



Whittier, California

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Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

Annual Christmas Boutique, Auction and Luncheon on Saturday, December 11



The Whittier Branch of the American Association of University Women and their guests will gather at 11 AM on December 11 for the traditional Christmas boutique, auction and delicious luncheon at the California Country Club in Whittier.

There will be a silent auction, gift cards and items made by members. The Dickens Carolers and Handbell Choir will perform. These entertainers are from the families of home-schooled children, and are doing this as part of their music enrichment.

The cost of the lunch is \$25.

The California County Club is at 1509 Workman Mill Rd., Whittier.

Reservations can be made by calling Susan Halliday at 562-696-7395 or e-mailing her at WhittierAAUWreserv@yahoo.com. All reservations and cancellations must be in by Tuesday, December 7. Any cancellations after that day and all no-shows will be charged for the meal. The final count for this roast beef lunch has a tight deadline, so be sure to make your reservations early.



East on 60 Freeway :Take the 60 Freeway heading east and exit at Crossroads Parkway to the signal. Make a left. Proceed over the freeway to the next traffic signal, which is Crossroads Parkway North, and make another left. Follow the road to the next traffic signal, which is Workman Mill Road. Make a right. In about a half mile, turn left at Coleford Avenue and proceed to the Club entrance. **West on 60 Freeway:** Take the 60 Freeway west, exit at Crossroads Parkway, and proceed straight through the first signal. Follow road to the next traffic signal, which is Workman Mill Road. Make a right. In approximately half a mile, turn left at Coleford Avenue and proceed to the Club entrance. **West on 10 Freeway:** Take the 10 Freeway west to the 605 Freeway. Then take the 605 Freeway south. Exit at Peck Road, and at the traffic signal make a left onto Peck Road. Proceed to the next signal, which is Pellissier Place. Turn left at Pellissier Place, which becomes Workman Mill Road, and drive approximately 1½ miles to Coleford Avenue. Turn left at Coleford Avenue and proceed to the Club entrance. **East on 10 Freeway:** Take the 10 Freeway east to the 605 Freeway. Then take the 605 Freeway south. Exit at Peck Road, and at the traffic signal make a left onto Peck Road. Proceed to the next signal, which is Pellissier Place. Turn left at Pellissier Place, which becomes Workman Mill Road, and drive approximately 1½ miles to Coleford Avenue. Turn left at Coleford Avenue and proceed to the Club entrance. **North on 605 Freeway:** Coming north on the 605 Freeway, exit at Peck Road. At the traffic signal at the end of the ramp, turn left onto Pellissier Place. Stay in the left lane. The road will become Workman Mill Road. Drive approximately 1¼ miles to Coleford Avenue. Turn left at Coleford Avenue and proceed to the Club Entrance. **South on 605 Freeway:** Coming south on the 605 Freeway, exit at Peck Road, and at the traffic signal make a left onto Peck Road. Proceed to the next signal, which is Pellissier Place. Turn left at Pellissier Place, which will become Workman Mill Road. Drive 1½ miles to Coleford Avenue. Turn left at Coleford Avenue and proceed to the Club entrance.

From the President



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Christmas is almost here. I know all of you are busy with shopping, family gatherings, parties, baking, decorating etc. Be sure to set time aside to remember what the real meaning of Christmas is.

What better time to remember our troops who are all over the world, trying to make the world safe for everyone. I know many of you have family and friends who will be spending the holidays away from home this year. Why not invite a friend or family of a service man to join you this holiday season. My grandson is returning from his fourth tour of duty in time for Christmas. We can hardly wait.

I hope all of you (and your friends) are planning on attending our annual holiday luncheon/boutique on December 11 at 11 AM. It will be held at the California Country Club. A hot lunch will be served and we will be entertained by the Dickens Carolers and Handbell Choir.

On behalf of the AAUW Board, we all wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas to all.

Shirley Ann Stewart

SAVE THE DATES

All AAUW Branch board meetings will be held at St. Matthias Church at 7056 Washington Ave., Whittier, on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM.

2010

December 7

2011

January 4 April 5

February 1 May 3

March 1 June 7

Report from the Myra Long Scholarship Fund Board

As president-elect of our AAUW Branch I serve as the liaison to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF) Board. The second meeting was held on Nov. 16. The Board president is Barbara Gile, vice president is Maurine Behrens, secretary is Gwen Woirhaye, treasurer is Kaye Kidwell, with board members including Ellen Larson and Pamela Holmes. Everyone was in attendance and we had a guest, Anne K. Turner, the executive director of the Rio Hondo College Foundation. Anne explained the investment MLSF has in the Foundation, which has grown to \$29,573. She explained the limits on using the interest because of the financial downturn; however several thousand dollars have been used for scholarships and more will be available in the future. Our initial investment was \$12,500 in 2001, so it has been a wise choice. The finances of the MLSF are in very good shape with a balance of \$87,549.41 as of September 30. Most of this money is invested and currently the interest rate is good.

In the 2010 MLSF budget, Tech Trek has been designated \$4,000 and \$4,750 has been designated for scholarships. Other sources of income have been contacted for these projects, and the NONEVENT FUNDRAISER will take place in March 2011. Watch your mail for notice of this and plan to make a generous donation.

A lawyer has been contacted and incorporating MLSF as the Greater Whittier Area AAUW is underway. The Branch and MLSF would be incorporated as one 501 (c) (3) organization with separate funds and boards. The process has begun and a committee will begin a draft of new bylaws in January.

The MLSF Board is a very dedicated group of women, and I find my work with them very rewarding.

Sharon Heck

Whittier Conservancy Annual Candlelight Walk

Thursday, December 9 at 7 PM

Featuring the College Heights Historic District.

Meet at Mendenhall parking lot at Painter and Philadelphia.

Transportation provided up the hill; easy walk downhill.

Refreshments provided. Free to the public.

AAUW Funds

I have heard AAUW Funds referred to as the heart of AAUW. These funds finance scholarships and grants both in the United States and internationally. Grants are also given to institutions for projects that focus on key findings from AAUW research on women and girls in fields such as engineering, science, math and technology. AAUW funds are used to support activities that help women learn to be leaders. Our contributions to these funds are instrumental in helping advance the goals of AAUW in working toward equality for women and girls.

Your donations are important! As a reminder, the components on AAUW funds are: Legal Advocacy Fund (legal case support, campus outreach projects); Educational Opportunities Fund (fellowships, community action grants, career development grants); Eleanor Roosevelt Fund (AAUW research reports); Public Policy Fund (government relations, civic engagement), Leadership Programs Fund (conferences for student leaders on college campuses and campus action projects).

If you would like to contribute to these important causes, you may mail your check to me, Peggy Fretz, 14852 Jupiter St. Whittier 90603. Remember that it is always a good time to support AAUW Funds.

Peggy Fretz , AAUW Funds Vice-President

Modern Trends

No meeting in December

Join us Thursday Jan. 27, 7 PM

Home of Ruth White, 12118 Maple St., Whittier.

From Beverly Blvd. north on Citrus as it becomes Beverly Dr., left on Gregory, right on Maple St.

Co-hostess Cathy Martin

Please note change in book

In January we will read *The Book Thief* and we will read *The Secret Life of Emily Dickinson* in March. *The Secret Life* is due out in paperback in February.

The Book Thief is the New York Times bestseller by Australian author Marcus Zusak. Set in Nazi Germany, the story is told from the point of view of **DEATH**. The novel describes a young girl's relationship with her foster parents, the other residents of the neighborhood and a Jewish fist-fighter who hides in her home. Themes we will explore: the value of literature and words, guilt and the duality of humanity.

Any questions? Kristine Yeseta, chair 562-696-0226 surfzena@earthlink.net

Public Policy

by Sharon Heck

The Paycheck Fairness Act is to be voted on in the US Senate in the next week of November, as of this writing. Hopefully it will pass before the end of the lame duck session of Congress and the whole process will not have to begin again. Our AAUW Public Policy activity is so very important for issues of justice for all people. Listed below is important information for your involvement. AAUW encourages everyone to get involved and TAKE ACTION. Each voice is important, alone and in unison. Below are tools that will help you speak out on issues important to you! Whether you send a letter to your member of Congress, develop a voter education campaign, visit local community groups, or march on Washington, all actions count.

Addendum: After my article was written, the *Paycheck Fairness Act* was defeated on a procedural vote. There was a majority of the senators in favor of the Act, but there were not enough to overcome the threat of a Republican filibuster, so the Act did not even get to the floor. AAUW condemns this defeat, but we vow to continue the fight until the *Paycheck Fairness Act* is made law. Write a letter of thanks to Senators Boxer and Feinstein for their positive support and vote.

Get Educated

Join the [AAUW Action Network](#). (Click on Public Policy at AAUW.ORG.)

How do your [members of Congress vote?](#)

Check out AAUW's [positions on public policy issues](#).

Find out [what you can do about pay equity](#).

Get Active

[Send a letter to your member of Congress](#).

[Schedule a meeting with your member of Congress](#).

[Become an AAUW member](#).

Join the [AAUW Lobby Corps](#).

Get Others

Launch a [Voter Education Campaign](#).

Download the *Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout* [manual](#).

Tell your friends and family about [AAUW Action Network](#).

Download the [Action Network flyer](#) for distribution at your next event.

Build a [phone tree network](#) in your community.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! LET'S BEGIN TODAY!

More Than Words

The selection for the January 12 meeting has been changed to *Prisoner of Tehran* by Marina Nemat, one woman's story of survival inside an Iranian prison.

Rosanne Seitz, chair 626-330-5383

International Concerns

International Concerns will not meet in December. On January 18 we will discuss "Enhancing Security through Peacebuilding." For further information contact Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436 or maurineb@verizon.net.

Happy holidays to all!

Mystery Mavens

January 19	<i>The Alehouse Murders</i> by Maureen Ash	Reviewer – Sharon Heck
March 16	<i>Iron Lake</i> by William Kent Krueger	Reviewer – Carol K. Anderson
May 18	<i>In For a Penny</i> by Kathryn Wall	Reviewer - Harriet Kittle

Memories Section

The Memories Section will not meet in December. The January meeting will be announced in the next newsletter.

Please consult our style sheet and follow it when preparing your newsletter article. You will save us both a great deal of tedious, time-consuming work.

If you do not have a style sheet, we'll send you one. Thank you.

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STITCH AND BITCH

This group is open to anyone who would like to do something creative and enjoys being around other people and interacting while they work on "whatever." Please give us a try even if you are not sure.

We will not meet in December but will resume in January on the 25th and the year is 2011. Can you believe it!!!!!!

The newsletter is my communication with you. I am not able to send all kinds of reminder e-mails so please put the information on your calendar and contact me if you have questions. Thank you.

Let me know of your interest at 562-693-1964 or nankindness@verizon.net.

Nancy Kindness

DISCOVER

On December 18 we will go to Riverside to the Festival of Lights at the historic Mission Inn. There are more than 3.5 million lights transforming Riverside's historic hotel into pure magic. We will leave Whittier at 4:30 PM to drive out to Riverside. We should have about 1 ½ hours to enjoy the sights, shop a little, and then stay for dinner. Our reservation is at the Mission Inn Restaurant at 7 PM. We have room for a couple more people, but you must let me know immediately.

We will probably go to a wonderful Civil War museum in January. Feel free to add to our list of places and things you would like to "DISCOVER".

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Nancy Kindness

PPP and RIP

We will have our annual Christmas combined dinner at the home of Gwen Woirhaye on December 8 at 6 PM. The dinner will be catered and will cost \$20. I need to have reservations by December 1 for sure. We will enjoy the spirit of the season. Feel free to bring a favorite Christmas reading to share with the group.

Gwen's home is wheelchair accessible and the ramp is lit for easy access. Her address is 5810 Friends Ave., Whittier.

The newsletter is my communication with you. I am not able to send reminder emails so please put the information on your calendar and contact me if you have questions.

Make a reservation with me at 562-693-1964 or nankindness@verizon.net.

Nancy Kindness

Public Policy Report from LACIC November 13, 2010 meeting

Submitted by Jill Smith

Meet Lisa Maatz, the National Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, a Phi Beta Kappa Ohio State grad with two Masters Degrees, appointee to the Commission on Women in Washington, D.C. and leader of women's causes. In addition to being the lobbyist for AAUW, she works with other organizations that advance our mission of "advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research".

The main topic of Lisa's discussion was the Paycheck Fairness Act (S-3772). I hope you all were inspired to act by the recent email notice inviting you all to contact our senators, Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein. This bill has been "in the works" for ten years and dates back to 1913, when AAUW worked on pay equity realizing that educational equality did not guarantee equality in the workforce. It took 20 years for the Equal Pay Act to be signed in 1963 (also with the help of AAUW).

It is known that with the mid-term election the Republicans added over 60 seats in the House but the Senate stayed at about the same ratio (53 Democrats:47 Republicans). The city is in transition and many people are being "hired" and "fired". Lisa reported that the Senate Lame Duck session will be focusing on three issues: energy, paycheck fairness and food safety. The House most likely will focus on taxes, unemployment insurance and defense.

Ms. Maatz is a strong supporter and advocate of AAUW. She reminds us that our members are persistent and speak with a collective voice. For 130 years AAUW has been working for and willing to wait for change that is needed. Our concerns are addressed by Republicans and Democrats and this is a good time to be in AAUW.

Morning Book

Morning Book's next meeting will be February 28, when we will discuss *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. Best wishes for a happy holiday season to everyone.
Janice Geiger, chair

La Cuisine

Members and substitutes, please save the date of January 22, for our "night out" dinner. This year it will be at our own Uptown Vintage Cafe for easy travel and with parking nearby in the Chase Bank parking lot. They can accommodate about forty of us, the usual annual amount of diners, so make your reservations early. The menu and other instructions will be sent by e-mail in early January, or call me.

Carol Shupek, chair 562-945-4931.

Membership

Joyce Paul, Yvette Rawlinson, and Sandy Bridges

We have another new member. Her name is Patricia Dudley. Her sponsor is Barbara Nichols. Her address is 1571 B Lindskog Dr., Whittier, CA 90603. Her telephone numbers are (H) 562-947-4269, (C) 562-447-6389 and e-mail is: kpududley2002@yahoo.com. We are delighted to add her to our group. Welcome, Patricia.

We now have a total of 145 members. Our goal is 150. We hope to add five more members by the end of December. Please help to make this happen. Several of you have had interested friends who have been given applications but have not returned them. Perhaps a call from you would remind or prompt them to send in the application. Additionally, inviting a guest to the Christmas lunch and program might encourage someone to join the group. We are so close---only five to go. Let's all make an effort to reach that goal. We are so close.

Last chance to get your directory is at the Christmas luncheon. We will be passing them out for the last time that day. We will send your directory to you for a \$2 fee or you can ask a friend to get it for you.

New members have special name tags specially designed by our artist, Gen'nel Walters. Please be sure to get your new member name tag at the Christmas meeting. Your name tag will be yours to keep. They are designed so that other members can identify you as a new member and introduce themselves and invite you to the various sections and activities. We want to get to know our new members and ensure that each of you is enjoying your membership in AAUW.

You may contact us at:

Yvette Rawlinson, 562-698-6867

Sandy Bridges, 562-697-7427 or abrid848@aol.com

Joyce Paul, 909-620-1202 or joycem.paul@yahoo.com

Beatrix Potter is Coming!

The Beatrix Potter program portrayed by Judith Helton is coming January 8 to the Branch meeting. Save the date and be sure to make your reservation by January 4!

Listen to her tales about her real friend Peter Rabbit!

There will be more information in the January newsletter.



Garden Section

We know there are AAUW members who like to garden. Some new members have joined us. Last month we took a field trip to Rogers Gardens in Corona Del Mar.

On Tuesday, December 7, we will have a potluck luncheon at the home of Marion Locke, 15555 La Monde Street in Hacienda Heights. Meet at 11:30 AM and lunch is at 12 Noon.

RSVP to Marian, 626-336-3430 with what you are bringing.

Directions: From Hacienda Blvd., turn left (west) on Tetley Dr. and right (north) on Joan Dr. The house is on the corner of a cul-de-sac.

This will be a planning meeting for our activities for next year. Please consider joining us on the first Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact: Barbara Gile, 562 693-7279 barbaragile@me.com

Whittier High School Reunion

On September 16, 2010, Whittier High School class of 1960 held its fiftieth reunion celebration at the Radisson Hotel. Colleen Tan was invited as its faculty member. Colleen did not know what to expect.

As she met with her former students they greeted her with dignity, class, great sensitivity, humor and charm. The color all around created an atmosphere of warmth and caring. As a longtime educator, Colleen has experienced her share of functions involving schools and colleges, and most have been beneficial in one way or another. Unequivocally, this event was outstanding in her memory.

In Colleen's words, " the most satisfying portion of the entire positive experience was the obvious respect and affection shown by my former students. That evening reconfirmed my belief that teaching is the most rewarding experience." A heartfelt thanks to the events committee, students and graduates of 1960.

Submitted by Barbara Gile



Walkers, December

02 Thursday Greenway Walking Trail - Mills/Lambert

9 AM Park on Mills Avenue near Lambert Rd.

09 Thursday Lou Henry Fountain, Beverly Blvd.

9 AM. Park on Beverly Dr., East of Norwalk Blvd.

16 Thursday Uptown Neighborhood - Holiday Decorations

9 AM Meet at Central Park on Washington Ave. and Park St.

23 Thursday No Walking

There is enough exercise getting ready for the holidays

30 Thursday Parnell Park

9 AM Meet in the parking lot off Lambert Rd.

AAUW WHITTIER BRANCH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2010

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
Thursday	2	9 AM	Section - Walkers - Greenway Walking Trail Mills/Lambert
Friday	3	6-8 PM	First Friday - Gwen Woirhaye's home
Tuesday	7	12 noon	Section - Garden - Potluck - Marian Locke
	7	7 PM	Whittier Branch Board meeting @ St. Matthias
Wednesday	8	6 PM	PPP, RIP Christmas dinner, Gwen Woirhaye's home
Thursday	9	9 AM	Section— Walkers—Lou Henry Fountain Beverly/Norwalk Blvd.
		7 PM	Whittier Conservancy Annual Candlelight Walk College Heights Historic District
Saturday	11	11 AM	Whittier Branch Holiday Luncheon/Boutique California Country Club
Wednesday	15	Midnight	Deadline for January newsletter
Thursday	16	9 AM	Section— Walkers—Uptown Central Park
Saturday	18	4:30 PM	Discover – Festival of Lights, Mission Inn, Riverside Contact Nancy Kindness
Friday	24		Christmas Eve
Saturday	25		Christmas Day
Thursday	30	9 AM	Section-Walkers - Parnell Park
Friday	31		New Years Eve



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About AAUW

MISSION STATEMENT: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy 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, philanthropy 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 FUND (formerly known as the Educational Foundation)** supports women scholars around the globe, local teachers and activists. Its first research project in 1885 dispelled the notion that higher education is detrimental to women's health. It funds:

- * Fellowships and Grants
- * Special Awards
- * Symposia, Roundtables and Forums

The AAUW FUND 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*. The latest published research is *Why So Few? Women and Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) is now part of the AAUW Fund.

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 women to become involved at every level of the political process. We actively support legislation on educational equity and diversity in public schools, pay equity, reproductive choice, childcare, 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.