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GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN



# NEWSLETTER

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Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

## SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING

MEET THE AUTHORS will be the program for our Saturday, September 12, general meeting of AAUW at the California Country Club, 1509 South Workman Mill Road in North Whittier.

Our first author is Jeri Westerson who specializes in medieval mysteries such as *Veil of Lies* and *Serpent in the Thorns*. Our second author is Ann Cherian who will present her debut novel entitled *A Good Indian Wife*, which explores the clashes of two cultures. Each author will have books for sale and will give 15 percent of the profit back to AAUW. This event begins at 10:30AM to insure ample program and sales time. The cost of lunch is \$27.

Reservations may be made with Barbara Nichols by phone (696-4474) or by email ([blnich@verizon.net](mailto:blnich@verizon.net)) - be sure to indicate AAUW in the subject line). Bring your checkbooks and be sure to make your reservation by **September 7**.



**Directions: East on 60 Freeway** - Take the 60 Freeway heading East and exit at Crossroads Parkway. Make a left, continue to Crossroads Parkway North, and make another left. Make a right at Workman Mill Road. Turn left at Coleford Avenue and proceed to the Club entrance.

**North on 605 Freeway** - Going North on the 605 Freeway, exit at Peck Road. Turn left onto Pellissier Place. The road will become Workman Mill Road. Follow the road under the freeway. Turn left at Coleford Avenue and continue to the Club Entrance.

**South on 605 Freeway** - Coming South on the 605 Freeway, exit at Peck Road, make a left onto Peck Road. Turn left at Pellissier Place, which will become Workman Mill Road. Follow the road under the freeway overpass. Turn left at Coleford Avenue and proceed to the Club entrance.

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### Notes from Brenda

Brenda Jahn, Whittier Branch President

I want to expand upon the June AAUW Convention.

Ginny Ball, Barbara Gile, Dolores Seidman and I were in attendance. It was an inspiring experience seeing the enthusiasm of the 977 women in action. The Association has 100,000 members and has been in existence for 125 years. **AAUW has made important gains for women and girls, and remains steadfast in the commitment to creating a level playing field for them. Gender gaps persist, from grade school, through employment and into retirement.** Women who work full time earn about 78 cents for every dollar men earn. High school girls represent only 17 percent of computer science Advanced Placement test takers, and college educated women earn only 29.1 percent of the bachelor's degrees in mathematics and computer science (down from 39.3 percent in 1984). In addition, women tend to be overwhelmingly clustered in low-wage/low-skill fields, thus making up less than 25 percent of workers in high-wage/high-skill fields. **Further, many of these jobs do not afford women with important health care benefits or work/life balance supports such as flexible scheduling, paid sick leave, or parental leave.**

AAUW is working on new opportunities on several fronts. Their federal policy agenda builds upon more than a century of advocacy by AAUW members at the local, state, national and international levels. This long effort breaks through barriers so all women and girls have a fair chance, and moves us closer to true economic and educational equity. **In 2009-2010, AAUW will work to expand educational opportunities for women and girls, promote women's economic security and defend civil rights.**

AAUW has a strong financial base and a well planned revenue strategy. They are continuing to invest in membership recruitment and retention. The AAUW renewal rate is better than in other membership organizations. They are developing new programs, products and services. **AAUW will continue to solicit contributions from members and to build partnerships for grants and sponsorships. They are seizing on opportunities where AAUW has been in the news recently, e.g. Pay Equity and Healthy Families.**

At our local level, the Whittier Branch supports Math Science, Tech Trek, Speech Trek, EF and LF. These are remarkable mentoring programs. In fact, the more I am exposed to our involvement in these events, the more I am in awe of their results. **AAUW Whittier Branch is a strong and amazing group of women.** I look forward to working with all of you this year. I know you will enjoy the interesting programs that Jan Berry, Beverly Ball and Peggy Burlingham have planned for you.

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## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

### AAUW – Whittier Branch Budget July 2009-June 2010

Ordinary Income/Expense	Budget
<b>Income</b>	
Fundraiser	\$1,000
Carryover	2,647
Educational Foundation Dues (\$2 X 120)	240
Interest Income – Capital Source Bank (Formerly Fremont Savings & Investment)	120
Membership Dues (\$22 X 120)	2,640
Yearbook – Advertising & Sales	<u>100</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,747</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Community Membership (Chamber of Commerce)	212
Corresponding Secretary	50
Educational Foundation Branch Donation	240
EF Fundraising Expenses	75
Educational Foundation State Assessment	60
Guest Expenses	250
Fundraising Expenses	150
Historian	50
Insurance (paid to State)	375
L.A. County Interbranch Council (LACIC) Assessment	41
Las Distinguidas	500
Membership	500
Leadership Expenses	250
Memorials (Hodge Foundation) (\$50 each)	100
Newsletter Printing & Postage	1,000
Post Office Box Rental	125
President	100
Program	650
Public Information	20
Recording Secretary	20
Speech Trek	350
State Convention	1,000
National Convention	129
Treasurer	50
Web Site	100
Yearbook (including postage)	<u>350</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$6,747</b>

The Finance Committee (Jill Smith, Brenda Jahn, Barbara Gile, Joyce Paul, Kaye Kidwell, Jill Brouard, Peggy Kiefer, Jan Berry – in absentia, and Peggy Burlingham – in absentia) developed the budget on May 29, 2009. Treasurer, Jill Smith, will present it to the general membership for its approval (after board approval in the first board meeting) at the September branch meeting.

*Jill Smith*, Treasurer 562-698-3949

**2009-10 Elected Officers**

## President

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Legal Advocacy Vice-President

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**Elected Officers continued**

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**Appointed Positions Continued**

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**PUBLIC POLICY** BY SHARON HECK

The last newsletter contained the first of our **Public Policy Principles for Action** stating our support for quality public education. Listed below are the remaining principles.

AAUW promotes the economic, social, and physical well-being of all persons. Essential to that well-being are an economy that provides equitable employment opportunities, a livable wage, reduction of poverty, quality affordable dependent care, paid family and medical leave, decent and affordable housing, quality affordable health care; and a clean and healthful environment. We support a Social Security system that provides inflation-protected, guaranteed lifetime benefits with a progressive benefit formula, spousal and widow benefits, and disability and survivor benefits.

AAUW believes in the right to privacy, freedom from violence, and choice in the determination of one's reproductive life. We firmly believe in the separation of church and state. We support a fair, balanced, and independent judiciary. We support public budgets that balance individual rights and responsibility to the community.

AAUW supports affirmative action to improve racial, ethnic, and gender diversity and affirms our commitment to passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. We support meaningful campaign finance reform and voter education efforts that will promote equitable political participation and representation.

AAUW values and is committed to the arts and humanities, which develop and enhance our pluralistic cultural heritage.



AAUW believes that global interdependence requires national and international policies that promote peace, justice, human rights, sustainable development, and mutual security for all people. We support a strengthened United Nations and its affiliated agencies. We advocate implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action from the fourth World Conference on Women and subsequent declarations. We affirm our commitment to the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). We support international family planning programs that are consistent with AAUW policy.

As you can see, Public Policy Advocacy is extremely broad. Each of us can do our part by frequently checking on the internet for actions to be taken. After going to AAUW.org, click on **ADVOCACY**, then **Public Policy**, and follow the directions for taking action. Health Care reform is a very big topic at the moment and your input can help ensure rights for women's care.

**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**

**The Whittier Branch needs a Chairperson for Speech Trek.**

This is an exciting project with California AAUW. We have a complete guide on what to do. The contest is open to all High School students and will give us exposure in the community.

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**

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## Section Notices

**First Friday has returned!**

First Friday is September 4, from 6 to 8 PM  
 New member, Janice Cecola will Hostess at her  
 Woodridge Townhouse 971 S. Glenciff, La Habra  
 Directions: North of Imperial Blvd. one block East  
 of Beach Blvd. Look for the green cabana, out side  
 by the pool. Bring your choice of beverage for you  
 and a hardy appetizer to share with the rest of the  
 group. For further information call 562.690.686

**GUESTS ARE WELCOME**

The next meeting of the **Garden Section** will  
 be Tuesday, September 1, at 1 PM at the home  
 of Barbara Gile We will be sharing pictures of  
 Gardens we have recently visited. If you have  
 pictures to share, please send them to:

[barbaragile@me.com](mailto:barbaragile@me.com) Hope to see you there.

For more information contact:

Shirley Stewart

Section Coordinator 562-944-4556

**Memories**

Join us and write your memoirs. Everyone has a  
 story to tell and we will inspire you to tell yours.

**Our group meets at 1:30 PM on the fourth  
Wednesday of the month.**

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 26, at  
 the home of Brenda Jahn and the subject is  
 "Medical Remedies". Her address is 1339 North  
 Padonia, going East on Whittier Boulevard, turn  
 left on Macy, right on Randall continue on Soljar,  
 right on Villa Rita and left on Padonia Avenue.

On Wednesday, September 23, we meet 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.

Gwen Woirhaye,

Section Coordinator 562-696-6405

**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, turn left/West at  
 the T to Carinthia, first opportunity turn left/  
 South at Brookmead. Please call Section  
 Coordinator, Mary Ellen Mead 562-693-6482, to  
 reserve your place.

**La Cuisine**

Every member and substitute who has an email  
 address has been sent the information packet by  
 email. There are PDF files attached and also  
 directions on how to access our new website.

Use of the website is recommended as not only  
 can all files be downloaded, but information can  
 be kept current. For those without email,  
 packets have been sent by post. If you have not  
 received your packet, please let me know  
 immediately and it will be sent to you. I have  
 only been able to use the most current directory  
 information on file.

Schedules are already set for this next year, but  
 anyone who would like to join La Cuisine may  
 still be included on the substitute list and may at  
 least participate in the September and January  
 events of this year. Call or email me.

Carol Shupek, Section Coordinator  
 562-945-4931 or <mailto:cshupek@yahoo.com>

**International Concerns** will meet with  
 Ellen Larson at Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly  
 Blvd., #2D at 10 AM on Tuesday, September 8.

Our topic is **Egypt: Key Ally in the Middle  
 East**. For further information contact  
 Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436 or  
[maurineb@verizon.net](mailto:maurineb@verizon.net)

**Mystery Mavens Wednesday, September 16, 5:30 PM**

We will start our year with Ariana Franklin's historical thriller, *Mistress of the Art of Death*. The heroine, Vesuvia Adelia Rachel Ortese Aguilar, is a woman out of place in her own time. An orphan raised by an atheist Jew in twelfth-century Salerno, Adelia has mastered the "art of death" (what we today recognize as forensic medicine) in an age when medical practitioners of any sort as viewed as witches and sorcerers, and a woman's only place is in the home or in the convent. But when the horrific killing of a Christian boy in England casts murderous suspicion on the local Jewish population – threatening their lives, and more important, the tax revenue they generate – the legendary Plant agent King Henry II implores the King of Sicily to dispatch his best master of this frightful new science to solve the crime. Thus begins Adelia's pursuit of a killer in Cambridge where the death count has soon reached four and anti-Semitic sentiment is nearing a boiling point. Jackie Brearley will review the book.

Please join us as we picnic in Whittier's Penn Park table area. Penn Park is on Penn Street East of Painter and College Avenues. Use the westernmost entrance to be close to table area.

Other books selected for 2009-2010 are -----

- November 18 - **Murder on Astor Place** by Victoria Thompson
- January 20 - **The Monkey's Raincoat** by Robert Crais
- March 17 - **Absolution by Murder** by Peter Tremayne
- May 19 - **I Dreamed I Married Perry Mason** by Susan Kandel

Section Coordinator, *Carol K. Anderson* 562-943-0728

**Triple P's**

We had very good turn out at our PPP gathering. We made some important plans, so get out your calendar now, and mark the dates.

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

December 16, Holiday get together.  
Jane - Sue - Gwen.  
Time and place TBA

February 11, 2010, Chinese New Year's Celebration and Dinner - Colleen.  
Time and place TBA

We decided to support the Holiday Boutique with a "Basket" of gift wrapping supplies, if the boutique is OK'd at the September Board meeting.

Section Coordinator,  
*Gwenel Walters* 562-943-5333

**Walkers****Summer Break NO walking  
Thursday, August 20 and 27**

Thursday, September 03- La Mirada Creek Park  
meet in the parking lot at Santa Gertrudes Avenue

Thursday, September 10- Heritage Park, Santa Fe Springs  
meet at the parking lot by entrance to the park

Thursday, September 17- La Mirada Regional Park  
meet in the parking lot by the City Hall/Library

Thursday, September 24- Palm Park, Whittier  
meet in the parking lot by the pool

**All walks start at 9AM**

For further information contact:  
Yvette Rawlinson 562 698-6867 or Shirley Ann Stewart at  
[shirleys.creations@verizon.net](mailto:shirleys.creations@verizon.net)

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

**Modern Trends in Literature**

The books chosen for the 2009-2010 year are as follows:

***People of the Book*** by Geraldine Brooks

***The Given Day*** by Denis Lelande

***The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story***  
by Diane Ackerman

***The Known World*** by Edward P. Jones

***The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society***  
by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

***The Scarecrow*** by Michael Connelly

***The Reader*** by Bernhard Schlink

***The Kids from Nowhere*** by George Guthridge  
***Heart and Soul*** by Maeve Binchy

Our first meeting is at the home of Ginny Isenberg on Thursday, September 20, 7:30 PM  
Directions: From Whittier go North on Hacienda Blvd., right or East on Russell, left or North on Greenview Drive, Greenview Drive becomes Sunbird Avenue, number 1205 on left or West side of the street. Ginny is reviewing ***People of the Book***. All members are welcome!

[Carol Shupek](#), Section Coordinator

562-945-4931

**More Than Words  
Selections for 2009-2010**

***House of Cards - a Tale of Hubris  
and Wretched Excess on Wall Street***  
by William D. Cohan

***Promised Land, Thirteen Books  
that Changed America***  
by Jay Parini

***This Land is Their Land***  
by Barbara Ehrenreich

***Coast of Dreams or Golden Dreams***  
by Kevin Starr

This Section meets the second  
Wednesday of October, January,  
March, and May.

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

**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 90603  
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 Sizie (February 22)

***The 19th Wife*** by David Ebershoff (April 26)

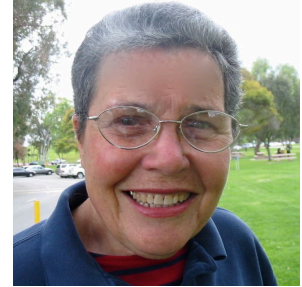
***The Heretic's Daughter*** by Kathleen Kent (June 7)

Section Coordinator, [Janice Geiger](#), 562-695-9971





## Membership News



It was a successful Summer Social/Membership Drive that was held on August 8. Approximately 66 members and guests attended. Peggy Burlingham, Hospitality Vice President provided lovely table decorations. Ruth White, Section Chair, and the Section Coordinators provided a presentation on the various sections. There was a lot of food and lots to drink. Judging by the noise level of the talk and laughter, it appeared that everyone was having an enjoyable time. Additionally **two new members joined** our group that evening bringing us to a total of six new members for this year.

**Please remember that we are having a contest this year. The member who sponsors the most new members during the year will receive a paid membership next year.** There is still time. Invite your friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors to attend a function, check out the group, and join our membership.

Sponsors, please encourage your new member(s) to attend the Branch Board meeting on September 1, and to introduce her to more of our members. Make sure she is aware of the September functions and section meetings. You are her sponsor and mentor for the first year. We want all new members to be welcomed and to be comfortable with the decision to become an AAUW Whittier Branch member.

**The Membership Committee meets again on October 1, at 12:45 PM at the home of Sandy Bridges located at 1550 North Walnut Street, La Habra Heights.**

Joyce M. Paul, Membership Vice President 909-620-1202 [joycem.paul@yahoo.com](mailto:joycem.paul@yahoo.com)  
Yvette Rawlinson, Membership Vice President 562-698-6867.

For a membership application go to the website: [auwwhittier@info.com](mailto:auwwhittier@info.com) even though we are “under construction” click on **Become a Member** and download the information and application. The address and instructions are on the membership application.

The annual dues are from July, 2009, to June 30, 2010. There are several Whittier Branch categories of membership: **General \$89. Lifetime \$40. Student \$40. Dual \$24. Member At large \$65.** *Please note \$46. of the general membership is tax deductible.*

The AAUW Whittier Branch Yearbooks will be 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 are not picked up at the September meeting will be mailed with the October newsletter unless other arrangements are made.

**Dates To Remember**

- Thursday, August 27,  
5 - 7 PM All Chambers Mixer  
Rose Hills, Sky Rose Chapel
- Saturday, August 29,  
9 AM Presidents & Friends Meeting  
Carson Community Center, 3 Civic Plaza, Carson, CA 90745  
Northeast of the intersection of Avalon Boulevard and  
Carson Street (see map and driving directions at  
<http://www.carsoncenter.com>) Cost: \$14/person  
Call Jill Smith to car pool: 562-698-3949
- Tuesday, September 1,  
7 PM AAUW Board Meeting  
Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, Adm. Office  
12519-A Washington Boulevard Whittier, CA 90602
- Friday, September 4,  
6 - 8 PM First Friday Janice Cecola will Hostess at her  
Woodridge Townhouse 971 S. Glencliff, La Habra  
Bring your choice of beverage & a hardy appetizer to share.  
Guests are WELCOME!
- Saturday, September 12,  
10:30 AM AAUW Branch Meeting  
California Country Club,  
1509 South Workman Mill Road, Whittier
- Sunday, November 15,  
5 to 7:30 PM **SOUP FOR SCHOLARS - Myra** Long Scholarship Fund  
East Whittier Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
10005 Cole Road, Whittier \$20. (See October Newsletter)
- Friday, October 2,  
6 - 8 PM First Friday, Marge and Mich Bates will host at their home  
15555 Talbot Dr., La Mirada. 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.
- Friday, February 26, 2010 Math/Science Conference  
9 AM-1 PM Rio Hondo College

## Websites:

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

## ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Margot Kamens has survived another hip surgery and will soon be home from Presbyterian Hospital. We envy you with two new hips and a positive attitude.

Gen'nel Walters became a great grandmother. Andrew is 20 inches, 6 lbs. 5 oz. , born July 2. Mama Nicole, Daddy Rodney, and big sister Madison are all doing great.

Gwen Woirhaye has had her share of health incidents. We miss you and your voice and know you will be back to normal after your next granuloma surgery.

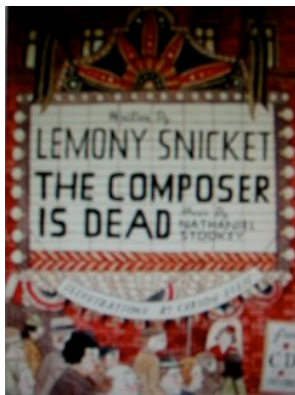
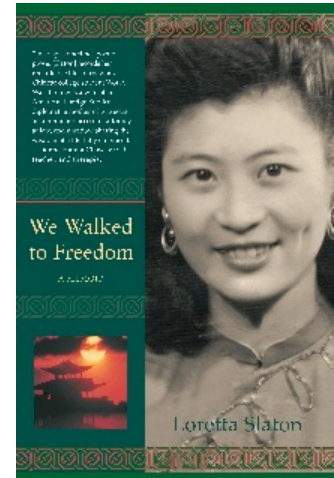
Condolences to Pamela Holmes on the death of her sister Deborah Holmes who was 54 years old.

Condolences to Helen Boltinghouse on the death of her husband Joe Boltinghouse in July. They have two adult children, several grandchildren had been married for of 54 years.

Jenny Kite became a proud grandmother for the first time. Logan Michael Kite arrived at 4 PM on July 22, 8 lbs 8 oz. Aunt Peggy Burlingham is happy he is a healthy baby.

Colleen Tan's sister, Loretta Slaton passed away on July 27. We all enjoyed Loretta's book *We Walked to Freedom* and send our sympathy to Colleen and her family in this time of loss. ←

A 20 year old student born in Zimbabwe, Africa, is seeking off-campus housing near Whittier College. She has an academic scholarship to pursue her pre-law degree and ultimately hopes to attend Whittier's Law School. Her single mother lives in Seattle and can give her daughter limited support. The student herself holds a green card so can seek part-time employment to cover her living and car expenses. The student plans to arrive in Whittier about September 6, 2009, to make final arrangements. If you have interest in providing housing, please contact Ellen Larson at 562 695-7017.



The Whittier Branch (AAUW) is honored to partner with the Rio Hondo Symphony in bringing classical music to the children of the greater Whittier community. We feel the donation of 50 books will stimulate the exploration of great music. One of AAUW's goals is to support life long learning and educational programs in the local schools. It is our endeavor to cultivate an appreciation for higher forms of music. One book of *The Composer Is Dead* by Lemony Snickett will be placed in each elementary school library this fall.

Kristine Yeseta shares this information: about **Common Threads**.. "There were nights when we only had 1 or 2 of us attend the section. When I asked people to call for a better time or who was interested no one called." If people want to knit/crochet in a group they can meet on Monday at the Little Old Bookstore on Greenleaf Avenue 6:30PM, or Wednesday night 5-7PM, at Panera's in the Whittwood mall.



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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.