



Greater Whittier Branch

WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

MARCH 2009

Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

Special points of interest:

- *Human Trafficking awareness program*
March 25
- *Myra Long Scholarship*
Fund Board is seeking additional members
- *Election of Officers is at April meeting. See slate on page 3.*

March 14 Branch Meeting at Huntington Library

Our next Branch meeting is Saturday, March 14. We are going to the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens for the Women's Studies Program. This is the day they celebrate their 25th anniversary. There is **no charge**.

Program: "Where Are We Now?—A Discussion on the Impact of Feminism on Women's Studies," 9-10 AM.

"Reflections on Women's History: Looking Back, Looking Forward," 10:15 AM-12:15 PM. The afternoon session is titled: "Women as Agents of Social Change: The Middle East."

A box lunch can be purchased for \$5.00 or eat in the Tea Room (more expensive) or bring your own lunch and eat in one of the wonderful

natural settings. We are boarding a bus at Albertson's parking lot at 8 AM and returning by 3 PM. Albertson's is at 13003 Whittier Boulevard, corner of Greenleaf Avenue in Whittier.

There will be room for only 50 people so we will have to make the reservations early with Barbara Nichols 562-696-4474 blnich@verizon.net.

Human Trafficking Is Modern-day Slavery

The Greater Whittier Branch of AAUW—International Concerns, along with Whittier Public Library, is sponsoring an awareness program on Human Trafficking at the Whittier Central Library Nixon Room Wednesday, March 25, 1-3 PM. The public is invited to attend this very informative event.

Victims of human trafficking are subjected to force, fraud or coercion and globally 27 million people are impacted. Fifty percent of victims are women and children, and 14,000 to 17,000 victims

are trafficked annually into the United States. The United Nations reports that trafficking is a \$33.3 billion business, second only to drug dealing. Victims of trafficking can be found in commercial sex, domestic situations, sweatshop factories, construction, farming, landscaping, fisheries, hotel or tourist industries, panhandling, janitorial services and restaurant services.

Our speakers will include Monica Carrasco, chairperson of the Los Angeles County Unity Coalition, which is uniting and empowering commu-

nities to end human trafficking in Los Angeles County. Monica is a long-time human rights and justice activist. She majored in Anthropology and Women's Studies at Cal State Fullerton. She also studied Latin American Literature and Meso-American Archaeology at the Autonomous University in Guadalajara, Mexico. She has traveled throughout Mexico and Central America participating in the movement toward economic and environmental justice. Monica worked at a Domestic Violence Shelter as *(continued on page 4)*

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

President's Message—Barbara Gile

Last month was very busy for our Whittier Branch members. We met all the timelines for selecting the Las Distinguidas honorees, the EF Named Gift awards, the 2009-2010 Branch slate of officers, the many details for the Math/Science Conference and Speech Trek Winners plus a fund raising non-event for the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. You will read all the results in other sections of this newsletter. A very big thank you to all who attended the committee meetings and participated in all the tasks and decisions that make our Branch so viable in the greater Whittier community.

The only goal that was not fulfilled was a Whittier Branch website up and running by February first—more of the frustrating details later.

Marching On (Pun intended)

Plan to join us on the bus to attend The Huntington Library, Art

Collections and Botanical Gardens Women's seminar, Saturday morning, March 14.

There is no charge for the bus and lectures. You have several choices for lunch—the Tea Room, cafeteria, snack kiosk or your own brown bag. We will leave Albertson's parking lot promptly at 8:30 AM so come early for a good seat.

Whittier Branch member Sharon Heck of the International Concerns Section has created an exciting program at the Whittier Central Library on Human Trafficking that is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 1 to 3 PM. I hope you will plan to attend and support our outreach to the community.

The amended proposed 18 articles of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) corporation will be available in the Spring *Outlook*. They are now on the



AAUW.org website. A brief review of the key points is included in this newsletter. We want to know your feelings about the proposal to change the membership requirements. A straw vote form will be sent to each of you by email and snail mail (for those who don't have email) later this month.

—Barbara Gile, president

Public Policy—Jill Smith



Do you know about two Social Security benefits that are affected if you receive a pension? These unfair provi-

sions are up for repeal, but in this economic climate our congress people and senators need reminders.

The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) affects you if you earned a pension in any job where you did not pay Social Security taxes and you also worked in other jobs long enough to qualify for a Social Security retirement or disability benefit. A modified formula is used to calculate your benefit amount even if that money is owed you.

The Government Pension Offset (GPO) reduces spouse's or widow's or widower's benefits if (s)he receives a pension from a federal, state or local government based on work where

(s)he did not pay Social Security taxes.

Diane Feinstein has introduced the Social Security Fairness Act (S.206)—which would allow government pensioners and private sector retirees to earn the same percentage of their average career monthly earnings, rather than the unfair 40% of earnings government pensioners receive under current law.

There are all sorts of explanations and you can find out more about these two unfair laws at:

www.socialsecurity.gov or calling 1-800-772-1213.

Write to your legislators today—take action!!

Board Members— 2008-2009

President:

Barbara Gile

President-Elect:

Brenda Jahn

Program Vice-President:

Jan Berry

Hospitality Vice-President:

Peggy Burlingham

Membership Vice-President:

Virginia Ball

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Elsa Galvan

Educational Foundation:

Peggy Fretz

Recording Secretary:

Kaye Kidwell

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Margot Kamens

Treasurer:

Jill Smith

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 \$1.15 every issue

Educational Foundation

In Memoriam: Letitia Corum

AAUW lost a great friend, supporter, and a tireless worker when Letitia Corum passed away on January 3 from pancreatic cancer. She was 73. She had served her branch and California AAUW in numerous offices from 1997 until her death in 2009.

Martinez Branch is working to establish a Letitia Corum Memorial Fund to be used for printing and distributing the next AAUW research

report —about women and girls in science, technology, engineering and math. Tax deductible contributions to the fund should be made payable to AAUW-EF and mailed to AAUW-CA, P.O. Box 160067, Sacramento, CA 95816-0067, Write "Letitia Corum Memorial Fund #4329" in the memo line of your check and be sure to note Whittier Branch so we will receive credit for the EF contribution.

—Peggy Fretz, EF Vice-President

Legal Advocacy Fund

What's new with LAF?

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund is a program of the Educational Foundation which partners with other civil and women's rights organizations to support litigation that affects women in all workplaces. **LAF has expanded from a focus only on cases in academia to those that arise in any workplace.**

The recent passage of the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act is a victory for workers and families. The average woman earns just 78 cents of every dollar earned by men. This can have a

long-term adverse effect on women's income because it also can result in less income in retirement. It is also significant to note that in this current economic downturn, women are losing jobs or are underemployed in record numbers. Female workers have lost 300,000 jobs in the past year.

Since the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, pregnancy discrimination is virtually illegal, but recent reports and studies on the topic show that it is far from over. LAF works to improve conditions that affect women in all areas of work place discrimination. The above information came from LAF/Update. If you're interested in learning more about these causes, you may access LAF's main web page at www.aauw.org/laf.

As always you may contribute to LAF at any time. You may send your checks to me at 14852 Jupiter Street, Whittier 90603 and I will forward them to LAF. Checks may be made out to AAUW/LAF. There are many people who believe that there is no longer sex discrimination, but the information I found in LAF/Update contradicts this belief.

—Peggy Fretz, EF/LAF Vice-President

AAUW Whittier Branch Nominations 2009-10

Committee: Fay Weber, Chair; Brenda Jahn, Ginny Isenberg, Shirley Ann Stewart, Louise Holden, Barbara Gile

Elective Officers

President: Brenda Jahn

President Elect : Shirley Ann Stewart

Program VP : Jan Berry/Beverly Ball

Hospitality VP: Peggy Burlingham/
Barbara Nichols

Membership VP: _____

Membership Treasurer: Kaye Kidwell
Educational Foundation/ Legal Advocacy Foundation VP: Peggy Fretz

Recording Secretary: _____

Corresponding Secretary: Margot Kamens

Treasurer: Jill Smith

Election of officers will be held at the April Branch meeting.

Please consider using your leadership skills to keep our organization viable. Call Brenda Jahn or Fay Weber to volunteer to fill an empty spot.

We need you!

16th Annual Math/Science Conference for 8th Grade Girls

I will have a report on the conference in the next newsletter. The deadline for the March edition is before the actual event on February 27. Some people I do want to acknowledge now are Jill Smith who took the money/calls; Jan Berry, our middle school reminder person; Kaye Kidwell who prepared all the name-tags; and Ginny Ball who put the names and choices in the computer. These were huge jobs and I needed their assistance and appreciated it.

Thanks also go to Harriet Kittle, Ginny Ball, Jill Smith and Marge Bates who came to my home one afternoon to put the girls' workshop choices in envelopes. I wish to thank Barbara Gile for having the members in her home to fill the student packets.

I have had two speakers added to our workshops. Lindsey Martin, BS, Brea Fire Department, fire prevention specialist, will replace Captain Kathy Schaefer, firefighter, who will be out

of town. I am adding Carrie Rebay, Occupational Therapist, who will be the second speaker in the workshop with the pilots from Edwards Air Force Base. I thank Linda Langford, Physical Therapist, for calling me with Carrie's name. Beverly Ball and Jackie Brearley will be serving as new moderators.

Marian Locke, 2009 Math/Science Conference Chairperson, 626-336-3430 univminn57@yahoo.com

Human Trafficking continued

a legal advocate helping survivors secure restraining orders and safe housing. More recently, she worked at The Salvation Army as a case manager to survivors of human trafficking, and supervising an outreach campaign to raise awareness about human trafficking,

A second speaker will be Mary Barajas-Garcia, a community activist in Whittier. Mary serves on the Board of the Women's and Children's Crisis

Shelter, she is a former teacher and the mother of five children. Recently, she traveled to several countries in South America with Isabel Allende to discuss the problems of human trafficking and to seek solutions. She will share her story with us.

The third participant in our program will be Detective Greg Hamilton with the Whittier Police Department. He will bring a law enforcement per-

spective to our awareness program.

We hope those attending this event will come away with the knowledge to recognize victims of human trafficking, to understand victims of human trafficking and ways to help victims of human trafficking. There will be time for questions and answers, so join us for an informative afternoon.

—Sharon Heck

Dates to Remember

- First Friday—March 6, First Friday @ the home of (new member) Sandy and Art Bridges, 550 North Walnut Street La Habra Heights.
- Newsletter—The deadline for the April edition is March 15. gwen@woirhaye.com
- Chamber of Commerce Wake Up Whittier—Wednesday, March 11, meeting is scheduled at the American Red Cross, Friends and Bailey Uptown Whittier. 7:30 AM
- Math/Science Conference at Rio Hondo College February 27, 9 AM to 1 PM
- March 3—Board meeting 7 PM, Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, Inc. 12519-A Washington Boulevard, Whittier.
- March 14—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. If you plan to attend please confirm with Barbara Nichols; she will have the sign up list. blnich@verizon.net or 562-696-4474
- LACIC Next meeting Monday, March 23, 7 PM, Downey Public Library
- April 11—Branch Meeting—election of officers
- Myra Long Scholarship Fund Annual Meeting—April 22, 5:30 PM—Marie Callender's, La Serna.
- California State AAUW Convention—The state convention will be April 24-26 in San Diego.
- AAUW National Convention June 26-28, Renaissance Saint Louis Grand & Suites Hotel, Saint Louis, Missouri

First Friday March 6 at Sandy Bridges' Home

Thank you Brenda and Peter Jahn for a terrific time at your house, First Friday of February. The First Friday of March will find us at the home of Sandy and Art Bridges. She is our new member from the former Brea-La Habra Branch, and will be inviting other Brea-La Habra members to attend. Let's be there to meet and greet them, and invite them to our Branch.

Directions to Art and Sandy Bridges': Go to Whittier Boulevard, in La Habra. Due to construction at

Whittier Boulevard and Euclid in La Habra, there are two directions to follow to get to their house.

If you are traveling eastbound on Whittier Boulevard, turn north (left) onto Walnut Street at the Chevron station and proceed for one mile to the intersection at Hiatt and Walnut, take the private road down the hill (between the mail boxes and rock wall) to the second house on the left.

If you are traveling westbound on

Whittier Boulevard, turn north (right) on Euclid (between Claro's and gas station) and proceed .7 mile to the top of the hill and turn down the private road (between the mailboxes and rock wall) to the second house on the left.

If you have questions or get lost call them at 213-507-6060 or 562-697-7427. Signs will be posted.

April's First Friday will find us at Linda Pomeroy's.

Gen'nel Walters—562-943-3976

AAUW Leadership Corps Briefing continued from February

Part of a series focused on Life in the New AAUW

This article is continued from last month. Refer to your February newsletter for background, goal and concept.

Leadership Corps (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.

The LC would serve as a conduit to bring branches, states, and national closer together, increasing member identification with the AAUW community as a whole to build AAUW's brand. Multi-way communication vehicles will be used; they include face-to-face (LC working "on site" with branches/states), face-to-face electronic, and phone meetings and support. The LC would also work closely with the AAUW board, committees,

and task forces to ensure transparency and alignment of activities.

Staffing & Resources:

Leadership training and resources support would be provided to the LC in a manner similar to that provided to the National Girls Collaborative Project liaisons. A new AAUW staff position would be established to provide strategic and tactical coordination of LC activities.

For further information please access on the AAUW website:

http://www.aauw.org/member_center/briefings/leadershipCorps_011608.cfm

Myra Long Scholarship Fund Board Seeks Members

The Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF) is looking for two or three additional board members who possess one or more of the following skills/knowledge sets: financial and accounting skills; legal expertise; grant writing experience; critical thinking and leadership skills.

Prospective members should support the goals and mission of both the Whittier Branch-AAUW and MLSF, and be able to commit two to ten hours per month to MLSF business, depending on your particular "assignment." The board is required to meet three times per year, although

it may meet more often if there is need. Our next meeting is April 22.

If you are interested, please send a brief "letter of interest" to Maurine Behrens, MLSF-VP, at maurineb@verizon.net or 12222 Orange Drive, Whittier 90601.

AAUW-CA State Convention

AAUW California's 88th Annual Convention will be held April 24-26 at the San Diego Hilton in Mission Valley. Details are posted on the website www.aauw-ca.org and in the March issue of California *Perspective* which was mailed this weekend to every member.

This year, for the first time, convention registration can be done online through the website www.aauw-ca.org. We are pleased to be able to offer this new service and we encourage members to take advantage of the opportunity to register online with a credit card. It is faster and easier than mail, gives immediate confirmation and is very secure. The cost of the meals is separate from the registration.

For those who wish to register by mail, a form is available in the Convention section of website and in California *Perspective*.

The following article from the AAUW CA Nominating Chair Pat Allgeier contains important information about voting under our new California state bylaws.

New California Bylaws Allow More Participation

Our new bylaws allow for one-member, one vote. This means that each and every member who attends may vote on state business during the annual meeting at our convention in April. The annual meeting is being held in two segments. The first segment is on Friday night when we will have our opening ceremony, hear speeches from our candidates for the board of directors and hear from Carolyn Garfein, Association Director at Large. The second segment will be on Sunday morning where we will hear more about the accomplishments of AAUW-CA, choose our new public policy priorities and find out the re-

sults of the elections.

Members are encouraged to come and spend the entire week-end as convention registrants. However, you do not need to be registered for convention to attend the annual meeting.

Members who opt to only attend the annual meeting must check in at the credentials desk to verify they are members in good standing (dues paid for 2008-2009 membership year), and receive a nametag to allow entry to the meeting. Members who have only paid 2009-2010 dues, but not 2008-2009 dues, are not eligible for voting status since the 2009-2010 year does not start until July 1, 2009. Members only attending the annual meeting will be restricted from attending convention events.

Highlights of proposed AAUW Association bylaws

by Sandy Kirkpatrick, AAUW-CA Parliamentarian & AAUW Bylaws Committee Member

After the Whittier Branch Board meeting on February 3, this summary of the proposed bylaw changes came to me by email. Please make sure you understand the proposed changes and answer the straw poll that will be sent to you by e-mail or snail mail in the next few weeks.

AAUW's strategic planning process began in 2005, with a restructuring approved unanimously at the 2007 AAUW Convention. To complete this restructuring, newly revised bylaws will be presented for approval at the 2009 AAUW Convention in Saint Louis. These 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.

What will **not** change:

- 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
- the unique mission and grassroots strength of AAUW.

Summary of Major Changes (to take affect 7-1-09 if approved at St. Louis Convention) :

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).

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.

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AAUW-CA State Convention continued

3. **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.
4. **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.

The full bylaws, with rationale for each article are published on the AAUW website, along with a detailed list of frequently asked questions, visit: http://aauw.org/About/bylaws/index.cfm?cs_LoginTime=225332

(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.

The latest information is that AAUW membership dues will be \$49 for FY 2010.

—Barbara Gile

Appointed Board

The following have agreed to serve on the board for 2009-2010:

Auditor: Marge Bates

Historian: Cheryl Suit

International Interests: Sharon Heck

Newsletter Editor/ Web Site Manager: Barbara Gile

Parliamentarian: _____

Past President: Barbara Gile

Public Policy: Sharon Heck

Email Chair: Cindy Birt

Telephone Chair: Phyllis Thompson

Los Distinguidas Chair: Sue Turco / Kristine Yeseta

Local Scholarship Chair: Susan Halliday

Math/Science Chair: Marian Locke

Nominating Committee Chair: Fay Weber

Section Coordinator: Ruth White or

Cindy Birt

Tech Trek Chair: _____

Yearbook Editor: Sue Walker

College and University Relations:

Rio Hondo:

Whittier College :Kristine Yeseta

SCU of Health Sciences:

Public Relations: Margot Kamens

About Our Members

Helen Rahder-Rawitsch broke her arm in a fall from a bicycle early in January. With surgery to set it and being unable to drive for several weeks, her activities have been curtailed.

A special "get well" to Louise Holden, John Turco (husband of Sue Turco), Jim White (husband of Ruth White) and Sam Graziano (Kaye Kidwell's spouse.)

Condolences to Jill Smith on the death of her father. He came to sev-

eral Branch meetings while Jill was president.

Your editor recently spent a few days in the hospital and wound up with a pacemaker—necessitating a lot of medical appointments for follow up. I'm doing fine and reminded once again how much energy is required for healing!

I urge all our readers to pay attention and trust your instincts when you feel something not quite right. I learned that I was in significant danger

of stroke due to blood pooling in my heart, which could clot and break away.

My sister-in-law died suddenly last summer due to a heart attack, the symptoms of which were nausea and vomiting and a pain she thought might be a kidney stone! The pain does not have to be in the heart! Don't risk your beautiful active life because the pain is not severe!

—Gwen Woirhaye

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	MaryEllen.mead@gmail.com
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

Tuesday, March 10, 7 PM, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Greenleaf at Wardman, Whittier

We will be discussing future meeting dates, times and interests. If this is not a good night, but might be interested in another date or time please contact Kristine Yeseta 562-696-0226, surfzena@earthlink.net

Bring along your knitting, crochet or needlepoint project.

Gardening Section

Instead of the first Tuesday we will meet on Wednesday, March 4, at 12

noon for lunch at the restaurant at Blue Hills Nursery. At 1 PM we will have a hanging container planting demonstration at Blue Hills Nursery. Reservations are a must for the demonstration. Please contact Shirley A. Stewart by Sunday, March 1, at 562-944-4556 or shirleys.creations@verizon.net

International Concerns:

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, March 10, at Ellen Larson's (Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd., #2D). We will discuss "Afghanistan and Pakistan." Since US relations with both these countries are much in the news today, we invite other interested members to

join us. For further information contact Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436 or maurineb@verizon.net.

Memories

Our memoirs-writing section meets the fourth Wednesday of the month, usually at 1 PM. **This month only**, due to the Human Trafficking program at that time, we will meet at **10 AM** March 25 at the home of Janice Geiger,

Modern Trends in Literature

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne will be reviewed Thursday, March 26, 7:30 PM. This is a vividly descriptive tale of two boys in World

Section News

War II Poland, one the nine-year-old German Bruno and the other a Jewish boy Shmuel who is in a concentration camp. They share the same birth date. Bruno lives fifty feet from the camp, feels cold and unsafe, uncertain about what his father does for a living, and wants to know about the people who live on the other side of the fence. He meets Shmuel along a distant fence and begins to share his thoughts, feelings and some food with him, knowing instinctively that his father must never know of this friendship.

We are meeting at Gwen Woir-haye's home, 5810 Friends Avenue, Whittier. Take Painter north to Beverly Boulevard, turn left (west) to Friends Avenue, turn right (north), and proceed to the top of the hill, right side of the street.

More Than Words

On Wednesday, March 18, 1:30 PM, Phyllis Thompson will lead the discussion on *How Doctors Think* by Jerome Groopman. We will meet at the home of Shirley McMahon, The Palms, 13001 La Mirada Blvd. (two blocks south of Imperial) Apt. 229.

Morning Book

Morning Book will discuss *This House of Sky* by Ivan Doig, on April 27. We will also vote on books to read

for 2009-2010. Please call, send, or e-mail your suggestions to Janice Geiger, billjangeiger@yahoo.com or 562-695-9971.

Mystery Mavens

Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 6:30 PM

Dead Cat Bounce by Sarah Graves-
Reviewer: Carol K. Anderson

Since she bought her rambling old fixer-upper of a house, Jacobia Tiptree has gotten used to finding things broken. But her latest problem isn't so easily repaired. Along with the rotting floor joists and sagging support beams, there's the little matter of the dead man in Jake's storeroom, an ice pick firmly planted in his cranium. Jake's unknown guest turns out to be a local boy turned billionaire. When Jake's best friend, quiet and dependable Ellie White, confesses to the murder, cops and journalists swarm into tiny, snowbound Eastport, Maine. Jake doesn't believe Ellie is guilty and sets out to find out who did it.

Please bring suggestions for authors for the 2009-2010 list.

Meet at Marie Callender's restaurant at 9829 S. La Serna Drive, Whittier (near Whittier Blvd.) in the library room.

Reservations - Carol K. Anderson—
562-943-0728

Show Girls

Third Friday of the month. Same place, same time. "Dine" first at 6 PM at Panera's on Rosecrans, in La Mirada, followed by a movie. 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

These rains should be making the hills, parks and gardens a joy to see in March. Here's where we plan to be beginning at 9 AM on the following dates:

March 5—La Mirada Creek Park.

March 12—Arroyo Pescadero.

March 19—Uptown Whittier.

March 26—Legg Lake

Call or email Ann Farmer if you need directions: 562-698-2074 or

Farmer6146@yahoo.com.

Reminder: There are several students who will benefit from the "Myra Long Scholarship Non-Event." Please return your blue envelopes as soon as you can. Thanks.

—Brenda Jahn

Calendar

Tuesday, March 3, 7 PM—Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, noon—Gardening Section

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

Friday, March 6, 6-8 PM—First Friday

Tuesday, March 10, 10 AM—International Concerns

Saturday, March 14, 8 AM-3 PM—Branch Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 1:30 PM—More Than Words

Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 PM—Mystery Mavens

Friday, March 20, 6 PM—Show Girls

Wednesday, March 25, 10 AM—Memories

Wednesday, March 25, 1 PM—Human Trafficking Program

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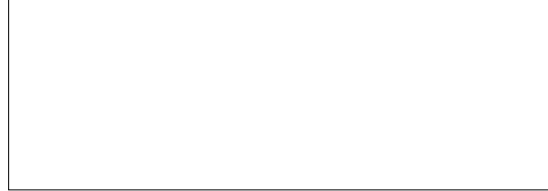
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MISSION STATEMENT: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

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.

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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