



# Greater Whittier Branch

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Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

## Special points of interest:

- *Math/Science Conference February 27*
- *Terms for new AAUW defined on page 4*
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- *Save the date March 25 for program on Human Trafficking*



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## 16th Annual Math/Science Conference

This is the month for our Math/Science Conference! We met with the 23 middle school advisors in January and distributed the brochures. I appreciate that Barbara Gile and Jan Berry came to assist me at East Whittier Middle

School. Ellen Larson has also helped recently by checking out the equipment in the rooms that we have been assigned at Rio Hondo College for Friday, February 27, from 9 AM-1 PM.

The packet party date is

changed to Thursday, February 19, at Barbara Gile's starting at 6:30 PM. The address is 14035 Eastridge Drive, Whittier—562-693-7279. Thanks, Barbara, for allowing us to use your home.

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## Karen Roy is the Keynote Speaker

Karen attended Whittier schools including Leffingwell Elementary, Granada Intermediate, and graduated from La Serna High School as first in her class. She went to UCLA to earn both BS and MS degrees in Kinesiology.

Presently she is the chairperson/professor of the Department of Biological Sciences at Los Angeles Valley College in Van Nuys. She has taught biology, health, anatomy, biological sciences and physical education. She also served as a coach and women's athletic director at LA Mission College.

Her honors include the Bank of America Award in Science and Mathematics at La Serna High School. She

was a Regents' Scholar and received Honors at Entrance at UCLA. At Los Angeles Valley College she received the "Above and Beyond" Award.

Throughout high school and college, Karen competed in many sports and was an elite track and field athlete competing in the AAU. Later she took up the sport of bicycle racing and became a coach and organizer of events. She was the first woman to be selected as a United States national cycling coach. She represented the United States at three world championships. Karen was hired by Midol and Self Magazine as their media spokesperson for their sponsorship role in the first-ever



inclusion of women cyclists in the 1984 Olympic Games. This expertise has allowed her to travel and work at sporting events throughout the world.

Karen started pursuing interests in the areas of science, health and athletics when she was attending local schools and it developed into a multifaceted career path. We welcome her to our 16th Math/Science Conference for Eighth Grade Girls.

**Reservations by February 1— Barbara Nichols—562-696-4474  
blnich@verizon.net—"AAUW Reservations" in subject line**

## President's Message—Barbara Gile

Ah, February!

This is the month of romance, presidents and Black History month. In the Whittier Branch we are also preparing for the Math/Science Conference at Rio Hondo and thinking of our health at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital that has been in our area for 50 years. Our committees are busy selecting: Las Distinguidas, Speech Trek, Tech Trek and local scholarship honorees. The International Concerns Section created a program at the Whittier Central Library on Human Trafficking that is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25. With all our activities it is a wonder we can keep our calendars in order. Please remember to check the master calendar before making any new committee dates.

The first goal we have is to research and develop a plan of action to address all the changes that will be taking place in the National Association of AAUW. All Whittier Branch members are invited to the February 3 Board meeting where we will have information for you to consider. Some of the first questions that are asked

have been answered on the AAUW website. They are reprinted here for your information and assistance in your decision making.

# Is the restructuring proposal the same as a merger between the Association and the Educational Foundation?

No. The restructuring proposal is a different legal process, which is called a transfer of assets. The Association (AAUW) is a 501(c)(4) IRS status nonprofit corporation, and the AAUW Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) IRS status nonprofit corporation. Both statuses have separate legal, accounting, and tax compliance requirements. The proposal to transfer the majority of assets and activities was based on a legal review of options that best meet AAUW's current and future needs.

# If the proposed bylaws changes are approved, how are members affected?

A unified organization will strengthen members' ability to efficiently and effectively promote education and equity for all



women. If the amendments are approved, beginning July 1, 2009, memberships will be created in the 501(c)(3) corporate entity, plus the current 501(c)(4) entity. Members' dues will be paid to only one organization, AAUW. At the local branch level or for a member-at-large (MAL), the organizational restructuring will not have a significant impact and will appear seamless.

The amended proposed 18 articles of corporation will be available in the Spring *Outlook*. Hopefully by June we will know how to vote when we attend the convention.

## Public Policy—Jill Smith



Thank you for taking action and making your voice heard on Capitol Hill. For more than a century, AAUW has influenced public policy debate on critical issues such as education, Social Security, sex discrimination, civil rights, reproductive choice, affirmative action, Title IX, welfare reform, vocational education, pay equity, family and medical leave, and health care reform. If you are interested in learning more about AAUW's public policy priorities, please visit the "Issue Advocacy" section of the AAUW website

(<http://www.aauw.org/TakeAction>). From this page, you can access AAUW's Public Policy Program, Legislative Agenda day, Congressional Voting Record, and position papers. You can also subscribe to the AAUW Action Network, and AAUW members can subscribe to Washington Update, our weekly e-bulletin. You can also support our work by donating on the site. Thank you again for taking action. Please visit the AAUW Action Center again soon!

## Board Members

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Jill Smith

## Educational Foundation/Legal Advocacy Fund

It's interesting to learn about some of the ways that money generated from donations to EF is used. Fellowships and Grants are given to women in these categories. American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates. Career Development Grants support women who hold a bachelor's degree and want to advance their careers or change to a new career. Selected Professions Grants are awarded to women to pursue courses of study in professions in which women's participation has traditionally been low (i.e. Architecture, Computer/Information, Engineering, Mathematics/Statistics). Community Action Grants provide seed money for innovative programs that promote equity and education for women. International Fellowships are awarded for full-time study or research to women who are not U. S. citizens or permanent residents. As you can see, there are a wide variety of possibilities.

At a luncheon held in the fall some of the grant recipients from California were introduced. American fellows recipients are pursuing education in German Cultural Studies, Drama and Theatre Studies, Anthropology and Communications. An International

Fellow from Vietnam is studying in the Humanities at USC. (Nationwide International Fellows also include women from Ireland, and Uganda.) A Career Development Grant recipient is studying library science at San Jose State. Community Action Grants have been awarded for the following projects: Iridescent Family Science Project; Mother Daughter Puberty Education Project; Girl Power Program; Arhythmic Jukebox. These are only a few of the projects supported by EF in California and of course many more nationwide. As you can see, they are varied and worthwhile. I was impressed by the number of projects supported as well as their diversity. It has made me realize how worthwhile our contributions are to the work of the Educational Foundation.

Should you wish to contribute to EF, you may, as always, make your check out to AAUW-EF and send it to me. And, if you contributed to EF in 2008, we have been assured that you will be receiving an acknowledgment for income tax purposes from the National organization in the next few weeks —Peggy Fretz, EF Vice-President 14852 Jupiter St. Whittier 90603

## Jill's Letter to Legislators is a Model You Can Use

As your constituent, I join with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in strongly urging you to vote yes on the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (H.R. 11) and the Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 12) when this critical legislation comes to the floor this week. I also urge you to vote against a motion to recommit and any other attempts to weaken this bill.

As the 2007 AAUW report Behind the Pay Gap shows, women just one year out of college working full time earn only 80 percent of what their

male counterparts earn, even when they work in the same field. With a record number of women in the workforce, wage discrimination hurts the majority of American families. In addition, wage discrimination lowers total lifetime earnings, reducing women's benefits from Social Security and pension plans and inhibiting their ability to save not only for retirement but for other lifetime goals such as buying a home and paying for a college education.

According to new data from the

Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2007 the ratio of women's and men's median annual earnings reached almost 78 cents on the dollar for full-time year-round workers, up from just under 77 cents in 2006. This is the narrowest the wage gap has ever been, but it's only an additional one cent on the dollar.

While women have been hard at work to earn their extra penny, Congress has failed to pass legislation that would give women effective equal pay *(continued on page 4)*

## The AAUW Language of Collaborative Strategic Leadership

### Stakeholders

Stakeholders are all the constituents who have some investment in the present health and future success of AAUW. In collaborative strategic leadership, all stakeholders are involved at some level throughout the planning process. Included are potential/targeted members and strategic partners as well as current members.

### Vision

A vision statement encompasses what we want for the world, nation, or field we are in and what role we want to have played in achieving it, given our mission. A vision statement comes from the heart and compels, excites and inspires as well as communicates an ideal future state.

### Mission Statement

A mission statement is a clear and concise statement of our purpose; why we exist. It is a brief statement that identifies the basic business the organization wants to be in. It should tell what, for whom, how and why. The mission should be known and understood by all members of the organization. Unlike the vision, it “comes from the head.”

### Strategic Goals

Strategic goals are what AAUW wants to do. They are the priorities that need to be the focus of the organization in accomplishing its mission. They are usually limited to 1-5 of the most important things that an organization wants to accomplish. They should be broad-based and challenging, clearly and directly supporting the mission of the organization. They are meant to last over time and do not need to be measurable.

### Action Plans

Also called objectives, action plans are the specific actions that describe how the goals will be accomplished. They move the organization from where it is to where it wants to be by spelling out who will do what within a specific time frame and by what measures of success. These should directly link to the strategic goals and budget.

### Additional Terms We Use

#### Brand

The perception of what AAUW is, built over time through experience with the organization and its products and services. In marketing, the sum total of an organization’s value, includ-

ing products, services, people, advertising, positioning and culture. The more consistent a brand is, the more powerful it is.

#### Programs

All activities conducted in pursuit of our mission. Ideally, this is what all levels of the organization focus most of their time, energy and resources on. The most effective programs are built on an understanding of the organization, its goals, targeted users of the programs, knowledge of the content, and application of best pedagogical, public policy, and other practices. They repurpose existing intellectual capital, coordinate both in scope and sequence, and are continually refined and evaluated for their ability to meet organizational goals.

#### Value Proposition

A value proposition is a clear statement of the tangible (or intangible) results a customer gets from using services or joining. The more specific a value proposition is, the better. The value proposition is effective when it offers targeted users something they want that is greater from their perspective than what they would have to give up to get it.

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protections. In light of this, I join AAUW in saying, “Keep the Change until Women Have Real Change.”

Again, I urge you to support the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and the Paycheck Fairness Act when these critical pieces of legislation come to the floor for a vote this week, to ensure the change hard working Americans need to receive equal pay. I also urge you to vote against a motion to recommit and any other attempts to weaken this bill. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
Jill Smith—562-698-3949

## First Friday February 6

First Friday - Look forward to seeing you, Friday, February 6, at Brenda and Peter Jahn’s home. Bring a beverage of choice for you and your guests and a hearty appetizer to share with the rest of the group. We did not gather in January so we will have a lot of news to catch up on. See you there. If you would like to call Brenda to let her know you are coming, that would be nice.

1339 N. Padonia Avenue, Whittier  
562-691-2419 Whittier Blvd. to Macy.  
North on Macy to the 2nd stop sign.  
Right on Janine for 2 blocks to the

end. Left on Solajar, then right at the second street, Villa Rita. First left is Padonia. House is at the end of the cul-de-sac.

—Gen’nel Walters—562-943-3976

## Member News

Rosanne Seitz sends her gratitude and thanks to all who sent her cards and messages of sympathy on the death of her husband George. The services were private and the family appreciates your concern for their privacy.



## Math/Science Conference continued

The 31 speakers are excited about coming and will make it a great conference! We will have a record number of students (573) attending the conference with 30 advisors. I breathed a huge sigh of relief when I returned home, after cutting and pasting at Kinko's for 4 1/2 hours, with the brochures printed and found only one small mistake of a missing "u" in pursue. I will be working on public relations, coordinating the food, and getting the materials printed for the packets this month.

Here is a list of the AAUW members helping:

Moderators—Sue Turco, Ruth White, Louise Holden, Kristine Yeseta, Rosanne Seitz, Betsy Strack, Shirley

Ann Stewart, Carol J. Anderson, Brenda Jahn, Ginny Isenberg, Ann Farmer, Rose Mary Yetter, Miyoko Bolles, Virginia Boles, Linda Gatons  
Hall Guides—Terry Kirker, AAUW members

Computer Registration—Ginny Ball  
Computer Nametags—Kaye Kidwell  
Treasurer/Speaker Check-in table—Jill Smith

Packet Assembly (2/19/09)—Jan Berry, Beth Greulich, Carol J. Anderson, Terry Kirker, Rosemary Bertone, Virginia Boles, Linda Gatons

Conference Supplies—Marian, Ann Gipple

Speakers—Marian

Public Relations—Marian

Middle School Liaison—Marge Bates, Jan Berry

Hostesses for Speakers' Continental Breakfast/Lunch—Carol K. Anderson, Virginia Kite, Peggy Burlingham  
Donation Letters—Marian

Nurse—Ellen Paik

Rio Hondo Facility/Insurance Forms/Order Food—Marian

Student Seating—Gwen Woirhaye, Marge Bates

Student Bus Guide—Ellen Larson

Substitute Moderators—Colleen Tan, Phyllis Thompson

—Marian Locke, 2009 Math/Science Conference Chairperson

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## Dates to Remember

Monday, January 26, 7 PM—LACIC, Downey Public Library

Wednesday, January 28, 4 to 6 PM—Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter Administration Office Ribbon Cutting, 12519-A Washington Boulevard, Whittier

First Friday—February 6, 6-8 PM @ the home of Brenda Jahn (directions in newsletter)

Newsletter—The deadline for the March edition is February 15.

[gwen@woirhaye.com](mailto:gwen@woirhaye.com)

Wednesday, February 11, 7:30 AM—Chamber of Commerce Wake Up Whittier meeting is scheduled at the Fiesta Hall, 12703 Philadelphia Street.

February 3, 7 PM—Board Meeting—All Whittier Branch members are invited to attend to discuss the 18 revised articles of incorporations that will be voted on at the National AAUW convention in

June. Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, Inc. 12519-A Washington Boulevard, Whittier February 7, 10 AM-2 PM—February Branch Meeting will be part of the PIH Women's Heart and Health Seminar. If you plan to attend please confirm by February 1 with Barbara Nichols; she will have the sign up list. [blnich@verizon.net](mailto:blnich@verizon.net) or 562-696-4474. Valet parking is available at 12401 Washington Boulevard, Whittier.

Thursday, February 19, 6:30 to 8:30 PM—Packet Party, 14035 Eastridge Drive

Friday, February 27, 9AM to 1PM—Math/Science Conference at Rio Hondo College

Tuesday, March 3, 7 PM—Board meeting, Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, 12519-A Washington Boulevard, Whittier.

Saturday, March 7—Branch Meeting will be part of the Huntington Library

and Botanical Gardens Women's Studies Series. Meet in the Albertson's market parking lot at 8 AM to take the chartered bus.

Wednesday, April 22, 5:30 PM—Myra Long Scholarship Fund Annual Meeting.

April 24-26—California State AAUW Convention, San Diego.

June 26-28 —AAUW National Convention, Renaissance St. Louis Grand & Suites Hotel, Saint Louis, Missouri.

49th annual

**Hillcrest Art Festival  
on February 20, 21, 22  
at Hillcrest Church,  
2000 West Road,**

**La Habra Heights**

## AAUW Public Policy Action Alert

As one of the first actions of the new 111th Congress, the House is expected to vote **this week** on both the **Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (H.R. 11)** and the **Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 12)**, providing a critical opportunity for Congress to make real progress on pay equity. AAUW Action Network members have worked tirelessly on behalf of both of these bills in the past, and we ask you again to urge your representative to vote yes on this legislation and oppose any attempts to weaken it.

According to new data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2007 the ratio of women's and men's median annual earnings reached almost 78 cents on the dollar for full-time year-round workers, up from just under 77 cents in 2006. This is the narrowest the wage gap has ever been, but it's only an additional one cent on the dollar. One cent is chump change. It isn't real change.

While women have been hard at work to earn their extra penny, Congress has failed to pass legislation that would give women effective equal pay protections. In light of this, join AAUW in telling Congress that passing the Paycheck Fairness Act and the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act is an urgent priority. Tell Congress: "Keep the Change until Women Have Real Change."

The 2007 AAUW report [Behind the Pay Gap](#) shows that just one year

out of college, women working full time already earn less than their male colleagues, even when they have the same major and occupation. Ten years after graduation, the pay gap widens. With a record number of women in the workforce, wage discrimination hurts the majority of American families. In addition, wage discrimination lowers total lifetime earnings, reducing women's benefits from Social Security and pension plans and inhibiting their ability to save not only for retirement but for other lifetime goals such as buying a home and paying for a college education.

It is critical that stronger laws that more thoroughly address the wage gap be enacted. Specifically, AAUW urges the passage of both the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and the Paycheck Fairness Act; we also urge their passage as a package, as part of the first set of bills the new president signs into law. Passing both bills, in tandem, is critical to the overall goal of achieving pay equity for women: the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act rights the wrongs done by the Supreme Court, regaining ground we've lost and ensuring that people who've been discriminated against can seek vindication. The Paycheck Fairness Act is a comprehensive bill that would create stronger incentives for employers to follow the law as well as strengthen penalties for violations, strengthen federal outreach, education and enforcement efforts, and prohibit

retaliation against workers who ask about employers' wage practices. Together, the bills can help create a climate where pay discrimination is not tolerated, and give the new administration the enforcement tools it needs to make real progress on pay equity.

Take Action!

Urge your representative to support the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and the Paycheck Fairness Act when they come up for a vote this week to ensure the change hard working Americans need to receive equal pay. Simply scroll down and follow the instructions to compose and send your message.

Spread the word and get others involved by sending a [Keep the Change e-card](#) to friends and family. AAUW also has Keep the Change posters and lapel stickers available for use at AAUW events, meetings, program, even protests that bear the slogan "Keep the Change until Women Have Real Change," and the penny graphic featured above. These are available at no charge, while supplies last, by filling out the [online request form](#). Visit [AAUW's Pay Equity webpage](#) to learn more about AAUW's "Keep the Change until Women Have Real Change" campaign. You can also download AAUW's [Pay Equity Resource Kit](#) for ideas, tips and resources to use in your community throughout the year.

## Branch Website Under Construction

February 1 is the target date for the Whittier Branch website to be updated. Since technology is not my strong suit this will be an interesting experience. As of this writing our website address is: [aauwhit-](#)

[tier.com](#) and we will have much more than the present one page. If anyone has website knowledge and is willing to help, your efforts will be appreciated.

—Barbara Gile

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- See it in color
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## Math/Science 2009 Conference Speakers Listed

This is a list of the wonderful professional women who have agreed to share their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) careers with eighth grade girls on February 27. Your efforts are appreciated!

Laurie Nishikawa, DDS, dentist, La Mirada

Martha House, BS, accountant, C&M Associates

Tene Carr, MPH, FBI Special Agent  
Kathleen Feicht, Ph.D, ASTA Food Researcher

Amy Borger, RD, CSP, Dietitian/  
Wellness Manager, Broadcom

Denise Nicholson, Au.D., Senior Audiologist, UCLA

Linda Langford, BS, physical therapist, PIH

Kristin Smith, BS, Cookies by Design Entrepreneur, Brea

Christine Baginski, BS, MS Mechanical Engineer, ASW Engineering

Laurie Starkey, Ph.D., chemistry professor, Cal Poly Pomona

Kristin Romo, BS, dental hygienist, Whittier

Donna Shettko, DVM, veterinary medicine professor, Western U. Health Sciences

Peggy Schmidt, DVM, MS, veterinary medicine/epidemiology professor

1st Lt. Erin Strauser, USAF Edwards Air Force Base, electrical engineer

Capt. Sebrina Pabon, USAF test pilot instructor, Edwards Air Force Base

Pamela Holmes, BA, JD, Deputy Attorney General

Gail Biesemeyer, RN, MSN registered nurse/professor, Rio Hondo College

Cheryl Osborn, BS, CASCO contractor/owner, Irvine

Kathy Schaefer, BS, firefighter/paramedic, Brea

Ann Thomas, MD, family physician-Bright Health Physicians

Dina Schutt, BS, software engineer, Raytheon

Catherine Kirkland, BS, environmental health LA County

Dawn Terashita, MD physician/epidemiologist LA Co. Public Health

Barbara Helton-Berg, AIA, LEED AP, M.Arch., architect, IBI Group

Megan Nguyen, Pharm.D. pharmacy professor, Western U. Health Sciences

Linda Spilker, Ph.D, planetary research scientist JPL

Dawn Switzer, BA, crime analyst, Redondo Beach Police Dept.

Arlene Zonni, BS, furniture importer, Parker House Fine Furniture

Lt. Elizabeth Crapo, BS, NOAA Marine Fisheries Service

Lt. Cassandra Trout, BS, California Highway Patrol, Newhall Division

# KNOW HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**American Association of University Women  
(AAUW)**

**International Concerns Section of the Whittier  
Branch is sponsoring**

**International Relations Panel Discussion on  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**Whittier Central Library—Nixon Room**

**7344 S. Washington Avenue, Whittier**

**Wednesday Afternoon**

**March 25, 2009**

**From 1 to 3 PM**

**Panel of Experts**

**Modern-day slavery exists**

**Be alert ~ Be aware**

**Call 1-800-655-4095**

**[Knowhumantafficking.org](http://Knowhumantafficking.org)**

## Section News

### Common Threads

No meeting in February. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 7 PM, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Greenleaf at Wardman, Whittier. Please come and join us with your knitting, crochet or needlepoint projects. We will be discussing future meeting dates, times and interests. If you can't come on this night, but might be interested in another date or time please give Kristine a call at 562-696-0226

### Gardening Section

We will meet Tuesday, February 3, at 1 PM at the home of Shirley A Stewart, 14518 Rimgate Drive. Between Mills and Colima off of Hawes. Turn south on Homage which dead ends at Rimgate; turn right.

We will be planning our calendar for 2009. Come with great ideas. For more information you can contact Shirley A. Stewart at 562-944-4556 or [shirleys.creations@verizon.net](mailto:shirleys.creations@verizon.net)

### International Concerns

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, February 10, at Ellen Larson's (Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd., #2D). We will discuss "The US and Rising Powers." If you need to get *Great Decisions 2009*, please contact Ellen. For further information, please contact Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436.

### Memories

Regular meeting of the memoirs-writing group is Wednesday, February 25, 1:30 PM at the home of Brenda Jahn, with the suggested topic of "The One That Got Away—or Didn't." Writing on any topic is acceptable. Directions: Whittier Boulevard to Macy Street; north to Janine; right to Solejar; left to Villa Rita; right to Padonia; left to 1339.

Members are encouraged to participate in the RIP program for the April Branch meeting, "Seasons of Our Memories." The next rehearsal follows the February 28 meeting at 3:30 PM.

### Modern Trends

For Presidents' month, we are reviewing *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. It relates not only the biography of Lincoln, but also of his presidential competitors Seward, Chase and Bates who later became invaluable to him as they played key roles in keeping the nation intact. The book delves deeply into the lives and psyche of these men from childhood onward to provide insights on how they were able to lead the country through its greatest crisis.

We are meeting Thursday, February 26, at 7:30 PM at "The Little Old Bookshop," 6708 Greenleaf Avenue, between Philadelphia and Bailey Streets, on the east side of the street. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, please call Carol Shupek, 562-945-4931.

### Morning Book

Monday, February 23, at 10 AM, we will discuss *Household Gods*, by Judith Tarr and Harry Turtledove, at the home of Gwen Woirhay, 5810 Friends Ave. (one block west of Painter, one block north of Beverly Blvd.), 562-696-6405. Carol K. Anderson is co-hostess; Janice Geiger will lead the discussion. Please bring book suggestions for the 2009-2010 reading list.

*Household Gods*: Nicole Perrin, a lawyer in LA, is weary of the daily grind, of childcare, and of sexist coworkers and her deadbeat ex-husband. After one exceptionally awful day, she dreams of living in simpler times and awakens to find herself in the body of Umma, a widowed tavern-keeper in the Roman frontier town of Carnuntum around 170 AD. Nicole manages to adapt, realizing that her new world is as complicated as her old one. This is a thought-provoking book, filled

with the minutiae of the everyday life of an ordinary woman in those distant times.

### PPP

Positive Past Presidents invites you to A Chinese New Year celebration dinner at Shiang Hwa, on Whittier Boulevard, Wednesday, February 11, 6 PM. Colleen Tan has once again planned a wonderful menu for us to enjoy to celebrate The Year of the Ox. Please call Colleen for reservations. Dinner will be \$21. Gen'nel Walters 562-943-3976 Colleen Tan 562-698-4934



### R.I.P.

Reading Interpretation Performance combines with Memories to present "The Seasons of Our Memories" for the April Branch meeting. Next rehearsal is Wednesday, February 25, 3:30 PM at the home of Brenda Jahn (see Memories for directions).

Additional rehearsal dates are Wednesday, March 11, 7 PM at Sue Turco's and Wednesday, April 8, 7 PM.

### Saturday Night Bridge

February 28.

### Show Girls

Third Friday, February 20, 6 PM. Meet at Panera's, La Mirada, for dinner and then go to the \$2 movie. We will discuss the movies, and choose one to see. Call me if you plan on going, so I will be there to greet you. Hope to see you there.

—Gen'nel Walters 562-943-3976

### Walkers

We'd hoped to announce that one of our February walks would be Allan Zolnekoff leading us along a portion



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of the Greenway Trail, but unfortunately he has no time off in February. Thus, we'll go elsewhere, but you might let me know whether a Saturday or Sunday morning (any month) would be possible for you, because he would be available then for sure. (And if it doesn't work out this spring with Allan, we'll lead ourselves!)

February 5, 9 AM—La Mirada Creek Park.

February 12, 9 AM—Schabarum Regional Park

February 19, 9 AM—Murphy Ranch Park

February 26, 9 AM—Legg Lake. Call or email Ann Farmer for any directions or updates, 562-698-2074. [Farmer6146@yahoo.com](mailto:Farmer6146@yahoo.com).

**The Annual Meeting of the Myra Long Scholarship Fund has been changed to Wednesday, April 22 at 5:30 PM at Marie Callender's on La Serna to accommodate PPP's Chinese New Year Celebration.**

## AAUW Leadership Corps Briefing

### Part of a series focused on Life in the New AAUW

#### Background

If the 2008 proposed bylaws are approved, AAUW will no longer have regions or regional directors as of July 1, 2009. In preparation for this potential change in AAUW's volunteer structure, an alternative volunteer leadership model is being proposed to the new AAUW board. For the present, this model is referred to as the "AAUW Leadership Corps" or LC.

#### Goal

To maximize member awareness and engagement, develop new branches, revitalize existing branches, increase overall branch membership and rate of growth, expand implementation of full AAUW program by branches, develop means of engaging members at large, and improve effective, multi-way communication among all levels of AAUW individual members, branches, states and national through a consistent and responsive volunteer corps.

#### Concept

Process: The board-approved Leadership Corps, consisting of member leaders—of a number yet to be determined—will help to identify prospective AAUW leaders, to mentor and support AAUW leaders, and to facilitate effective

communication and engagement among all levels of our organization on an assigned basis, which will not necessarily be geographic. A selection process, job description, and evaluation process for the position of LC member will be posted on the AAUW website and distributed via e-mail in February 2009. Following notification, a website-based opportunity for members to apply for participation in the LC will be available; the application will be similar to the fillable pdf form that has been posted for volunteers to apply for future committee and task force roles.

**LC Membership:** All AAUW members would be eligible to apply to serve on the LC. Applicants need not be current officers, but they should be people who share the vision of a 21st-century AAUW, who exhibit strong leadership qualities, who are good multi-way communicators, and who have the time and commitment to devote to the role. LC members would be asked initially for a two-year commitment, with (a) a defined set of core responsibilities and (b) another set of alternative activities/duties from which they would be expected to choose one or more. LC activities would be coordinated by AAUW staff at the directive of the AAUW board.

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## Calendar

Tuesday, February 3, 1 PM—Gardening

Tuesday, February 3, 7 PM—Board Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 9 AM—Walkers

Friday, February 6, 6-8 PM—First Friday

Saturday, February 7, 10 AM-2 PM—Women's Health Seminar at PIH

Tuesday, February 10, 10 AM—International Concerns

Wednesday, February 11, 6 PM—PPP's Chinese New Year

Friday, February 20, 6 PM—Show Girls

Monday, February 23, 10 AM—Morning Book

Wednesday, February 25, 1:30 PM—Memories

Wednesday, February 25, 3:30 PM—RIP

Thursday, February 26, 7:30 PM—Modern Trends

Friday, February 27, 8:30 AM—Math/Science Conference

Saturday, February 28—Saturday Night Bridge

Saturday, March 7—Branch Meeting—bus at 8 AM

Tuesday, March 10, 7 PM—Common Threads



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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.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

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