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Saturday, June 13 Meeting 1 PM

Special Points of Interest:

New Officers page 3 Tech Trek Campers page 5 Membership Application Form page 8 Receive your newsletter by email: • Get it up to a week earlier than by snail mail • See it in color • Save the Branch up to \$1.20 for every issue On Saturday, June 13, at 1 PM, The Greater Whittier Branch of The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is having a summer ice cream social at the Bailey House, 13421 Camilla St., Whittier, for the installation of Brenda Jahn, president; Shirley Ann Stewart, presidentelect; and their board members for 2009-10. A tour of the historic Whittier landmark will be available.

Reservations at \$7 must be made by Monday, June 8, by phone at (562) 696-4474 or by email at <u>blnich@verizon.net</u> (AAUW reservation) in the subject line.

Yvette Rawlinson has been a member of the Greater Whittier Branch of American Association of University Women for sixty years. She joined after graduation from Whittier College and has stayed a loyal active member since 1949. Her picture was taken in Schabarum Regional Park as she joined the weekly AAUW Walkers Group. In July, her many activities will include assistant to the new Whittier Branch Membership Vice President Joyce Paul. In addition to Yvette, we are also



fortunate to have seven members who have been members for fifty and over years. These women were honored at the May 16 meeting with a special gold name tag. They are:

Lucile Howe - 58 years Ruth Miller - 58 years Jeanne Lavagnino - 55 years Ann Farmer - 53 years Colleen Tan - 51 years Helen Boltinghouse - 50 years Pauline Curran - 50 years

Joined in 1951 Joined in 1951 Joined in 1954 Joined in 1958 Joined in 1958 Joined in 1959 Joined in 1959

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The month of June 2009 is upon us. The president-elect year of mentorship is completed. It is now time to be president of AAUW Whittier.

My theme for this year is "Keep Calm and Carry On". This poster was originally designed during World War II by an anonymous civil servant in England, to comfort and inspire the populace should the massed armies of Nazi Germany ever cross the Channel. The slogan was the third in a series and held back. It was for the real crisis, the invasion of England.

Now suddenly, the slogan is everywhere. For sixty years, the poster was forgotten. One day in 2000, Stuart Manley, co-owner with his wife Mary of Barter Books in Ainwick, Northumberland, was sifting through a box of hardbacks he had bought at an auction. He saw:

> "A big piece of paper folded at the bottom. I opened it out, and thought, wow. That's quite something. I showed it to Mary, she agreed. So we framed it and put it up on the bookshop wall, and that's where it all started."

Alain Samson, a social psychologist at the London School of Economics, says that in times of difficulty, "people are brought together by looking for common values or purposes. The words are particularly positive, reassuring, in a period of uncertainty, anxiety, and even of cynicism.

Dr. Lesley Prince, who lectures in social psychology at Birmingham University, states "It is a quiet, calm, authoritative, basic voice of reason." The point is that people have been sold a lie since the 1970's. They were promised the earth and now they're worried about everything their jobs, their homes, their bank, their money, their pension. This is saying, look somebody out there knows what's going on, and it'll be all-right.

The Whittier Branch of AAUW will "Keep Calm and Carry On!"

The installation of the officers will take place on June 13th at the Bailey House in Whittier. We will have a root beer float social.

I want to welcome the new board of officers. We have an enthusiastic and dedicated team for 2009-2010.

Our goals include attending the AAUW National Convention in St. Louis. We will carry your vote, which has been determined by the straw poll, developed by Barbara Gile.

The AAUW Whittier Branch has a strong commitment to the Myra

PRESIDENT-ELECT MESSAGE FROM BRENDA JAHN Long Scholarship Fund. We will continue these efforts, as well as the support of the EF/LAF, the Math/Science Conference, Tech Trek, Las Distinguidas and The International Concerns Section concerning Human Trafficking. We have a busy year ahead with a strong group of vital women. We will "Keep Calm and Carry On."

> I thank the membership for their renewals in AAUW. It is a time of change. We will return from St. Louis with all the news.

Don't forget to check out our website at

www.aauwwhittier@info.com. The site is impressive and quite interesting. Many resources have been listed for your use.

Remember it is never too late to donate to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund and EF/LAF.

Memories

Wednesday, May 27 1:30 PM at the home of Carol J. Anderson Subject: Vacations Wednesday, June 24 1:30 PM at the home of Barbara Gile Subject: Second Chance

Membership Report

As of May 7, 2009, we had 49 renewals, of whom 48 are paid and one honorary (no-pay) membership. We have at least two new members this year. We ended the 2008-09 Membership Year with 130 Whittier Branch members.

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MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE REPORT

It's Rio Hondo College for the 2010 Math/Science Conference

After my April meeting with Henry Gee, vicepresident of Rio Hondo College, he met with the president. We will now be able to be at the college with some limitations. Since there is construction on the upper quad, we will not have an opening session. The girls will go directly to the first workshop when they arrive on the buses. We will still serve a continental breakfast to our speakers before the first session. Also the construction will not allow us to serve lunch outside to the students. Instead we will give them a more complete snack during the second workshop.

I will be meeting with Mr. Gee on June 5 to work out the specifics. Since I am working with him and his secretary, I anticipate fewer problems with the audiovisual equipment next year. I doubt that I will be prevented from communicating with the person who handles the equipment as I was this year.

I have asked for the same number of rooms. After this meeting I have arranged to meet on June 10 with a group of AAUW women to brainstorm the details.





Some of the 531 Eighth Grade girls who attended the Math/Science Conference at Rio Hondo Community College in February 2009

I know some of the AAUW members will be disappointed that we are not going to Whittier College, but I didn't want to cut our student attendance and number of speakers. I think this is the strength of our program. If we find this new arrangement doesn't work, we can look at another venue for the following year. The vice-president did tell me he hoped in two years that they would have a building which would hold all of our participants for an opening session.

As chairperson I am relieved, as I think some of the challenges I faced this last year will be alleviated by working with the vice-president. He believes in our program and I think he convinced the president of its value and its potential outreach for the college.

Marian Locke Math/Science Conference Chair 2010 626-336-3430 <u>univminn57@yahoo.com</u>

> Jill Smith, Treasurer, requests all payment vouchers for this fiscal year's transactions by June 20. Our "new year" begins July 1. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE DATE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010 9AM WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

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PUBLIC POLICY

By Jill Smith (and Jack Kelley)

Our healthcare system is in critical condition. Over 50 percent of bankruptcies are caused by health problems for uninsured or under-insured Americans. Health insurance



premiums annually grow four times faster than wages, and have risen 87 percent since 2000.

The \$2.5 trillion that the United States spends every year is twice as costly as other wealthy nations, but it buys us a healthcare system ranked 37th by the World Health Organization. Every other industrialized country has some form of national health care. A single-payer healthcare system would provide the economic stimulus our country needs right now.

You may remember that Sheila Kuehl worked very hard on SB 840, Single-Payer Health Insurance plan for all (38 million) Californians. If Governor Schwarznegger had signed SB 840 (it reached his desk two times) the California budget would have realized an \$11,000,000 savings in the first year of implementation. Senator Kuehl has been "termed out" but her bill is continuing on with Senator Mark Leno as Senate Bill (SB) 810. SB 810, the California Universal Healthcare Act would provide fiscally sound, affordable healthcare to all Californians, give every Californian the right to choose his or her own physician and control health cost inflation. Eligibility is based on residence, individuals and employers and government pays something into a fund and everyone gets healthcare.

It involves NO NEW SPENDING and is now estimated to save California about \$20 billion (more than the estimated \$11,000,000 because of the increasing costs of healthcare) through reduced administrative costs in the first year alone. It places an emphasis on preventative and primary care and coverage includes all care prescribed by a patient's healthcare provider, not private insurance companies. "Single-payer" is PRIVATE HEALTHCARE, PUBLICLY FUNDED.

House of Representative bill HR 676, the <u>United States National Health Care Act</u> introduced by Rep. John Conyers, also creates a publicly financed, privately delivered healthcare system. This system proposes that families and businesses will pay less for comprehensive services for all medically necessary care (including prescription drugs, dental, vision, mental health and long term care) services while controlling costs and keeping healthcare affordable.

Become informed and monitor the progress of these two very important bills. For more information contact <u>sara.rogers@sen.ca.gov</u> or <u>www.healthcare-now.org</u>.

We need a good medical care system so Jack Kelley can 💋 grow up healthy and strong.



Three Seventh Grade Girls were selected to attend Tech Trek camp this year. From Sparks Middle School in La Puente Amairany Olmos was nominated by her teacher Ms. Rachel Medina. From 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 can not attend. The alternates are Jasmine Orff and Maria Vides. The Tech Trek campership costs \$825.00 each and was paid by the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. This year one campership was generously donated by the Host Lions club of Whittier. Tech Trek is celebrating their twelfth year and this is one of our special projects. Page 5

Modern Trends, Thursday, June 25 7:30 PM

NOTE CHANGE OF HOME: We are meeting at the home of Ruth White, 12118 Maple Street, Whittier.

Directions: From Whittier Blvd., take Painter north to Beverly Blvd. West (left) to Citrus, North (right) to Beverly Drive, West (left) to Gregory, South (left) to Maple, East (right) to house number.

We are reviewing <u>Red Water</u> by Judith Freeman. This fascinating and well-told novel presents the story of John D. Lee from the point of view of three of his 19 wives. He was the only man ever executed for the Mountain Meadows Massacre of 1857, in which a party of Mormons and Native Americans slaughtered more than a hundred men women and children who were traveling to California.

We will also have a short business meeting to vote on our books for next year. Everyone who wishes to join us next September is invited to attend. If you are not able to attend, please call Carol Shupek, 945.4931, for information about next year's books.

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

To celebrate the coming summer holidays, International Concerns will meet for lunch on the FIRST Tuesday, June 2, at 11:45 AM at Zi Teresa Italian Restaurant, 6717 Greenleaf in Uptown Whittier, between Bailey and Philadelphia. For information about the restaurant, check their website <u>www.ziteresarestaurant.com</u> or call them at 562-464-4744.

Please let Maurine know if you're coming (562-695-8436)or maurineb@verizon.net)

Walkers

Come walk with us to enjoy the last weeks of spring in these beautiful places. All of our walks begin at 9 AM. Call Ann Farmer (if you aren't on the email list) to find out the specific meeting locations. Call 562-698-2074 or <u>Farmer6146@yahoo.com</u> June 4, La Mirada Creek Park. June 11, Santa Fe Springs Heritage Park. June 18, Floral Drive area. June 25, Legg Lake.

EF/LAF

Just a reminder that your donations to the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund may be sent to me at 14852 Jupiter St. Whittier, CA 90603. These two funds are the heart of AAUW and provide support to many deserving women. Peggy Fretz, EF/LAF Vice-President May 5, 2009

Dear AAUW Friends,

Thank you for your cards and notes.

I especially appreciated you kind thoughts and concern.

Sincerely, Yvette Rawlinson

First Friday, June 5

A big "Thank You" to Jan and Brent Berry for their generous hospitality once again, on the First Friday, of May.

Our First Friday in June, will be our last First Friday until September 4. Let's have a big turnout at Brenda and Peter Jahn's home for our last First Friday this season. She is our incoming president, so let's give her a rousing good welcome.

Bring your beverage of choice, and a hearty appetizer to share with the rest of the group. We always have a great time, so don't miss it.

Bring a prospective members they will love us. Reservations are not necessary, but it is nice to let the hostess know if you are coming. We will meet First Friday, September 4, at Janice Cecola's place in La Habra. She is new to our branch. Mark your calendar now.

Directions to Brenda and Peter Jahn's home: 1339 N. Padonia Avenue, Whittier. 562-691-2419. Whittier Blvd. to Macy. North on Macy to the second stop sign. Right on Janine for two blocks to the end. Left on Solajar, then right at the second street, Villa Rita. First left is Padonia. The house is at the end of the cul-de-sac. Hope to see you there!

Gen'nel Walters 562-943-3976 Page 6

MORNING BOOK

Morning Book will discuss <u>People of</u> <u>the Book</u>, by Geraldine Brooks, at 10 AM on Monday, June 1, at Carol J. Anderson's home.

Carol K. Anderson will lead the discussion; Peggy Kiefer and Letty Brooks are co-hostesses.

<u>People of the Book</u>, a novel inspired by a true story sweeps its reader on an intellectual adventure, from Convivencia Spain to the ruins of Sarajevo, from the Silver Age of Venice to the sunburned rock faces of northern Australia.

Directions to: Carol J. Anderson's, home at 9759 Solejar Dr., Whittier, 562-691-1542 East on Whittier Blvd. to Macy, left on Macy to Janine, right on Janine one block to Carella, left on Carella to stop sign, right at stop sign. 9759 is third house on right.

Books for 2009-2010:

<u>The Whistling Season</u> by Ivan Doig,(Sept.28);

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

<u>Balzac and The Little Chinese</u> <u>Seamstress</u>; by Dai Sizie (Feb.22)

<u>The 19th Wife;</u> by David Ebershoff, (April 26)

<u>Rabbit Is Ric</u>h: by John Updike. (June 7)

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

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

from Ginny Ball

DUES ARE DUE... DUES ARE DUE... DUES ARE DUE

Please do not forget to turn in your dues. Regular dues are \$89.00; if you have a Life Membership the dues are \$40.00.

Most of you fall into these two categories. If you have an Honorary Membership, please still turn in a form with your name on it and any other changes you want in the AAUW Yearbook.

This will be the last month that the dues form will be included with your Newsletter.

All members who have their dues in by June 1, will be in the AAUW Yearbook and will continue to receive the Newsletter.

The Yearbooks will be distributed at the September meeting. If you are not going to be at that meeting then be sure to include the additional fees for having your Yearbook mailed to you.

CALIFORNIA CONVENTION REPORT

Only 240 members attended the California AAUW Convention in San Diego April 24 through April 26.

The Whittier Branch had five members who attended. One member/One Vote was in affect and California AAUW elected eight new directors, who will serve a two year term, (2009-11).

Congratulations go to: Kris Downey, Sue Miller, Shelley Mitchell, Carlynne McDonnell, Cathy Foxhoven, Megan Smock, Anne Henke and Jo Harberson. Of these eight, Anne Henke and Jo Harberson, are currently serving on the board in one year terms (2008-09).

Directors who are continuing their two year terms (2008-2010) are Presidents Judy Pfeil and Gloria Taylor, Lynne Batchelor, Rozanne Child, Kathleen Doty, Sherry Ludwig, Financial Officer Bakula Maniar, and Harriet Tower.

A resolution was submitted and it passed with no opposition: The following resolution was presented by the Oakdale-Riverbank- Escalon Branch and passed by the AAUW-CA members at the Annual Meeting business session on 4/25/09.

RESOLUTION:

— Whereas, after discussion the Oakdale-Riverbank-Escalon Branch found itself opposed to the Open Membership Proposal and seeks to forestall the implementation of this change until after the one memberone vote is enacted at the Association level: and

— Whereas, open membership would not reflect the achievement of members of AAUW; and

— Whereas, Open Membership is not a time sensitive proposal; and

— Whereas, every voting delegate should inform themselves of the varied opinions related to the proposal of Open Membership before casting their vote, and

Whereas, open membership is a proposal that should be voted on by every member, rather than just the voting delegates present at the 2009 Association convention; now therefore be it

Resolved that AAUW
California recommend to all voting delegates to the 2009 Association
Convention to consider postponing any vote on open membership until one member - one vote provisions are enacted so that all members can vote on this weighty issue.

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

Title (Please indicate) Mrs.					
First Name					
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Dates To Remember

Saturday, May 30, 9 AM LACIC Meeting Ramona Convent Secondary School Holy Family Room 1701 W. Ramona Road, Alhambra, California 91803 Find driving directions at the school's Web site, h in p://www.ramona.pvt.k12.ca.us/). Tip: *Stay by the freeway wall.* Entrance to the campus is across the street from the freeway wall. RSVP to Brenda Jahn 562-691-2419 or P_and_B_Jahn@msn.com

Tuesday, June 2, Joint Board Meeting 6:30 PM Catered Dinner WCCS Administration Bldg. RSVP Barbara Gile 562-693-7279 or <u>whittieraauw@mac.com</u> by May 29.

Friday, June 5, 6 to 8 PM First Friday at Brenda Jahn's home 1339 N. Padonia Avenue Whittier, CA 90603

Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 to 9 AM Wake Up Whittier Don Steves Chevrolet 1001 East Whittier Boulevard La Habra, CA 90631

Saturday, June 13, 1 PM Branch Meeting and Installation of Officers Bailey House 13421 Camilla St, Whittier, CA 90601



Friday to Sunday June 26-28 Southern California University of Health Sciences Health Fair 16200 Amber Valley Drive Whittier, CA 90609 Free acupuncture, chiropractic treatments and informative seminars on preventions and wellness. 562- 947-8755 x7715 or contact kellychang@scuhs.edu

June 26 to 28, AAUW Convention in St Louis, MO.

Saturday, August 29, 9AM 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 <u>http://www.carsoncenter.com</u>) Cost: \$14/person

Websites: AAUW National Association <u>http://www.aauw.org/</u> AAUW California <u>http://www.aauw-ca.org/</u> AAUW Whittier Branch <u>http://www.aauwwhittier@info.com</u>

Kristine and Owen Newcomer have graciously offered to host Saturday Night Bridge this month on Saturday, May 30, at 7PM. Call Mary Ellen Mead to RSVP 562-693-6482



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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.