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NEWSLETTER

Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

It will be fun!
August 8, 2009 is the date.
Our Summer Social/
Membership Drive is
being held at the
East Whittier Woman's
Improvement Club,
14148 East Second Street
in Whittier.



The time is 6:30-9:30 PM and the cost is \$10 per person (couples \$20). Please try to bring a potential new member with you to this event. There will be no cost for the potential new members They will be our guests for the evening. A variety of snacks will be provided along with wine and a selection of soft drinks. There may also be music, games, and some presentations.

RSVP by July 28 to:
Joyce Paul at- joycem.paul@yahoo.com or 909-620-1202 or:
Sandy Bridges at- Abrid848@aol.com or 562-697-7427.

Whether you can bring a potential new member or not, PLEASE plan to attend this event. Remember August 8, is the date! Directions and map for your convenience are included. Thank you.

Joyce Paul, Membership Vice President

Yvette Rawlinson, Membership Co-Vice President

Directions:

From Whittier Blvd. going West turn right on California St. turn left on Second St. and left into the parking lot.

Going East on Mar Vista Rd. turn right on California St. and left into the parking lot. Parking is available on the street.



Report from the Association Convention:

Breaking through Barriers was the theme of the 2009 Biennial AAUW convention, and that certainly proved to be true. St. Louis, Missouri is known as the "Gateway to the West" and California, was well represented with 96 delegates attending. Our voice was heard and we were there in force.



Picture: (l-r) Lilly Ledbetter, Brenda Jahn, Fay Weber, Ginny Ball, & Barbara Gile

Our voice will continue to be heard, as we are well represented on the Association board. **Carolyn Garfein, a former Californian**, and keynote speaker at our CA convention, was elected the AAUW president. **Kathleen Cha** and **Alicia Hetman**, both Californians, were elected as directors-at-large, and **Krys Wulff** was appointed to the board. Congratulations to all of them.

We were treated to many exciting moments. Two of those moments were the Friday keynote speaker Lilly Ledbetter, who stayed with us through the whole convention inspiring us all, and Representative Rosa Deluaro, Democrat from Connecticut, the Saturday keynoter, who encouraged us to continue the fight for women's rights. She is known as a "hero for working families," carrying out our mission in Congress.

California was also recognized as the **#1 state in combined support**. Give yourselves a big pat on the back. Congratulations.

The business session on Saturday was exciting and intense, as the new bylaws were gone through Article by Article. **The new bylaws were passed as amended**, with a majority counted card vote. The amended portion was **Article IV, Membership and Dues, Section 2, Categories of Membership, a, b, and c**. The amendment was to strike this section, which was about open membership, and to reinstate the 2007 bylaws Article IV, Sections 1 through 4. This passed with a multiple card vote, Yes 865, No 564. This amendment allows further study into the question of open membership, and now gives all individual members under the "one member, one vote" new bylaws a chance to weigh in on this important issue. California's resolution was part of this discussion. Because of this amendment passing, the Association bylaw committee was given the go-ahead to make several changes in the same Article to coincide with the 2007 bylaws. Several other issues were discussed.

In Article VI, Officers and Directors, an amendment to strike seven directors-at-large, and insert ten, with three instead of six additional appointed directors-at-large, was passed. The next convention will be held in 2011 in Washington, DC where we are promised to "storm the hill" again and let our voices be heard loud and clear.

Your delegates came home inspired and tired. We still had time to have our picture taken with Lilly Ledbetter as she signed an AAUW Tote Bag. The Tote Bag will be auctioned off to a lucky Whittier Branch member. Watch for the details from Brenda Jahn, President. **PAGE 2**



2010 Math/Science Conference

I met with Henry Gee, Vice-President at Rio Hondo College, and his secretary in June. We worked out details for the February 26, 2010 Math/Science Conference for Eighth Grade Girls. I also brainstormed changes with Ginny Ball, Jill Smith, Jan Berry, Brenda Jahn, Kaye Kidwell, and Marge Bates.

There will be no opening session because of college construction. Our workshop schedule will be as follows: 9-9:55; 10-10:55; 11-11:55 AM. We have extended the three workshops and the students will depart after the third session to have lunch back at their schools. We will ask our speakers to explain their careers for 15 minutes and then spend 10 minutes doing a hands-on activity either with selected students or the entire group.

The 2010 dates for activities are as follows:

Middle School Teacher Meeting/Distribute Brochure- January 13

Workshop Choices Returned- January 27

Choices in Envelopes- February 10

Packet Party- February 18

Jan Berry is continuing as middle school liaison and has contacted all the middle schools to give them the date of the next conference. We hope that they will be able to plan for buses with this early information. Jill Smith will continue to collect money, Kaye Kidwell will make name tags, Ginny Ball will place the workshop choices in the computer, and Marge Bates will post signs. Carol K. Anderson will help with the hearty snack which will be distributed during the second workshop.

If you served as a moderator and wish to continue please let me know. I am fortunate to have a group of dedicated women assisting me.

Marian Locke

Math/Science Conference Chair 2010

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To the Whittier Branch Membership....**Notes from Brenda**

The 2009 AAUW Convention was held in St. Louis, Missouri. Barbara Gile, Brenda Jahn, Ginny Ball, Faye Weber, and Dolores Seidman enjoyed the events, had a wonderful time, and voted for AAUW to keep our University status for admission to AAUW!

The AAUW Whittier Branch Fund Raising Committee met Monday, July 13, 2009.

We have some exciting new ideas for the 2009-2010 year. **In September we intend to have an opportunity drawing offering dinner for two at Carino's Restaurant in Whittier. Barbara Nichols donated this gift.**

We will also have an AAUW Tote Bag autographed for us by Lillie Ledbetter. Lilly was the keynote speaker at the AAUW Convention in St. Louis. The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was the first bill signed into law by President Obama.

Another item is a book called **This is Not the Life I Ordered 50 ways to keep your head above water when life is dragging you down.** This book is autographed by Representative Jackie Speier (D-CA). Jackie represents California's 12th Congressional District. Speier began her political career in the office of Representative Leo J. Ryan. In 1978, she accompanied the congressman on a trip to Jonestown, Guyana, to investigate claims that the Reverend Jim Jones was holding constituents against their will. While escorting defectors out, their group was ambushed by gunmen who killed Ryan and four others. Ms. Speier, then 28, was shot five times and left for dead.

The membership will be able to select the prizes they are interested in winning.

In October, January, April and May we intend to have other opportunity drawings with exciting gifts. We will be planning an "Soup For Scholars" in early November, a Christmas Boutique in December and a "Non-Event" in February for the Myra Long Scholarship Fund.

The Whittier Branch needs a chairperson for Speech Trek. This is an exciting project with California AAUW. We have a complete guide on what to do. The contest is open to all High School students and will give us exposure in the community. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**

We have planned some very interesting programs for our branch meetings. We intend for all the members to enjoy all our activities this year.

Take time to be active and contact your legislators. Some of them are listed below:

Senator Barbara Boxer (D)

112 Hart SOB
Washington DC 20510
(202) 224-3553
2250 E. Imperial Highway #545
El Segundo, CA 90245
213-894-5000 Fax 213-894-5012
senator@boxer.senate.gov

Senator Diane Feinstein (D)

311 Hart SOB
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-3841 Fax 202-228-3954
11111 Santa Monica Boulevard #915
Los Angeles, CA 90025
310-914-7300/ Fax: 310-414-0980
senator@feinstein.senate.gov

Assemblyman Ron Calderon (D)

California 58th District
400 N. Montebello Boulevard Suite 100
Montebello, CA 90640
323-838-5858

Assemblyman Curt Hagman (R)

California 60th District
State Capitol Room 4098
Sacramento, CA 95814
916- 319-2060 Fax: 916-319-2160

State Senator Bob Huff (R)

2605 E. Foothill Boulevard #A
Glendora, CA 91740
626-914-5046
Senator.Huff@senate.ca.gov

Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (D) U.S.

Representative 34th District
11627 E. Telegraph Road Suite 100
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670
562- 949-9993 Fax: 562- 949-9144

Congressman Gary Miller (R) U.S.

Representative 42nd District
1800 E. Lambert Road Suite 150
Brea, CA 92821
714-257-1142 Fax: 714-257-9242

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez (D) U.S.

Representative 39th District
1007 Longworth House Office Building
Washington DC 20515
202-225-6676

Supervisor Don Knabe – 4th District

Los Angeles County
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA, 90012
213-974-4444 FAX: 213-626-6941



PUBLIC POLICY

By *Sharon Heck*

This is my first AAUW Public Policy newsletter article, so I think it is appropriate for me to introduce myself to our membership. I joined AAUW about seven years ago after I had retired from working for labor unions and as a teacher. For more than twenty years I have been very active working for economic justice and peace as an advocate in my church. I worked for Bread for the World as the interim Regional Organizer for one year and attended the Advocacy Days in Washington, DC. Public Policy Advocacy is a passion of mine, and very dear to my heart.

“The AAUW Public Policy Program underscores AAUW’s mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research, and speaks to women’s needs, aspirations, and concerns across the life span. The work of AAUW builds upon over 125 years of responsible public participation.” The public policy program goes on to state several principles that provide a basis for AAUW members’ actions. “Implicit in each of our principles is support for government agencies administering programs, including adequate appropriations, effective and accountable administration, and provision for citizen participation. **We advocate public discussion to ensure enlightened decisions on these principles. We work to increase the number of under represented populations, including women, in policy-making, and other decision-making positions.** AAUW is committed to working in partnership with diverse allies and coalitions to break through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.” I will share with you only the first of those principles, and then give a suggested action pertinent to this principle.

“AAUW believes that quality education is the foundation of a democratic society. We advocate equitable and harassment-free climates, academic freedom, civic education, protection from censorship, bias-free education, and responsible funding for all levels of education, including early childhood education. **We advocate increased access to higher education, especially for women in poverty.** We promote equitable efforts to close the persistent achievement gap that disproportionately affects low-income children and students from minority communities.”

For those with computer access please go to **AAUW.org** and click on **Two-Minute Activist**. **You will be led through a process for sending an email to your Representative in Washington, DC regarding H.R. 2492.** This legislation would prevent the taxation of federal student loan debt forgiven through the new Income-Based Repayment program. This would take the first step to ensure that students and their families who struggle with the soaring costs of college and the overwhelming burden of student loan debt aren’t saddled with a new financial obligation as well. If you do not have computer access, please send a letter to your Representative at:

The Honorable _____, (a list of U.S. Representatives is listed on page 4 of this newsletter)
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.

I look forward to sharing more of the Public Policy Principles for Action with you in future issues of the newsletter.

Walkers

Come walk with us every Thursday and enjoy the last weeks of summer in these beautiful places. All of these walks begin at 8:30 AM. Call Ann Farmer (if you aren't on the email list) to find out the specific meeting locations. Call 562-698-2074 or Farmer6146@yahoo.com

July 30- La Mirada Creek Park
 August 6- Montevideo Neighborhood
 August 13- Mar Vista Heights
 August 20-TBA
 August 27- TBA

EF/LAF

For more than 50 years the Educational Foundation has broken through barriers for women and girls. The Educational Foundation was established to administer AAUW's fellowship and grant programs, advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. The educational foundation is one of the world's largest funding sources for graduate women. Such women as Judith Resnick, astronaut; Donna Shalala, former Secretary of Health and Human Services; and Gloria Steinem have been honored by EF either with recognition for their own achievements or with fellowships to assist others. The Foundation recognizes individuals, projects, or organizations that contribute to the equity and education of women and girls.

You may contribute to this worthwhile fund. Any donations will be sent to the Educational Foundation for its important work. If you send your check to me I'll submit it and your gift will be credited to Whittier Branch and enable us to honor one of our own.

Peggy Fretz, EF/LAF Vice-president
 14852 Jupiter St.
 Whittier, CA 90603

Morning Book**Books for 2009-2010:**

The Whistling Season
 by Ivan Doig,
 (Sept.28);

The Guernsey Literary and
 Potato Peel Pie Society
 by Mary Ann Shaffer &
 Annie Barrows
 (Nov. 23);

Balzac and The Little Chinese
 Seamstress;
 by Dai Sizie
 (Feb.22);

The 19th Wife;
 by David Ebershoff,
 (April 26);

The Heretic's Daughter
 by Kathleen Kent
 (June 7).

For more information contact:
 Janice Geiger 562-695-9971

The next meeting of the Garden Group will be Tuesday, September 1, at 1 PM in the home of Barbara Gile where we will have a passive garden tour of the gardens we have visited. If you have pictures to share please send them to: barbaragile@me.com.



Three Seventh Grade Girls were selected to attend Tech Trek camp this year. From Sparks Middle School in La Puente petite Amairany Olmos was nominated by her teacher Ms. Rachel Medina.

From the Lake Center Middle School in Santa Fe Springs Natalie Alcantar was chosen.

Hillview Middle School in Whittier nominated Ariella Garcia to attend the Whittier College Camp in August.

Two alternates were also interviewed and will be available in case a girl cannot attend. The alternates are Jasmine Orff and Maria Vides.

One week at Tech Trek costs \$825 for each girl. Two campers were paid for by the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. The members of the Whittier Branch charitably raised the funds with a non-event celebrating Myra Long's ninety-third birthday.

This year one campership was generously donated by the Host Lions club of Whittier.

Tech Trek is in its twelfth year with six college campuses hosting over 700 young women. This is one of our special projects

Whittier Branch AAUW members are needed to volunteer for Tech Trek.

As always we would like to extend an invitation for you to be part of Tech Trek. The dates and tasks where we need volunteers are listed below.

Please contact me with your name, and contact information if you are interested in volunteering a bit of your time. Be sure to let me know if you are from the Whittier Branch

Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday, August 2

12:30 to 5:30 PM

Registration table and name tags

Meet and greet

Thursday August 6

9:00 AM to 12 Noon

AAUW tour

Saturday, August 8

7:30 to 9:30 AM

Supervision and Departure

Thanks, *Nilsa Arias*

Director Tech Trek

AAUW- Whittier College

preciousnita@roadrunner.com

MEMBERSHIP REPORT from *Joyce Paul*

We now have 115 paid members in the Whittier Branch. In checking the AAUW records we found that Dr. Ellen Larson is also a 50-year member of AAUW and the Whittier Branch. The Yearbooks will be available at the September meeting.

American Association of University Women (AAUW),
Membership Application for Whittier Branch

Title (Please indicate) Mrs. ___ Ms. ___ Miss ___ None ___ Other _____

Last Name _____

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

New applicants and current members with additions (in bold) or corrections for the last yearbook, please complete the following data:

Spouse's Name _____

Your Street Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

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

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

E-mail _____

Degree _____ Year _____ Major _____

College/University _____

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College/University _____

Occupation/Business _____

Employer _____

Month and Day of Birth _____

Special interests: _____

Additional information: _____

Complete and mail with your membership dues to:

AAUW, Whittier Branch
Membership Vice President
P. O. Box 5333
Whittier, CA 90607-5333

The annual membership dues for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 are listed on this form. or on the website: www.aauwhittier.@info.com

AAUW Membership type:

General \$89. Lifetime \$40. Student \$40. Dual \$24. Member At large \$65.

Other _____ \$46. of each General Association dues is tax deductible.

Amount of Check: \$ _____.

Make check payable to: AAUW, Whittier Branch

Dates To Remember

Tuesday, July 28
7PM

Myra Long Scholarship Meeting
First Friends Church-Board Room
13205 Philadelphia Street, Whittier
(Corner of Washington Avenue)

To Be Rescheduled

Sunday August 2 Noon to
Saturday August 8

Tech Trek at Whittier College
13406 Philadelphia Street
Whittier

Saturday, August 8
6:30PM to 9:30 PM

Summer Social \$10/member (\$20/Couple)
East Whittier Women's Improvement Club
14148 East Second Street
Whittier

Saturday, August 15
Midnight

Deadline for AAUW Newsletter articles
whittieraauw@mac.com

Thursday, August 27
5 to 7 PM

All Chambers Mixer
Rose Hills, Sky Rose Chapel

Saturday, August 29
9 AM

Presidents & Friends Meeting
Carson Community Center,
3 Civic Plaza, Carson, CA 90745
Northeast of the intersection of Avalon Boulevard
and Carson Street (see map and driving directions
at <http://www.carsoncenter.com>) Cost: \$14/person

Tuesday, September 1
7PM

Whittier Branch Board Meeting
Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, Adm. Office
12519-A Washington Boulevard
Whittier

Saturday, September 12

Whittier Branch Meeting Place TBA

Websites:

AAUW National Association <http://www.aauw.org/>

AAUW California <http://www.aauw-ca.org/>

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About AAUW

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

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), founded in 1881, is the nation's leading organization advocating equity for women and girls. Its national membership of 100,000 seeks to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. People of every race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, and level of physical ability are invited to join.

AAUW California was launched in San Francisco in 1886 and began lobbying immediately. It remains the state's most active and diverse organization for women with 14,000 members in more than 150 branches, plus 6,000 members-at-large.

The AAUW Educational Foundation (EF) supports women scholars around the globe, local teachers and activists. It funds:

Groundbreaking Research Its first research in 1885 dispelled the notion that higher education is detrimental to women's health. The AAUW EF is now engaged in cutting edge research such as the widely publicized 2008 report *Where the Girls Are: The Facts About Gender Equity in Education*. It funds:

- Fellowships and Grants
- Special Awards
- Symposia, Roundtables, and Forums

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)

This arm of AAUW combats sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace through community and campus outreach programs, a resource library, online advocacy tools, and various research report opportunities for education and discussion on topics of equity, discrimination and tenure at California universities and colleges.

AAUW also encourages woman to become involved in every level of the political process. We actively support legislation on educational equity and diversity in public schools, pay equity, reproductive choice, child care, school-based health care, civil rights, and responsible funding for public education.

To further its objectives AAUW has established the Women's Network for Change, a coalition of organizations working together to effect change.