
GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN



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Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

The Jonathan Bailey House is an historic site in Whittier. Built in 1860, the house was occupied by Jonathan Bailey in 1887. Bailey was a leader in the development of Whittier, and his home a center of the city's early business, social and religious activities. The Bailey House was deeded to the City of Whittier in 1975 and is operated as a museum by the Whittier Historical Society with maintenance by the City of Whittier Park Department with special help from volunteers. The property



Everything's coming up roses" for Shirley Ann Stewart and her new board at 1:30 PM on Saturday, June 12, when the Greater Whittier Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) combines the induction ceremony with an ice cream social at the Bailey House, 13421 East Camilla Street, Whittier. The subject of the speaker, Julie Grover of the Armstrong Nurseries in Monrovia, will be the history, romance and lore of roses, the new president's favorite flower.

The grounds are handicapped accessible and there is ample street parking. Docents will be available for tours. We will look forward to seeing you at this exciting meeting.

Please make your reservation by June 10!

For further information and for reservations contact Barbara Nichols by phone

562-696-4474 or e-mail blnich@verizon.net with AAUW Reservations in the subject line. The cost is \$7 per person.

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Notes from Brenda

Keep Calm and Carry On

The AAUW-California 89th Annual Convention was held April 30 to May 2, at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel. Shirley Stewart, president-elect, Nancy Kindness and I attended.

The theme was **SOAR** with AAUW-CA: Celebrating our Significance, Outreach, Advocacy and Reinvention. It was a fantastic experience. It started with a Women's Leadership Training Institute followed by extraordinary keynote and plenary speakers, diverse and informative workshop sessions, and plenty of fun and networking. We were looking back at our accomplishments, celebrating our successes and making plans for our future.

Everyone was encouraged to introduce ourselves to each other, share ideas, discuss solutions to common challenges, chat with AAUW-CA Board of Directors and be an active participant. It was a weekend that motivated and energized us to new levels of knowledge, leadership and involvement as we learned together how to "SOAR with AAUW-CA." Women's: Leadership, Power and Influence offered five key strategies for women.

Build your network

Join organizations

Stay connected to Women's Networks

Become active on nonprofit boards/volunteer in the community

Demonstrate Your Leadership Skills

Volunteer for projects at work

Assume more responsibility in your job function

Visibly demonstrate a team player attitude

Lead from the center – build a WEB

Capitalize on Women's Diversity

Find diversity partners

Participate in multicultural events and organizations

Utilize diversity as an opportunity to learn

Find a Cadre of Mentors

Traditional males and high-level women

Mentoring Support Group

Nurture a Support System with other women

Be Strategic and Set Long-term Goals

Keep current on state of the art

Seek out new skills and experience different situations

Set your Standards and your Goals for High Achievement

Remember Women are Natural Connectors.

This has been a successful year for AAUW Whittier. I wish the incoming board and membership the same success and fun!

"Keep calm and carry on" *Brenda Jahn*, President.

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PRESIDENT-ELECT

My year as your president-elect has been an exciting and informative one. As liaison to the Myra Long Scholarship, I had the opportunity to work with a dedicated group of women. I learned so much about the Myra Long Scholarship.



I want to thank Brenda and Barbara and all the other women who help to educate me about AAUW, so I will be a knowledgeable president.

Our Branch continues to grow in membership and do great things. My theme for this year is "**85 years still thriving and growing.**" The joint Branch Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on June 8, at the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter administrative office located at 12519-A Washington Boulevard in Whittier. There will be a light supper before the meeting.

The Installation of Officers will be on Saturday, June 12, at the Bailey House. I want to welcome the new board of officers and chairpersons. We have an enthusiastic and dedicated team for 2010-2011.

Whittier Branch 2010-2011 Slate of Officers

President: Shirley Ann Stewart

President-Elect: Sharon Heck

Program Vice-Presidents: Beverly Ball, Pamela Holmes

Hospitality Vice-President: Susan Halliday

Membership Vice-Presidents: Joyce Paul, Yvette Rawlinson, Sandy Bridges

Membership Treasurer: Kaye Kidwell

AAUW Fund Vice-President: Peggy Fretz

Recording Secretary: Open

Corresponding Secretary: Margot Kamens

Treasurer: Jill Smith

I look forward to working with all of you. Please feel contact me with questions or suggestions.



Help Wanted - Treasurer Needed by Jill Smith

Please consider the opportunity of shadowing me this year and then take the position for 2011-2013. It will be the end of four years and I was fortunate to follow Kaye Kidwell who had kept me up to date of her systems. This is the job description:



***It is a two-year board position.**

*The accounting system is Quicken, which is very user-friendly. (I have personally purchased three upgrades and with the current edition I'd be able to download it to your computer if you do not already have it.)

*Our checking account is held at US Bank - centrally located and some grocery stores have branches.

*We have two CD's (which are laddered) held at Capitol Source Bank on Whittier Boulevard by Trader Joe's.

*A budget is prepared at the beginning of each fiscal year (usually June or July). It is then published in the September newsletter to be voted on by all members at that Branch meeting.

*I work with other board members and committee chairpersons on branch activities involving money.

*I prepare guest lists for all Branch meetings as well as receive money at those meetings.

*A monthly report is prepared after I reconcile from the on-line statement from US Bank. That report is presented to the board at the board meetings. All expenditures need to be approved by the board.*It does require monthly maintenance and all work is done at home on my own computer.

*A \$50 account is available for ink, paper and postage expenses.

Our Branch voted to become a 501 (c) 3 organization. This transitional year will be helpful to an incoming treasurer. If you are organized and can manage and/or create systems you are a good candidate for the job.

Call me and lets get started!! *Jill Smith*, Treasurer 562-698-3949 or jillpc@charter.net

MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND (MLSF) BOARD SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF) is looking for two or three additional board members who possess one or more of the following skills/knowledge sets: financial and accounting proficiency; legal expertise; grant writing experience; critical thinking and leadership competence.

Prospective members should support the goals and mission of both the

PUBLIC POLICY *BY SHARON*

AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE, issued the following statement on President Barack Obama's nomination of Solicitor General Elena Kagan to the US Supreme Court:

"With his nomination of Solicitor General Elena Kagan, the president has selected a woman who has been a trailblazer throughout her distinguished legal career, holding such positions as the first woman dean of Harvard Law School and first woman solicitor general of the United States. AAUW is pleased to note that, if confirmed, the Supreme Court will have three women justices serving concurrently for the first time in history - breaking through yet another barrier for women and girls.

AAUW will carefully consider the totality of Solicitor General Kagan's record over the coming weeks. We look forward to the upcoming confirmation hearings and the candid answers of the nominee."

On May 11, 2010, I was privileged to be part of an AAUW conference call presented by the Legal Advocacy Fund. Holly Kearl and Adam Zimmerman were the presenters. Adam gave a complete description of the confirmation process for Elena Kagan and explained that AAUW will be submitting a list of questions they want to have answered at the hearings. After a complete investigation AAUW will take a stand for or against her confirmation. **Each of you can receive this information by going to the website at AAUW.org.**

At this same site you can investigate and take action on a number of items of federal legislation. Just click ACTION on the website and it will take you to the public policy page.

As you know, California's budget process is underway again. The Governor has proposed further cuts to key safety-net programs and Medi-Cal. These cuts will disproportionately affect low-income women and their families. Because women live longer and have lower incomes, they are more likely to rely on SSI/SSP for support in their old age. Budgets are about values and choices, so let's hope the legislature will take heed and provide a budget which helps California's women and the families they support. Contact your California elected officials and urge them to support a fair budget for our most needy citizens.

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Book Sections

MORNING BOOK

June 7, Morning Book will discuss *The Heretic's Daughter*, by Kathleen Kent.

Our meeting will be at 10 AM, Monday, June 7, at Ann Topjon's home. Dolores Seidman will lead the discussion and Peggy Kiefer will be co-hostess.

The Heretic's Daughter is a gripping and original first novel based on family history from a descendant of a condemned Salem witch. Kent has created a vividly realized historical portrait of seventeenth-century Salem, but the heart of this haunting, powerful novel is the relationship between Martha and Sarah, her bright, headstrong child.

Directions to Ann Topjon's home: 5654 Palm Avenue, Whittier.

Ann's telephone number is: 562-695-6185. North on Painter Avenue, left (west) on Broadway, right on Palm Avenue .

Or turn right on Beverly Boulevard and bear to the right around the bend. Turn left at the light on Floral Drive and then right on Palm Avenue.. The fifth house on right is 5654.

We will arrange our 2010-2011 discussion schedule for the

MYSTERY MAVENS will meet in September at Marie Callender's at 9829 South La Serna Drive, Whittier (near Whittier Boulevard) at 6:30 PM in the library room. Please make reservations with **Carol K. Anderson**, Chairperson 562-943-0728.

Dues are Due

Pay your AAUW dues by June 1.

MODERN TRENDS

Modern Trends meets on Thursday, May 27 at 7:30 PM at the home of Ginny Isenberg, 1205 Sunbird Avenue, La Habra. Our special guest is Don Orr, this year reviewing *The Scarecrow*, by Michael Connelly. Come early (7:15 PM or so) to visit and then sit back for another enjoyable evening.

Bring a friend!

Directions to Ginny's home: from Whittier Boulevard in La Habra, turn north onto Hacienda Boulevard, east (right) on Russell Street, north (left) on Greenview Drive, becomes Sunbird,. The house is on west (left) side of street.

We will meet on Thursday, June 24 to review Maeve Binchy's *Heart and Soul* at the home of Gwen Woirhaye, 5810 Friends Avenue.

Directions: from Whittier Boulevard, north on Painter Avenue to Beverly Boulevard turn west (left) and go to Friends Avenue, turn north (right), last house on the right at the top of the hill. Carpooling recommended and bring a friend. We'll gather at 7:PM to chat and enjoy dessert, begin the discussion at 7:30 PM.

Our book selections for next year, 2010-11, are as follows: *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett (September); *Dancing for Degas*, by

MORE THAN WORDS

More Than Words is our non-fiction book group and meets on the second Thursday at 1:30 PM in October, January, March and May.

We will begin with *Damned Lies and Statistics*, by Joel Best. Others planned or being considered for the winter and spring are:

Nothing to Envy- Ordinary Lives in North Korea, by Barbara Demick;
Arguing with Idiots - How to Stop

WALKERS SECTION

All walks are on Thursday mornings at 8:30 AM in June, July and August. We walk for approximately one hour. If it is raining we DO NOT walk. Everyone is welcome!

MAY 9 AM

27 Legg Lake
Meet in the parking lot off Rosemead Boulevard

JUNE 8:30 AM

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

10 Whittier College Campus
Meet in parking lot off Philadelphia Street

17 Tour Upper Alta and Haviland
Neighborhood
Park on Alta off Beverly Boulevard

24 Legg Lake
Meet in parking lot off Rosemead Boulevard

Shirley Stewart, Assistant to Ann Farmer

562-944-4556 or
shirleys.creations@verizon.net.

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS will meet at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, June 15. in Zi Theresa restaurant located at 6717 Greenleaf Avenue in uptown Whittier. During our past discussions we are reminded of an old saying, "Eat it up, wear it out, make it fit, or do without."

For further information call

Maurine Behrens 562-695

maurineb@verizon.net

**LA CUISINE**

All regulars and substitutes will meet to plan next year's events on Monday, June 7, at 7 PM. Barbara Gile has graciously agreed to provide her home for the meeting, 14035 Eastridge Drive, Whittier. Please bring ideas for themes, recipes and any cookbooks you are excited about. Regrets only for the meeting.

Directions: From Colima Road, west on Mar Vista Street, and at the third street after the signal light at Michigan Avenue turn right on Vale Drive, park on Vale and enter by the back door. The garage will be open for those who need access to the house without walking up the hill.

From Painter Avenue, east on Mar Vista Street, at the third street after the signal light at College Avenue turn left on Vale Drive, park on Vale and enter by the back door. The garage will be open for those who need access to the house without walking up the hill.

New members are welcome; please

**Whittier Cultural Arts Foundation
presents the**

**6th Annual Showcase &
Whittier Idol Grand Finale**

Great Silent Auction Items and Tasty Cuisine

June 6

Ruth B. Shannon Performing Arts Center
Whittier College
2 PM to 5 PM

For tickets visit: Whittier Art Gallery, Whittier Chamber of Commerce or WCAF Board Members
For more information contact: WCAF PO Box 5007 Whittier, CA 90607 or call 562-464-3360



FIRST FRIDAY

Thank you Art and Sandy Bridges for a pleasant First Friday in May. Everyone enjoyed your home and spacious back yard. Thank you Margot for ringing the "8PM time to go bell."

First Friday, June 4, will find us at the home of Barbara Nichols enjoying the company of each other. She lives at 13907 Emory Drive, Whittier.

Directions: From Painter Avenue, turn east (right) on La Cuarta Street, turn south (right) on Euclid Avenue, and the first block is Emory, turn east (left). Barbara's house is on the north side of the street

From Whittier Boulevard go north on College Avenue to Emory Drive, turn east on Emory Drive to the address.

Remember, bring the beverage of your choice, and an appetizer for 15, and bring guests! We seem to impress very well at these gatherings, as we have several new members, who joined, right on the spot. See you there!

There will be **no July First Friday**.

The SUMMER SOCIAL is

Friday, August 6, from 5:30-9:30 PM.

Please mark your calendars and invite several potential members to attend.

The GARDEN SECTION will meet **Whittier**

1 PM on Tuesday, June 1, at the home of Barbara

Gile. We will be reviewing all the gardens we visited this year. The trip to the California High School Botanical Garden was challenging. Shirley, our valiant leader will not be here so come prepared with your suggestions. Directions: See La Cuisine

For more information call Barbara Gile

562-693-7279

MEMORIES SECTION

This is our fifth year of meeting to share our memories and write them for future generations, but it is never too late to start. Please join us.

Memories meets Wednesday, May 26, 1:30 PM, at the home of Brenda Jahn. Suggested subject is "Family Feuds."

Directions to Brenda's: Whittier Boulevard to Macy Street; north to Janine Drive; right (east) to Solejar; left (north) to Villa Rita; right (east) to Padonia; left to 1339 in the cul-de-sac.

On Wednesday, June 23, at 1:30 PM, we will meet at Carol J. Anderson's home located at 9759 Solejar Drive. The subject is Jobs We Have Had.

Directions: East on Whittier Boulevard, turn north (left) on Macy Street, turn east (right) on Janine and turn north (left) on Solejar Drive. Solejar Drive will curve around to the left.

The fourth Wednesday no longer works for some people so we will discuss making a change of meeting day and/or time at this meeting. Please come equipped with your calendar and/or send an email with the days you cannot participate.

We tentatively need hostesses for August 25 and October 27.

Gwen Woirhaye, Chairperson 562-696-6405 gwen@woirhaye.com

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE



ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Membership dues for the 2010-2011 year are now due. To ensure that your information appears in the yearbook, please submit your dues by

June 1. We are happy to report that at the date of the writing of this article, we have received 45 paid memberships and four of these are new members. Our new members are: Shirley Marlatt, Elizabeth Ellis, Sheila Hartfield and Annette Lauritzen. We welcome them to the Whittier Branch AAUW.

Please continue to invite friends and relatives to attend our functions and to join our Branch of AAUW. Do not forget the Summer Social/Membership event in August. We will start taking

reservations in late June. That date is Friday, August 6, from 5:30-9:30 PM. Please mark your calendars and invite several potential members to attend with you. Of course, there will be no charge for potential members. We hope this social will be a successful event for recruiting new members. It will not be unless you make the effort to attend and to issue invitations to women you know who will support the mission and goals of our organization.

As always, you may submit names to either Yvette Rawlinson at 562-698-6867 or Joyce Paul at 909-620-1202 or joycem.paul@yahoo.com. If you submit a name to either of us, we will follow-up with an e-mail, phone call and/or mail an application. Our goal this year is to increase our membership to 150. That means maintaining the current membership and adding eighteen new members. We added seventeen last year. We can do at least eighteen this year. We can only do it with your help. Let's do it together.

EDITOR'S NOTE con't.

In September we started mailing about 30 newsletters. We heard that some of you did not receive your newsletter by email and now about 60 newsletters are mailed through the postal service each month.

The postage for first class mail is \$.44 and going up.

The previous newsletters are on the website for you at:

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

You can go to the Whittier Branch website by clicking with your mouse on the blue letters and the website will open on your desktop. You can bookmark the address and reopen the website any time.

If you don't receive a newsletter go to the bookmark and click on the address and then NEWS.

The newsletters are arranged by date. Click with your mouse and the newsletter opens on your desktop.

Please give Ginny Holloway your assistance as she takes over as editor



American Association of University Women (AAUW)

2010-2011 Membership Application: Greater Whittier Branch

*Title: Mrs.____ Ms.____ Miss____ None____ Other____

*Last Name_____ *First Name_____ *Middle Initial_____

Spouse's Name_____

*Street Address_____ *City_____ *Zip Code_____

*Home Telephone (_____)_____ *Work Telephone (_____)_____

*Cell Telephone (_____)_____ *Fax (_____)_____

*E-mail address_____

Degree_____ Year_____ Major_____

College/University_____

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Before June 1, 2010: Complete and mail your membership application and dues to:

AAUW, Whittier Branch Membership, P.O. Box 5333, Whittier, CA 90607-5333

AAUW Membership Type (please check one) Annual Dues:

_____ General \$89.00

_____ Life Member \$40.00

_____ Student \$42.00

_____ Dual \$24.00

_____ I want the yearbook mailed to me and will add \$2.00 to my payment check.

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

Important Dates To Remember

Day	Date	Time	Event/Place
Saturday	May 22	7 PM	Saturday Night Bridge call Mary Ellen Mead
Wednesday	May 26	1:30 PM	Memories @ home of Brenda Jahn
Thursday	May 27	9 AM	Walkers @ Legg Lake
Thursday	May 27	7:30 PM	Modern Trends @ home of Ginny Isenberg
Tuesday	June 1	All Day	Dues Due @ P.O. Box 5333 Whittier, CA 90607
Tuesday	June 1	1 PM	Garden Section @ home of Barbara Gile
Thursday	June 3	8:30 AM	Walkers @ La Mirada Creek Park
Friday	June 4	6 -8 PM	First Friday @ home of Barbara Nichols
Sunday	June 6	2 -5 PM	Cultural Arts Annual Showcase @ Shannon Center
Monday	June 7	10 AM	Morning Book @ home of Ann Topjon
Monday	June 7	7 PM	La Cuisine Planning Meeting @ home of Barbara Gile
Tuesday	June 8	6:30 PM	Joint Board Meeting @ WCCS
Thursday	June 10	Noon	Last call for Branch Meeting reservations: 562-696-4474
Thursday	June 10	8:30 AM	Walkers @ Whittier College Campus
Saturday	June 12	1:30 PM	Branch Meeting/Installation @ Bailey House
Monday	June 14	All Day	Flag Day for United States of America
Tuesday	June 15	10 AM	International Concerns @ Zi Theresa Restaurant
Thursday	June 17	8:30 AM	Walkers @ Upper Alta Neighborhood
Wednesday	June 23	1:30 PM	Memories @ home of Carol J. Anderson
Thursday	June 24	8:30 AM	Walkers @ Legg Lake
Thursday	June 24	1:30 PM	Modern Trends @ home of Gwen Woir
websites:			
AAUW National Association	http://www.aauw.org/		
AAUW California	July 4	All Day	Independence Day Holiday
AAUW Whittier Branch	August 7	PM	MSF Board Meeting @ First Friends Church
AAUW Whittier Branch	August 6	5:30-9:30PM	Summer Social @ East Whittier



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About AAUW

MISSION STATEMENT: "Advancing 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, 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 woman to become involved in every level of the political process. We actively support legislation on educational equity and diversity in public schools.