



NEWSLETTER

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Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS AT MAY 14 BRANCH MEETING OF AAUW

The Whittier Branch of the American Association of University Women and their guests will gather at the Radisson Hotel, 7320 So. Greenleaf Ave., Whittier, on Saturday, May 14 at 11:30 AM to honor Tech Trek students and, if finalized, awardees of the Myra Long College Scholarships.

Luncheon will be a variety of pastas with chicken as well as a selection of sauces, lasagna, salad, green beans, garlic bread and lemon cake. The cost for the luncheon is \$15.

Reservations for the May 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, May 10**. Any cancellations after that date will be charged for the meal.

International Concerns

International Concerns will meet on Tuesday, May 17 at 10 AM at Ellen Larson's home, 12031 Beverly Blvd. #2D, Whittier. We will discuss "The Horn of Africa." This is a major topic in today's news, so we encourage all interested members to join us. For further information contact Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436 or maurineb@verizon.net.

MEMBERSHIP

It's that time again! Time to renew your membership for 2011-2012. Thus far, 30 members have sent in their checks. Now, let's hear from the rest of you.

Last year, we added 30 new members. Let's try to beat that this year. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have more than 200 members! So talk to your friends, acquaintances, relatives, neighbors and even strangers. Tell them what great work we do in AAUW and how much fun it is to participate in the myriad activities we sponsor.

Then, invite them to a meeting.

If you have any questions, give us a call:

Joyce Paul: 909-620-1202 or joycem.paul@yahoo.com

Sandy Bridges: 562-697-7427 or abrid848@aol.com

Yvette Rawlinson: 562-698-6867

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday will be on May 6 from 6 to 8 PM at Sandy and Art Bridges' home, 1550 N. Walnut St., La Habra Hgts., 562-697-7427.

Directions to Sandy Bridges' house: Whittier Blvd to Euclid St., turning north at Claro's Italian market on your left and the ARCO gas station on the right. Go north on Euclid for 0.7 mile. You will pass apartment buildings, homes and then start up the hill. The street name changes to Hiatt St. when you start up the steep grade where the road narrows. The street ends and turns onto Walnut to your left or right at the top. Do not go onto Walnut! Take the driveway to your right, between the decorative rock wall and the mail boxes and pine trees. It is quite a steep descent, but it opens up as you come down. We are the second house on the left (hedge in front, salmon color with black roof and white trim).

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.

**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 Telephone (_____)_____ *Work Telephone (_____)_____

*Cellphone (_____)_____ *Fax (_____)_____

*E-mail address _____

Degree_____ Year_____ Major_____

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Before June 1, 2011: 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.

PUBLIC POLICY

“DANCING TO EQUAL PAY “

by Sharon Heck

Equal Pay Day was April 12, the day in the year that women’s wages finally catch up to what men made, on average, in the previous year. Linda Hallman, AAUW’s Executive Director, wrote an article for the Huffington Post regarding our activities surrounding our campaign for Equal Pay. Here is a portion of what she wrote:

“Sometimes, all you can do is throw up your hands and dance. So that’s just what the American Association of University Women (AAUW) did. We brought a crew of members and supporters, some music and choreography -- and even a bit of attitude -- to the National Mall for a flash mob on April 2. The event, a joint effort with the Center for American Progress Action Fund, marked a joyous and inspirational kickoff to our Equal Pay Day 2011 events and got us geared up for another year of fighting pay discrimination.

AAUW has been on the front lines of the fight for fair pay for decades. A woman still earns, on average, just 77 cents for every dollar earned by her male counterpart. And while women in the District of Columbia earn 88 percent of what men there make, in West Virginia, Utah, Louisiana, and Wyoming, women don't even earn 70 percent of what their male counterparts make. The pay gap affects women workers of all ages, races, and levels of education. This isn't just your issue, your mom's issue, or your daughter's issue. It's an issue for American workers across the country. It's an issue for people just trying to support their families and provide the best for them.”

In a recent report on the State’s Wage Gap they reported the following:

The women of California are increasingly responsible for the economic security of their families and cannot afford to face discrimination and lower wages.

* Nearly 59 percent of working mothers in California bring in more than a quarter of their families’ income, and 1,593,474 households in California are headed by women.

* 25 percent of women-headed households in California live below the poverty level. Eliminating the wage gap would provide critical income to 398,368 families living in poverty.

In the 112th Congress, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Paycheck Fairness Act, but it fell just two votes short in a key procedural vote in the Senate. A majority of Senators favored the bill, but the Republicans threatened a filibuster, so it did not get to the floor. The bill has been reintroduced. If you want to see a video of the flash mob dance on the National Mall, go to AAUW.org. It is really fun to see. Don’t forget to write those letters in support of the Paycheck Fairness Act. We really need to get it passed.

MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND NONEVENT FUNDRAISER by Sharon Heck

Thanks to those of you who contributed to our Nonevent Fundraiser for scholarships. As of this writing we have received \$3,620 in donations. This amount is short of the “guesstimate” we placed in our annual budget. It is not too late to make a contribution. If you can’t find your original mailing, simply send a check made out to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF) to MLSF, P.O. Box 5333, Whittier, CA 90608. This money is for college scholarships for women and for Tech Trek scholarships. Your donations are tax deductible and you will receive a letter for your tax return. Please consider making a gift for this worthy cause.

Insurance by Jill Smith

Do you know whose first birthday was on March 23 ? The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)! To be eligible, you must be enrolled in a health plan through your employer in place by March 23, 2010. This building block of a fairer, more humane and efficient system has started providing preventive care services including:

- *Blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol screenings
- *Mammograms, colonoscopies and many other cancer screenings
- *Routine vaccinations against diseases such as measles, polio and meningitis, as well as flu and pneumonia shots
- *Wellness counseling for such issues as quitting smoking and losing weight
- *Screenings for depression and alcohol abuse. A current list of preventive care services can be found on the government website: www.healthcare.gov

Certain preventive services covered by Medicare are no longer subject to cost-sharing. The deductible is waived for Medicare-covered colorectal cancer screening tests, and Medicare now covers personalized prevention plans including a comprehensive health risk assessment. Other changes the act has brought are that Medicare Part D participants will receive a 50% discount on brand-name prescriptions and federal subsidies for generic prescriptions filled in the coverage gap will start to be phased in.

This is a hefty law because it contains a number of pilot programs and carrot-and-stick approaches aimed at saving money. States can receive a 90% federal match over two years for experimenting with the new and better model. It remains intact and the cost of repeal would be vast. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that repeal would add \$230 billion to the national deficit over the next ten years and leave about 54 million Americans without insurance. We have too much to lose to go back to where we started.

Happy Birthday, Affordable Care Act. May you survive and prosper!

Check out the Whittier AAUW Website: AAUWWHITTIER.Info

One Vote – One Member

by Shirley Ann Stewart

It is very important that each and every member makes her opinion known. AAUW One Vote One Member makes this possible. Be sure to take advantage of this right. You will be receiving voting material by late April. Be sure to review carefully and vote. All information will be on the AAUW website. Your ID and pin will be included in this information and are needed to vote online. You are urged to vote online if possible. The deadline to mail the ballot is May 31 and June 10 for online voting.

California Women Suffrage Centennial 1911-2011. On October 11, 1911 California women earned the right to vote. California was the sixth state where women earned the right to vote. We as women need to remember the hard fight women made to earn us this right. Some gave their lives. Even with the right to vote we still have a long way to go to make women equal to men in every area. Stay informed and vote.

At the state convention a play was presented, "We Did It For You– Women's Journey through History". It was an historical account of famous and not so famous women who paved the way for women to vote and become more independent. It was very informative and entertaining.

LA CUISINE

by Carol Shupek

Our last dinner is on Saturday, May 21. Your hosts/co-hosts are Bates/Kindness, Woirhaye/Walters and Jahn/Shupek. We are "On the Road to Morocco", with Moroccan cuisine this time. Be waiting for their phone calls for information about your dinner or feel free to call a hostess or co-hostess if you wish.

Jan Berry will be chairing La Cuisine next year and she plans to have a meeting in late June to decide on themes and dates; all La Cuisine members are invited. We are *looking for new members* and also *inviting our substitute members* to take this opportunity to become regular members by calling or e-mailing me. We have a good time each year with four delicious homemade meals, (our first dinner is for all members and substitutes) and one dinner out. To make it easy, recipes are provided by the hosts who also are great about helping with any suggestions. In other words, we may like gourmet, but we are a relaxed and fun-loving group as well, so plan on joining us.

Bon Appetit!

Saturday Night Bridge

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

Gardening Section

The Tuesday, May 3 meeting will be at Barbara Gile's home to plan our community project. We will start at 1 PM to arrange our garden for the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter. Everyone who works on the project will need to sign a confidentiality agreement, as the location of the Shelter is not published.

Directions to Barbara's home, 14035 Eastridge Dr., Whittier: On Mar Vista turn on Vale. Going east Vale is the third block from College and driving west Vale is the third block from Michigan. The house is one block north of Mar Vista on the northeast corner of Eastridge and Vale. The garage will be open for those who need access to the house without walking up the hill.

The June 7 gardening section will meet at a bonsai nursery in San Gabriel. There will be no meeting in July.

For more information please contact Barbara Gile, barbaragile@me.com, 562-693-7279.

Modern Trends in Literature

Thursday, May 26, 7 PM, Hostess Beth Greulich, 15940 Mikinda Ctt., Whittier, 562-947-5931. Co-hostess is Carol Anderson. Directions: from Whittier Blvd. take slight left onto Russell, left on Kentucky, then the first left onto Mikinda Ct.

Join us as Yvette Rawlinson reviews *Making Toast* by Roger Rosenblatt. This book is a haunting memoir about the year and a half in the life of the author and his family after the sudden tragic death of his daughter.

Kristine Yeseta, Chair, 562-696-0226

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The New Phoenix

The New Phoenix Section tea is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 from 2 to 5 PM at the home of Sue Turco, 5401 Magnolia Ave., Whittier, 562-699-2804. Call for directions, if needed.

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. *Shanghai Girls* begins in 1937 Shanghai, China where 21-year-old Pearl Chin and her younger sister May are having the time of their lives until their father tells them that he has gambled away their wealth. He sells the girls as wives to suitors who have traveled from Los Angeles to find Chinese brides. As Japanese bombs fall on their beloved city, Pearl and May set out on the journey of a lifetime.

Directions to Sandy Bridges' home, 1550 N. Walnut St., La Habra Hgts., 562-697-7427: Refer to page 3, "First Friday".

Janice Geiger, Chair, 562-695-9971

MEMORIES

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! In May we selected the subject of "Hair". We have all had bad hair days or some funny experience with our crowning glory! We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM and the meeting is usually over by 4 PM.

The , May 25 meeting will be at the home of Carol J Anderson, 9759 Solejar Dr., Whittier, 562-691-1542.

Directions: East on Whittier Blvd, turn left (north) on Macy, right on Randall and follow Randall around the curve. Stay on Randall and it becomes Solejar Dr. and curves around to the left.

The following is a list of the subjects for the following two months.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hostess</u>	<u>Subject</u>
June 22	Judy Flanders	Grandchildren
July 27	Brenda Jahn	Redecorating

Please join us for one meeting or all the meetings.

For more information contact Colleen Tan at 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
Margot 562-699-6898

Mystery Mavens

Mystery Mavens will meet on Wednesday, May 18 6:30 PM at Marie Callender's restaurant at 9829 S. La Serna Dr., Whittier (near Whittier Blvd.) in the Library Room.

In For a Penny by Kathryn Wall.

Reviewer: Harriet Kittle Cornyn

Coastal South Carolina...ancient live oaks, pristine beaches, the remains of antebellum splendor.... Bay Tanner's world is paradise until she witnesses her husband's horrific death. Wounded and grieving, Bay retreats to her hideaway on Hilton Head Island. Then a cry for help forces her back to reality. Can she ignore the plight of her old money friends and family whose involvement in a shadowy land scheme may lead them to financial disaster? And what does all this have to do with Rob's murder? When a body is discovered floating near the ruins of an old plantation house, Bay is forced to confront these questions and admit that one thing is certain—someone is making a killing in real estate.

Make reservations with Carol K. Anderson at 562-943-0728.

2011 Las Distinguidas Recipientes



Jill Smith, center

Pamela Holmes, left

Josh McClintock, right,
Jill's son



Patricia Almada



Rebecca Eberle-Romberger, Psy.D

Jill Smith, Patricia Almada and Rebecca Eberle-Romberger, Psy.D were honored for their service to the community at the April 16 Branch meeting of AAUW Whittier with the Las Distinguidas Recognition Award.

Walkers by Barbara Gile

I have just noticed in the Whittier Daily News that walking has numerous health benefits. It can reduce the risk of many diseases — from heart attack and stroke to hip fracture and glaucoma. Walking requires no prescription, the risk of side effects is very low, and the advantages are numerous.

Please join the AAUW Walker's Section to:

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

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| 05 | Thursday | La Mirada Creek Park |
| 9 AM | | Meet in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes Ave. |
| 12 | Thursday | Santa Fe Springs Heritage Park |
| 9 AM | | Meet in parking lot at the entrance on Mora Dr. |
| 19 | Thursday | Whittier Civic Center |
| 9 AM | | Meet in Senior Center parking lot off Walnut St. |
| 26 | Thursday | Legg Lake |
| 9 AM | | Meet in the parking lot off Rosemead Blvd. |

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!

AAUW WHITTIER BRANCH CALENDAR FOR MAY 2011

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
Tuesday	May 3	1 PM	Gardening @ Barbara Gile's
	May 3	7 PM	Whittier Branch Board Meeting @ St. Matthias
Thursday	May 5	9 AM	Section – Walkers @ La Mirada Creek Park
Friday	May 6	6-8 PM	Section – First Friday @ Sandy and Art Bridges'
Wednesday	May 11	7:30-9:30 AM	Wake Up Whittier
	May 11	1:30 PM	Section – More Than Words @ Carol K. Anderson's
	May 11	2-5 PM	Section— The New Phoenix tea @ Sue Turco's
Thursday	May 12	9 AM	Section – Walkers @ SFS Heritage Park
Saturday	May 14	11:30 AM	Whittier Branch Meeting @ Radisson Hotel
Sunday	May 15	Midnight	Newsletter deadline for June newsletter
Tuesday	May 17	10 AM	Section – International Concerns @ Ellen Larson's
Wednesday	May 18	6:30 PM	Section – Mystery Mavens @ Marie Callender's
Thursday	May 19	9 AM	Section – Walkers @ Whittier Civic Center
Saturday	May 21		Section – La Cuisine
Wednesday	May 25	1:30 PM	Section –Memories @ Carol J. Anderson's
Thursday	May 26	9 AM	Section – Walkers @ Legg Lake
	May 26	7 PM	Section – Modern Trends @ Beth Greulich's
Saturday	May 28	7 PM	Section –Saturday Night Bridge-contact Mary Ellen Mead



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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.