bylaws, with rationale for each article is published on the AAUW website, along with a detailed list of frequently asked questions, visit <http://aauw.org/About/bylaws/index.cfm?c> (Your Membership number is required to login to this webpage) For more information about the structural changes to AAUW, read the AAUW Briefing #18 http://www.aauw.org/member_center/briefings/briefingRestructure_021009.cfm

Please note: If you do not have your member number please contact Barbara Gile (562) 693-7279 or Ginny Ball, Membership Vice President. (562) 693-0941. We have made some paper copies for members to study.

Summary of Major Changes:

(To take affect 7-1-09 if approved at St. Louis Convention)

1. Membership Open. Membership is open to any individual supportive of the mission, without regard to college degree status, and to partner members. Partner membership broadens the current college/university membership category to include the possibility of other institutions or organizations that meet the criteria. Open individual membership provides an equal opportunity for all to join, in recognition that one does not need to have educational credentials to work for women’s education.

Like the new membership requirements **Yes** _____ (1)
Want to keep the previous membership requirements of a college or university degree **Yes** _____(2)

If the Association membership requirements were changed on July 1, to without college degree status would you want to stay in AAUW? **Yes** _____ (3) **No** _____(4)

Should the Whittier Branch change the college degree status requirements? **Yes** _____(5) **No** _____ (6)

If the Association changes the membership requirements, would you support the Whittier Branch forming a University Women non-profit organization to carry on our local education and charitable mission with a membership requirement of a four college or university degree?

Yes _____(7) **No** _____ (8)

2. The Proposed Bylaws:

- streamline the current bylaws and move administrative

details to policies and procedures,

- provide more flexibility on all levels (branch, state and national); and
- provide more avenues for all members to participate in the organization, in particular giving every member a vote on national business.

Like _____(9) **Do Not Agree** _____(10)

Change the:

- mission-based activities and programming, including the work of the Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund and Leadership Training Institute;
- public policy advocacy through the newly named “AAUW Action Fund;” and
- preserve the unique mission and grassroots strength of AAUW.

Like _____(11) **Do Not Agree** _____(12)

3. One Member-one Vote. Instead of using a delegate system, every member will have a vote. Members who cannot attend meetings and vote in person will be able to vote by all methods approved by the corporate code of the District of Columbia and the Board (i.e., mail, phone, FAX or electronically).

Like the idea of one member one vote. **Yes** _____(13) **No** _____(14)

Prefer to vote by: mail __ (15) phone __ (16) FAX __ (17) email __ (18)

Or want to keep delegate system **Yes** _____(19)

4. One Board. AAUW and EF boards are merged into one board with authority over all aspects of AAUW activity, including:

- delivery of the mission through programs and policies;
- setting membership dues (part of financial administration oversight);
- appointment of the directors of the AAUW Action Fund, for voter education and related political activities; and
- appointment and oversight of AAUW committees and task forces, including determining the process for the awarding of fellowships and grants.

Would prefer to have more members involved in the boards and committees **Yes** _____(20) or

Like power limited in a small group of decision makers **Yes** _____(21)

5. Structural Flexibility. Branches and states will not be required to make any changes if their current structure works well for them.

However, the new bylaws mandate only an administrative and financial contact person from each branch/state, allowing the branches and states to create the structure and leadership positions that make the best use of their resources to fulfill the AAUW mission.

Like the new structure **Yes** _____(22)

Want to keep the old structure **Yes** _____(23)

Your comments here or on a separate sheet are encouraged (24):

**American Association of University Women (AAUW)
2009-2010 Membership Application, Whittier Branch**

New applicants and Current members, please complete the following data:

Title: Mrs. ____ Ms. ____ Miss ____ None ____ Other _____

Last Name _____

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Spouse's Name _____

Your Street Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone Number (____) _____ Work Telephone Number (____) _____

Cell Telephone Number (____) _____ FAX (____) _____

Email Address _____

Degree _____ Year ____ Major _____

College/University _____

Degree _____ Year ____ Major _____

College/University _____

Degree _____ Year ____ Major _____

College/University _____

Month and Day of Birth _____

Special interests and Additional Information _____

BEFORE JUNE 1, 2009 Complete and mail your membership application and dues to: **AAUW, Whittier Branch, Membership Vice President, P.O. Box 5333, Whittier, Ca. 90607-5333**

AAUW Membership Type (please check) Annual Dues

_____ General \$89.00

_____ Life Member \$40.00

_____ Student \$42.00

_____ Dual \$24.00

_____ I want the Yearbook mailed to me and will add \$2.00 to the payment check.

_____ I also want the AAUW binder that costs \$5.00 plus \$1.50 postage and will add \$6.50 to my check.

_____ I want my business address included in the yearbook. Enclosed is a \$10 fee and the **business company, address, phone/email/fax.**

For Office Use

Member Name _____

Amount of Check _____

Date and Check Number _____

Mail Yearbook? _____

AAUW Binder Wanted? _____

Advertising Paid? _____

President _____

Section Chair _____

Yearbook Chair _____

Email Tree _____

Phone Tree _____

Membership Treasurer _____

Newsletter Editor _____

Unlimited Potential at the 16th Math/Science Conference

We did it another year! Carol K. Anderson said as we were loading up luncheon items from the Board Room, "They say it takes a village, but this Conference takes the entire AAUW membership." I am most appreciative of everyone's help before and during the 16th Math/Science Conference. It was great to see coverage in the local newspaper even though it took last minute reminding to accomplish.

There were changes on the speakers up to the evening before the event. Sergeant Diana Johnson replaced Lt. Trout for the Highway Patrol and did a great job. Cheryl Osborn needed to have surgery so Nancy Fisher, CEO of Data Distributing, also was a wonderful addition. Catherine Kirkland said she changed jobs so Anna Le Duff took her place at the very last minute.

The weather did cooperate, but the shine was off some for me because the Rio Hondo liaison didn't give the AV person any advance notice of the rooms, equipment needed, and that a PA was needed for the opening session until that morning. He did a wonderful job trying to handle equipment challenges. However, it was frustrating for him and for the speakers. I was told that all room equipment on my list would be checked the week before

the Conference. I also think we could have parked in the closer Lot B after talking with security and seeing the vacancies.

I have asked the president if we can have the Conference on the Rio Hondo campus February 26, 2010. I haven't had any reply yet. I was told by Dr. Martinez this year that they might not be able to accommodate us next year because they would be having construction in the Upper Quad area. But I still asked in writing for 16 rooms in the Science Building. Anyone know any Rio Hondo Board members to contact?

I would really like to have a large auditorium for the keynote speaker so we wouldn't have to worry about rain and so there could be visual equipment. We also need rooms with quality equipment for the speakers and a cooperative facilities coordinator. I predict a few bumps with the venue for next year.

The AAUW members, students, teachers and speakers (except for audiovisual problems) have been wonderful with their positive comments. I think I only had three negative student evaluations and they were about the poor pens. Evidently since the pens were bought in bulk a few years ago, the ink has dried up inside. Anyone want to check that out? Or wash/iron aqua sashes?

We had 531 students and 33 advisors from 22 schools. In addition there were 35 speakers and their colleagues helping with the presentations. We had seven members from the Covina AAUW Branch observing our Conference. One student wrote on her evaluation, "The day went very, very well."

—Marian Locke, 2009 Math/Science Conference Chairperson

Math/Science Conference Financial Report- 2009

Opening Balance	\$6,489.54
Deposits- Total	\$4,193.
Rose Hills Foundation	(\$1,000)
Santa Fe Springs City Council	(\$500)
Board of Supervisor Knabe	(\$1,000)
Terry Kirker	(\$100)
Middle School Students	(\$1,593)
Rio Hondo College gave	\$1,000
toward the student food. It was given directly to the caterer. Otherwise, the food expenses would have been higher by that amount.	
Expenditures- Total	\$5,286.23
Printing (\$700.63)	
Supplies (\$251.05)	
Postage (\$79.80)	
Banners and Signs (\$499.00)	
Name Badges (\$255.39)	
Food (\$3,400.36)	
Transportation for Los Nietos MS (\$100)	
Closing Balance	\$ 5396.31

Myra Long Scholarship Fund

The Myra Long Scholarship Fund's annual meeting will begin at 5:30 PM Wednesday, April 22, in the Library Room of the Marie Callender's on La Serna Drive. There have been several major changes during the past few months, and interested Branch members are invited to attend, especially those who are considering becoming MLSF directors.

We thank those of you who have

already contributed to the Myra Long 93rd birthday non-event fundraiser. Your tax deductible gifts will make it possible for us to fund the Branch's requests for scholarships this year without having to take money from investments during the current economic downturn. If you haven't yet contributed, please send your check, made out to MLSF, to PO Box 5333, Whittier, CA 90607-5333.

—Maurine Behrens, MLSF Vice-President

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- Get it up to a week earlier than by snail mail
- See it in color
- Save the Branch up to \$1.15 every issue

Dates to Remember

- Panel Discussion on **Human Trafficking** co-sponsored by International Concerns Section and Whittier Central Library March 25, 1-3 PM
 - Friends of the Shannon Center Bookfaire—March 28, 8:30 AM to 4 PM
 - All the Month of April is Whittier Reads—Whittier Library
 - First Friday April 3, First Friday @ the home of Linda Pomeroy
 - **Newsletter The deadline for the May edition is April 15, gwen@woirhaye.com**
 - Chamber of Commerce Wake Up Whittier Wednesday, April 8, meeting is scheduled at 7:30 AM @ City of Whittier Community Center
 - Whittier Branch board Meeting April 6, 7PM, Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, 12519-A Washington Boulevard.
 - Branch Meeting April 11 @ 11 AM will be our Annual Meeting and election of officers. The RIP group will perform "Seasons of Our Memories" and we will present two of our three Las Distinguidas honorees. The third honoree Carolyn McFarland will be presented at our May 16 meeting at the Friends Church. If you plan to attend please reserve with Barbara Nichols at blnich@verizon.net or 562-696-4474 The cost is \$25.00 for a pasta bar luncheon.
 - Myra Long Scholarship Fund Annual Meeting April 22, 5:30 PM Marie Callender La Serna
- and Whittier Boulevard. Please call Maurine Behrens for reservation.
- California State AAUW Convention: The state convention will be April 24-26 at the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley. Some of us are going to car pool on Friday, April 24 to go and VOTE. If you want to join us please e-mail whittieraauw@mac.com
 - AAUW National Convention June 26-28 Renaissance St. Louis Grand & Suites Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri.



Las Distinguidas Awards to Honor Three Women

Whittier Branch has selected three outstanding women to be honored as Las Distinguidas 2009 at our April and



May meetings: Jan Berry, Diane Britton, and Carolyn McFarland. The following are very brief summaries of their accomplishments.

Jan Berry was nominated by Whittier Branch where she has served for 17 years as president, membership vice-president, Oktoberfest chair, and in other positions. She is also a member of Assistance League, DAR, and PEO. She has volunteered for California High School Senior Projects, CSUF Arboretum, Whittier Host Lions Horse Show and YMCA fundraising. Jan is a founding member of both Whittier Helping Its Kids (WHISK) and the Myra Long Scholar-

ship Fund (MLSF), which she served as president for many years. As an active USC alumna, Jan is a host for students at Thanksgiving.

Diane Britton was nominated by the Whittier Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, where she has served in many capacities for 14 years. In addition to many board positions, Diane was the originator (in 1997) and is still the major organizer for the 5K Fitness Walk fundraiser and helps to publicize WCCS's services throughout the Whittier community in other ways. Diane is a member of Whittier Junior Women's Club, Soroptimist International of Whittier, Whittier Historical Society (Did you see her in the Victorian Feast?), the First United Methodist Church choir, and the board of the Intercommunity Counseling Center.

Carolyn McFarland was nomi-

nated by Assistance League of Whittier, where she has served for 13 years as president, treasurer, newsletter editor, yearbook chairman and in other positions. She has been president of Hoover-Lincoln PFO, Whittier Union High School PTS, National Charity League and East Whittier Junior Women's Club. Carolyn has served the Rio Hondo Symphony Board as vice-president, treasurer and recording secretary. For 26 years she has been an active member of First United Methodist Church and has been a Meals on Wheels volunteer for 19 years. In her "before Whittier" life, Carolyn was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, where she was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal.

Whittier Branch is honored to be able to present these women of distinction to the community.

Sections

Section	Meeting time	Contact	Phone	Email
Common Threads	2nd Tuesday, 7 PM	Kristine Yeseta	562-696-0226	surfzena@earthlink.net
First Friday	Monthly 6-8 PM	Gen'nel Walters	562-943-3976	gennelwalters@ca.rr.com
Gardening	1st Tuesday, 1 PM	Shirley Stewart	562-944-4556	Shirleys.creations@verizon.net
International Concerns	2nd Tuesday, 10 AM	Maurine Behrens	562-695-8436	maurineb@verizon.net
La Cuisine	Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May	Marge Bates	714-670-1567	retbates@sbcglobal.net
Memories	4th Wednesday, 1:30 PM	Gwen Woirhaye	562-696-6405	Gwen@Woirhaye.com
Modern Trends in Literature	4th Thursday, 7:30 PM	Carol Shupek	562-945-4931	cshupek@yahoo.com
More Than Words	2nd Wednesday Oct, Jan, Mar, May	Shirley McMahon	562-946-2474	rrseitzhh@aol.com
Morning Book	4th Monday Sept, Nov, Feb, Apr; 1st Monday June, 10 AM	Janice Geiger	562-695-9971	billjangeiger@yahoo.com
Mystery Mavens	3rd Wednesday Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May	Carol K. Anderson	562-943-0728	carola7565@aol.com
PPP (Positive Past Presidents)	To be announced.	Gen'nel Walters	562-943-3976	gennelwalters@ca.rr.com
Saturday Night Bridge	Last Saturday night	Mary Ellen Mead	562-693-6482	beadsome@earthlink.net
R.I.P.	TBA	Colleen Tan	562-698-4934	
Show Girls	3rd Friday, 6 PM	Gen'nel Walters	562-943-3976	gennelwalters@ca.rr.com
Walkers	Thursday mornings 9 AM	Ann Farmer	562-698-2074	Farmer6146@yahoo.com

Section News

Common Threads

There has been a lot of interest in this group, but very low attendance. We will take a hiatus as we explore different times and days that would be more convenient to meet.

Fellow stitchers, don't despair! There are a lot of great groups to meet up with in the community. On Monday nights the Little Old Bookshop hosts the Knit Wit group at 6:30 PM. The second and fourth Tuesdays at the uptown Whittier Coffee Bean is a Stitch and Bitch group that meets at 6/6:30-7:30 PM and also at the Coffee Bean, Cindy Martine meets on Wednesday afternoon. Cindy used to

teach at Michael's and is available for lessons or just support to finish up those old projects. On Wednesday evenings at Panera Bread at Whittwood Cindy can be found with a group of knitters and crocheters, this "class" pitches in \$7 a week to help her pay for gas because she lives in Apple Valley.

Gardening Section

Tuesday, April 7, 1 PM at Jan Berry's home. Jan will do a demonstration of cuttings. Brown bag lunch at 12 noon. Jan's address is 2323 Ardsheal Drive, La Habra Heights.

Take Hacienda Blvd, turn on West Skyline Drive and turn left on Ardsheal

Drive. Hope to see you there.

—Shirley Ann Stewart

International Concerns

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, April 14, at Ellen Larson's (Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Boulevard, #2D) to discuss "Energy and the global economy." For further information contact Maurine Behrens (maurineb@verizon.net or 562-695-8436).

Memories

Our memoir-writing section meets Wednesday, April 22, 1 PM, at the home of Judy Flanders, 12430 Floral Drive,

Section News

Whittier April 22. Suggested topic is "Hearing the News." As always that is merely a suggestion. Join us for support as you create a priceless treasure for your descendents. See Morning Book for directions.

Modern Trends in Literature

Home: A Memoir of My Early Years by Julie Andrews is a warm, moving and often humorous journey from a difficult upbringing in war-torn Britain to the brink of international stardom in America. (This book will come out in paperback in early April.)

Ginny Isenberg hosts this evening, Thursday, April 23, 7:30 PM, 1205 Sunbird Avenue, La Habra. From Whittier, take Whittier Boulevard east to Hacienda Boulevard, turn left (north), turn right (east) on Russell Street, turn left (north) on Greenview Drive. Greenview becomes Sunbird, about a three-tenths of a mile. House is on the left (west) side of the street.

Morning Book

Morning Book will discuss **This House of Sky**, by Ivan Doig, at 10 AM on Monday, April 27, at Judy Flanders' home. Ann Farmer will lead

the discussion; Sally Schmidt is co-hostess. We will also vote on books to read for 2009-2010.

This House of Sky, Landscapes of a Western Mind. Ivan Doig grew up in the rugged wilderness of western Montana among the sheep-herders and denizens of small-town saloons and valley ranches. What he deciphers from his past with piercing clarity is not only a raw sense of the land and how it shapes us but also of the ties to our mothers and fathers, to those who love us, and our inextricable connection to those who shaped our values in our searching for intimacy, independence, love and family. In this beautifully written, deeply felt book, the language begins in western territory and experience but in the hands of an artist it touches all landscape and all life. Directions to Judy Flanders', 12430 Floral Dr., Whittier, 562-692-7930. Take Painter north to Beverly Blvd., turn left (west) and continue to Pickering (first light), turn right (north) and proceed to Floral, turn left (west) to number on south side of street.

—Janice Geiger, 562-695-9971

Show Girls

Third Friday of the month. Same place, same time. "Dine" first at 6 PM at Paneras on Rosecrans, in La Mirada, followed by a movie at the \$2 movie house. Call me or email me if you are going so I will be there to meet you.

—Gen'nel Walters

562-943-3976

gennelwalters@ca.rr.com

Walkers

Spring is busting out all over on the local wilderness trails and in the parks and gardens. Join us to celebrate spring on these Thursday walks, all of which begin at 9 AM.

April 2--La Mirada Creek Park.

April 9--Powder Canyon.

April 16--Upper Alta and Haviland neighborhood.

April 23--Arroyo Pescadero.

April 30--Legg Lake.

Email Ann Farmer to receive weekly email updates and directions at Farmer6146@yahoo.com, or phone her at 562-698-2074

Calendar

Thursday, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 9 AM—Walkers

Monday, April 6, 7 PM— Board meeting

Monday, April 6—Branch meeting reservations deadline

Tuesday, April 7, 1 PM—Gardening

Saturday, April 11, 11 AM—Branch Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 10 AM—International Concerns

Wednesday, April 15—Newsletter deadline

Friday, April 17, 6 PM—Show Girls

Wednesday, April 22, 1 PM—Memories

Thursday, April 23, 7:30 PM—Modern Trends

Monday, April 27, 10 AM—Morning Book

Note to Marian Locke

Marian,

I just wanted to let you know how much the girls and chaperone enjoyed the conference! Your hard work paid off! Some of the girls told me they now know what they would like to do for a career. I felt everything moved well and the girls all seemed to enjoy themselves. I found the sessions I attended had students asking some very good questions. Thanks for all your hard work.

—Terri Birtja, St. Marks School

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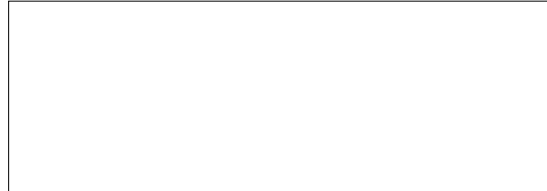
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MISSION STATEMENT: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

AAUW'S VALUE PROMISE By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women to foster equity and positive societal change.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

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