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Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

Crime Stop USA, "Laugh Yourself Safe"

The Whittier Branch of the American Association of University Women and guests will gather at 11:30 AM for lunch on Saturday October 23 at the Radisson Hotel, 7320 So. Greenleaf Ave. in Uptown Whittier. The program starts at 12 PM and will be "Laugh Yourself Safe," which will address safety issues in everyday activities such as walking, using the ATM and being alone at home.

See the flyer on page 3 for further information. Guests are welcome.

Reservations for the October 23 meeting can be made by calling Susan Halliday at 562-696-7395 or e-mailing her at WhittierAAUWreserv@yahoo.com.

All reservations and cancellations must be in by Tuesday, October 19. The cost of the lunch is \$20.

Please make your reservations by Tuesday, October 19!

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.

Ginny 562-777-4343

Margot 562-699-6898

From the President



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope all of you enjoyed our 85th Birthday Party on September 11. We had approximately 80 people there. The food was delicious and the Power Point presentation was great. If you missed it, we have DVD's of the presentation on sale for \$5. See Susan Halliday. A special thank you to all the members who worked so hard to make it a success. Real teamwork.

We have several more new members this month, and we now have over 140 members. Getting close to our goal of 150. Great work, membership committee and members.

It not too early to let Marian Locke, Math/Science Conference chair, know what you can do to help. She needs at least 50 people.

Be sure to invite your family and friends to our October 23 meeting. It is a great program, Crime Stop USA, "Laugh Yourself Safe." We will all learn a lot on how to keep ourselves safe.

Have a safe and happy Halloween.

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.

<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	
October 5	January 4	April 5
November 2	February 1	May 3
December 7	March 1	June 7

AAUW Whittier Branch
IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE

CRIME STOP USA'S
One Hour Crime Prevention Seminar
LAUGH YOURSELF SAFE!!!!
AS SEEN ON FOX TV



WARNING: If laughing is not for you, stay away from this event!!
Presented by **STANDUP COMEDIANS**. It's fast paced, really funny, and very educational!

STAND-UP
COMEDIANS

THINGS YOU WILL LEARN:

- ◆ How to identify "red flag" behavior
- ◆ How criminals pick victims and how to avoid looking like one
- ◆ How to keep your families safer at home, on the street and in the car
- ◆ Sexual assault...what every woman should know
- ◆ Ways to incapacitate a criminal
- ◆ The #1 thing burglars say will keep them out of your home
- ◆ What to yell to get help in a street crime
- ◆ What to do if your car breaks down on the freeway
- ◆ What to do if a criminal points a gun at you and says, "get in the car"
- ◆ How to avoid car jacking and ATM crimes



DATE: October 23rd, Saturday, 2010 TIME: 12:00 NOON
TO BE HELD AT: Radisson Hotel 7320 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier

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This seminar has been seen by over 600,000 people nationwide

Questions – Pamela Holmes: pamela.holmes@doj.ca.gov 213-897-2120
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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>

OCTOBER WALKERS

We walk every Thursday morning at 9 AM.
Please plan to join us for a nice stroll and exploration of
our neighborhoods and art in public places. The following is our schedule:

- 07 Thursday Whittwood Town Center**
- 14 Thursday Schabarum Park
- 21 Thursday La Mirada Creek Park
- 28 Thursday Uptown neighborhood

For further information please contact:

Barbara Gile 562-693-7279 or
barbaragile@me.com

NEEDED: Chair and committee members for two of our special projects, Local Scholarships and Tech Trek.

Please contact Shirley Stewart for further information: 562-944-4556 or
shirleys.creations@verizon.net

Annual Holiday Boutique

December 11- California County Club. We need donations from members to make our boutique a success: items for silent auction baskets, homemade or store bought items, candies, brownies, etc. Gift cards for stores, restaurants, personal services, etc., are always great.

Items for the silent auction baskets are needed by October 23. All other items can be brought on the day of the boutique.

For more information, please contact Shirley Stewart at 562-944-4556 or shirleys.creations@verizon.net

Garden Section Schedule

We know there are AAUW members who like the great outdoors. Once a month join the Garden Section to go on field trips and share ideas.

Please consider joining us on the first Tuesday of each month.

On October 5, Julie Grover from Armstrong Nurseries in Monrovia will share her tips on composting. Julie is a Master Gardener. She told us about roses at the June AAUW meeting. We start at 1 PM and there are some special treats for those who attend. The meeting will be held on Barbara Gile's patio at 14035 Eastridge Drive in Whittier.

For directions and information contact: Barbara Gile, 562-693-7279 barbaragile@me.com

Here is a schedule of the meetings for the rest of 2010:

Date	Subject	Hostess
OCTOBER 5	COMPOSTING	BARBARA GILE
NOVEMBER 2	ROGERS GARDENS	SHIRLEY STEWART
DECEMBER 7	LUNCHEON	MARIAN LOCKE

Everyone is welcome even if you have a chartreuse or black thumb!

Yearbook change: Our April 9, 2011 meeting has to be changed to April 16, 2011, as the state convention is April 8-12.

AAUW Funds

Thank you to those who have already contributed to AAUW Funds this year. By supporting the work of AAUW we are helping to promote equity for women and girls. Please remember that AAUW Funds is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and all your contributions are tax deductible. One of the important programs supported by AAUW Funds is the Legal Advocacy Fund. Here are some of the aspects of LAF which are supported by AAUW. Examples of court cases are: Three employees of Feather River Community College complained of sex discrimination and retaliation for complaining of sex discrimination. These three cases are scheduled for trial in 2010, 2011. LAF has contributed more than \$125,000 to the three former employees to fight their cases. Another case being supported is the sex discrimination case of several former students and members of the women's wrestling team at UC Davis. The women's wrestling team was disbanded in 2001. This case is still being considered by the court which has not yet ruled on whether it will hear the case. LAF has awarded \$64,746 in support of this case. In addition to these cases now being supported by LAF, two branches received LAF Campus Outreach Funding to hold campus events on the gender pay gap. Most college students have never heard about the pay gap.

A third project of the Legal Advocacy Fund is in the area of street harassment. As we know, sexual harassment is illegal in the workplace, but those same behaviors are completely legal in public places, and they negatively affect women's lives, making them feel less safe on the street. In a survey conducted by LAF program manager and street harassment expert Holly Kearl, sixty percent of women said they always constantly assess their surroundings. Eighty percent said they at least sometimes avoid being in public if they have to go alone. Because of this issue, women's equality is impeded. The book *Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women* was released this summer. It was written by Holly Kearl. If you're interested in learning more about this you may visit her website, www.stopstreetharassment.com. The information you've just read was taken from the summer edition of LAF/Update. If you have more questions or comments, you may contact me at my e-mail address, PJFretz@aol.com. If you would like to make a donation to AAUW Funds, you may send your check to me, Peggy Fretz, 14852 Jupiter St., Whittier CA 90603.

Peggy Fretz, AAUW Funds VP

More Than Words

Wednesday, October 13, 1:30 PM

Our first book will be *Damned Lies and Statistics* by Joel Best. Rosanne Seitz will lead the discussion at the home of Shirley McMahon, The Palms, Apt 229, 13001 La Mirada, two blocks south of Imperial Highway. 562-946-2474

Math/ Science Conference Update

Many thanks to those of you who volunteered at the September AAUW Branch meeting to help with our 18th Math/Science Conference for Eighth Grade Girls on Friday, February 25, 2011. It will once again be at Rio Hondo College from 8 AM to 1 PM. I know some of you are checking calendars and will get back to me on assisting. How wonderful of Andrea Avila, Field Deputy for LA County Supervisor Don Knabe, to share last month her experiences at a Math/Science Conference. She assisted several years obtaining and directing students with workshop sign posting.

These are the women working on our next conference:

Middle School Liaison: Ellen Larson, Jill Smith

Teacher Check-in Table: Rosanne Seitz, Yvette Rawlinson, Shirley A. Stewart

Seat Students: Ellen Larson, Gwen Woirhaye

Treasurer& Speaker/Hostesses Check-in Table: Jill Smith, Kaye Kidwell,

Workshop Computer Choices: Susan Halliday

Student Registration Sorting at Marian's home: Marian Locke, Dolores Seidman, Harriet Kittle

Nametags/ Reserve Speaker: Kaye Kidwell

Signs: Marge Bates

Nurse: Ellen Paik

Food (7): Carol K. Anderson, Peggy Burlingham, Virginia Kite

Hostesses (15): Beth Greulich, Carole Restovich, Louise Holden, Kelly Collazo, Sharon Heck, Dolores Seidman, Barbara Gile, Peggy Fretz, Carol Black, Joyce Paul, Peggy Kiefer, Carol Shupek, Judy Flanders, Myra Weiss, Janice Geiger. **Alternates (3):** Jacqueline Brearley,

Insurance/Conference Supplies/ Donations/Speakers/Brochure: Marian

Packet Assembly (10): Beth Greulich, Louise Holden, Shirley A. Stewart, Phyllis Thompson, Linda Chitwood, Peggy Fretz,

Student Guides (5): Rio Hondo Ambassadors, Norma Matamoroz,

Publicity: Margot Kamens, Marian

The dates for events are as follows:

Middle School Teacher Meeting/Distribute Brochure: January 12

Workshop Choices/Money Returned: Jan. 26

Choices in Envelopes: February 9, 9:15 AM

Packet Party at Barbara Giles' home: February 17

Marian Locke 626-336-3430 univminn57@yahoo.com

Math/Science Conference Chair 2011

International Concerns

Meets on Tuesday, October 19 at 10 AM with Ellen Larson, Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd., #2D. The topic for discussion is "The US and the Persian Gulf." All interested members are invited. For further information contact Maurine Behrens, 562-695-8436 or maurineb@verizon.net.

Modern Trends in Literature

Meets the 4th Thursday nine months of the year @ **7 PM (NEW TIME)**

October 28 Home of Kristine Yeseta

13826 Walnut St., Whittier

562 696-0226

From Whittier Blvd. go north on College past La Cuarta and turn right on Walnut. House is on the right.

Dancing for Degas by Kathryn Wagner is a vibrantly imagined portrait of impressionist artist Edgar Degas. Readers are transported through the eyes of a young Parisian ballerina to an era of light and movement, love and rejection, at the Paris Opera House. Reviewed by Carol Shupak.

Books for the remainder of the year are:

November: *Loving Frank*

January: *The Secret Life of Emily Dickinson*

February: *Love*

March: *The Book Thief*

April: *A Reliable Wife*

May: *Making Toast*

June: *Playing for Pizza*

Kristine Yeseta, chair 562-696-0226

Morning Book

Morning Book will discuss *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak on November 22. Details will be in the November newsletter.

Other books selected for 2010-2011:

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford (February 28)

The Help by Kathryn Stockett (April 25)

Shanghai Girls by Lisa See (June 6)

Janice Geiger, chair 562-695-9971

First Friday

6 PM to 8 PM

October 1: Jan Berry, 2323 Ardsheal Dr., La Habra Heights

Directions: From Whittier Blvd., go north on Colima, right on Hacienda Blvd., right on Skyline Dr., and left on Ardsheal. House is on the right.

Volunteer hostesses needed for the following dates: November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, and June 3.

Contact Brenda Jahn 562-691-2419 brenda.jahn@charter.net

PUBLIC POLICY

by Sharon Heck

There has been some confusion as to the deductibility of dues we pay to AAUW each year. Our public policy work involves lobbying of elected officials on topics AAUW deems very important to women and children in our society. Pay equity and lifting barriers for women and girls are two examples of our concern. It is not legal to deduct our dues payments that are used for such lobbying efforts. Below is the most current statement on this policy from AAUW:

“The restructuring became effective on July 1, 2009, and the ‘new’ organization is known as AAUW. AAUW controls both the Section 501(c)(3) public charity, the primary organization, and the Section 501(c)(4) public or social welfare organization, which may engage in limited activities related to member activism and voter education (and is called the AAUW Action Fund). Now, donations to the national AAUW Section 501(c)(3) charitable membership organization are tax deductible to the donors on their personal federal tax returns, but donations to the national AAUW Section 501(c)(4) public welfare organization the ‘AAUW Action Fund’ (that supports our Lobby Corps and election-related activities) will not be deductible.

AAUW national dues are \$49, of which \$46 is tax deductible by the individual member; \$3 of that national dues payment is not tax deductible because it will be used to support the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) activities (Lobby Corps and election-related activities). Likewise, of the \$17 Student Affiliate dues, \$16 are tax deductible and \$1 is not tax deductible for the same reason. Tax deductible funds (national dues and contributions) may be processed through branch checking accounts. That these funds are collected by the branch is immaterial to their deductibility, as the intent of the payer and the destination of the payment controls the tax deductibility of the payment when the recipient is a 501 (c)(3) organization.”

The important thing to remember is the wonderful advocacy work we and the national staff can do because of that \$3 dues we pay which is not deductible. We are still allowed to deduct \$46 when we itemize it on our personal income tax forms. AAUW Public Policy endeavors really can make a difference!

Mystery Mavens

November 17	<i>House Without a Key</i> by Earl Derr Biggers	Reviewer - Sally Schmidt
January 19	<i>The Alehouse Murders</i> by Maureen Ash	Reviewer – Sharon Heck
March 16	<i>Iron Lake</i> by William Kent Krueger	Reviewer – Carol K. Anderson
May 18	<i>In For a Penny</i> by Kathryn Wall	Reviewer - Harriet Kittle

Carol K. Anderson, chair 562-943-0728

Membership – Joyce Paul

Our Whittier Branch AAUW now has 143 members. All but ten of our former members have now renewed their memberships and we have added Jacqueline McCauley, Sheryl Crockey, Pat Powers, Charlotte Elser, Iris Harris, Connie Bucey and Ellen Farquhar as new members. We have a total of twenty-two new members this year and we welcome each one of you to our Whittier AAUW. All but the last three of these new members are listed in the directory. We will provide information for Iris, Connie and Ellen in the next newsletter. The new directories are now available. Many members received theirs at the meeting on September 11. Those of you who paid to have them mailed should have received them in the mail. Directories will be distributed again at the October meeting and once again in December. If you did not get your directory this month, please plan to get it in October or make arrangements for someone to get it for you. You may have it mailed to you for \$2. Our goal for membership this year is 150. We are only seven (7) members away. Please help us all reach that goal. Invite your friends, neighbors, relatives and co-workers to a meeting. As always, you may contact the following people for membership: Yvette Rawlinson at 562-698-6867, Sandy Bridges at 562-697-7427 or abrid848@aol.com or Joyce Paul at 909-620-1202 or joycem.paul@yahoo.com. Remember, we need to recruit seven more members to reach our goal for this year. We can do that and would it not be wonderful to even exceed that goal? We can do it.

Memories

The Memories Section had an interesting August meeting. The topic of courtship really brought out our fondest memories and it was delightful to share our sometimes romantic adventures. Judy Flanders was the perfect hostess as she served root-beer floats in her cool home on a hot afternoon. We discussed the schedule for the rest of the year. Please make a note of the following schedule and plan to attend.

Our meetings now start at 1:30 PM.

Wednesday, September 29	Radio Moments at the home of Gwen Woirhaye	5810 Friends Ave.
Wednesday, October 27	Trick or Treat at the home of Sally Schmidt	7751 Bowen Dr.
Wednesday, November 17	Symbols at the home of Janice Geiger	11320 Indiana St.

In December we do not meet.

**Write for your own enjoyment and for your grandchildren.
We have a subject each month just to motivate us. Everyone
is welcome even if you have not written a thought or memory. There is no
judgment on style or context. We just have fun!**

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

Any questions or for further information, please contact **Colleen Tan, chair, 562-698-4934**

LA Cuisine

We began the year with a delicious Santa Maria Barbecue at the lovely home of Sandy and Art Bridges. Our next event will be for regular members at one of three homes. Please note that the date given in your packet is November 6, BUT this will probably be changed. Your hosts will phone to keep you posted. We have gained new members who may be substitutes this year, and we are always looking for more gourmands! Please give me a call if you want to be on the list. The next date for both regular and substitute members is January 22, Vintage Café, Uptown Whittier.

Carol Shupek 562-945-4931

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 they work on "whatever". Please give us a try even if you are not sure. Because it is so close to the newsletter deadline and we have not met for the first time, I will offer my home again, even though it is in rough stages from moving. Bring whatever it is you would like to work on. Maybe we will decide at various times to go to jewelry shows, or quilt shows, or some other place of interest. We can change the regular meeting day but for now it is the third Tuesday at 6:30 PM or whenever it is good for you to come.

For October we will meet on the 19th at 6:30 PM at my home, 12804 Rose Dr., Whittier. Drive north on Greenleaf and the last street to the left is Rose Dr. I am at the southeast corner of Rose and Milton. Let me know of your interest at 562-693-1964 or nankindness@verizon.net.

Nancy Kindness

DISCOVER

The Discover group had its first outing on September 18, and it will meet again on Saturday, October 2, to do a village walking tour of Claremont. We will meet at my home, 12804 Rose Dr., Whittier, at 8:45 AM and carpool to Claremont. **Note: My home phone number was changed to 562-693-1964 after the new yearbook was printed. Please make this correction in the yearbook. The three other numbers are correct. Also my correct e-mail address should not have a capital "k".**

A small group may decide to go to one place and another group may go to another place the same or a different day. The group is not highly structured at this time.

Please put October 2 on your calendar and plan to "DISCOVER" with your friends.

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

AAUW-Whittier Branch Calendar for October 2010

October 1	6-8PM	First Friday @ Jan Berry
October 2	8:45AM	Section: Discover Group, Meet at Nancy Kindness home, 562-693-1964
October 5	1PM	Section: Garden @ Barbara Gile
	7PM	Whittier Branch Board Meeting @ St. Matthias Church
October 7	9AM	Section: Walkers @ Whittwood Town Center
October 13	7:30-9:30AM	Wake Up Whittier @ TBA
	1:30PM	Section: More Than Words @ Shirley McMahon
October 14	9AM	Section: Walkers @ Schabarum Park
October 15	Midnight	Deadline for November Newsletter
October 19	10AM	Section: International Concerns @ Ellen Larson
	6:30 PM	Section: Stitch and Bitch @ Nancy Kindness
October 21	9AM	Section: Walkers @ La Mirada Creek Park
October 23	11:30AM	Whittier Branch Meeting @ Radisson Hotel
	7PM	Section: Saturday Night Bridge @ Mary Ellen Mead
October 27	1:30PM	Section: Memories @ Sally Schmidt
October 28	9AM	Section: Walkers @ Uptown neighborhood
	7 PM	Section: Modern Trends @ Kristine Yeseta



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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.