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Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

Angela Acosta-Salazar Keynote Speaker at Math/Science Conference at Rio Hondo College February 25



The Whittier Branch of AAUW is pleased to have Ms. Angela Acosta-Salazar as our keynote speaker for the AAUW 18th Math/Science Conference for Eighth Grade Girls on Friday, February 25 at 9 AM. Ms. Acosta-Salazar is a member of the Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees. She was first elected to the board in 2005, and she represents Trustee Area 3, which includes the cities of Whittier and South El Monte. She is a graduate of the University of California at Irvine and completed her M.A. in Community and Regional Planning at the University of New Mexico. She resides in Whittier with her husband and sons. Ms. Acosta-Salazar has been employed by The Puente Project, University of California Office of the President, as the Coordinator for the Community Leadership/Mentoring Program in So. California. She works in collaboration with high school teachers and counselors to catapult students into higher education and ensure that they return to their community as civic leaders and mentors. In addition, Ms. Acosta-Salazar serves as an adjunct professor at Los Angeles City College, teaching Chicano Studies.

From 2001-2006, Ms. Acosta-Salazar directed the HOPE Leadership Institute, a nine-month program designed to train Latina women from across the state in vital advocacy skills, enabling them to create fundamental change within their local neighborhoods to develop healthy communities across California. In this position she was able to engage in the policy issues of education, health care access and economic empowerment for Latinas. A cadre of close to 250 women was trained under her direction. HOPE is a statewide nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to ensuring political and economic parity for Latinas through leadership, advocacy and education to benefit all communities and the status of women. We welcome Ms. Acosta-Salazar to our conference!

From the President



President's Message

Wow, what a way to start 2011. Our January Branch meeting was great! We had about 80 members and friends who enjoyed a lovely lunch, and Judith Helton as Beatrix Potter was outstanding. We also surpassed our goal of 150 members. Thanks to Joyce Paul and her committee for all of their hard work and dedication.

Our next event is the Math/Science Conference at Rio Hondo College on February 25. See Marian Locke's article in this newsletter for more information.

The Nominating committee with Ginny Ball as Chair will be looking for members to fill the Board for next year. If you are interested in a Board position, contact Ginny. We can only continue to grow and prosper, if our members step up and take an office or chairmanship.

Our next Board meeting is Tuesday, February 1. There is no Branch meeting in February.

Shirley Ann Stewart

SAVE THE DATES

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

February 1

March 1

April 5

May 3

June 7

Math/ Science Conference This Month

I still have not heard from Rio Hondo College administrators whether they plan to reduce the unexpected costs that were presented to us in December. We have submitted to them our non-profit status. We appreciate the very generous conference donation that was given by Fay Weber. The final speaker responded, the brochure was printed, and it was distributed to the school advisors. I wish to thank Ellen, Susan and Jill for assisting at the middle school meeting, and for all the work they have done to obtain school contact information, workshop choices and money. Now the work begins of buying supplies, arranging for food and sending materials to all participants. We will have 475 girls, 23 advisors, 34 speakers, and 30 AAUW workers at the conference. The following women are working on the Friday, February 25 conference:

Middle School Liaison: Ellen Larson, Jill Smith

Teacher Campus Inn Check-in Table: Yvette Rawlinson, Phoemie Aghili, Sue Turco

Seat Students-Ellen Larson, Gwen Woirhaye

Speaker/Moderator Check-in Table: Jill Smith, Kaye Kidwell, Linda Gatons

Workshop Computer Choices: Susan Halliday

Student Registration Sorting at Marian's home: Marian Locke, Dolores Seidman, Harriet Kittle, Ann Topjon, Marge Bates

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, Lovey Sherman

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

Packet Assembly: Beth Greulich, Louise Holden, Shirley A. Stewart, Phyllis Thompson, Linda Chitwood, Peggy Fretz, Gen'nel Walters, Sally Schmidt, Linda Gatons, Linda Pomeroy

Student Guides: (5) Rio Hondo Ambassadors, Monique Nobriga

Publicity: Margot Kamens, Marian

The dates for events are as follows:

Registration Sorting at Marian's- Wed., February 9, 9:15 AM

Fill Packets at Barbara Giles' Home- Thursday, February 17, 7 PM

AAUW Workers park in Lot B, check in at 8 AM Science Bldg. on Friday, February 25

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

2011 Math/Science Conference Speakers

Tene Carr, MPA, FBI Special Agent L.A.
Kathleen Feicht, Ph.D, ASTA Food Researcher
Amanda Corvera, BS, Registered Dietitian at PIH
Denise Nicholson, Au.D., Senior Audiologist, UCLA
Linda Langford, BS, physical therapist, PIH, St. Jude's
Patricia Ryan Martin, DDS, Dentist/USC Asst. Professor
Laurie Starkey, Ph.D., chemistry professor, Cal Poly Pomona
Kristin Romo, BS, dental hygienist, Whittier
Beth Boynton, DVM, veterinary medicine professor, Western U. Health Sciences
Casey Spragg, MA CCC-SLP- Speech Therapist, Kindred Hospital, Care Meridian
Jill Morganelli, BS, Horticultural Curator, L.A. Co. Arboretum and Botanic Garden
Leslie Van Peteghem BS, Edwards Air Force Base, mechanical engineer B-2 Bomber
Jessica Peterson BS, MS, Edwards Air Force Base, mechanical engineer. F-16
Gail Biesemeyer, RN, MSN. registered nurse/professor, Rio Hondo College
Cheryl Osborn, BS, CASCO contractor/owner, Irvine
Tatiana Garcia, BS, Criminalist II LAPD
Julia Willner, MD, Obstetrics/Gynecology- Bright Health Physicians
Maria Philippon, Bank Manager, Whittier Bank of America
Caitlin Reed, MD, MPH, Epidemic Intelligence Officer, L.A. Co. Public Health
Dawn Terashita, MD physician/epidemiologist L.A. Co. Public Health
Pamela Holmes, BA, JD, Deputy Attorney General
Yolanda Sagarminaga, paralegal, Attorney General's office
Barbara Helton, M.arch, architect, IBI Group, Irvine
Janice Hoffman, Pharm.D., pharmacy professor, Western U. Health Sciences
Trina Ray, BS, MS, JPL Cassini Science Planning Team/Titan
Jodie Holt, Ph.D, UC Riverside Botany/Plant Science Professor
Mickie Feicht, BS, Staff Planner, Disneyland Rides/Engineering Dept.
Arlene Zonni, BS, Furniture Importer, Parker House Fine Furniture
Lauren Saez, BS, MS, Fishery Biologist National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Bonnie Rogers, BS, MS, Fishery Biologist NOAA
Carrie Rebay, BS, Occupational Therapist, Care Meridian, Rebay Therapy Services and
Karen Koos, MA, Math/Science Dean and faculty members at Rio Hondo College

MORNING BOOK

Morning Book will discuss *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford, at 10 AM on Monday, February 28 at Harriet Kittle's home. Ann Topjon will lead the discussion and Sally Schmidt will be co-hostess. *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* opens in 1986 at the Panama Hotel, once the gateway to Seattle's Japantown. The novel explores the age-old conflicts between father and son, the beauty and sadness of what happened to Japanese-Americans in the Seattle area during World War II and the depths and longing of deep-heart love. It is a lovely combination of romantic coincidence, historic detail and realism that is smooth and highly readable.

Directions to Harriet Kittle's home, 9715 La Alba Dr., 562-947-3240: From Whittier Blvd., north on La Serna Dr., east on Janine Dr., north on La Alba to 9715, on left-hand side.

Please e-mail (billjangeiger@yahoo.com) or bring book suggestions for the 2011-2012 reading list.

Janice Geiger, chair, 562-695-9971

Modern Trends in Literature

Join us on Thursday, February 24 at 7:30 PM to take a look at *Love*, Tony Morrison's 8th novel. Over the span of nine chapters we will discuss the lives of several women and their relationships with the late Bill Cosey. What better time than Valentine's month to explore an assorted variety of love; familial, romantic, platonic and self?

We will meet at the home of Carol Shupek, 6204 Southwind Dr., Whittier,
Directions: From Whittier Blvd, north on Painter Ave. to Hadley St., east (right) on Hadley to Southwind Dr., north (left) on Southwind to number 6204, right side of street, almost to the crest of the hill. There is parking in the driveway for those with mobility challenges.

Co-Hostess Doloros Seidman
Reviewed by Kristine Yeseta

March 24- *The Secret Life of Emily Dickinson*

Any questions? Kristine Yeseta, chair, 562-696-0226 surfzena@earthlink.net

Please consider receiving this newsletter by e-mail. This will save the Branch the cost of printing and postage. You can contact Ginny Holloway, editor, to inform her of this switch. Thank you.

Public Policy by Sharon Heck

This article was written by an AAUW Public Policy staff member and speaks to all of us regarding the lack of gender equality in our US Congress.

Ninety-two women hold seats in the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives this Congress, a number down from the previous session — the first time that number has declined in 30 years. Women make up just over 17 percent of the Congress, which means the United States ranks 72nd in the world for women’s representation in national parliaments — well below nations like the United Arab Emirates, Cuba, Angola, and most of Europe. This is at a time when the most powerful politicians in nations like Germany, Australia, and Brazil are women.

But the news isn’t all bad for American women political leaders. In November, Maryland voters re-elected Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), who last Wednesday became the longest-serving woman senator in history. Mikulski is also the second longest-serving member of Congress, having served five terms in the House of Representatives before her time in the Senate. She was also the first Democratic woman elected to the Senate in her own right (rather than being appointed).

Mikulski isn’t just an inspiration to women and girls considering a career in politics. She is also a fierce advocate for gender equity and has authored and co-sponsored numerous pieces of legislation aimed at ensuring equity for women and girls in health care, education, and employment. Among her most recent victories was the Mikulski amendment to the health care reform bill. This amendment, which was included in the final package, expanded coverage of women’s preventive care and, in most cases, ended the premiums women were forced to pay just for being women. It’s just one of many successes the senator has achieved through her hard work and dedication to women’s issues. Last year, the Senate found itself unable to complete many critical tasks, including passing strong pay equity legislation or immigration reform. However, with more leaders like Mikulski, I’m confident that we can make progress on these issues.

Want to learn how your daughters, your friends, and even you yourself can get involved in elected office? Check out AAUW’s ELECT HER initiative!

Go online at AAUW.org and you will find this very helpful resource.

Check out the Whittier AAUW Website: AAUWHITTIER.Info

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday is on February 4 from 6 to 8 PM at the home of Carol Shupek, 6204 Southwind Dr., Whittier, 562-695-4931.

Directions: From Whittier Blvd, north on Painter Ave. to Hadley St., east (right) on Hadley to Southwind, north (left) on Southwind to number 6204, right side of street, almost to the crest of the hill. There is parking in the driveway for those with mobility challenges.

INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS

By Sharon Heck

January 11 was the National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness, a nationwide observance established by the U.S. Congress to increase awareness about and opposition to human trafficking. Much of the following information is contained in a U.S. Department of State book titled TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT – JUNE 2009. The United States' Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended, guides efforts to combat human trafficking. The most recent amendments to the TVPA were enacted in December 2008. The purpose of the law is to punish traffickers, protect victims and prevent trafficking from occurring.

The TVPA defines "severe forms of trafficking" as:

- a. sex traffic in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; or
- b. the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

The International Labor Organization (ILO) – the United Nations agency charged with addressing labor standards, employment and social protection issues – estimates that there are at least 12.3 million adults and children in forced labor, bonded labor and commercial sexual servitude at any given time. Of these victims, the ILO estimates that at least 1.39 million are victims of commercial sexual servitude, both transnational and within countries. According to the ILO, 56 percent of all forced labor victims are women and girls.

Trafficking in human persons is big business around the world, and is second only to drug trafficking for the money earned. There are thousands of sex slaves under the age of 18 in the United States, and many of them are American girls. The average age is 13. Girls can come from all kinds of families, and they are forced into sexual servitude with force, coercion and threats to harm the girl's family. The FBI was only able to free 952 of these American girls in recent years. Many more are trapped and if found, are often sent to a juvenile offender facility where they will likely be recruited back into the trade. A few programs exist to help the recovered girls. F.A.C.E.S. (Faces of Slavery.org) is one of them. The program has existed for 21 years and was previously called Teen Rescue. More programs are needed.

If you see anything suspicious and think human trafficking might be involved, call the hotline and report it. The number is: 888-373-7888. Our awareness can help bring an end to this modern-day slavery.

The Legal Advocacy Fund

As you know, the Legal Advocacy Fund is one part of AAUW Funds. These are some of the aspects of LAF:

LAF offers financial and moral support for workplace and campus sex discrimination cases. The work of LAF has been expanded to include workplace cases, though previously only cases in academia were eligible.

Through its online Resource Library, LAF offers legal information on important sex discrimination issues including sexual harassment, sexual assault and pay equity.

Through LAF's nationwide referral network, experienced lawyers and social scientists serve as consultants to individuals seeking advice on sex discrimination in educational settings.

Campus Outreach Programs protect women from the discrimination, harassment, and assaults that often occur on our campuses.

This year LAF is collaborating with others to draft and promote model policies for campuses.

As always, you may donate to LAF by sending your donation to myself, Peggy Fretz, at 14852 Jupiter St, Whittier 90603. or to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, 1111 Sixteenth St. NW, Washington DC 20036.

This information was taken from AAUW's LAF brochure, *A Matter of Justice*.

Peggy Fretz, AAUW Funds Vice-President

Check out the Whittier AAUW Website: AAUWWHITTIER.Info

International Concerns

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, February 15 at Ellen Larson's , Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd. #2D, Whittier The topic for discussion is "Rebuilding Haiti". Ellen has an extra copy of "Great Decisions 2011" which anyone can purchase for \$20. Call her at 562-695-7017 to reserve it.

Contact: Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436 or maurineb@verizon.net.

Saturday Night Bridge

Saturday, February 26, 7 PM. Phone Mary Ellen Mead for further information, 562-693-6482.

MEMORIES

The Memories section is starting its sixth year of writing for our own enjoyment and that of future generations. It is never too late to start jotting down those rare, funny, heart-warming thoughts you want to share with your friends and family. There is no judgment on style or context. Everyone is welcome, even if you never write down a thought or memory. We just have fun!

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 23, at 1: 30 PM at the home of Ginny Isenberg.

The range of topics will be in keeping with the events that take place in the month of February, such as your recollections of love, sweethearts, Chinese New Year, or U.S. president birthdays. The subjects are wide open, and hopefully these four subjects will trigger an interesting story.

Directions: 1205 Sunbird Ave. is located north of Whittier Blvd. in La Habra. Proceed east on Whittier Blvd. and turn north (left) on Hacienda Blvd., east (right) on Russell St., north (left) on Greenview Dr., and that becomes Sunbird. The house is on the west (left) side of street.

For more information contact Colleen Tan, chair, 562-698-4934. Please join us for one meeting, or all the meetings in 2011.

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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Membership

Joyce Paul, Yvette Rawlinson and Sandy Bridges

We did it! We did it! We did it and more. We exceeded our goal of 150 members! We currently have 153 members. At the Branch meeting on Saturday, January 8, five new members joined AAUW. Information on all seven new members will be listed below. Now that the year is half over, national, state and local dues have been reduced to only \$46.50 for the remainder of the year. The membership committee has agreed to pay the \$6.50 portion of that fee. Therefore, it is possible to become a member of AAUW from now through June 30, 2011 for only \$40. There has never been a better time to join. Let all your friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers know this so that they can join now. Thank you for all the friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers that you already recruited into AAUW. We reached our goal thanks to all of you who issued the invitations. Thank you. Meet our seven new members:

1. Maura Greeley, 4704 Canyon Rim Drive, Whittier, CA 90601; phone-562-692-3919.
2. Emily Weber, 2031 Kanola, La Habra Heights, CA 90631; phone-562-697-3312.
3. Lily Cooper, 2163 Roanoke Road, San Marino, CA 91108; phone-626-284-6753; e-mail mcooper99@earthlink.net.
4. Vonnie DiCecco, 5202 Tierra Bonita Drive, Whittier, CA 90601; phone-562-695-4809; cell-310-702-1340; e-mail vdicecco@verizon.net.
5. Lorayne Horka, 15702 Rushford Street, Whittier CA 90603; phone-562-902-5810.
6. Rebecca Miranda, 11740 East Maple Street, Whittier, CA 90601; phone-562-692-7980; e-mail rebeccamiranda@verizon.net.
7. Natalie Millman, 8331 Enramada, Whittier, 90605; phone: 562-693-7597; cell phone 562-457-8221; e-mail nmillman@usc.edu. **Welcome to Whittier AAUW.**

You may contact us at: Yvette Rawlinson, 562-698-6867, Sandy Bridges, 562-697-7427 or abrid848@aol.com, Joyce Paul, 909-620-1202 or joycem.paul@yahoo.com

Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts is celebrating its 51st Year

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, February 25-27
Fri & Sat: 10 AM-5 PM; Sun: 11AM-5 PM
2000 West Rd., La Habra Heights 562-947-3755

Food by Laura's Bakery
Free parking & free admission



Gardening Section

On January 2 we took a field trip to view the Tournament of Roses floats in Pasadena. It was probably our most spectacular outing.

Please consider joining us as we explore the gorgeous gardens of Southern California. On Tuesday, February 1 we will go to the Los Angeles County Arboretum for lunch and a class on plant information.

11 AM: Arrive at Arboretum. Senior admission is \$6 or free admission for members. The annual membership for two seniors is \$40. The tram costs \$4 per person and runs from 11 AM to 3 PM.

The Peacock Café is open from 9AM to 4 PM or bring your own sack lunch.

1:30PM - 3PM in the Bamboo Room: **Free Plant Information Lecture.** Frank McDonough, instructor.

Stay on top of the world of botany and horticulture when Arboretum botanist Frank McDonough covers various landscaping and gardening topics, plus the latest news in gardening and plant science. Frank will also reveal some of the more important or unusual or entertaining questions that he and the volunteers have received from the public during the previous month. Bring your own plant questions for discussion. You never know what unique and fascinating topics will be addressed!

Directions: We will meet in the Albertson's parking lot at Whittier Blvd. and Greenleaf Ave. at 10 AM to car pool to Arcadia. It is OK if you want to go on your own and meet us there. The address is 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia. Invite a spouse or special friend and make it an all-day adventure. There is a garden and gift shop. For more information visit the Arboretum website: <http://www.arboretum.org/index.php/visit/>

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

Walkers

Start the new year by walking with the AAUW Walker's Section.

We will be visiting some old favorites and exploring new venues.

The first step is to request a copy of the walking schedule for the next six months on the website, by e-mail or phone.

The Walking Section has three goals:

1. Walk one hour every week
2. Visit Whittier Art in Public Places
3. Increase health, circulation, and friendships

FEBRUARY

03	Thursday	La Mirada Creek Park
	9 AM	Meet in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes Ave.
10	Thursday	Murphy Ranch Park
	9 AM	Meet in parking lot at the end of Youngwood
17	Thursday	Legg Lake
	9 AM	Meet in the parking lot off Rosemead Blvd.
24	Thursday	Schabarum Regional Park- Cherry Blossoms
	9 AM	Meet in parking lot by the front entrance kiosk

The walking schedule is posted on the website at AAUWHITTIER.Info

We welcome all who want to join us. For more information contact

Barbara Gile (562) 693-7279 or e-mail barbaragile@me.com

With AAUW You Never Walk Alone!

POSITIVE PAST PRESIDENTS (PPP)

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR< THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT!

The PPP's are inviting you to celebrate the Chinese New Year at a dinner to be held at Oriental Chinese Restaurant, (formerly Shiang Hwa), 2380 W. Whittier Blvd., La Habra, on Wednesday, February 9 at 6 PM. The cost is approximately \$20.

Make reservations as soon as possible with Colleen Tan, 562-698-4934, or Cindy Birt, 562-697-7520 or cindybirt@roadrunner.com.

GUESTS ARE WELCONE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU.

STITCH AND BITCH

Our February meeting will be at Mary Ellen Mead's home on Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30 PM. Her address is 8335 Catalina Ave., Whittier. Directions: Going east on Whittier Blvd., Catalina Ave. is the street after Ocean View Ave. Turn left, go two blocks to La Cuarta St., and her home is the third on the left after La Cuarta. Please let us know if you have knowledge of a special creative event that you think any of us may be interested in attending. We all like to know what is happening in the creative arts world. Please put this on your calendar if you are interested in attending. Thank you.

Let me know of your interest at 562-693-1964 or nankindness@verizon.net.

Nancy Kindness, chair

DISCOVER aka KAPTAIN KINDNESS KAPTIVATING KORNER

On January 15 Discover took a road trip to the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum in Wilmington. It is a very interesting museum right here in the middle of Los Angeles. We had a wonderful group of seven.

On Saturday, **February 19**, we will travel to the **Hollyhock House in Barnsdall Art Park**. Sally Schmidt was gracious enough to set this up for us. We will leave Sally's home at 7751 Bowen Dr., Whittier at **8:30 AM** for our **10 AM private tour**. The Hollyhock House was built between 1919 and 1921 for oil heiress Aline Barnsdall, and it is the first project by Frank Lloyd Wright in Los Angeles. Its namesake, the hollyhock flower, is abstracted and geometricized in much of the house's design, including the exterior walls and interior furniture. There is a \$7 general admission charge or \$3 for people over 62 years of age. Afterwards we will travel to Farmers Market for lunch at The Gumbo Pot.

Please call Sally at 562-698-4990 by February 12 for reservations. If you can drive please tell Sally in case we need another car. Please call in your reservation and put it on your calendar.

Nancy Kindness, chair

AAUW WHITTIER BRANCH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2011

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
Tuesday	1	1 PM	Section— Gardening @ L.A. County Arboretum
Tuesday	1	7 PM	Whittier Branch Board meeting, St. Matthias
Thursday	3	9AM	Section-Walkers @ La Mirada Creek Park
Friday	4	6-8 PM	First Friday – Carol Shupek’s home
Wednesday	9	6 PM	Section – PPP Chinese New Year’s dinner, Oriental Chinese Restaurant
Thursday	10	9AM	Section—Walkers @ Murphy Ranch Park
Tuesday	15	10 AM	Section – International Concerns @ Ellen Larson’s home
Tuesday	15	Midnight	Deadline for March 2011 newsletter
Thursday	17	9 AM	Section – Walkers @Legg Lake
Saturday	19	10 AM	Discover— Hollyhock House tour, Barnsdall Art Park
Tuesday	22	6:30 PM	Stitch and Bitch @ Mary Ellen Mead’s home
Wednesday	23	1:30 PM	Section—Memories @ Ginny Isenberg’s home
Thursday	24	9 AM	Section – Walkers Schabarum Regional Park
Thursday	24	7:30 PM	Section – Modern Trends in Literature @ Carol Shupek’s home
Friday	25	9 AM	Math/Science Conference, Rio Hondo College
Saturday	26	7 PM	Section – Saturday Night Bridge. Call Mary Ellen Mead
Monday	28	10 AM	Section – Morning Book @ Harriet Kittle’s home

SAVE THE DATES APRIL 8-10 AAUW STATE CONVENTION, IRVINE



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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.