



NEWSLETTER

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Don't miss the AAUW Honors Tea on Saturday, May 8, at the East Whittier Women's Improvement Club located at 14148 East Second Street in Whittier. (Corner of Second Street and California Avenue) at 1:30 PM. We will be honoring Las Distinguidas winners, the Tech Trek campers, Speech Trek winners as well as the Educational Foundation Named Gift honoree.

The cost is \$7 per person. Handicapped access and ample parking are available.

Please make your reservation by May 5! Barbara Nichols is unable to take the reservations this month. **For further information and reservations contact Jill Smith by phone 562-698-3949 or jillpc@charter.net with AAUW Reservations in the subject line.**





Notes from Brenda

Keep Calm and Carry On

It is said, "Time flies when you are having fun." We must have been having a lot of fun since this year of my presidency is nearly completed. Looking back it is amazing to realize how we have filled the year 2009- 2010.

Our Whittier Branch has accomplished another outstanding day of Math/Science, at Rio Hondo Community College. We have an honorable mention winner in the California AAUW Speech Trek judging event. Five eighth grade girls will attend the Tech Trek weeklong event, this summer at Whittier College. We have a Named Gift Honoree selected for AAUW Funds (EF/LAF).

Scholarship winners who attend Rio Hondo, and are going on to complete their undergraduate degrees, are in the process of being selected. The winners will receive their scholarships at the June Branch Meeting.

In addition, our Branch successfully collected enough for a scholarship winner, from the California High Culinary Academy in Whittier.

The Branch has voted to convert from a 501 (c) (4) to a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization. With this vote, we will begin a series of committee meetings to make this change as efficient as possible. In addition, our local bylaws and standing rules will be reviewed to make sure that we are all in order.

Remember to attend the May 8, honors tea. The event will be held at The East Whittier Women's Improvement Club at 1:30 PM. The Las Distinguidas winners are: Beth Greulich nominated by La Habra Children's Museum, Marian Locke designated by the Whittier Branch and Barbara Picard selected by the Assistance League.

Gwen Woirhaye will be recognized for the Named Gift Honoree Award.

Victoria Rios from California High School will receive her Speech Trek Award. Other Speech Trek participants are: Second Place - Kevin Lopez - California High School; Third Place is a tie between Acelia Larios - California High School and Jonathan TupanJanin - Whittier High School.

Las Distinguidas

Please join us in honoring three women whose contributions of service to the community will be recognized at the May Branch meeting as they receive the Las Distinguidas Award.

Beth Greulich

Beth was nominated by the Guild of the La Habra Children's Museum where she has been a member for 10 years. She is currently the president of this organization and has also served as recording secretary. The organization recognized her hard work and honored her with Volunteer of the Year. The Museum Guild provides funds for four changing exhibits each year by providing Breakfast with Santa and working with the museum at its major fundraisers. The Guild's museum gift shop is its most profitable project and is staffed by Guild members as well as museum staff. Guild Members also serve as docents.

Beth has also given her time to the Auxiliary of Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital where she served as gift shop committee chairperson. Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association has benefited from her hard work as president and Pan-Hellenic representative. Our Whittier Branch has benefited from her work as recording secretary and public relations chairperson. Beth and Jim, her husband of 61 years, share a love for the game of tennis. She has volunteered for many years at the Greater Whittier Junior Winter Tennis Tournament. A twenty-year volunteer at Indian Wells Tennis Tournament and seven years volunteering at the Acura Classic Tennis Tournament demonstrates her community dedication.

Marian Locke

Our own Branch of AAUW nominated Marian. She has served as president, program vice-president, hospitality vice-president, corresponding secretary and recording

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She has been president of the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles Whittier Guild, San Gabriel Valley Meals on Wheels board of directors, and has offered her talents to the Friendship Square Quilt Guild as hospitality first vice-president and program second vice-president.

She also holds the Life Service award for the La Serna High School PTA and was co-chairperson of the La Serna twenty-year celebration. Just a few of the many organizations Marian has contributed to are: a Cub Scout leader; Phi Upsilon Omicron, an honorary Home Economics organization; Whittier Home Economists in Home and Community; president and treasurer, California Literature Project Fellowship at UCLA; and the South Basin Writing Project at CSULB.

She and her husband Mel have opened their home as Rotary International hosts/guides for Foreign Exchange students as well as to welcome faculty and PTA board of La Serna high school. Marian was English Department chairperson, home economics and ESL teacher at Monrovia High when she retired. She was also Staff Club president.

Marian's involvement with her church is very dear to her heart. As an active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church she has served as Sunday school superintendent, librarian, lector, board of trustees, finance chairperson, retirees group chairperson, Advent and Lenten drama director and Church School Board Member.

Barbara Pickard

The Assistance League of Whittier nominated Barbara Pickard. As a ten-year member Barbara has served on the board as first vice-president membership, public relations chairperson and has served on several committees: Dental, Bargain Bin, Timeless Treasures, Operation School Bell and Christmas Carousel.

Barbara holds office as recording secretary of the John Greenleaf Whittier chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was a charter member of the Caleb Gilbert chapter in La Habra.

PUBLIC POLICY

Jill Smith wrote the Public Policy article this month. Sharon Heck is busy clearing her calendar so she can do a great job as President-Elect of the Whittier Branch.

Charlotte Newhart is the AAUW-CA lobbyist spoke at LACIC meeting On March 28, Brenda Jahn, Shirley Stewart, Ginny Ball and Jill Smith went to the joint LACIC/ San Fernando Valley Branch meeting, which featured our state lobbyist. She had just met with the Public Policy committee for AAUW-CA, having presented 86 bills related to our mission for their support, approval, opposition or disapproval. We will hear about those choices at convention.

Charlotte reviewed the process of getting a bill passed reminding that the three players (legislature, governor and citizens) don't always work together (we have been watching evidence of that). She pointed out that California has every profession represented in Congress. While California has more women than any other state (20 in the house and 13 in the Senate) more women would be helpful for our gender-based issues.

Both the governor (in his very powerful position) and legislature need to be educated about gender equity needs. Citizens work with lobbyists to promote their policies and interests. Term limits and extreme party members have hurt the process. We need to find people who are willing to work on solving problems and finding creative ways for revenue increases to run for office. California is facing very difficult challenges.

Some important issues to know about are:

SB 929 (will meet in committee on April 19) sponsored by Senator Fran Pavley (D) of Santa Monica seeks to eliminate cadmium from children's jewelry and toys.

The initiative industry is taking away governing from our legislative process. It was suggested to vote NO on all initiatives in order to vote down the practice.

Fact sheets on all legislation bills are available from www.aauw-ca.org
Charlotte can be reached at cmnewhart@sbcglobal.net

There will a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, April 29, 6:30 PM. It will be at the Radisson Hotel, 7320 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier. Dr. Barbara Stone will be the moderator. She will discuss current issues and the alarming direction of our country.

FIRST FRIDAY of May will find us at the home of Sandy and Art Bridges enjoying the company of each other. Thank you, Linda Pomeroy for the happy time at your house on the First Friday in March. I am sorry I missed it, but I understand everyone had a terrific time. Thank you, Jane and Larry Dicus for the attempt to have First Friday in April. Apologies for the mix up.

Sandy Bridges' address is a 1550 North Walnut Street, La Habra Heights and telephone number is 562-697-7427. (The house is not on Walnut. Do not use GPS). Go east on Whittier Boulevard to Euclid, turning north at Clare's Italian

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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 90601, 562-695-6185. North on Painter Avenue left (west) on Broadway, right on Palm Avenue.

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

Janice Geiger, Chairperson
562-695-9971

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, house is on west (left) side of street.

Carol Shupek, Chairperson
562-945-4931

MORE THAN WORDS

The next meeting of More Than Words will be Thursday, May 13, at 1:30 PM. We will be discussing *Coast of Dreams - California on the Edge, 1990-2003*, by Kevin Starr. Please bring recommendations for next year.

Rosanne Seitz, Chairperson
626-330-5383

MYSTERY MAVENS

Wednesday, May 19, 6:30 PM

I Dreamed I Married Perry Mason, by Susan Kandel
Reviewer - Ann Farmer

I Dreamed I Married Perry Mason is the debut novel in a hip, sexy, smart and, yes, cozy mystery series. Think *Sex and the City* colliding with *Murder, She Wrote*. All that writer Cece Caruso really wants to do is complete her biography of mystery legend Erle Stanley Gardner, find a vintage 1970's Ossie Clark gown to add to her collection, and fix the doorknob on her picturesque West Hollywood bungalow. Then a chance visit with a prison inmate who knew Gardner lands her right in the middle of a 40-year-old murder and another case where the blood is still warm. In fact, Cece finds the body. This brings her into irresistible contact with her inner personal sleuth and shows how crime and greed can reverberate through several generations of a single family.

Meet at Marie Callender's restaurant 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.

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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!

APRIL

29 Legg Lake
Meet in the parking lot off Rosemead Boulevard

MAY

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

13 Santa Fe Springs Heritage Park
Meet in parking lot by the entrance

20 Southwind Neighborhood
Meet at Ann Farmer's 6146 Southwind Drive
Whittier, CA

27 Legg Lake
Meet in the parking lot off Rosemead Boulevard.

Shirley Stewart, Assistant to Ann Farmer
562-944-4556 or
shirleys.creations@verizon.net.

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, May 18, with Ellen Larson (12031 Beverly Boulevard #2D). We will discuss chapter three, "Transitional crime: globalization's shadowy stepchild." 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.

2010-2011 Slate of Officers Installation June 12

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: Shirley Marlatt
Corresponding Secretary: Margot Kamens

LA CUISINE

Gourmands, prepare your kitchens for a visit from Julia Child on Saturday, May 15. Watch your mailboxes in early May for your invitations from hosts Flanders, Bridges, Berry and Woirhaye.
Bon Appetit! Carol Shupek, Chairperson
562-945-4931
cshupek@yahoo.com

GARDEN SECTION

The Garden Section will meet at 11 AM on **MONDAY** May 3, at California High School. We will be viewing the Botanic Gardens. Park in lot off of Mills

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

Help Wanted - Treasurer Needed

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

*It is a two-year board position.

*The accounting system

MEMORIES SECTION

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

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equipped with your calendar and/or send an email to Gwen with the days you cannot participate. 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.

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 Patagonia; left to 1339 Patagonia Street.

We will share our memories of jewelry (or what you will) on Wednesday, April 28, at 1:30 PM, hosted by Colleen Tan at the home of Barbara Gile, 14035 Eastridge Drive in Whittier. It's never too late or too early to start recording your memories for your family. Many pieces of your jewelry have stories associated with them. Please join us to read, show and tell.

Directions: From Colima Road, west on

Mar Vista Street, and at the third street after the signal light at Michigan 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 the hill.

From Painter Street, east on Mar Vista Street, 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 the hill.

We still need hostesses for August 25 and October 27. Gwen Woirhaye, Chairperson 562-696-6405 gwen@woirhaye.com

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

All bridge players, whether you have a partner or not, are welcome to Saturday Night Bridge May 22, at 7 PM, Please call Mary Ellen Mead, 562-693-6482, to reserve your place.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

We ended this year (2009-2010) with 132 members. We added eleven new members and had six members transfer to our Whittier Branch. It has been a good year. We are so proud of Jill Smith, who won the free membership, for sponsoring three new members. Congratulations, Jill, and thank you from the membership committee. We are now accepting applications and dues for the 2010-2011 year. Your dues are due by June 1. Please send them in as soon as possible. This year we will be recognizing and providing the sponsor of each new member with a \$5 gift card to Trader

Joe's. We are also having our Summer Social/ Membership Drive at the East Whittier Women's Improvement Club in Whittier again this year. The date is Friday, August 6. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this event. Please plan to invite a few potential new members. We want to share our mission and our goals with all who will support them with us.

Sandy Bridges has agreed to become a co-vice-president for membership with Yvette Rawlinson and Joyce Paul. The membership committee also includes: Gen'nel Walters, Jan Cecola and Kaye Kidwell. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please contact one of us.

If you have a potential new member who you would like us to contact, please call Yvette Rawlinson at 562-698-6867, or Joyce Paul at 909-620-1202 or e-mail joycem.paul@yahoo.com, or call Sandy Bridges at 562-697-7427 or e-mail abrid848@aol.com

Thanks to each of you who brought a new member to our Branch this year. We hope they have found a home with us. We must now begin a new list of new members. Look at your friends, your relatives, your neighbors and your co-workers. Invite them to our summer social or to the next Branch meeting. New members join our group and they stay in because of you. We

DUES ARE DUE

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AAUW Funds/The Legal Advocacy Fund can't maintain this group or expand it without your help. The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) has expanded its focus and works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace, as well as provide community and campus outreach, research and media coverage.

LAF financially supports plaintiffs in gender-based workplace discrimination cases and provides grants to campus-based sex discrimination projects. In the case of Janet Conney, MD vs. UCLA, Dr. Conney was awarded \$2.95 million. The case was based on the fact that she was paid less than half of the salary of her male counterparts who had the same job responsibilities and the same education.

Now that the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act has been signed into law, AAUW continues to work toward passing the Paycheck Fairness Act. This would encourage employers to follow the law, empower women to negotiate for equal pay, and strengthen enforcement efforts. Research shows that just one year out of college, women already earn less than their male colleagues, even when they work in the same field. This gap widens as years pass.

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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 _____

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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.

_____ I want to advertise my business. I have included the \$15.00 fee and my business card.

*Required for all members. **New members must complete all information.**

Important Dates To Remember

Day	Date	Time	Place
Monday	April 26	10 AM	Morning Book @ Home of Sandy Bridges
Thursday	April 29	9 AM	Walkers @ Legg Lake
Thursday	April 29	6:30 PM	Town Hall Meeting @ Radisson Hotel
Friday-Sunday	April 30 - May 1	All Weekend	AAUW-CA Convention San Ramon, CA Marriott
Monday	May 3	11 AM	Garden Section – Cal High Botanical Garden
Tuesday	May 4	7 PM	AAUW Board meeting @ WCCS Office
Thursday	May 6	9 AM	Walkers @ La Mirada Creek Park
Friday	May 7	6-8 PM	First Friday @ Home of Sandy and Art Bridges
Saturday	May 8	1:30 PM	Whittier Branch Honors Tea @ East Whittier Women's Improvement Club
Thursday	May 13	9 AM	Walkers @ Santa Fe Spring Heritage Park
Thursday	May 13	1:30 PM	More Than Words @ The Palms Shirley McMahan's home
Saturday	May 15	6:30 PM	La Cuisine Dinners - Your hostess will call you
Tuesday	May 18	10 AM	International Concerns @ Ellen Larson's
Wednesday	May 19	6:30 PM	Mystery Mavens @ Marie Callender's
Thursday	May 20	9 AM	Walkers @ Uptown Neighborhoods
Saturday	May 22	7 PM	Saturday Night Bridge
Wednesday	May 26	1:30 PM	Memories Section @ Home of Brenda Jahn
Thursday	May 27	9 AM	Walkers @ Legg Lake
Thursday	May 27	7:30 PM	Modern Trends @ Home of Ginny Isenberg
Monday	May 31	All Day	Memorial Day
Tuesday	June 1	All Day	DUES ARE DUE
Tuesday	June 1	6:30 PM	Joint Board Meeting @ WCCS
Friday	June 4	6 – 8 PM	First Friday @ Home of Barbara Nichols
Monday	June 7	10 AM	Morning Book @ Home of Ann Topjohn

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About AAUW

MISSION STATEMENT: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), founded in 1881, is the nation's leading organization advocating equity for women and girls. Its national membership of 100,000 seeks to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. People of every race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, and level of physical ability are invited to join.

AAUW California was launched in San Francisco in 1886 and began lobbying immediately. It remains the state's most active and diverse organization for women with 14,000 members in more than 150 branches, plus 6,000 members-at-large.

The **AAUW 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 in every level of the political process. We
