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Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

NO BRANCH MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Holiday Boutique/Luncheon

California Country Club

AAUW Whittier Branch Boutique/Luncheon
Saturday, December 11 at 11AM
California Country Club
1905 Workman Mill Road
Whittier

Mark your calendar now for the Whittier Branch boutique and luncheon in December. The boutique will consist of a silent auction, re-gifted (new) items, gift cards and items made by our members.

Gifts cards to get your hair or nails done. Maybe someone will donate a gift card for free services, or gift cards for restaurants, movie tickets, etc.; all make great items for silent auction baskets. Items for silent auction baskets are needed as soon as possible. All other items can be brought the day of the boutique or dropped off at my home.

If you plan to bring items the day of the boutique, please let me know so I will have enough tables set up.

Any questions, please contact me.

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

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

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From the President



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

VOTE-VOTE-VOTE—I hope all members of AAUW Whittier will use their right to vote on Tuesday, November 2. Take time to review all the information on candidates and propositions. Remember, this is one of our freedoms that our young women and men are protecting as they serve this great country around the world. Your vote IS important.

Crime Stop: I hope all of you who attended this program enjoyed it as much as I did. What a great way to learn how to be safe through laughter.

November is here and with it the holiday season. My favorite. People seem to be more cordial and giving this time of year. I hope all of you will have a blessed Thanksgiving and can enjoy it with family and friends. Maybe if you know of people who will be alone on Thanksgiving you could invite them for dinner. It would really make their day and add joy to you and your family on Thanksgiving.

VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11

Let us all remember our veterans on their special day. It is because of their sacrifices that we still have all our freedoms and can continue to live in our beautiful United States of America as free people.

Our Holiday Boutique/Luncheon is coming up on December 11. Save the date and invite all your friends. See more about our boutique in this newsletter.

Shirley Ann Stewart

SAVE THE DATES

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

2010

November 2
December 7

2011

January 4 April 5
February 1 May 3
March 1 June 7

Plan Ahead

AAUW National Convention
Washington, D.C.
June 16-19

AAUW Revised Mission Statement:

AAUW advances equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

WEBSITES

AAUW National Association <http://www.aauw.org>
AAUW California <http://www.aauw-ca.org>
AAUW Whittier Branch <http://www.aauwhittier@info.com>

AAUW WALKERS

We invite you to join us for one hour. Fall is the best time to walk. The leaves are turning and the mornings are crisp. See some interesting venues and enjoy the talk.

NOVEMBER 2010

- 04 Thursday La Mirada Creek Park**
9 AM Meet in parking lot off of Santa Gertrudes Ave.
- 11 Thursday Rose Hills Memorial Park - Honor Veterans Day**
9 AM Meet in parking lot by the main gate
- 18 Thursday The Arch Neighborhood (Art in Public Places)**
9 AM Albertson’s parking lot Greenleaf/Whittier Blvd.
At the corner of Whittier Blvd. and Greenleaf Ave. in the Albertson’s parking lot there is an arch that is on the list of *Art in Public Places*.
- 25 Thursday All Give THANKS**
As you walk around the feast table

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La Cuisine

We will be dining on the cuisine of famous lodges in November. Your hosts will contact you soon about dates and dishes to bring. Have a great time and Bon Appétit!

SAVE THE DATE: The date for our dining-out evening has been finalized for January 22. Vintage Cafe is looking forward to presenting delicious gourmet dining for us. Be looking for the menu and directions on how to respond in the December newsletter. All regular members and substitutes are invited, limit forty.

Carol Shupek, chair 562-945-4931

Public Policy

By Sharon Heck

Reid Schedules Senate Vote on Paycheck Fairness Act

Before leaving for the mid-term elections, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) filed cloture on the Paycheck Fairness Act and two other pieces of legislation. This means that the bill will be one of the first to be voted on during the lame-duck session starting Nov. 15. This is a critical AAUW victory in our efforts to move the bill toward final passage. Your voices have been heard, but our work is not done yet! Watch for advocacy alerts and actions.

The Paycheck Fairness Act was passed by the House of Representatives almost two years ago, but the Senate has been very slow to act.

The bill, widely seen as one of the best tools to close the gender wage gap, was the subject of a Sept. 17 Washington Post op-ed written by Valerie Jarrett, senior adviser and assistant to President Obama for intergovernmental affairs and public engagement, and chair of the White House Council on Women and Girls. In the op-ed, Jarrett said:

"Today, too many struggling families are still waiting to feel the benefits of economic progress. That's why women's wages have perhaps never been more important. Women are the sole or co-breadwinner of two-thirds of American families. For them and their families, equal pay is not only a matter of principle; it's a matter of survival. It is for this reason that President Obama applauds the work of the House of Representatives and strongly supports passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act in the Senate. It is common-sense legislation that will give women the tools they need to obtain equal pay for equal work. The House passed this legislation 256 to 163 in January 2009. The bill is on the Senate calendar and should come up for a vote this month."

Recently, the U.S. Census Bureau released figures that show that the wage gap remained unchanged last year. For every dollar men earn, women still make 77 cents, on average. AAUW has been leading the coalition to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would close loopholes, strengthen incentives to prevent pay discrimination, and bring the Equal Pay Act in line with other civil rights laws. It would also prohibit retaliation against workers who inquire about employers' wage practices or disclose their own wages.

Contact Senator Barbara Boxer and Senator Dianne Feinstein and encourage their support for the Paycheck Fairness Act. Capitol Switchboard, U.S. Senate: 202-224-3121

Whittier Conservancy Annual Candlelight Walk

Thursday, December 9 at 7 PM

Featuring the College Heights Historic District.

Meet at Mendenhall parking lot at Painter and Philadelphia.

Transportation provided up the hill; easy walk downhill.

Refreshments provided. Free to the public.

International Concerns

International Concerns will meet on Tuesday, November 16 at 10 AM with Ellen Larson, Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd., #2D. The topic for discussion is "The US and the Persian Gulf." (Yes, this IS correct this time!) All interested members are invited. For further information contact Maurine Behrens, 562-695-8436 or maurineb@verizon.net



GARDEN SECTION

The October meeting of the Garden Section was a real success. Composting turned out to be a subject that held our interest.

The November meeting will be a field trip to Roger's Gardens, located at 2301 San Joaquin Hills Rd., Corona Del Mar. The nursery is decorated for the holiday season and it will be a good time to do your shopping.

We will meet to carpool at Albertson's market parking lot at Whittier Blvd. and Greenleaf Ave. at 10 AM on Tuesday, November 2.

We will go to Café Arty's in the Newport Center for lunch, and order off the inexpensive menu. There is no entry fee for Roger's Gardens after lunch. For those not going to lunch you can meet us at the nursery at 1 PM. We plan to be back in Whittier by 5 PM. Please let me know by November 1 if you plan to attend.

Barbara Gile, chair

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ROGER'S  GARDENS.

Stitch and Bitch and Discover

Please plan to have a casual dinner with us on Wednesday, November 10 at 6 PM at Simply Delicious Cafe at 1119 First Street in Whittier. It is at the corner of Leffingwell and First St. Hear about our plans and be prepared to sign up to greet at the door of one of our Branch meetings. We still need two people for December, April and June. We need one more person for March and May.

Please let me know if you can join us for dinner and exchanging news of ourselves.

Nancy Kindness
562-693-1964 or nankindness@verizon.net

STITCH AND BITCH

This group is open to anyone who would like to do something creative and enjoys being around other people and interacting while working on “whatever.” Please give us a try even if you are not sure. We will be meeting at the home of **Mary Ellen Mead, 8335 Catalina Ave., Whittier.** Mary Ellen’s phone number is 562-693-6482 in case you get lost. Bring whatever it is you would like to work on. Maybe we will decide at various times to go to jewelry shows, or quilt show, or some other place of interest. We are changing the regular meeting day to the fourth Tuesday of the month. In November it is the 23rd. Please arrive at 6:30 PM or whenever it is good for you to come. We will not meet in December but will resume in January on the 25th and the year is 2011. Can you believe!!!!!! Let me know of your interest. Nancy Kindness, chair 562-693-1964 or nankindness@verizon.net.

DISCOVER

We had a wonderful time in Claremont with the Heritage Group’s tour. Next we have decided to go to the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve which includes the Wetlands Interpretive Center and miles of trails. At some point in time we will go to Huntington Beach and explore a little and have lunch. If you have the Westways Magazine from AAA for October 2010, it is listed on page 28. Please feel free to join us. Spouses and friends are invited. We will meet Saturday, November 13 at 9 AM in the Albertson’s parking lot at Beach Blvd. and Whittier Blvd. I am planning to be near the Whittier Blvd. side of the parking lot. I will have a flag or something so you can spot me. We should be back by mid-afternoon. Please keep watch of the weather and dress appropriately – hats, jackets, etc.

In December we will go to Riverside to the Festival of Lights at the Mission Inn. There are more than 3.5 million lights transforming Riverside’s historic hotel into pure magic. We will go in the mid-afternoon to enjoy the sights and then stay for dinner. We need to make reservations early so I will need to know by November 13 if you want to go with us on Saturday, December 18. Please feel free to add to our list of places and things you would like to “DISCOVER.” **Put November 13 on your calendar and plan to “DISCOVER” with your friends.** Let me know if you think you are coming at Nancy Kindness, chair 562-693-1964 or nankindness@verizon.net.

Morning Book

Morning Book will discuss *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak at 10 AM on Monday, November 22, at Ginny Isenberg's home. Sandy Bridges will lead the discussion and Peggy Kiefer will be co-hostess. *The Book Thief* is the story of Liesel Meminger, a young girl given to foster parents in Germany at the beginning of World War II. Her discovery of and stealing a book leads her to a love affair with books and words as she learns to read with the help of her foster father. When Liesel's foster family hides a Jew in the basement, Liesel's world is both opened up and closed down. The writing is luminous, and the story is haunting and unforgettable.

Directions to Ginny Isenberg's home, 1205 Sunbird, La Habra, 562-697-3066: From Whittier Blvd. go north on Hacienda Rd. Turn right on Russell St. Left on Greenview Dr., go straight; this becomes Sunbird. House is on your left.

Janice Geiger, chair 562-695-9971

Mystery Mavens

Wednesday, November 17

6:30PM

***House Without a Key* by Earl Derr Biggers**

Reviewer: Sally Schmidt

When Bostonian John Quincy Winterslip is sent to Hawaii to bring back his elderly Aunt Minerva, he fully expects to return home quickly. Shortly after his arrival in Honolulu, however, his uncle Dan Winterslip is murdered in his Waikiki home. Assigned to investigate is Honolulu Detective Charlie Chan. First published in 1925, *The House Without a Key* broke new ground in American publishing by starring an Asian detective. Charlie Chan is clever and thoughtful and committed to maintaining his own culture. As the investigation unfolds, the author creates a vibrant picture of Honolulu in the 1920's. Definitely not hard-boiled in his style, he celebrates Hawaii in all its tropical splendor –beaches and soft moonlight, glorious flowers and lush growth, warm and sensitive people, and its multicultural ambience.

Meet at Marie Callender's restaurant at 9829 La Serna Dr., Whittier, near Whittier Blvd. in the Library Room. Reservations, Carol K. Anderson, 562-943-0728

Memories Section

The Memories Section has two more meetings in 2010. We are collecting subjects to write about for next year. This is a non-judgmental group that enjoys sharing happenings in our lives. Come join us as we laugh and write of our triumphs and embarrassing moments.

On October 27 at 1:30 PM we will be at Sally Schmidt's home to tell of our adventures with trick or treat. Directions: Turn north on Bacon Rd. from Mar Vista St.; turn left or west on Bronte Dr., then right at the next corner onto Bowen Dr. 7751 Bowen Drive has a mailbox that looks like a cow on the west side of the street.

On Wednesday, November 17, at 1:30 PM come to Janice Geiger's home for our last meeting of the year when we write about "Symbols." Directions to 11320 Indiana St.: Go west on Broadway, turn right or north on Palm Ave. Indiana St. is the seventh street past Palm Park. Turn left or west and drive to the house.

Colleen Tan, chair
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First Friday

Linda Pomeroy will host First Friday on November 5 from 6 to 8 PM. Her address is 1620 N. Cedarcrest Dr., Brea, 714-671-3112. Directions: Going east on Whittier Blvd., turn left on N. Puente St, right on Northwood Ave., left on N. Poinsettia Ave., right on Oakcrest Ave., then a slight left onto Cedarcrest Dr. Her home is on the right side.

Membership – Joyce Paul

Our membership is now at 144. Suzanne Goulet has joined us for another year and we are happy that she has done so. Information on Suzanne and the other three new members will be at the end of this article. We are only six members away from meeting our goal of 150---only six. Surely we can find six more new members. Let's all try to invite a guest, who may want to join us, to an activity between now and the Christmas boutique and hopefully we will our reach our goal. Please contact Yvette Rawlinson at 562-698-6867 or Sandy Bridges at 562-697-7427 or at abrid848@aol.com or Joyce Paul at 909-620-1202 or at joycem.paul@yahoo.com with the name of anyone you would like us to contact regarding membership. Our newest members are:

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AAUW WHITTIER BRANCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2010

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
October			
Wednesday	27	1:30 PM	Memories @ Sally Schmidt's
November			
Tuesday	2	10 AM	Section-Garden-Rogers Gardens
	2	7 PM	Whittier Branch Board meeting @ St. Matthias
Thursday	4	9 AM	Section-Walkers-La Mirada Creek Park
Friday	5	6-8 PM	First Friday, Linda Pomeroy
Sunday	7	2 AM	Daylight savings ends, set clocks back one hour
Wednesday	10	7:30 AM	Wake Up Whittier @ TBA
	10	6 PM	Stitch & Bitch, Discover @ Simply Delicious Cafe
Thursday	11	9 AM	Section- Walkers-Rose Hills Memorial Park
Saturday	13	9 AM	Discover- Bolsa Chica Ecological Preserve
Tuesday	16	10 AM	Section-International Concerns @ Ellen Larson's
Wednesday	17	7 PM	Section-Mystery Mavens @ Marie Callender's
		1:30 PM	Section-Memories @ Janice Geiger's
Thursday	18	9 AM	Section- Walkers-The Arch Neighborhood
Monday	22	10 AM	Section-Morning Book @ Ginny Isenberg's
Tuesday	23	6:30 PM	Stitch & Bitch @Mary Ellen Mead's



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About AAUW

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

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

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

The AAUW FUND (formerly known as the Educational Foundation) supports women scholars around the globe, local teachers and activists. Its first research project in 1885 dispelled the notion that higher education is detrimental to women's health. It funds:

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

The AAUW FUND is now engaged in cutting-edge research such as the widely publicized 2008 report *Where the Girls Are: The Facts About Gender Equity in Education*. The latest published research is *Why So Few? Women and Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*.

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

This arm of AAUW combats sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace through community and campus outreach programs, a resource library, online advocacy tools and various research report opportunities for education and discussion on topics of equity, discrimination and tenure at California universities and colleges.

AAUW also encourages women to become involved at every level of the political process. We actively support legislation on educational equity and diversity in public schools, pay equity, reproductive choice, childcare, school-based health care, civil rights and responsible funding for public education.

To further its objectives AAUW has established the Women's Network for Change, a coalition of organizations working together to effect change.