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# NEWSLETTER

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Linking you to Branch activities and to each other



Don't miss the exciting FREE Women's Studies seminar at the Huntington Library on Saturday, March 20! Join us for a FREE bus ride and an informative morning program entitled "Women, Power and Science." The afternoon will be for your enjoyment to explore the Huntington. Friends are welcome to join us and the first 50 to RSVP to Barbara Nichols will be privileged to attend. Lunch for a nominal fee will be available there. Last year the lunches were \$7 to \$15. Remember the FREE bus leaves Albertson's Market (corner Greenleaf and Whittier Boulevard) promptly at 8AM and will return there by 3PM. Wear your walking shoes and come to enjoy this special day with your AAUW friends!!!

There will be time to explore the Huntington gardens, gift shop and exhibits.

For further information and for reservations, which must be made by March 15, phone 562-696-4474 or e-mail [blnich@verizon.net](mailto:blnich@verizon.net), with AAUW Reservations in the subject line.

For further information there is a blog site [www.huntingtonwomensstudies.blogspot.com](http://www.huntingtonwomensstudies.blogspot.com).

Supervisor Don Knabe provides the bus as a courtesy and admission to the Huntington is FREE with the Seminar attendance. This will be an exciting and informative meeting. Beverly Ball, Program Vice-President 562-693-0453

Last year, AAUW Association became a 501 (c) (3), a tax-exempt entity. At that time, the Whittier Branch was required to sign an Affiliate Agreement in order to remain a branch of AAUW. The Whittier Branch board assigned a committee to analyze the pros and cons of our Branch also becoming a 501 (c) (3).

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### Notes from Brenda

\*\*\*Keep Calm and Carry On\*\*\*

The AAUW Calendar has been quite busy.

On January 31, Shirley Stewart and I attended the AAUW LAF Luncheon. It was held at the Kellogg West Conference at Cal Poly, Pomona. We heard Michelle Jaureguito speak.

She was the former director of the Upward Bound/Talent Search program at Feather River Community College. She presented information that involved herself, Paul Thein, former Vice President of student services, athletic director, and dean of students and Laurel Wartluft, former head coach and faculty member. They sued Feather River Community College for sex discrimination and retaliation in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

In the spring of 2008, the lawyers in these cases submitted closing and reply briefs from the November 2007, trial to the California State Personnel Board. The judge submitted a decision to the California State Personnel Board in August 2009, ruling in favor of all three plaintiffs and awarding reinstatement, back pay, and damages. The personnel board rejected the decision; therefore, the judge will have to present oral arguments to the board at a later date. The trials of the above individuals' are set for May, July and August of 2010.

AAUW LAF Funds has contributed in the range of \$40,000 to each of the above individuals' defense fund.

February 7 found Shirley and me, at a brunch in Woodland Hills. We met Carolyn Garfein, the President of AAUW National who was inspiring. This was an exciting event. Carolyn explained the purposes, goals and the funds of AAUW.

The Legal Advocacy Fund, which protects the rights of those who face discrimination.

The Educational Opportunities Fund, which educates women for a lifetime of success.

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Continued from page one (1) Each Branch member (132) will receive a letter asking her/him to vote to allow the committee to continue to pursue converting the Whittier Branch of AAUW from a 501 (c) (4) entity to a 501 (c) (3) organization. Each member must return the ballot by April 1, or hand deliver it to the Annual meeting, on April 10. The ballots will be counted at the Annual meeting, and the vote

In concert with the AAUW Affiliate Agreement approved by the Branch membership in October 2009, and signed by Brenda Jahn, President, the board recommends aligning the Whittier Branch with the new national AAUW structure. As a result, the Branch will become a 501 (c) (3) (tax exempt) entity by merging with the existing Myra Long Scholarship Fund.

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Pay Equit

In June 1963, President Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act. Now, almost 47 years later, it's time to make the law live up to its name. Urge your senators to support the Paycheck Fairness Act. Thanks to the hard work of AAUW Action Network members and our coalition partners, President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act into law on January 29, 2009. However, according to new data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the gap between men's and women's median earnings widened slightly between 2007 and 2008, from 78 percent to 77 percent for full-time, year-round workers. While women have been hard at work to narrow the wage gap, Congress has failed to pass legislation that would give women effective equal pay protections. As Lilly said a year ago, passing the Ledbetter bill without passing the Paycheck Fairness Act is like giving someone a nail but not a hammer.

When the House passed both the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and the Paycheck Fairness Act a year ago, they demonstrated a firm, bipartisan resolve to attack wage discrimination on all fronts. Now, a year later, it's past time that the Senate does the same. Join AAUW in urging the Senate to continue the fight against wage discrimination by acting swiftly on the Paycheck Fairness Act as well, to ensure the change hard-working Americans need to receive equal pay.

Research released in April 2007, by AAUW shows that just one year

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LAS DISTINGUIDAS

Since 1967, it has been the privilege of the Greater Whittier Branch of AAUW to bestow the Las Distinguidas Award annually to outstanding women in our community. These awards are given to exceptional women who have made significant and noteworthy contributions in one or more areas of business, the arts, education, community service, politics and the professions. We are asking you or your organization to offer nominations for this honor.

Enclosed is the Las Distinguidas Award Nominating Form.

If necessary, you may attach extra sheets to include all the pertinent information. It is important to consult with the nominee when completing the nomination form to avoid unclear or erroneous statements. All biographical material is kept on file.

If you wish to re-nominate a candidate from a previous year, please update her contributions and indicate that she is a previous nominee.

To allow time for selection by the committee, please complete the nomination form with the information about your nominee. The nomination forms must be received by March 12.

Please return them to: Kristine Yeseta 13826 Walnut Street, Whittier CA 90602-2557

562-696-0226 or [surfzena@earthlink.net](mailto:surfzena@earthlink.net)

The award presentations will be made Saturday, May 8, at 1:00 PM at a tea and meeting at the East Whittier Women's Club 14148 Second Street, Whittier.

We appreciate your help in nominating women of distinction in our community.

Sincerely, Kristine Yeseta and Sue Turco, co-chairs Las Distinguidas Awards Committee

AAUW  
Greater Whittier Branch  
Las Distinguidas Award Nominating Form



Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and title of person completing  
form \_\_\_\_\_



LA CUISINE

We are meeting for dinner on Saturday, March 27, 6:30 PM, or per the directions of your hostess. Please note change in hostesses: Gwen Woirhaye is exchanging with Susan Sones but the guests remain the same. Other

SPEECH TREK

Ms. Victoria Rios, the first place winner in our Speech Trek contest finished many hours of practice on her speech. Mr. Tim Keeler, the California High School Video Production instructor helped us produce a first class DVD for the Whittier Branch entry in the 2010 speech contest. The entry was sent Fed-Ex to the California State chairperson in time for the judging. With all this wonderful help and dedication we could have a winner.

We will present the prizes to all the Whittier Branch winners at our Awards and Recognition meeting on Saturday, May 8, at the East Whittier Women's Club at 1:30 PM. The coaches and parents are also invited to share the honors.

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MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOARD SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

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

Prospective members will support the goals and mission of both the Whittier Branch AAUW and MLSF, and be able to commit from two to ten hours per month to MLSF business, depending on your particular "assignment." The board is required to meet three times per year, although it may meet more often if



Ariella Garcia from Hillview Middle School last year's Tech Trekker attended the 2010 Math/Science Conference at Rio Hondo College

## **Math/Science Conference**

I wish to thank our AAUW members who helped me with the 17<sup>th</sup> Math/Science Conference for Eighth Grade Girls on February 26. The last week was filled with many challenges that included middle school bus schedules, one speaker replacement, five moderator replacements, and one speaker who didn't appear. My son gave me a bookmark for my birthday during the week which says, "I try to take one day at a time, but sometimes several days attack me at once."

One of our speakers had a death in her family so the day before the conference I was searching my file for a criminalist. Jamee Daughetee from the L.A. County Sheriff's Department stepped up to help. Many of our moderators had health challenges this year. We hope that Ruth White is recovering from her pacemaker put in on the day of the conference. Unfortunately, Carol J. Anderson took a bad fall in the Board Room and is recovering from that mishap. Jill Smith immediately took her place as moderator. Our FBI speaker who has come before did not appear despite letters, e-mails, and calls to her cell phone and to her supervisor's telephone number. I still have not heard what the reason was for the absence. Ellen Larson had the idea of having the same replacement criminalist give a talk in one room and then go up two floors to give her talk in place of the FBI person. She was willing but overworked.

It was most helpful to have Rosanne Seitz, Jill Smith, Dolores Seidman, and Marge Bates come to my home for the workshop sorting event. The packet party was at Barbara's Gile's home and I thank her for her hospitality. Carol J. Anderson, Phyllis Thompson, Carol K. Anderson, Shirley Ann Stewart, Louise Holden, Beth Greulich came. They were wonderful, as five who promised did not appear. Ann Gipple, Kaye Kidwell, and Ginny Ball helped me prepare supplies.

These are some of the other members who assisted:

Middle School Liaison- Jan Berry

Treasurer/Speaker/AAUW Member Check-in- Jill Smith

Make Signs- Barbara Gile, Marge Bates

Post Signs/ Take Down- Marge Bates, Ginny Holloway, and Jill Smith

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Section  
Notices

**SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE**

All bridge players, whether you have a partner or not, are welcome to Saturday Night Bridge. at 7 PM, March 27, at Kristina and Owen Newcomer's home, 5443 Brookmead Drive in Whittier.

Directions: North on Greenleaf to the top of the hill, turn left (west) at the T, take Carinthia, first opportunity, turn left (south) at Brookmead Drive. Please call Mary Ellen Mead, 562-693-6482, to reserve your place..

**MEMORIES**

Memoirs writing section meets Wednesday, March 24 at the home of Brenda Jahn, 1339 North Padonia Avenue in Whittier.

The topic, should you choose to accept it, is "How Things Have Changed-Technology."

We still need hostesses for August 25 and October 27.

Directions: East on Whittier Boulevard left on Macy Street, go (north) turn right on Janine Drive, turn left on Solejar Drive, turn right on Villa Rita Drive, and left on Padonia. Brenda's house is in the cul de sac. Call 562-691-2419 for further directions.

**GARDEN SECTION**

We will visit the Descanso

**FIRST FRIDAY IS MARCH 5**

We had a great time at the home of Jan and Brent Berry in February despite the rain. A BIG thank you to them for their terrific hospitality.

All are invited to First Friday in March at the home of Linda Pomeroy located at 1620 North Cedarcrest Drive, Brea.

Directions: Go East on Whittier Boulevard to the end, turn left on North Puente Street, turn right (East) on Northwood Avenue and a quick left on Poinsettia Street, and right on Oakcrest that becomes Cedarcrest Drive.

Please bring a friend, a possible new member, and what you want to drink, and an appetizer to feed 10 to share with

**WALKERS SECTION**

All walks are on Thursday mornings at 9 AM.

We walk for approximately one hour. If it is raining we DO NOT walk. Everyone is welcome!

**FEBRUARY**

25 Schabarum Regional Park  
Meet at the kiosk at the entrance of the park

**MARCH**

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

11 Arroyo Pescadero  
Meet in parking lot by the entrance off Colima.

18 Uptown Neighborhood  
Meet at Central Park corner Washington Avenue and Park Street

25 Legg Lake

## MODERN TRENDS

The February Modern Trends book is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, reviewed by Marcia Orr. We will meet on Thursday, February 25, 7:30 PM at the home of Judy Flanders, 12430 Floral Drive, Whittier.

Directions: From Whittier Boulevard go north on Painter to Beverly Boulevard, west (left) on Beverly to Pickering, north (right) on Pickering to Floral, west (left) on Floral to number. Please join us for a very enjoyable evening.

Our March book is *The Reader* by Bernhard Schlink, reviewed by Kristine Yeseta. We will meet at the home of Ruth White, 12118 Maple Street, Whittier.

Directions: From Whittier Boulevard north on Painter to Beverly Boulevard west (left) on Beverly Boulevard. to

Citrus, north (right) on Citrus

## MORNING BOOK

Morning Book will discuss *The 19th Wife*, by David Ebershoff, on Monday, April 26. We will also vote on books to read for 2010-2011.

Please call, send or e-mail your suggestions

## More Than Words

More Than Words book for our Thursday March 11, meeting will be *This Land is Their Land*, a nation scarred by deepening inequality, by Barbara Ehrenreich.

Rosanne Seitz, chair,  
626-330-5383

## MYSTERY MAVENS

**Wednesday, March 17 6:30 PM** *The Monkey's Raincoat*, by Robert Crais

Reviewer - Carol K. Anderson

This first book in the Elvis Cole series grabs you from the first chapter, puts you on the edge of your seat and keeps you there. Elvis Cole, Vietnam vet, ex-security guard, turned private investigator is a hard-boiled, wise-cracking detective who gives Mike Hammer and Sam Spade a run for their money. The case begins as Ellen Lang hires Elvis to find her missing husband, Hollywood agent Mort, who has taken their son and disappeared. Unfortunately, the case is a bit more complicated than just a missing person. Mort is found shot dead in his car, there is no sign of the son and Ellen is missing, too. Elvis Cole is now on a mission to find mother and son and it involves missing drugs and some pretty frightening bad





I know you realize that 2009 was a year of changes in AAUW. One of the most dramatic changes was the restructuring of EF and LAF. All our donations are now funneled through AAUW Funds. These include LAF, EF, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, which is responsible for most of our research, Public Policy and the Leadership Programs Fund. All donations to these funds are totally tax deductible. Here are some interesting statistics. For the 2009-2010

funding year AAUW gave \$3,0601,000 in fellowships and

grants. Of 1,175 applicants for American Fellowships 66 were funded for a total of \$1,235,000. There were 1,194 eligible International applicants of which 36 were funded for a total of \$715,000. Career Development Grants funded 48 applicants out of 759 for a total of \$500,000. Selected Professions received 70 applicants and 32 were funded totaling \$350,000.

The total funds awarded are less than the previous year due to lower interest rates, lower donations and the fact that some investments took hits.

Under the Leadership Programs Fund 12 Campus Action Project Grants were given to 12 institutions, two of these in California (UCDavis and Harvey Mudd College,) All of these projects focus on some key findings from recent AAUW research on women and girls in science, technology, engineering and math in four areas: middle

school, high school, college and the workplace. The results of these projects will be presented at the 2010 Conference on College Women Student Leaders. The focus of this conference is to provide opportunities for women to learn how to be a leader in a female-centered

environment. In 2009 over 400 women attended from 44 states plus DC, Jamaica and Tibet.

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### International Concerns

International Concerns will meet at

10 AM on Tuesday, March 16 with

Ellen Larson (12031 Beverly Blvd., #2D). We will discuss "Halting atrocities in Kenya." If you don't have *Great Decisions 2010*, be sure to bring \$19 (cash or a check made out to Ellen) to purchase a copy.

For further information call Maurine Behrens 562-695-8436 or [maurineb@verizon.net](mailto:maurineb@verizon.net).



### Slate of Officers

President: Shirley Ann Stewart  
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Beverly Ball and Pamela Holmes  
Hospitality Vice-President:  
Susan Halliday

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Joyce Paul, Yvette Rawlinson  
and Sandy Bridges

Membership Treasurer: Kaye  
Kidwell

Educational Foundation: Peggy  
Fretz

Recording Secretary:

Corresponding Secretary: Margot  
Kamens

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**Important Dates To Remember**

| Day           | Date           | Time        | Place  |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|--|
| Wednesday     | February 24    | 1:30 PM     | Section - Memories @ Ginny Isenberg's  |
| Thursday      | February 25    | 9 AM        | Section - Walkers Schabarum Regional Park  |
| Thursday      | February 25    | 7:30 PM     | Modern Trends in Literature@ Judy Flanders   |
| Friday        | February 26    | 8 AM - 1 PM | Math/Science Conference Rio Hondo College  |
| Saturday      | February 27    | 2 PM        | Triple P's Theatre Party - Fullerton   |
| Monday        | March 1        | All Day     | Deadline for Tech Trek Payments  |
| Tuesday       | March 2        | All Day     | Judging of California Speech Trek Finalists  |
| Tuesday       | March 2        | 8:30 AM     | Garden Section @ Descanso Gardens  |
| Tuesday       | March 2        | 7 PM        | AAUW Board meeting @ WCCS Office   |
| Thursday      | March 4        | 9 AM        | Section - Walkers @ La Mirada Creek Park   |
| Thursday      | March 4        | All Day     | International Women's Day Half the Sky movie being shown in theaters throughout California |
| Friday        | March 5        | 6-8 PM      | First Friday @ Linda Pomeroy's home  |
| Thursday      | March 11       | 9 AM        | Walkers @ Arroyo Pescadero   |
| Thursday      | March 11       | 1:30 PM     | More Than Words @ The Palms Shirley McMahon's home   |
| Tuesday       | March 16       | 10 AM       | International Concerns @ Ellen Larson's  |
| Wednesday     | March 17       | 6:30 PM     | Mystery Mavens @ Marie Callender's   |
| Thursday      | March 18       | 9 AM        | Walkers @ Uptown Neighborhoods   |
| Friday        | March 19       | All Day     | Education Source Forum in Santa Clara  |
| Saturday      | March 20       | 8 AM        | Whittier Branch trip to Huntington Library   |
| Wednesday     | March 24       | 1:30 PM     | Memories Section @ Brenda Jahn's home  |
| Thursday      | March 25       | 9 AM        | Walkers @ Legg Lake  |
| Thursday      | March 25       | 7:30 PM     | Modern Trends @ Ruth White's home  |
| Saturday      | March 27       | 6:30 PM     | La Cuisine Dinners   |
| Sunday        | March 28       | 2-4 PM      | San Fernando Valley Branch Meeting<br>Welcome Charlotte Newhart @ Pickwick Gardens         |
| Friday-Sunday | April 29-May 2 | All Weekend | AAUW-CA Convention<br>San Ramon, CA Marriott   |



Joyce Paul



Yvette Rawlinson

**MEMBERSHIP VICE-PRESIDENTS**

Our membership year is coming to an end. We will soon be asking for our current members to renew their memberships for the 2010-2011 year. However, recruiting new members is an ongoing process that never ends. We all need to be looking for friends and family members who will support the mission and the goals of AAUW - equality for all.

We have added one new member. We are very pleased to add Anne Turner to our membership in the AAUW Whittier Branch. Anne was a member at large, but did not belong to a local branch. She is now with us. Anne is the Associate Executive Director for the Rio Hondo College Foundation.

We have done well this year. We now have a membership consisting of 132 members. We have added eleven new members and six transfers. We cannot stop here. We must continue to invite others to join with us in achieving the goals of AAUW.

Once again we would like to welcome the new members for the 2009-2010 year and tell them how very pleased we are that they have chosen to join us. They are: Kelly Collazo, Virginia Holloway, Carole Restovich, Wilma Santana, Cherie Trapani, Kiersten Whitaker, Phoemie Aghili, Brent Berry, Brigitta Weger, Betty Macy and Anne Turner. We sincerely hope that you are pleased with your decision to join the branch and have made many new friends and are participating in several branch activities. We hope that you will continue your membership for many, many years to come. Welcome to Whittier Branch AAUW. Don't forget to invite your friends to join you at the next meeting or event.

If anyone has a potential new member that you would like us to contact, please call Yvette Rawlinson at 562-698-6867 or Joyce Paul at 909-620-1202 or e-mail to [joycem.paul@yahoo.com](mailto:joycem.paul@yahoo.com).

Add to your yearbook:



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### DATED MATERIAL

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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

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