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Linking you to Branch activities and to each other



Directions: From Whittier Boulevard at Five Points, go North on Pickering Avenue. The parking lot is next to the building on the East side of Pickering. Enter the building at the back as the front door must stay locked.



The Salvation Army
Whittier Corps
Community Center
7926

“Brain Fitness: Think Faster...Focus Better...Remember More” will be presented by Kelly Holt at our Saturday, October 10, Branch meeting.

The location is the Salvation Army Community Center,
7926 Pickering in Whittier and the time is 11AM.

Lunch is \$16.

Please join us for this brain stimulating and possibly life changing event.

Reservations

may be made with Barbara Nichols by October 5. Her telephone is 562-696-4474 and her e-mail is blnich@Verizon.net. Be sure to indicate AAUW in the subject line.

See you there!

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Notes from Brenda



Keep Calm and Carry On

Recently, the pressure of learning current computer skills has been descending upon me. It all started at work when I mastered e-mail, Word and Excel. I found out that there was a full time job associated with opening up my e-mail every day. There were labor intensive tasks that had to be done, versus the task demands of the e-mail world. It was a balance that had to be mastered.

My next challenge, my husband and daughter “forced” me to convert from a paper calendar to the Palm Pilot calendar, address and note system. Now, I cannot live without the Palm system, and the iPhone has been developed!

My grandson Arthur is a six-year-old computer whiz. Is that not intimidating? He taught me how to play mahjong on the computer. He finds his favorite sites and would stay online all day if time limits were not placed upon him.

The point of all this rhetoric is that if we “want” to stay in the main stream, we need to stay current and update our communication skills. We can accomplish this by investigating the La Mirada “Senior Net” Learning Center which offers training for adults over 50. Classes are conducted at all levels. The classes are held at the La Mirada Activity Center. Call the Senior Net Hotline 562-902-3177 or visit www.lamseniornet.com.

The above information covers the basics. I have had the pleasure of being exposed to Facebook, Twitter, Blogging, and LinkedIn from my family, AAUW members, Toastmaster’s International and AAUW Interbranch Council. Ladies, it is here! We might as well give up and learn “Social Networking”. These programs were recommended sites from the LACIC training class.

Facebook is a global social networking website. Users can add friends and send them messages, and update their personal profiles to notify friends about themselves. Users can join networks organized by city, workplace, school and region.

Twitter is a free social networking and micro-blogging service that enables its users to send and read messages known as tweets. Tweets are text-based posts up to 140 characters displayed on the author’s profile page and delivered to the author’s subscribers who are known as followers. Senders can restrict delivery to those in their circle of friends or, by default, allow open access.

LinkedIn is a business-oriented social networking site mainly used for professional networking. The purpose of this site is to allow registered users to maintain a list of contact people they know and trust in business. The people in the list are called Connections. Users can invite anyone to become a connection. Blogging is like keeping a diary of important events in your life.

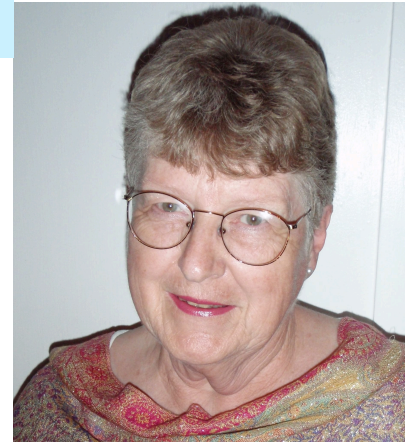
The public can obtain free use of computers at the public libraries.

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PUBLIC POLICY BY SHARON HECK

The following article was posted as AAUW Dialog and I believe it is worth sharing with all of you. After reading it, contact your elected officials in Washington D C and advocate for reform that will allow everyone to receive adequate health care. Health-care reform isn't scary...but doing nothing is frightening. September 14, 2009, by Adam Zimmerman.

For the past several weeks, at town halls all across the nation, millions of Americans who understand the need for vital health reform legislation were subjected to seemingly endless myths, lies, and scare tactics circulating about health-care reform. Death panels. Loss of private insurance. Cuts to Medicare. Rationing of care. It's scary stuff. Thankfully, most people were too smart to fall for it. But what's really scary is what will happen without commonsense health-care reform.

AAUW believes that everyone is entitled to health care that is high quality, affordable and easily accessible. This is particularly true for women, who in most cases are making the critical health-care decisions for American families. AAUW acknowledges that there are immense challenges involved in achieving meaningful health-care reform, but we are equally aware that failure to do so is simply not an option.

Without health-care reform, insurance companies could continue the discriminatory practice of gender rating, and women could continue to pay monthly premiums ranging from 4 to 48 percent higher for individually purchased health-care plans than men typically pay. That's scary.

Without health-care reform, insurance coverage for basic reproductive health-care services for women could continue to be denied. That's scary.

Without health-care reform, access to and coverage of preventive services like screenings, immunizations and educational material may not be covered or expanded, and women could continue to die of preventable and treatable diseases. That's scary.

Here at AAUW, we've encouraged our friends and allies in Congress and around the country to insist that these three key elements be included in any final health-care reform legislation. While there is no shortage of proposals for how health-care reform should be achieved, AAUW's emphasis is on ensuring that whichever program ultimately emerges provides access to high-quality, affordable health care for all Americans.

Health care is intrinsically tied to economic security; this is particularly true for women, who earn less than men on average and use more health-care services than men do. These two factors — less income, greater costs — mean that women face a higher level of health-care insecurity. Health-care reform is necessary now more than ever, and it must focus on the need for access and affordability — in a way that is equitable to women.

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International Relations By Sharon Heck

As stated in our member adopted 2009-11 [Public Policy Program](#), "AAUW believes that global interdependence requires national and international policies that promote peace, justice, human rights, sustainable development and mutual security for all people." That's why AAUW is proud to join with coalition partners this week in supporting the **Global Resources and Opportunities for Women to Thrive Act (S. 1425)**. This legislation would help shape U.S. international assistance and trade policy to give women in developing countries the tools and resources they need to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

Investing in women is the surest way to end global poverty. By helping impoverished women start and grow businesses, enhancing women's land and property rights, increasing women's access to higher quality employment and ensuring that the benefits of global trade reach poor women, the GROWTH Act seeks to enhance women's economic security.

Women living in poverty are more likely to reinvest their income on food, education, housing, and health care for their children, creating a positive cycle of growth for the family and the community. Yet these women face unequal barriers to achieving economic security—they work in the lowest paying jobs, have less stable incomes, have less access to training and education, work longer hours, and have fewer economic opportunities than men. The GROWTH Act helps women break through these barriers that prevent them from actively participating in their countries' economies.

Take Action!

Urge your U S Senators to cosponsor the GROWTH Act (S. 1425) and help millions of mothers, daughters and sisters around the world escape poverty and enjoy the promise of greater economic opportunities. Simply copy and paste the following URL into your Internet browser. Then follow the instructions to send your message:

<http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=1401186>

If your U S Senators have already signed on as cosponsors, you will be able to send them a message of thanks. Health care is intrinsically tied to economic security; this is particularly true for women, who earn less than men on average and use more health-care services than men do. These two factors — less income, greater costs — mean that women face a higher level of health-care insecurity. Health-care reform is necessary now more than ever, and it must focus on the need for access and affordability — in a way that is equitable to women.

Websites for American Association of University Women:

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

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Section Notices

First Friday

OCTOBER 2, 6-8 PM Marge and Mick Bates will host First Friday in their home located at 15555 Talbot Drive, La Mirada.

Directions: South on Santa Gertrudes Avenue, turn left at first light past Rosecrans at Stanbrook, then turn right on Talbot to 15555. Bring your choice of beverage and a hardy appetizer to share.

GUESTS ARE WELCOME

Remember there are identity thieves everywhere. Investment in a shredder is a step to protecting your personal information.

When you receive your Yearbook be sure to shred the old one.

Stay Safe!

Saturday Night Bridge

All bridge players, whether you have a partner or not, are welcome to Saturday Night Bridge. The first get-together of the fall starts at 7 PM, September 26, at Kristina and Owen Newcomer's home, 5443 Brookmead Drive, North on Greenleaf to the top of the hill, left/West at T at Carinthia, first opportunity left/South at Brookmead. October 24, Bridge TBA. Please call Mary Ellen Mead, 562-693-6482, to reserve your place.

Singles are Welcome!

Memories

Join us and write your memoirs. Everyone has a story to tell and we will inspire you to tell yours. The next meeting is September 23, 1:30PM, at the home of Gwen Woirhaye, 5810 Friends Avenue one block north of Beverly Boulevard, one block west of Painter Avenue. The suggested topic is "Friends" but if that does not inspire you, or another topic seems more pressing to you, by all means write what you wish. There is no criticism of writing—only appreciation and warm friendship.

On October 28, we will meet at the home of Sally Schmidt and share our memories of a house where we have lived. Each person is encouraged to draw a floor plan that will hopefully bring forth memories of your childhood.

Sally lives at 7751 Bowen Drive in Whittier. Directions: From Mar Vista Drive go North on Bacon Road, turn left on Bronte Drive and right on Bowen Drive. The driveway is on the West side of the street and there is parking in the back of the house.

For more information call Gwen Woirhaye at 562-696-6405

International Concerns

will meet on **Tuesday, October 20**, at 10:00 AM with Louise Holden, 16356 Prudencia Drive. For directions check page 708 of your Thomas Guide or call Louise at 562-947-6412. We will discuss "***Cuba on the Verge***." (Please note the changes from our usual schedule.) For further information contact Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436 or maurineb@verizon.net

*Section Notices***Triple P's**

October 13, 6:00 PM A get-together at Mimi's because we enjoy each others company.

December 16, Holiday get-together. Jane, Sue and Gwen will decide time and place

We decided to support the Holiday Boutique with a "Basket" of gift wrapping supplies.

Section Chair *Gen'nel Walters*
562-943-5333



A fund raiser for the Myra Long Scholarship Fund
This is the a 501 (c)(3) non-profit tax-deductible way to support Tech Trek, and local scholarships that advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

The tickets are \$20 and there will only be 300 tickets sold.
For information: Call Jan Berry 562-691-6859

Walkers

Thursday, September 24, 8:30 AM Palm Park, Whittier
Meet in the parking lot by the pool

Thursday, October 1, 9 AM Whittwood Town Center
Walking Trail Meet in parking lot by the Food Court area

Thursday, October 8, 9 AM Schabarum Regional Park
Meet in parking lot by the front entrance kiosk

Thursday, October 15, 9AM La Mirada Creek Park
Meet in parking lot off of Santa Gertrudes Avenue

Thursday, October 22, 9 AM Legg Lake
Meet in parking lot off of Rosemead Blvd.

Thursday, October 29, 9 AM Uptown neighborhood
Meet at Northwest corner of Central Park

For further information contact: Shirley Ann Stewart at
shirleys.creations@verizon.net or 562-944-4556

We hope Ann Farmer will be able to join us soon, and we hope Malcolm will continue to regain his health.

The website for La Cuisine is:

www.skytamer.net/AAUW/index.html (see recipes section)
Your username=lacuisine Your password =Food2009
(both are case sensitive)

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Garden Section

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6 at 12 noon. We will meet at front gate of Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs. You can brown bag it or buy your lunch there. Food is good and prices are reasonable. We will start our tour approximately at 1 PM from the picnic area. Directions Telegraph to Heritage Park Parkway turn South. It dead ends at the park. Go left and turn right into the parking lot. Hope to see you there.

Shirley Stewart, Section Coordinator
562-944-4556

A big
HIP -HIP -HOORAY!

to our proofreader
Margot Kamens
who is still recovering from her
second hip surgery

Modern Trends in Literature

We are reading *The Given Day* by Denis Lelande for our October 22, meeting 7:30 P.M. at the home of Yvette Rawlinson, 6047 Alta Avenue, Whittier. Directions: North on Painter Avenue to Beverly Boulevard, turn right (East) on Beverly, turn right (South) on Alta to 6047 right hand (West) side of street.

Everyone is welcome; please join us

Carol Shupek, Section Chair

562-945-4931

More Than Words

More Than Words will review *House of Cards - A Tale of Hubris and Wretched Excess on Wall Street* by William D. Cohan.

We will meet at 1:30 PM on Thursday, October 15, (the 3rd Thursday this month to accommodate our reviewer, Carol K. Anderson). We will meet at the home of Shirley McMahan, The Palms, Apartment 229, 13001 La Mirada Boulevard two blocks South of Imperial Highway in La Mirada.

Contact Rosanne Seitz for further information: 626-330-5383

Mystery Mavens Wednesday, November 18, *Murder on Astor Place* by Victoria Thompson
Time and place TBA in November newsletter
Section Chair, Carol K. Anderson
562-943-0728

Morning Book will discuss *The Whistling Season*, by Ivan Doig, at 10 AM on Monday, September 28, at Harriet Kittle's home. Janice Geiger will lead the discussion; Dolores Seidman is co-hostess.

The Whistling Season is the story of ever-whistling Rose Llewellyn and her font-of-knowledge brother, Morris Morgan, who in the fall of 1909, bring west with them "several kinds of education" none of them of the textbook variety and life is never again the same in Marias Coulee, Montana. Ivan Doig, one of America's foremost Western writers, writes about a vanished way of life, a celebration tinged with sadness.

Directions to Harriet Kittle's home, 9715 La Alba Drive, Whittier 562-947-3240. From Whittier Boulevard North on La Serna Drive, East on Janine Drive, North on La Alba to 9715 (on left-hand side).

Other books selected for 2009-2010:

The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society by M.A. Shaffer & A. Barrows (November 23)

Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Szie (February 22)

The 19th Wife by David Ebershoff (April 26)

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

Section Chair Janice Geiger, 562-695-9971

EF/LAF now has a new name!

The Educational Foundation (EF) will now be known as AAUW Funds. The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) will be a program under AAUW Funds. The AAUW Funds is a 501(c)(3) and all donations are therefore tax deductible. When you donate to AAUW Funds you may designate how you wish your money to be used. I have all the forms necessary to send your donations to the appropriate place and can tell you how to designate the way you want your contribution to be used.

California is again the top contributor nationwide to both EF and LAF. You may be interested to know that Lilly Ledbetter, who won her case about pay equity raised \$5000 for the Legal Advocacy Fund at the National Convention. She did this by spending hours autographing anything that members brought her!

The Southern EF Fellow's Luncheon is scheduled for November 1, at Knott's Berry Farm Resort in Buena Park. Information and reservations will be available online at www.aauw-ca.org. At this luncheon you will have a chance to hear from women who have benefited from Educational Foundation Funds.

As always, contributions to either fund may be made by sending a check made out to AAUW Funds to me, Peggy Fretz, 14852 Jupiter Street, Whittier 90603. You may designate your contribution to be used either for EF projects or LAF projects. If you have questions, e-mail me at PJFretz@aol.com.

Now I'm not sure what my title is supposed to be! It is either EF/LAF Vice-President or AAUW Funds Vice-President. I'm waiting for an answer to this question!! *Peggy Fretz* 562-698-6563

Myra Long Scholarship Fund

Invites You To Our

Soup for Scholars Supper

*To raise money for
Scholarships*

Sunday

November 15, 2009

5 PM

at

**East Whittier Methodist
Church**

**10005 Cole Road
Whittier, CA 90603**

(3 blocks south of Whittier Boulevard
1 block east of Colima Road)

Bring Your Friends and Family

Cost: \$20/ticket; Children under 5 free
when accompanied by an adult.

For information:
Call Jan Berry 562-691-6859

Important Stuff To Remember

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Tuesday, October 6, Ending Violence Against Women - Making It Happen in LA Policy Summit located at the California Endowment in downtown Los Angeles.

This is a follow-up to the first summit which was held in March 2008.

More information on: <http://www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org/>

Tuesday, October 6, 7 PM AAUW Board meeting

Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, Inc. Administration Office

12519-A Washington Boulevard Whittier, CA. Directions: From Five Points on Whittier Boulevard turn South onto Washington Boulevard. At the second street Putnam turn right and left onto the alley, make a quick left turn into the parking lot. This is a second story handicap accessible building behind the Tri-cities ROP.

Saturday, October 10, 11 AM AAUW Branch meeting

Salvation Army Community Center, 7926 Pickering in Whittier (see page one)

Thursday, October 15-16, "Moving Our Minds the World's in Motion"

Women Graduates-USA AGM 2009 Convention - Long Beach Convention Center

Registration \$165 Phone: 562-901-0210 Reference# 1-VSI475

Sunday, November 15, 5 to 7:30PM, SOUP FOR SCHOLARS a fundraiser for Myra Long Scholarship Fund East Whittier Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 10005 Cole Road, Whittier \$20.00

Tuesday, November 17, 7 PM, Myra Long Scholarship Board Meeting

First Friends Church- Board Room 13205 Philadelphia Street, Uptown Whittier (Corner of Washington Avenue.)

The AAUW Whittier Branch Yearbooks were available at the September Branch meeting.

Each member will receive one Yearbook. If the Yearbooks are mailed the costs are:

\$2.00 to mail paper directories - to be paid by member before mailing.

\$6.50 to mail paper directories with binder to be paid by member before mailing.

\$5.00 to purchase a binder if the member wants one to be paid by member at the meeting or before mailing.

Yearbooks that were not picked up at the September meeting will be available at the October meeting unless other arrangements are made.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE

THE DATE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010 9AM WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! AAUW has seven new members we welcome to our group: Kelly Collazo, Wilma Santana, Carol Restovich, Phoemie Aghili, Virginia Holloway, Kiersten Whitaker and Cherie Trapani. We are so glad to have these new members.

This year we also have a large group of members who have been with AAUW for 50 or more years. That, alone, says a great deal about this organization and the awesome women who make up this organization. We need to share our goals and our mission with others. Along the way, we also manage to have a great deal of fun in the process. Let us share this with our friends and relatives, neighbors and co-workers. Invite someone to become a member.

You may e-mail Joyce Paul at joycem.paul@yahoo.com or call at 909-620-1202 or call Yvette Rawlinson at 562-698-6867. Provide either of us with a name of a person who may be interested and we will contact her and send a membership application. It is not too late. We are only into the second month of this new year. Let's share our group, our goals, our mission and the enjoyment of being a part of this organization.

Left out of the Yearbook:

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Also in the yearbook, Kiersten Whittaker is missing the K at the beginning of her name.

Helen Boltinghouse has a new e-mail address: helenbolt@verizon.net

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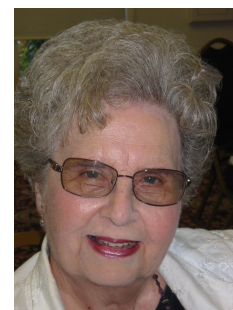
If you have information on changes to the Yearbook please send them to Joyce Paul.

Two 50 year members were presented with individual gold name tags at the September meeting.

Ellen Larson who received her AB from Stanford University,
her Masters from California State University Long Beach,
and her Doctorate from the University of California at Los Angeles.



Marcia Orr received her BA from Wooster College in 1953. She first joined AAUW in San Pedro. She served as President of the Whittier Branch in 1972-73.



Colleen Tan wants to thank all her many friends that sent cards and notes of sympathy on the passing of her sister Loretta Slaton who authored the book ***We Walked to Freedom.***



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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.