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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN



NEWSLETTER

Whittier, California

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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 Salvation Army
Whittier Corps
Community Center
7926

Dale Reynolds brings Thomas Jefferson back to life in an inspirational, informative, fun and delightful visit! We remember President Jefferson for a host of achievements such as writer of the Declaration of Independence. But he was also gifted in the fields of archeology, architecture, botany and politics.

A gentleman farmer, violinist, inventor, letter writer and slave owner. In character, authentically wigged and costumed, Mr. Reynolds delivers an adlibbed show while continuously interacting with his audience using a vibrant question and answer format. Come to meet Thomas Jefferson on January 9! Lunch is \$15. (sandwich)

Make your reservation by Tuesday, January 5 with Barbara Nichols at 562-696-4474 or by e-mail to blnich@verizon.net and note AAUW in the subject line. You are welcome to bring friends and please remember to offer rides to those who might not like to drive that far. We are looking forward to

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Notes from Brenda

*****Keep Calm and Carry**

On***

The holiday season has passed and I would like to extend my best wishes to you all for the NewYear 2010.

I also wish to thank our AAUW Whittier Board members and the membership for their wonderful support of the "Soup for Scholars" program and our "Annual Holiday Event" at the California Country Club. These are challenging economic times and your generosity will enable our Branch to continue funding Speech Trek, Math/Science, Tech Trek and scholarship's from the Myra Long Fund.

Our Whittier Branch continues to be an amazing group of generous, intelligent and strong women.

The Speech Trek contest was successful. We have selected Victoria Rios as the first place winner. The second runner up is Kevin Lopez. Both of the winners are from California High School. We had a tie for third place and they are Acelia Larios and Jonathan Tupanjanin. The first and second place winners will speak at our January 9th Branch Meeting to be held at the Salvation Army Facility in Whittier. The speeches will immediately follow our Thomas

Jefferson Program which you are all invited to attend.

There were eight Speech Trek contestants who delivered their speeches on Saturday, December 5 in the Central Library. The pre-determined title of the five-minute speech is:

If you could organize 100,000 women, millions of dollars in resources and thousands of volunteer hours to bring equality to women in one area. What would that area be? Why?

The Math/Science Conference for eighth-grade girls will be held on February 26. 9 AM at Rio Hondo Community College. This has always

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Public Policy by Sharon Heck

Ensure America's Workers Can Care for their Children

As the nation's largest single employer with over 2.7 million employees nationwide, the US government should be leading the way in implementing family friendly workplace policies. Instead, it lags far behind other nations. It is time for senators to take an important step toward changing this. The Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act (S. 354)

This important legislation will provide federal workers with 12 weeks of paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child. This is a significant step towards paid parental leave for all Americans. The House has already passed its version of this legislation (H.R. 626); urge the Senate to do the same.



A report from the Center for Economic and Policy Research found the US to have the least generous parental leave policies of the 21 high-income countries surveyed. A February 2007 study by Harvard and McGill University researchers found that the US is one of only five countries out of 173 in their survey - along with Lesotho, Liberia, Swaziland and Papua New Guinea - that do not guarantee some form of paid maternity leave.

While federal workers are eligible for 12 weeks of unpaid leave through the Family and Medical Leave Act, many cannot afford to take the time off while not receiving a paycheck, especially these days. The Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act will allow federal workers the ability to take care of and bond with their newborns and newly-adopted children, which is critical to the health and well-being of the child and the parent, without the increased burden of the loss of wages.

In these tough economic times, going without a paycheck could mean financial disaster for many families. The US government should ensure that its employees can afford to take the leave they need to care for themselves and their families by making this leave paid. Such protections and improvements are critical to women's equal opportunity and economic security.

Take Action!

Urge your senators to support the Family Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act (S. 354) so that America's federal workers don't have to choose between keeping a job and caring for a new child. Go to

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2010 Math/Science Conference-February 26, 2010

We received a \$1,000 check from the Rose Hills Foundation for the Conference.

I am going to offices, sending e-mails and telephoning to line up my remaining thirty speakers. I have to print the brochure for the January teachers' meeting so I am feeling the pressure. In addition to those I mentioned last month we have: Linda Langford, physical therapist; Gail Biesemeyer, registered nurse; Trina Ray, Jet Propulsion Laboratory Cassini Planning Team; Lindsey Martin, Brea Fire Department; Barbara Helton, architect; Amanda Corvera, PIH dietitian; Dr. Megan Nguyen, pharmacy professor; Dr. Dawn Terashita, physician/epidemiologist; Kristin Romo, dental hygienist; Cheryl Osborn, construction co. owner; Arlene Zonni, furniture co. owner; Susan Wang, NOAA fisheries biologist. Now if I can just get the others to respond!

The dates for activities are as follows:

Middle School Teacher's Meeting/Distribute Brochure- January 13
Workshop Choices Returned- January 27
Choices in Envelopes- February 10
Packet Party at Barbara Gile's home- February 18

These are the women helping with the Conference:

Middle School Liaison- Jan Berry
Treasurer/Speaker Check-in Table- Jill Smith
Workshop Computer Choices- Ginny Ball
Student Registration Sorting at Marian's home- Marian Locke, Dolores Seidman,
Jill Smith, Rosanne Seitz, Marge Bates
Nametags- Kaye Kidwell
Signs- Barbara Gile
Post Signs- Marge Bates, Ginny Holloway
Nurse- Ellen Paik
Food- Carol K. Anderson, Peggy Burlingham, Virginia Kite
Moderators (15) Carol J. Anderson, Janice Geider, Dolores Seidman, Ruth

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MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

According to the last accounting the Soup For Scholars event

on November 15, earned \$3,859.86 for the Myra Long Scholarship Fund.

It was an exciting family event. There are so many people to thank for their tireless efforts.

Jan and Brent Berry made it happen from planning, to soup making, to donating wine for the auction, to the clean up and supervision of the kitchen volunteers from California High School Culinary Academy and Boy Scouts Troup #945.

To all the AAUW members who sold tickets, bought

If you like the newsletter tell someone, if you don't like something in the newsletter please tell me!

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Section Notices

Memories

Memories will have its first meeting of the new year on January 27 at 1:30 PM at the home of Barbara Gile, 14035 Eastridge Drive in Whittier.

Write about a memory triggered by the holiday season, share it with the group and be inspired by the memories of the rest of us.

Directions: From Whittier Boulevard go north on Colima.

Turn left on Colima. Proceed west on Mar Vista Street to Vale Drive . Vale is three blocks after Michigan. There is a red/green stop light at Michigan and Mar Vista. Turn right on Vale and go (north) one short block to Eastridge Drive. We are on the northeast corner of Eastridge and Vale.

If you are going east on Mar Vista, Vale Drive is three blocks from the signal at College Avenue and you will turn left on Vale. You may park across the street and come up the front stairs or park at the side of the house on Vale and come up the driveway to the back

La Cuisine

The January 22, dinner will be at 5 PM at Le Cordon Bleu. It is a three-course prix fixe menu.

The cost is \$50+ 15 percent service charge. We have 31 attending and the reservations are closed.

Every member and substitute who has an e-mail address has been sent the information packet

by e-mail. There are PDF files attached and also directions on how to access

our new website. www.skytamer.net/AAUW/index.html

In January the AAUW website will have a link to La Cuisine. Some of you may

have forgotten the ID: lacuisine and password: Food2009

(They are case sensitive. To make this easy click on the website then copy the

ID and password into the boxes and the website will open.)

Use of the website is recommended as not only can all files be downloaded, but information can be kept current. For those without e-mail, 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.

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Section
Notices

Triple P's

PPP - (Positive Past Presidents) or Triple P's

Invite you to join them for a Saturday matinee at the Plummer Theater, in Fullerton, February 27, at 2 PM. The play, Backwards in High Heels, is the story of Ginger Rogers. I understand it is very entertaining.

The group will go to dinner, afterward. Tickets for the play are \$33. Please call Colleen Tan (562-698-4934) for reservations, by January 10.

ALSO - Triple P's invite you to join them for the annual Chinese New Year dinner, Thursday, February 11, at 6 PM. We will be celebrating at the Shiang Hwa Chinese Restaurant, 2380

Gardening Section

The Gardening Section will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 5, at the Clarke Estate.

We will have a guided tour by Tamara, who volunteers at the Estate. The Estate closes at 2 PM.

The Clarke Estate is located at 10211 Pioneer Boulevard in Santa Fe Springs.

Directions: Take Telegraph Road turn (left) south on Pioneer Boulevard. The

FIRST FRIDAY - IMPORTANT NEWS

The First Friday gathering in January has been changed, for just this month, to the

SECOND FRIDAY in January. January 1, 2010,

is the first Friday of January, which may cause

conflicts with people. **The second Friday is**

January 8. Same rules, different Friday 6 to 8 PM. Barbara and Bill Gile will be our hosts for the evening. Their home is one block north of Mar Vista, on the corner of Vale and Eastridge. See you there.

Thank you to Gwen and Mahlon Woirhave

WALKERS

All walks begin at 9 AM on Thursday mornings.

Start the New Year off with exercise and good friends.

DECEMBER 2009

31 Thursday Arroyo Pescadero
Meet in the parking lot off Colima Road

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07 Thursday La Mirada Creek Park
Meet in parking lot off of Santa Gertrudes Avenue

14 Thursday Whittwood Town Center
Walking Trail
Meet in parking lot by the Food Court area

21 Thursday Legg Lake
Meet in the parking lot off Rosemead Boulevard

28 Thursday Turnbull Canyon
Park on Beverly Boulevard just before

MODERN TRENDS

Jill Smith is reviewing *The Known World*,

by Edward P. Jones on Thursday, January 28,

7:30 PM. Please note change of hostess

for this meeting: Yvette Rawlinson,

6047 Alta Avenue, Whittier.

Directions from Whittier Boulevard, north on Painter to Beverly Boulevard right on

MORNING BOOK

No meeting in January. We meet Monday,

February 22, at the home of Judy Flanders.

Colleen Tan will lead our discussion of

Balzac and the Little Chinese

Seamstress, by Dai Sizie.

April 26 - *The 19th Wife*,

by David Ebershoff

June 7 - *The Heretic's Daughter*,

by Kathleen Kent

At our February meeting we will be

More Than Words

We will meet on Thursday, January 14, at 1:30 PM at the home of Shirley McMahon, The Palms, 13001 La Mirada Boulevard, Apartment 229,

in La Mirada. The Palms is two blocks south of Imperial Highway.

We will discuss *The Promised Land: 13 Books That Changed America*,

by Jay Parini. For further information contact Patricia Saitz, 626-

Mystery Mavens Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 PM

***Absolution by Murder*, by Peter Tremayne**

Reviewer - Jenifer McLowery

This first book of a series is set in seventh-century Ireland, which in the author's view is a golden age of enlightenment and of total equality for women, and introduces Sister Fidelma, a legally trained scholar. An ecclesiastical conclave to settle major divisions between the Roman and Celtic branches of Christianity is held at Whitby in 664. When a major proponent of the Celtic way, the Abbess of Kildare, is murdered, Sister Fidelma, a fellow Celtic follower, is asked to investigate. She is paired

with her ideological opposite, Brother Eadulf, on the Roman side, who is shrewd, highly educated

and immediately smitten with the outspoken sister. The intellectual and physical sparks that are ignited between these two clerics (in an age before celibacy) light up the pages, and when two monks are killed and the malevolence thickens, the book becomes difficult to put down.



AAUW FUNDS (Formerly known as Educational Foundation Legal Advocacy Fund)

Our Branch donated \$1500 this year to AAUW

Funds, the new name which encompasses both

EF and LAF. The following funds are covered by AAUW Funds: The 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 (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, Campus Action Projects.) Upcoming Title IX legislation being supported by AAUW would require

schools to report basic data on the number of female and male students

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 new year starts at 7 PM, January 23, at the home of Barbara Gile. Directions on pages 6 and 7.

HILLCREST FESTIVAL OF FINE ARTS

The golden anniversary of the Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts is coming in February. For fifty years the festival is one of the premier art shows in Southern California and it will be held from Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 26, 27 and 28 in the city of La Habra Heights. The hours are from 10 AM to 5 PM Friday and Saturday, 11 AM to 5 PM on Sunday. The parking and admission are FREE. The festival showcases an extensive variety of art available for purchase at a wide range of prices. There will be many artists demonstrating their skills throughout the weekend. Festival

International Concerns

Our new meeting time is the third Tuesday, January 19, at 10 AM in the home of Dr. Ellen Larson at Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Boulevard #2D.

Our topic is *Human Rights In A New Era: Wars For Peace.*

January is the time we order the 2010 Great Decisions Book. Come prepared to buy your book for \$18.

For further information contact Maurine Behrens, Section Chair 562-695-8436



Dates To Remember

Day	Date	Time	Meeting-Place
Thursday	December 1	9 AM	Section - Walkers
Friday	January 1	All Day	Happy New Year 2010
Tuesday	January 5	7 PM	Whittier Branch Board Meeting @ CCC
Tuesday	January 5	1 PM	Section - Gardening @ Clarke State
Thursday	January 7	9 AM	Section - Walkers
Friday	January 8	6 - 8 PM	First Friday at the home of Barbara Hill
Saturday	January 9	11 AM	Whittier Branch Meeting @ Salvation Army
Wednesday	January 13	7:30 to 9:30 AM	Wake Up Whittier @ Rio Hondo College
Wednesday	January 13	TBA	Math/Science Middle School Teacher Meeting
Thursday	January 14	1:30 PM	Section - More Than Words
Thursday	January 14	9 AM	Section - Walkers
Friday	January 15	Midnight	Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday	January 19	10 AM	Section - International Concerns
Wednesday	January 20	6 PM	Section - Mystery Mavens @ Marie Hallender's
Thursday	January 21	9 AM	Section - Walkers
Saturday	January 22	5 PM	La Cuisine Section - Le Cordon Bleu
Monday	January 25	7 PM	LACIC- Downey Library
Wednesday	January 27	1:30 PM	Section - Memories @ home of Barbara Hill
Wednesday	January 27	Midnight	Math Science Workshop Choices returned
Thursday	January 28	7:30 PM	Section - Modern Trends in Literature
Thursday	January 28	9 AM	Section - Walkers
Saturday	January 30	7 PM	Section - Saturday Night Bridge
Saturday	January 31	12:30 - 3:30 PM	LAF Luncheon @ Kellogg West Center
Tuesday	February 2	7 PM	Whittier Branch Board Meeting @ CCC
Wednesday	February 3	1 PM	Gardening Section- Blue Hills Nursery

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Do not delay. There is still time to join the Whittier AAUW this year. However, time slips away so quickly that the year will soon be gone. Now is the time to ask your friends, neighbors and co-workers to join and support the mission of AAUW. We have added ten members this year and have a current enrollment of 131 members.

Our new members for the 2009-2010 year are: Phoemie Aghili, Brent Berry, Kelly Collazo, Virginia Holloway, Betty Macy, Carole Restovich, Wilma Santana, Cherie Trapani, Kiersten Whitaker and Brigitta Weger. If anyone has a potential new member or someone interested in joining Whittier AAUW, please contact either Yvette Rawlinson 562-698-6867 or Joyce Paul 909-620-1202 at joycem.paul@yahoo.com.

FORMER MEMBERS

At the end of the year we hear from long-time friends. Some of you may remember Carolyn Goodcase who was very active in the RIP Section and a past president.

" Carolyn remains busy with her chorus. After having won the Regional Competition in March 2008, she traveled to Nashville, TN for the Sweet Adelines International Competition. They placed 20th out of 32 choruses from all over the world. Our children and grandchildren all continue to do well. The young ones growing up very fast. Luckily, our health is good and we continue to enjoy life"

Carolyn Goodcase
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Websites:

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

AAUW Whittier Branch

<http://www.aauwhittier@info.com>

Previous newsletters are on the website.

The La Cuisine Website is linked to the



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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 be a catalyst for change to improve women's lives, promote education and research to ensure our future. 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 ground-breaking 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*.

AAUW funds:

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