



# Greater Whittier Branch

GREATER WHITTIER BRANCH

MAY 2009

Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

## Special points of interest:

- *Branch meeting May 16 to recognize honorees*
- *Dues are due! Application form on page 7*
- *Branch Meeting/ Installation of Officers June 13*
- *AAUW Convention June 26-28*

## Branch Recognition Meeting May 16

Whittier Branch of AAUW is meeting on May 16 at 1 PM at First Friends Church, located at 13205 Philadelphia. This is its Annual Recognition event.

At this time, AAUW will present Carolyn McFarland with the Las Distinguidas award. This distinguished woman is being honored for her leadership & numerous contributions to the Assis-

tance League of Whittier.

Also being honored are our 2009 Tech Trek campers: Natalie Alcantor, Lake Center Middle School; Amairany Olmos, Sparks Middle School; and Arielle Garcia, Hillview Middle School. The alternates are Maria Vides, Sparks Middle School, and Jasmine Orff, Hillview Middle School.

Pamela Holmes and Mary Van de Brake will be recog-

nized as Educational Foundation Named Gift Honorees for their fundraising efforts.

The Myra Long Scholars will be introduced.

An afternoon tea will be served, at a cost of \$7. Reservations are a must. RSVP by May 13 to Barbara Nichols, 562-696-4474, [blnich@verizon.net](mailto:blnich@verizon.net). (AAUW Reservations in the subject line.

## Members Visit Huntington Library/Gardens

The March Branch Meeting was a little different this year. Early Saturday morning March 14 we boarded a luxury bus for a pleasant ride to the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens to be educated by the Women's Studies program that is offered by the research library. Everything was at no cost. The only charge was if you purchased lunch. After a stimulating panel of diverse women scholars made presentations on the impact of Feminism and Women Studies we had time to tour the Chinese Garden and go through the Lincoln Exhibit or get a glimpse of the



new art gallery after a \$20 million renovation. There were even a few minutes to enjoy the well-stocked gift shop. Some of our members stayed and heard the third panel of speakers regarding women in the Middle East. Twenty-five of us had a won-

derful stress-free outing and enjoyed the discussion on the way home.

Pictured here enjoying the magical day under the wisteria blossoms are Mary Jo Haller, Jan Berry, Cindy Birt, Ginny Isenberg, prospective member Andrea Gordon and Laura Horn.

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**Reservations by May 13, Barbara Nichols—562-696-4474  
blnich@verizon.net—"AAUW Reservations" in subject line**

## President's Message—Barbara Gile

The month of May is the time to thank the many volunteers of the Whittier Branch. As the AAUW year is winding down our gratitude list is growing. At the May 16 Branch meeting we will be recognizing many wonderful women from the community. Please plan to take part in this celebration. We have some surprises on the agenda. Before the meeting, I want to personally thank:

The many members who contributed to the successful Christmas Boutique.

The people who have attended the Whittier Branch meetings, made their reservations early and even brought friends who are potential members.

The donors who contributed to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund in honor of Myra's birthday, and the colleagues who have responded to the EF/LAF requests to further the education of women and girls.

The members who volunteered to make the Math/Science Conference a memorable event for 531 eighth grade girls.

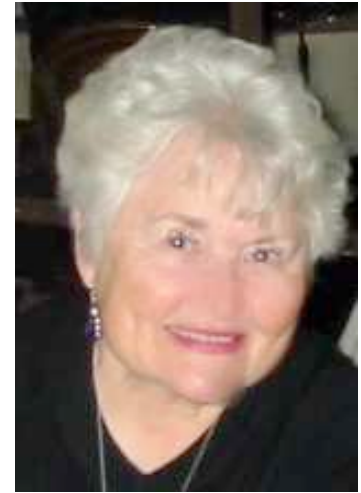
The membership, hospitality, program, Las Distinguidas, Tech Trek, EF/LAF and scholarship committees who have done an outstanding job meeting all their deadlines and objectives.

The board members who have sat through all those meetings and were responsible for the execution of our goals.

The members who have already submitted their membership for next year.

The International Concerns Section that sponsored a terrific Human Trafficking panel.

The Triple-Ps who have supported the Whittier Branch by serving as welcoming ambassadors at the Branch



meetings and serving on the various committees.

The Whittier Branch website is still under construction and your input is appreciated. Please click on this address and visit [www.aauwhittier.info](http://www.aauwhittier.info). Click around to the various pages and remember the password is: **member**.  
—Barbara Gile, president  
[whittieraauw@mac.com](mailto:whittieraauw@mac.com)

## Public Policy—Jill Smith



### Regarding the May 19th California Special Election:

The State of California just dealt

with a deficit of \$40 billion. AAUW has been a staunch supporter of education and public health measures for 126 years. Our nearly 14,000 members in California sympathize with those who protest proposed cuts. The budget reductions spared few, if any, departments, programs or services. At the same time the budget also depends on significant tax increases.

The March, 2008 AAUW-CA statement regarding the budget deficit battle urged a balanced approach of revenue increase and expenditure reduction geared to maintaining a safety net of vital government services. We want to:

- Protect the basic education and human services infrastructure.

- Maintain all health and safety standards.
- Equitably distribute funding cuts.
- Seriously assess the options for tax and fee increases.

We believe the budget proposals are the best we can expect in this difficult time. AAUW members are asked to take a deep breath and vote yes for the budget items 1-A, 1-B, 1-C, 1-D, 1-E, and 1-F on the May 19th special election ballot.

To read the ballot measures, go to [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov) and click on ballot measures.

(Notice from the AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee March 30)

## 2008-2009 Board Members

**President:**

Barbara Gile

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Brenda Jahn

**Program Vice-President:**

Jan Berry

**Hospitality Vice-President:**

Peggy Burlingham

**Membership Vice-President:**

Virginia Ball

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Margot Kamens

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Jill Smith

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## Educational Foundation

The following reminders came to me online as a philanthropy briefing.

Support of equity for women and girls is a deeply embedded value-- a proud legacy honored by AAUW members for more than 121 years. Our contributions continue to open doors for women to higher education, career achievement and advancement and civil rights protections. As individuals we are not always able to participate personally in each equity battle, but through our donations to AAUW we are always there—as we have always been—right on the front lines for women's equity.

Especially in these hard times we know that it is even harder for those

who do not have access to high-quality education, who are not paid fairly, and who lack opportunities to make life better for themselves and their families. During difficult times, AAUW members have always “stepped up,” done a little more and reached further to give a helping hand.

If you are able to contribute to Educational Foundation or Legal Advocacy Fund at this time, you may do so by sending your check to me, EF/LAF vice-president, PO Box 5333, Whittier 90607. Checks should be made out to AAUW-EF or AAUW-LAF.

—Peggy Fretz, EF/LAF Vice-President

## First Friday May 1

We had a terrific time at Linda Pomeroy's home, First Friday, April 3. Thank you, Linda, for your warm hospitality. It was a wonderful evening. We had several of our new members there. We hope to see some more new faces at the Berrys' home, First Friday,

May 1, 6-8 PM. Bring your choice of beverage; wine, tea, water, beer, etc, and a hearty appetizer to share. The directions to Jan and Brent Berry's house are: from Whittier Boulevard go north on Hacienda Boulevard, to Summit Drive, turn left, and turn left again at the first street, Ardsheal Drive, and proceed to 2323. 562-691-6859. Car pooling is highly suggested, as parking is limited. Let's leave space on the right of the driveway, for attendees who have problems getting around. Thanks. See you there.

—Gen'nel Walters - 562-943-3976



**Human Trafficking Program Panel**—March 25—Sharon Heck, Mary Barajas-Garcia, Monica Carrasco and Detective Greg Hamilton of the Whittier Police Department.

## Math/Science Conference 2010 Venue Needed

I met with Henry Gee, Vice-President of Rio Hondo College, for over an hour in April. The president, Dr. Martinez, had instructed him to tell me that they couldn't accommodate our AAUW Math/Science Conference for the next two years because of construction. Currently I am waiting a few weeks to see if what the vice-president and I discussed will change the outcome. I realize that we can't have an opening session or lunch in the Upper Quad because of the building program. I already have thought that we could just give the girls a snack and dismiss them after the third workshop back to their schools. Mr. Gee seemed more positive about our presence in 2010, but I don't believe he will make the final decision.

Some AAUW members are suggesting we return to Whittier College, cut the number of girls attending, cut

the number of speakers, and invite only Whittier students. I feel it is too bad that we have become so successful that we have to downsize like the economy. Actually it makes me very sad that the program's success has to be diluted.

I believe we could only be at Whittier College in January. This is a month earlier deadline and a problem for the chairperson since people do not respond during the holidays. Also, those January rains!

Cutting the students attending in about half will impact our grant money. We are fortunate to receive a large amount of funds because we do have over 500 students attending. Last year Santa Fe Springs City Council gave us \$500 for their 50 girls. We don't receive anything from the Whittier City Council. The principal from South Whittier actually pulled her stu-

dents from this year's conference because they couldn't meet a February deadline for speaker choices.

I have trouble with the Whittier isolationism route since I live in Hacienda Heights. We have strong support from the Hacienda-La Puente superintendent and middle school administration; I have taught in the middle schools and high schools in this district. And I started my California teaching at the Santa Fe Springs high school which is a part of the Whittier Union High School District.

I am considering Cal Poly Pomona or a high school at the moment. If you have any venue suggestions for our large number of participants, please contact me.

—Marian Locke

Math/Science Conference Chair 2010  
626-336-3430  
univminn57@yahoo.com

## Response to Straw Vote on Proposed Association Changes

25 members responded (19% of membership)

**Membership Open.** Membership is open to any individual supportive of the mission, without regard to college degree status, and to partner members. Open individual membership provides an equal opportunity for all to join, in recognition that one does not need to have educational credentials to work for women's education.

- Like the new membership requirements YES 4 (1) NO 2 or want to **keep the previous membership requirements of a college or university degree** YES 17 (2)

- If the Association membership requirements were changed on July

1, to without college degree status would you want to stay in AAUW? YES 9 (3) NO 8 (4) MAYBE 2

- Should the Whittier Branch change the college degree status requirements? YES 3 (5) NO 18 (6) MAYBE 1

- If the Association changes the membership requirements, would you support the Whittier Branch forming a University Women non-profit organization to carry on our local education and charitable mission with a membership requirement of a four college or university degree? YES 17 (7) NO 5 (8) MAYBE 2

2. **The Proposed Bylaws:** streamline

the current bylaws and move administrative details to policies and procedures provide more flexibility on all levels (branch, state, and national); and provide more avenues for all members to participate in the organization, in particular giving every member a vote on national business. LIKE 10 (9) DO NOT AGREE 7 (10)

Change the mission-based activities and programming, including the work of the Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, and Leadership Training Institute; public policy advocacy through the newly named AAUW Action Fund; and preserve the unique mission and grassroots strength of AAUW. LIKE 11  
(Continued on page 5)

## Straw Vote continued

(11) NO 2 DO NOT  
AGREE 8 (12)

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

Like the idea of one member one vote.  
YES 17 (13) NO 5 (14)

Prefer to vote by: mail 6 (15)  
phone 4 (16) FAX 1 (17)

email 9 (18) Or want to keep  
delegate system YES 5 (19)

One Board: Would Prefer to Have  
more members involved in the  
boards and committees  
YES 9 (20) or Like power  
limited in a small group of decision  
makers YES 7 (21) NO 3

**Structural Flexibility.** Branches and states will not be required to make any changes if their current structure works well for them. However, the new bylaws mandate only an administrative and financial contact

person from each branch/state, allowing the branches and states to create the structure and leadership positions that make the best use of their resources to fulfill the AAUW mission.

Like the new structure  
YES 5 (22)

Want to keep the old structure YES  
13 (23)

### Your comments are encouraged (24):

- I think my votes on 2,3,4 seem to contradict my vote on 5. In short, I'd like the most branch autonomy possible along with maintaining the current membership requirements.
- Possibility word too broad Criteria What Criteria? Equal Opportunity opens a can of worms. Could mean Manager of Taco Bell, Mc Donald's, Sales Clerk, Stripper, or any person.
- American Association of University Women doesn't mind men members for some reason.
- I joined American Association of University Women 50 years ago. Had the organization been open to all without proper degrees? I don't

believe I would have joined it, and been active in it for so many years!"

- I don't know if I would join the "Whittier University Women". I do enjoy the interest groups I participate in, but I am rarely interested in the programs for Branch meetings and attend them only because I "must" for one reason or another. I can continue to support the educational programs, which I think are very worthwhile, even if I'm not a member. So at this time I really don't know what I will do about local membership if the national membership requirements are changed.
  - Our group are college graduates. This is a very special group of women with a shared background!!
  - I am in favor at this time of having open memberships, but I do think the name of the organization should be changed. We will no longer be university women but advocates of education. I admit to having objected when AA degrees were accepted be-
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## About Our Members

This past month the Whittier Branch lost one of our Life Members.

Mollie McKenna first joined AAUW in July of 1944. A donation to the Hodge Foundation will be made in honor of Molly's 65 years in American Association of University Women. The tradition is that the Hodge Foundation will purchase a book in a subject that was important to our deceased member. Molly shared her enjoyment of music with all the Whittier community. We are suggesting that a music book be bought in Molly's honor. Music reference books are very expensive. If you would like

to make a donation in Molly McKenna's honor you may send your contribution to:

The Hodge Foundation  
Whittier Central Library  
7344 South Washington Avenue  
Whittier, CA 90602  
Attention: Ms. Diane Hara

For those of you who want to purchase the book: ***We Walked to Freedom (a memoir)*** by Loretta NgQuinn Slaton, Colleen Tan (her sister) has additional copies. They are \$12, and Loretta donates \$5 to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. The

books will be available at the May Branch meeting.



Orrin and Mary Ellen Mead celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary.

## Straw Poll—conclusion

cause that already opened the door, and in my mind already diminished the concept of the organization. Admittedly, this was a selfish response because I had to work hard—literally, every job I could find to pay for my tuition! for my BA degree. However I understand the reasons for this change being the need for more members, and those who hold our values.

- Maybe I would stay with the Myra Long Scholarship Fund.
- Please let's have less paperwork.
- One member, one vote is good; attendance at whatever meeting, however should not be required.
- I am **strongly opposed** to changing the degree requirement.
- It seems apparent that AAUW's mission just doesn't resonate with **thousands** of University educated women!

### Conclusions from 25 responses:

- The majority of Whittier Branch members want to keep the present membership requirements of a college or university degree.
- If the Association membership requirements were changed on July 1, to without college degree status some Whittier Branch members would hesitate to stay in AAUW. A majority would stay. **The latest votes have all been not to stay.**
- A majority of the Whittier Branch members would want to form their own organization of University Women even though they like the proposed new structure. The majority of the members like our mission and programs.
- The vote on the Association by-laws is split regarding the idea of one board with the one-person one-vote.
- Since the response was so light

we will continue to poll the membership until after the April California State Convention.

- We feel that most of the membership has been informed regarding the basic Association Bylaw changes and after the June 26-28 Convention the Whittier Branch members will have the opportunity either to change with the Association or reorganize with the degree requirement for membership.
- Another possibility is that the majority of AAUW National members will not want to do away with the degree requirement.

Thank you to all who responded to the Straw Poll and we encourage the rest of the membership to add your feelings to the choices and solutions for our Whittier Branch.

—Prepared by Barbara Gile, April 15

## Dates to Remember:

**Wednesday, April 22**, 7 PM—Myra Long Scholarship Foundation Annual Meeting at First Friends Church Conference Room. Make reservations with Maurine Behrens 562- 695-8436

**April 24-26**—California State AAUW Convention in San Diego. See the website: AAUW-CA.org

**First Friday, May 1**, 6-8 PM at the home of Jan and Brent Berry, 2323 Ardsheal Drive, La Habra Heights

**Tuesday, May 5**, 7 PM—Board Meeting WCCS Administration Building

**Wednesday, May 13**, 7:30 AM—Wake Up Whittier Chamber of Commerce Salute To Service Organizations @ Swiss Park 1905 Workman Mill Road Whittier, CA 90601

**Thursday, May 14**—tentative date

for Rio Hondo Scholarship Award Ceremony

**Thursday, May 14, Newsletter Deadline** [gwen@woirhay.com](mailto:gwen@woirhay.com)

**Saturday, May 16**, 1 PM—Branch Meeting at First Friends Church. Reservations must be made by May 13. 562-696-4474, or

[blinch@verizon.net](mailto:blinch@verizon.net) Please use "AAUW Reservations" in the subject line. \$7—Awards and Desserts

**Tuesday, May 19**—California citizens **be sure to vote!**

**Saturday, May 30**, 9 AM—LACIC Meeting Ramona Convent Secondary School

**Tuesday, June 2**, 6:30 PM—Joint board meeting, catered dinner—WCCS Administration Building. RSVP Barbara Gile 562-693-7279 or

[whittieraauw@mac.com](mailto:whittieraauw@mac.com) by **May 29**.

**Saturday, June 13**, 1 PM—Branch Meeting and Installation of Officers Bailey House.

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

**Websites: AAUW National** <http://www.aauw.org/>

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

AAUW Whittier Branch <http://www.aauwhittier.info>

For Members section on the website:

[www.aauwhittier.info](http://www.aauwhittier.info)

Password: member

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

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

Title: Mrs. \_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_ Miss \_\_\_ None \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Month and Day of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Special interests and Additional Information \_\_\_\_\_

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

**AAUW Membership Type (please check) Annual Dues**

\_\_\_\_\_ General \$89.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Life Member \$40.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Student \$42.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Dual \$24.00

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

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

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

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## Sections

Section	Meeting time	Contact	Phone	Email
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 each month	Mary Ellen Mead	562-693-6482	beadsome@earthlink.net
R.I.P.	TBA	Colleen Tan	562-698-4934	
Walkers	Thursday mornings 9 AM	Ann Farmer	562-698-2074	Farmer6146@yahoo.com

## Section News

### Gardening Section

We are touring Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, California's Native Garden, in Claremont, May 5. This is a docent-led tour and we need to be there at 1 PM. Price is \$10 per person. We will be car-pooling. I need your reservations by April 29. Please call me if you would like to attend and I can help with the car-pooling plans. We hope you will join us. —Gen'nel Walters - 562-943-3976

### International Concerns

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, May 12, at Ellen Larson's (Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Boulevard #2D) to discuss "The Arctic Age." For further information contact Maurine Behrens [maurineb@verizon.net](mailto:maurineb@verizon.net) or 562-695-8436.

### Memories

Writers of Memoirs will meet Wednesday, May 27, 1:30 PM, at the home of Carol J. Anderson. Suggested topic is "Vacations." For directions see Modern Trends.

### Modern Trends in Literature

Modern Trends meets at 7:30 PM on May 28 at the home of Carol J. Anderson: from Uptown, take Whittier Boulevard east to Macy Street, turn left (north) to Janine, right (east) on Janine to Corella, left (north) to stop-sign which is Solejar Drive, right (east) to third house on the right, 9759 Solejar Drive. Carol's phone number is 562-691-1542.

Don Orr is reviewing *Killing Rommel*, by Steven Pressfield, a WWII novel based on the real life exploits of the Long

Range Desert Group, an elite British special forces unit that took on the legendary German Afrika Korps and its commander Field Marshall Erwin Rommel. Combining scrupulous historical detail and accuracy with remarkable narrative momentum, this book brings history to life.

### More Than Words

More Than Words will meet on Wednesday, May 13 at 1:30 PM, at the home of Shirley McMahon, The Palms, 13001 La Mirada Boulevard (2 blocks south of Imperial Highway) Apt 229. Phone 562-946-2474. We will discuss *In Defense of Food*, by Michael Pollan. We will choose books for next year.



## Section News

### Morning Book

Morning Book will discuss *People of the Book*, 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.

*People of the Book*, a novel inspired by a true story, begins in 1966, when a rare book expert is offered the job of a lifetime: analysis and conservation of a mysterious beautifully illuminated Hebrew manuscript created in 15th century Spain and recently saved from destruction during the shelling of Sarajevo's libraries. When Hanna Heath, the Aussie loner with a passion for her work, discovers a series of tiny artifacts in the book's ancient binding, she begins to unlock the mysteries of the book's eventful past and uncover the dramatic stories of those who created it and those who risked everything to protect it.

Directions to Carol J. Anderson's, 9759 Solejar Dr., Whittier, 562-691-1542. East on Whittier Boulevard 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.  
—Janice Geiger, 562-695-9971

### Mystery Mavens

**Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 PM**

*The Big Sleep* by Raymond Chandler

Reviewer: Harriet Kittle

Raymond Chandler's first novel, published in 1939, introduces us to Philip Marlowe, a thirty-eight-year-old private detective moving through the seamy side of Los Angeles in the 1930s. The case involves a paralyzed California millionaire, two psychotic daughters, blackmail and murder.

The books selected for 2009-2010 are the following: Robert Crais, *The Monkey's Raincoat*; Ariana Franklin, *Mistress of the Art of Death*; Susan Kantel, *I Dreamed I Married Perry Mason*; Victoria Thompson, *Murder on Astor Place*; Peter Tremayne, *Absolution by Murder*.

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

Reservations —Carol K. Anderson  
562-943-0728

**Show Girls** is no longer in action. There was not enough interest shown.

### Walkers

Our spring walks continue at the following places. Don't forget to call or email Ann Farmer (562-698-2074; [Farmer6146@yahoo.com](mailto:Farmer6146@yahoo.com)) for updates! All the walks begin at 9 AM.

May 7, La Mirada Creek Park.

May 14, The Greenway Trail.

May 21, Powder Canyon (maybe).

May 28, Legg Lake.

## 2009-2010 Officers Elected April 11

**Brenda Jahn**, president

**Shirley Ann Stewart**, president-elect

**Jan Berry** and **Beverly Ball**, program vice-presidents

**Peggy Burlingham** and **Barbara Nichols**, hospitality vice-presidents

**Joyce Pault**, membership vice-president

**Kaye Kidwell**, membership treasurer

**Peggy Fretz**, Educational Foundation/Legal Advocacy Fund vice president

**Pamela Holmes**, recording secretary

**Margot Kamens**, corresponding secretary

**Jill Smith**, Treasurer

## MLSF Campaign

I thank the donors for their support of the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. This is a reminder that no donation is too small, too large or too late! The appeal was especially important this year since the state of the economy has placed pressure on everything.

—Brenda Jahn

## Calendar

Friday, May 1, 6-8 PM—First Friday

Tuesday, May 5, 1 PM—Gardening

Tuesday, May 5, 7 PM—Whittier Branch Board meets

Thursday, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 9 AM—Walkers

**Monday, May 11—Branch meeting reservations deadline**

Tuesday, May 12, 10 AM—International Concerns

Wednesday, May 13, 1:30 PM—More Than Words

**Thursday, May 14—Newsletter deadline** (a day early this month as the editor will be leaving May 19)

Saturday, May 16, 1 PM—Branch Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 PM—Mystery Mavens

Wednesday, May 27, 1:30 PM—Memories

Thursday, May 28, 7:30 PM—Modern Trends

Monday, June 1, 10 AM—Morning Book



Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

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## About AAUW

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

**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.

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