



# NEWSLETTER

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## INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS AND HONORING SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AT JUNE 11 BRANCH MEETING OF AAUW

The Whittier Branch of the American Association of University Women and guests will gather at the Radisson Hotel, 7320 So. Greenleaf Ave., Whittier, on Saturday, June 11 at 11:30 AM to honor the Myra Long Scholarship winners and to celebrate the installation of new officers for the coming year.

In addition, mystery writer Denise Hamilton will present her books highlighting Los Angeles, and she will autograph books purchased at the event.

Lunch will be chicken salad stuffed croissant and a salad bar with pasta, fruit, garden and potato salads. Dessert will be cheese cake with strawberries. The cost for the luncheon is \$15.

Reservations for the June meeting can be made by calling **Carole Restovich at 562-696-0296** or online at Whittier [AAUWreserv@yahoo.com](mailto:AAUWreserv@yahoo.com). **(Please note the change in reservation person for this month).**

All reservations and cancellations must be in **by Tuesday, June 7**. Any cancellations after that date will be charged for the meal.

### First Friday

First Friday will be on June 3 from 6 PM to 8 PM at the home of Marge and Michael Bates, 15555 Talbot Dr., La Mirada, 714-670-1567. Directions: From Whittier, go east on Whittier Blvd. to Santa Gertrudes Ave., turn right. Turn left onto Stanbrook Dr., the light after Rosecrans Ave. Take the first right on Talbot Dr., which curves to the left. After the curve, it is on the right about six houses down— a single story, gray with green and white trim. There is a garden flag with a geranium on it. From points east: Go west on Whittier Blvd. to Santa Gertrudes Ave., turn left onto Santa Gertrudes, then follow the same directions as above, once on Santa Gertrudes.

### AAUW YEAR BOOK

Peter and Brenda Jahn will be doing the AAUW year book for 2011-2012. We are looking for additional member ads to help defray costs of printing. Send your business card and a \$25 check to be included in the year book. July 16 is the deadline for all updated information and paid advertising.

## *From the President*



### **President's Message**

I can't believe this is my last message as president, to you our members. Where did the year go? It was a busy and fulfilling year. We increased our membership to over 150 members. Had our luncheon meetings at the Radisson-good food-parking easy-reasonable prices, etc. We purchased our own PA system and a laser printer. Both of which added to our ability to communicate with our members better. Our programs were great. Best of all attendance at our monthly meetings increased all year. We had 60-80 attending our monthly meetings. None of this would have happened without the hard work of your officers and chairs. They all did a great job.

Thank you members for supporting what we were doing.

THANKS to all for a wonderful year. It was a pleasure working with all of you.

I want to wish Sharon Heck and her board another great year, and hope all of you will support them.

I wish you all good health and happiness. Have a wonderful summer and come back in September, ready to work towards the AAUW goals.

#### **ATTENTION OFFICERS AND CHAIRS**

Please bring any files/records for your position to our joint board meeting and potluck on Tuesday, June 7, 6:30 PM at St. Matthias Church and give them to the new officer/chair. If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements to get the materials to that person. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

*Shirley Ann Stewart*

#### **International Concerns**

International Concerns will meet on Tuesday, June 21 at 10 AM at Ellen Larson's, 12031 Beverly Blvd., #2D, Whittier, 562-695-7017. We will discuss "Banks, Governments and Debt Crises". We will not meet in July or August. For further information, contact Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436 or [maurineb90601@gmail.com](mailto:maurineb90601@gmail.com).

## MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED

### AT THE JUNE 11 MEETING

The Myra Long Scholars are Maria Basulto and Elaine Ludwin, both of Whittier, and Iliana Garcia of Downey.

Ms. Basulto joined the U.S. Army and served our country in Iraq. She was disabled and then honorably discharged. She hoped to go into law enforcement, but learned her disability prevented this career choice. She is graduating from Rio Hondo College with an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration. Maria has been accepted at Whittier College where she plans to continue studying business with an emphasis on Human Resources.

Through determination and perseverance, Ms. Ludwin has completed her Associate of Arts degree in Drug Studies at Rio Hondo College. One of her biggest challenges in achieving this degree has been balancing her family life and job responsibilities while continuing to be a successful student. She is currently in her first semester at California State University Fullerton. She hopes to complete her Bachelor's degree next year in Gerontology, and then continue her studies at California State University Long Beach for a Masters in Social Work.

Ms. Garcia is graduating from Rio Hondo College with an Associate of Arts degree in English. She has effectively combined parenting, academic success and community involvement, including becoming a Student Trustee on the Rio Hondo College Board of Directors. She has been accepted at UCLA where she intends to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Linguistics and Spanish. Iliana plans then to continue her education and obtain a Masters in English. She hopes to become an English professor or a political activist.

We congratulate these outstanding women, and wish them every success as they continue their educations.

#### **THE 2011-2012 SLATE OF ELECTED OFFICERS FOR THE AAUW WHITTIER BRANCH**

President: Sharon Heck

President-elect: Susan Halliday

Program Vice-president: Dolores Seidman

Hospitality Vice-president: Carole Restovich

Membership: still vacant

Membership Treasurer: Carol K. Anderson

Education Foundation/Legal Advocacy Fund vice-president: Peggy Fretz

Recording Secretary: Beverly Ball

Corresponding Secretary: Sally Schmidt

Treasurer: Kaye Kidwell

## **Myra Long Scholarship Fund Honor Roll**

Here is a great big thank you to all who contributed to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF) Non-event Fundraiser this year! We received \$5,330 from 52 donors. Contributors included Myra Long's children, Sara Ellen Anderson and Bruce Long, who sent their "thank you" to AAUW Whittier Branch for establishing MLSF in their mother's honor. Donations ranged from \$10 to \$1020.

Bobbie Albanese	Kaye Kidwell
Sara Ellen Anderson	Ellen Larson
Ginny Ball	Bruce Long
Cecilia Bartlow	Kathy Luciano
Marge Bates	Jacqueline McCauley
Maurine Behrens	Ruth Miller
Virginia Boles	Barbara Nichols
Jacqueline Brearley	Frances Nobert
Beth Camarco	Patricia Olson
Dorothy Carras	Joyce Paul
Janice Cecola	Linda Pomeroy
Ruth Currie	Nancy Ramos
Patricia Dudley	Yvette Rawlinson
Peggy Fretz	Carole Restovich
Barbara Gile	Joann Sarachman
Maura Greeley	Carol Shupek
Beth Greulich	Jill Smith
Mary Jo Haller	Shirley A. Stewart
Susan Halliday	Cheryl Suit
Norma Hayes	Colleen Tan
Sharon Heck	Sue Turco
Louise Holden	Beverly Walker
Pamela Holmes	Gen'nel Walters
Lorayne Horka	Myra Weiss
Ginny Isenberg	Ruth White
Brenda Jahn	Gwen Woirhaye

### **Saturday Night Bridge**

Contact Mary Ellen Mead at 562-693-6482 for details of June's Saturday night bridge.

## Public Policy

By Sharon Heck

### The 2011-2012 California Budget

The following is an Executive Summary of an AAUW study group on the California Budget.

“The American Association of University Women of California is a leading non-partisan voice in California promoting education and equity for women and girls, through a statewide network of more than 13,000 members in 140 branches, plus several thousand members-at-large.

Recently, members throughout California responded to a call from AAUW CA to form study groups on California state budget issues. Budget Study participants confirmed their individual observations that California’s budget problems, ongoing for decades, have resulted in deterioration in the quality of life in California. AAUW California recognizes that the budget deficit requires that cuts must be made. However, the budget deficit must be addressed with a combination of spending reductions, new revenues and reform in many areas of government. AAUW CA supports Governor Brown’s focus on multiple actions to achieve a balanced budget, not just cuts to programs and services.

After considerable study, AAUW CA has taken these positions on the 2011-2012 California Budget:

AAUW CA supports an extension of the taxes adopted in 2009, which Governor Brown has proposed to take to the voters in June (now November). AAUW CA supports this extension in order to avoid further cuts to K-14 education.

Reduce or eliminate some tax expenditures. Determine whether these are really in the public interest or exist as a special advantage to a special interest group.

Eliminate corporate tax credits unless they result in jobs created for Californians.

Broaden the tax base. Impose sales tax on services and internet sales.

Reduce the California state payroll. Decrease the number of state employees, focusing on *retaining* those employees who deliver services locally. Renegotiate salaries, pensions and benefits.

Institute austerity for the California Legislature. Reduce funding for staff, eliminate car allowance.

Return some functions to local government and school districts. Fund these functions through block grants and eliminate the categorical system of educational funding.

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## Public Policy (Continued)

Examine how the state funds prisons, with a commitment to house non-violent inmates in less expensive county jails.

Reform the initiative process. Adopt a new system so that amendments to the California constitution may only be placed on the ballot by the Legislature or the governor.

Develop state budgets on a two-year basis, with revenue projections on a five-year basis.

Require that the source of funding be identified for legislation that requires new funds.

Require that proposed program cuts identify the longer term implications of those cuts.

Establish a budgeted reserve fund that would be used to ameliorate drastic budget cuts in economic downturns.

Freeze most state spending at current levels for the next two years while pursuing other sources of funds.

Split the property tax rolls, imposing a structured system to reassess commercial property every 20 years. Residential property owners are unfairly bearing the greatest part of the property tax.

Assess the necessity for and costs of maintaining the huge number of boards and commissions in the state.

Impose an Oil Severance tax; California is the only oil-producing state without such a tax.

**The members of the American Association of University Women of California advocate for a balanced approach to resolution of the budget deficit, a combination of additional revenues, expenditure reductions through increased efficiency in government at all levels and major reforms. AAUW urges the Legislature to set aside partisanship and reduce the influence of special interests in seeking both short and long term solutions.”**

Check out the Whittier AAUW Website: [AAUWWHITTIER.Info](http://AAUWWHITTIER.Info)

## AAUW FUNDS

### Named Gift Honorees

Peter and Brenda Jahn are the Named Gift Honorees for 2011. They are a dynamic team and have been married 50 years.



Peter and Brenda Jahn, AAUW Funds honorees

Did you know that for every \$750 contributed to AAUW Funds, our Branch can choose to honor one of our members? This year our choice was actually two of our members! Brenda and Peter Jahn were honored for the many hours of hard work they have given to make our Branch stronger. Remember that donations to AAUW Funds are fully tax deductible. Donations to AAUW Funds include Educational Opportunities Fund which provides fellowships and grants; the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund which supports research; the Public Policy Fund; the Leadership Programs Fund, supporting national conferences for student leaders and campus action projects; and the Legal Advocacy Fund, which funds legal case support for victims of unfair practices in the work force. You may donate to any of these funds, or give an undesignated donation to AAUW Funds by sending your check to me at 14852 Jupiter St., Whittier 90603. If you prefer, you may donate directly by using the AAUW website and clicking on Donations. If you do this, please let me know so I can count your donation in our total, making it possible for us to honor one of our members in 2011.

Peggy Fretz, AAUW Funds Vice-President

### Modern Trends in Literature

The next meeting of Modern Trends in Literature will be on Thursday, June 23 at 7 PM. The book will be *Playing for Pizza* by John Grisham. Reviewed by Don Orr.

Hostess: Marian Locke 15555 La Monde St. Hacienda Hts. Directions: Colima Rd. to Hacienda Blvd, turn left and make another left on Tetley St., right on Joan Dr. and left on La Monde. Let's talk about what surprises Italy holds for a struggling American quarterback.

### Book List for 2011-2012

*Cutting for Stone* by Verghese  
*The Glory Cloak* by Patricia O'Brien  
*Harriet and Isabella* by Patricia O'Brien  
*Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee* by Charles Shields  
*Half Broke Horses* by Jeanette Walls  
*Girl in a Blue Dress* by Gaynor Arnold  
*The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain  
*Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay  
*The Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver

Kristine Yeseta, Chair, 562-696-0226

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Our 2010-2011 year is nearly over. This is the last newsletter for this year. Our new year is beginning. At this date we have only 40 members who have renewed their memberships for the 2011-2012 year. We have 114 of you who still need to do so. We really need to have all applications and checks by June 1 so we can be assured that everyone is listed in the year book. Please, if you have not already done so, send in your application and dues today. Even if nothing has changed please complete those sections of the application that are marked with an \*. Everyone has received an application since it was in the last newsletter and there will be another with this newsletter. Please do not delay... mail it in today.

Additionally, we are in need of a Membership Vice-President. If anyone is interested, please let us know immediately. We need one of you to take us to that 200 mark. The current membership co-VP's have had the office for the last two years. We are looking for new leadership and new ideas. If you choose, you may have some assistance or none at all. You may fly solo and chart a brand new course for membership. It can be all yours. Do not hesitate to contact one of us if you are interested. I know that you have asked all of your relatives, all of your neighbors, all of your friends and all of your co-workers. I can only request that you ask them again and then we will need to move on to acquaintances and strangers. Invite them to our meetings, our First Fridays, a book club meeting or to go walking. We need 46 new members and we need to keep all that we have currently. We are a strong organization and we can do this. We have vital goals and the work we do is important. Additionally we have some fun along the way.

As always we can be contacted at:

Yvette Rawlinson—562-698-6867

Sandy Bridges—562-697-7427 or [Abrid848@aol.com](mailto:Abrid848@aol.com)

Joyce Paul—909-620-1202 or [joycem.paul@yahoo.com](mailto:joycem.paul@yahoo.com)

## **The New Phoenix**

In mythology a phoenix is an immortal bird that, when it dies, bursts into flames and is reborn from its ashes. "To rise from the ashes of the phoenix" means to make a miraculous comeback. On a balmy May 11 afternoon our new phoenixes were greeted by gracious hostess Sue Turco and the delicious aroma of tea treats prepared by her and her assistant hostesses. We thoroughly enjoyed the ambiance, relaxed conversations, and of course the delightful edibles. Our next meeting is being arranged by Gen'nel Walters who has planned a trip to the Homeboy Café in Los Angeles for lunch. We will meet on Wednesday, June 8 at 11 AM in the parking lot of Albertsons at the corner of Greenleaf Ave. and Whittier Blvd and will carpool from there. Contact Gen'nel at 562-943-5333 if you are interested in joining us for this outing. For future new members, it is never too late. Call me if you would like to join.

Colleen Tan, Chair, 562-698-4934

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 [gholly47@msn.com](mailto:gholly47@msn.com) Margot 562-699-6898



**American Association of University Women (AAUW)  
2011-2012 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 phone (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ \*Work phone (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

\*Cellphone (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ \*Fax (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

\*E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Degree\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_ Major\_\_\_\_\_

College/University\_\_\_\_\_

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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

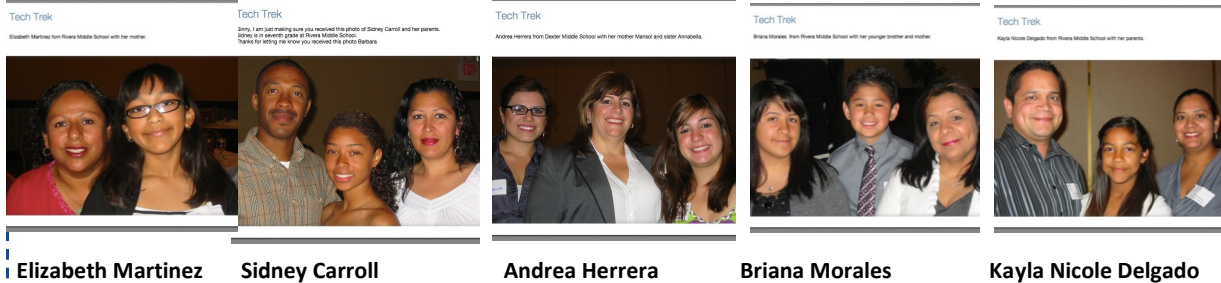
\_\_\_\_\_ I want the yearbook mailed to me and will add \$2.00 to my payment .

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.**

**Please remember that \$49.00 of your dues are tax deductible.**



Elizabeth Martinez

Sidney Carroll

Andrea Herrera

Briana Morales

Kayla Nicole Delgado

### Report on Tech Trek

Tech Trek is a science and math camp designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young girls who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and related subjects. This summer our Branch will be sending five 13-year-old girls to Whittier College for one week in August. This year the Tech Trek committee chaired by Ellen Larson, interviewed 11 girls. They are all so qualified and outstanding that the Myra Long Scholarship Fund wrote a request to Quaker Chemical Corporation for a \$4,800 grant to fund six girls at Tech Trek. The Whittier Host Lions Club funded one girl from Dexter Middle School in Whittier and Raytheon Corporation subsidized two girls from Rivera Middle School.

Originally we planned to send three campers: Andrea Herrera, Sidney Carroll, and Elizabeth Martinez. Due to the overwhelmingly generous donations of the members of the Whittier Branch two additional girls, Kayla Delgado and Briana Morales, will also participate in Tech Trek this summer. All five girls were introduced at the May AAUW meeting. It was an exciting ending to the presentation when charitable donors dug into their purses and checkbooks so all the girls who were in attendance know they will be participants at the Whittier College Tech Trek camp August 7 through 13. We all went home happy and with joy in our hearts.

The Whittier Branch supports Tech Trek and local scholarships through the Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF), which is a 501 (c)(3) corporation. This means contributions are tax-deductible. As of May 15, 2011, MLSF has received \$5,330 in donations from members and friends of the Whittier Branch. If you could have seen the moist eyes of the parents of the participants, you would feel good about our mission of education for young women.

For more information on Tech Trek visit the Whittier Branch website at

<http://www.aaauwhittier.info> or *AAUW California website*  
<http://www.aaauw-techtrek.org/>.

After the event, to watch what went on at Tech Trek Whittier College 2011, visit the YouTube website: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWg9eMN\\_X9A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWg9eMN_X9A) Just a hint: turn down the sound on your computer before you open the site.

Barbara Gile [whittieraauw@me.com](mailto:whittieraauw@me.com) 562-693-7279

## Morning Book

Morning Book will discuss *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See on Monday, June 6 at 10 AM at Sandy Bridges' home. Judy Flanders and Colleen Tan will lead the discussion. Dolores Seidman will be the co-hostess. Join us to discuss the story of two sisters who journey from China in 1937 and struggle to assimilate in L.A.'s Chinatown.

Directions to Sandy Bridges, 1550 N. Walnut St., La Habra Hgts., 562-697-7427. House is not on Walnut. Do not use GPS. Whittier Blvd. to Euclid St. North on Euclid for 7/10 mile. Street name changes to Hiatt St. when you start up hill. Street ends and turns onto Walnut. Do NOT go onto Walnut to your left. Take the driveway to your RIGHT, between rock wall and mailboxes, down a steep descent. House is second on left. Park in driveway or on street.

We will arrange our 2011-2012 discussion schedule for the following books: *The Calligrapher's Daughter* by Eugenia Kim; *Clara and Mr. Tiffany: A Novel* by Susan Vreeland; *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese; *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson and *Remarkable Creatures: A Novel* by Tracy Chevalier.

Janice Geiger, Chair, 562-695-9971

## LA CUISINE PLANNING MEETING

Each year about this time, AAUW members who enjoy good food, good conversation and a fun night out meet to plan La Cuisine's food themes for the coming year. We will meet at 7 PM on Monday, June 20 at Barbara Gile's home. Please bring your ideas ... everything from cuisine for cruising some exotic river to a peasant feast in an obscure part of the world. All ideas are welcome! In the past we have enjoyed many wonderful themes including Moroccan cuisine, the Last Meal on the Titanic, a murder mystery dinner, a French dinner based on Monet's Cookbook, and a Name Droppers Dinner (PARKER HOUSE rolls, NOODLES ROMANOV, etc).

EVERYONE is welcome to join La Cuisine, either as a regular member or a substitute. We all share in the cooking, and the hostesses provide the recipes. You DO NOT need to be a Julia Child to participate!

Jan Berry, Chair, 562-691-6859

## A Note from the Editor

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. [gholly47@msn.com](mailto:gholly47@msn.com)

## MEMORIES

We will be starting the sixth year of sharing our memories. Plan to join us on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Come for one meeting or join for all the meetings. Write for your own enjoyment and for your family. 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!

The following is a schedule of topics:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hostess</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
22-Jun	Judy Flanders	1:30 PM	Grandchildren
27-July	Brenda Jahn	1:30 PM	Redecorating

A new Memories coordinator is needed. Hopefully someone will step up and volunteer.

Directions to Judy Flanders' home: 12430 Floral Dr., Whittier: Going west on Beverly Blvd., turn right on Pickering Ave.; turn left on Floral Dr. to address.

Directions to Brenda Jahn's home: 1339 North Padonia Ave., Whittier: Going east on Whittier Blvd., turn left on Macy St. Take the first right turn onto Randall Ave. Continue to Solejar Dr., turn right on Villa Rita Dr., and turn left onto Padonia.

For more information contact Colleen Tan at 562-698-4934.

## POSITIVE PAST PRESIDENTS AND STITCH AND BITCH

*We are going to combine our two groups for a little different evening of fun and getting to know one another even better. We have a new woman-owned business in town called The Yarn Garden. Diana Jimenez is the new owner and a past teacher. She had a dream and decided to follow it. Get to know Diane and her business. I believe it is a wonderful woman-owned business in our community. At the same time let's get to know one another even better. We are all past presidents but how much do we know about each other. Join the fun and bring your wonderful creations, your projects, your passions, your dreams and share them. Some like crochet, knitting, quilting, drawing, making jewelry, dolls, miniature houses, creating poetry and many more wonderful creative pastimes. We would like to know more about you so come and bring your creations and share. Maybe it is travel you love. Come and tell us. We will have a light dessert and drink and then hear about Diana Jimenez and about each of us. No stress and no fuss. Just enjoy each other and what we love. We will do a little planning and see if anyone wants to go see some of the wonderful plays and musicals in our area. Maybe there is a wonderful outdoor theater that would be great for the summer months.*

*See you at THE YARN GARDEN with Diana Jimenez on Thursday, June 16 at 6:30 PM. A small donation will be requested. There is plenty of parking at 7648 Painter Ave., Ste. B, Whittier. Please call me at 562-693-1964 or e-mail me at [nankindness@verizon.net](mailto:nankindness@verizon.net) to let me know if you will be able to attend.*

*Nancy Kindness, Chair*

### DISCOVER

We will meet at The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf at 7201 So. Greenleaf Ave. in Uptown Whittier on Monday, June 27 at 6:30 PM to make plans for the summer and fall. Bring your ideas and suggestions and enjoy a short meeting and maybe a stroll through Uptown. Please let me know if you think you will be there.

Nancy Kindness, Chair, at 562-693-1964 or [nankindness@verizon.net](mailto:nankindness@verizon.net).

## GARDENING SECTION



The Tuesday, June 7 meeting will be at the San Gabriel Nursery and Florist at 1 PM. The address is 632 So. San Gabriel Blvd. in San Gabriel. Directions: West on Beverly Blvd., turn right on Rosemead Blvd. Proceed about five miles and turn left on Mission Dr., turn right on So. San Gabriel Blvd. to the address. It is about 12 miles from Whittier and will only take about 30 minutes. Please let me know if you want to carpool.

Since 1989, the nursery's extensive bonsai collection (including several award-winning specimens) has been maintained by bonsai master Richard Ota and his assistant, Max Velasquez. Mr. Ota met bonsai master John Naka in 1957 and learned bonsai techniques from him. He also co-authored "Bonsai Techniques for Satsuki" (out of print) with John Naka in 1979. Mr. Ota operated his own bonsai nursery in the city of Orange for many years before coming to work here.

For centuries the Japanese have cultivated the dwarf potted tree called bonsai. The literal translation of bonsai is "tray culture," but the word more broadly refers to bringing a desired part of nature into the home. Your participation and involvement in its ever-changing nature may bring you a sense of pleasure and relaxation.

There will be no Gardening meeting in the month of July.

On August 9 the Gardening Section will review all the pictures of our 2010-11 travels and gardens in the comfort of an easy chair, air conditioning with a glass of lemonade.

September 24 and 25 is the South Coast Plaza Orchid Show from 10 AM to 5 PM.

For more information please contact

Barbara Gile at [whittieraaaw@me.com](mailto:whittieraaaw@me.com) or 562-693-7279

## **Walkers** by Barbara Gile

Starting June 2 and all through the summer the AAUW Walking Group will begin our saunter at 8AM. In July we will only walk at La Mirada Creek Park. This is to keep cool and out of the hot sun.

A special tour of the Bonnie Bell Wardman Library and Richard Nixon Room has been arranged with the Whittier College librarian. The tour starts at 10 AM, and after a stroll around campus we will explore the library. We welcome all who want to join us. For more information contact:

Barbara Gile at 562-693-7279 or e-mail [whittieraauw@me.com](mailto:whittieraauw@me.com)

### **JUNE 2011**

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| <b>02</b> | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>La Mirada Creek Park</b>   |
|           | 8 AM            | Meet in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes Ave.                                |
| <b>09</b> | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Whittier College Campus and Library Tour</b>                             |
|           | 8 AM            | Meet in parking lot off Philadelphia St. behind the Administration Building |
| <b>16</b> | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Tour Upper Alta Ave./Haviland Dr. neighborhood</b>                       |
|           | 8 AM            | Park on Alta Ave. off Beverly Blvd.   |
| <b>23</b> | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Legg Lake</b>  |
|           | 8 AM            | Meet in the parking lot off Rosemead Blvd.                                  |
| <b>30</b> | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Brunch at Penn Park</b>  |
|           | 8 AM            | Park on Penn St. by Canyon Crest  |

Shirley Stewart has graciously agreed to be the Section Chair for 2011-12. Since I will be gone the last week of the month, Shirley will be in charge of the brunch. Let her know soon what you will bring on June 30. Also, please share your ideas on walking venues with Shirley Stewart at 562-944-4556 or [shirleys.creations@verizon.net](mailto:shirleys.creations@verizon.net)

**With AAUW You Never Walk Alone!**

## AAUW WHITTIER BRANCH CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2011

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
Thursday	2	8 AM	Section-Walkers - La Mirada Creek Park
Friday	3	6 PM	Section -First Friday – Marge and Michael Bates'
Monday	6	10 AM	Section -Morning Book – Sandy Bridges'
Tuesday	7	1 PM	Section-Gardening - Bonsai Garden
	7	6:30 PM	Joint Branch Board Meeting & Potluck - St. Matthias
Wednesday	8	11 AM	Section - The New Phoenix— Homeboy Café
Thursday	9	8 AM	Section -Walkers - Whittier College Campus/Library tour
Saturday	11	11:30 AM	Whittier Branch Meeting - Radisson
Thursday	16	8 AM	Section-Walkers – Upper Alta Ave./Haviland Dr. neighborhood
		6:30 PM	<i>Section – Positive Past Presidents and Stitch &amp; Bitch - Yarn Garden</i>
Monday	20	7 PM	<i>Section - La Cuisine Planning – Barbara Gile's</i>
Tuesday	21	10 AM	Section - International Concerns - Ellen Larson's
Wednesday	22	1:30 PM	Section — Memories - Judy Flanders'
Thursday	23	8 AM	Section-Walkers - Legg Lake
		7 PM	Section - Modern Trends - Marian Locke's
Saturday	25	7 PM	Section - Saturday Night Bridge – contact Mary Ellen Mead
Monday	27	6:30 PM	Section - Discover - Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf
Thursday	30	8 AM	Section -Walkers - Brunch at Penn Park
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Wednesday	27	1:30 PM	Memories - Brenda Jahn'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.