



NEWSLETTER

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Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

AAUW CELEBRATES 130th BIRTHDAY!

On Saturday, November 5 our Branch members will have the opportunity to meet with other AAUW members from Pasadena, Alhambra-San Gabriel, Glendale and Arcadia Branches to hear former AAUW CA President Kathleen Cha, and to celebrate AAUW's 130th birthday.

On **December 3** we will return to our usual location at the Radisson Hotel at 11:30 AM to have our luncheon meeting featuring our holiday program and boutique.

We are pleased to have the La Serna High School Hilltoppers Chamber Choir perform holiday favorites and other numbers to prepare us for the coming season. Be sure to make your reservations early, and bring others for this special occasion!

Math/Science Conference

Everything is on track for a very successful 19th Annual AAUW Math/ Science Conference for 8th Grade Girls on January 25 at Whittier College. The schools have been contacted by Ellen Larson, and letters to the possible speakers have been sent.

If you wish to volunteer to help, contact Barbara Gile, 562-693-7279, or Sharon Heck, 562-698-0476. It will be a wonderful day for everyone involved.

The Math/Science Team

Annual Christmas Boutique/Silent Auction is Saturday, December 3

Our boutique/silent auction is just a little over a month away. Items for silent auction baskets must be in my hands by November 15th. Items for the boutique tables can be given to me or brought on the day of the boutique. If you are bringing them the day of the boutique, please let me know what you are bringing, so we have enough table space for all.

Ideas: gift cards, any kind. Baked goods, candy, jams/jellies, jewelry, hand made items etc. Consider re-gifting items that are new. Any questions, please contact Shirley Stewart at 562-944-4556 or shirleys.creations@verizon.net

Shirley Stewart, Boutique Chair

President's Message

By Sharon Heck



Thank you to all who attended our October meeting at the Radisson. League of Women Voter members Margo Reeg and Sally Rivera did an excellent job of giving the history surrounding the budget woes in our state. I learned a great deal and was left with little hope for a better budget future. We must stay alert and watch for legislative actions that could hurt the poorest and most vulnerable in our state. Our elected officials must not try to balance the budget on the backs of the poor.

In November we will travel to Alhambra to celebrate the 130th anniversary of AAUW. I have made a reservation and plan to drive to the event. If someone needs a ride, call me at 562-698-0476 Remember, everyone had to make her own reservation for this November 5 event and the deadline has passed.

Our Christmas Boutique at the Radisson on December 3 is fast approaching. Shirley Stewart is in charge of the Boutique and needs your help. Call her and let her know what you can contribute. 562-944-4556 She would like to have all of the items by Thanksgiving. This activity benefits our scholarship fund and is for a very good cause.

I hope to see many of you in November, and everyone in December.

Board Meetings

The Board meetings are to be held at St. Matthias Church, 7056 Washington Ave., Whittier, on the first Tuesday of each month, except in December, at 7 PM. Parking is on the street or off Wardman behind the church. The Board meetings are held in the large room near the center of the structure when facing the building on Washington. Go through the left gate and then to the right. Every member is welcome to attend the Board meetings. If you would like more information, please call Sharon Heck at 562-698-0476.

AAUW Funds

Support AAUW programs by donating to AAUW Funds. You can do this online at www.aauw.org/contribute, or you can send your donation to me, and I will send it in for you. If you donate online, please tell me the amount of your donation, so we can receive credit toward choosing a Named Gift Honoree.

Peggy Fretz, 14852 Jupiter St., Whittier 90603.

Peggy Fretz, AAUW Funds VP

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A HIGHLIGHT FROM THE 2011 AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

By Sharon Heck

Late-Breaking News at AAUW was presented by President Carolyn H. Garfein and Executive Director Linda D. Hallman. They urged us to R.E.A.P. the benefits of AAUW. R.E.A.P. stands for Research, Education, Advocacy, and Philanthropy. They stated that a 1% increase in giving to the Funds would produce twenty more scholarships. The Legal Advocacy Fund is very strong, and AAUW is supporting six ongoing cases.

Many resources are available from AAUW. They stated that the earliest research paper by AAUW in the 1800s debunked the myth that women who attend college would be sterile! EQUAL PAY DAY in April deserves to be emphasized, and a resource titled The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap is available for use by the branches. Many "Programs in a Box" on a variety of topics are also available. I observed that we are fortunate to have a wealth of leadership and resources in our organization.

THIRD IN A SERIES

First Friday

November 4, 6-8 PM

Brenda and Peter Jahn's home, 1339 N. Padonia, Whittier, 562-691-2419.

Directions: East on Whittier Blvd. to first light before Beach, left on Macy to second stop sign. Right on Janine to end. Left on Solejar to second right. Right on Villa Rita to first left. Left on Padonia to the end of the street.

International Concerns

International Concerns will meet on Tuesday November 15 at 10 AM at Ellen Larson's, Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd., #2D. The topic is "Making sense of multilateralism", Chapter 8 in Great Decisions 2011. All interested members are invited. For further information, contact Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436 or maurineb90601@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM AAUW CALIFORNIA— PUBLIC POLICY

Shannon Smith-Crowley has been retained by AAUW CA as our new legislative advocate, effective July 1, 2011. Shannon earned her law degree from California Western School of Law, and holds a Masters in Health Administration from the University of Southern California, as well as Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with Concentration in Information Sciences from the University of California Santa Cruz. In 2003 she founded Partners in Advocacy, a legislative and regulatory advocacy firm. In addition to representing AAUW CA before the California Legislature, she will be improving communication to AAUW members about legislation on both our website www.aauw-ca.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/aauwca. The Public Policy section of our website already reflects Shannon's work in making timely updates on AAUW CA's bill package available to members. Welcome, Shannon!

Membership

Our membership total is 148. We really should be doing so much better than this. In June of 2011, our membership was 153. Please, let's all make an effort to bring at least one guest to the December meeting. If 50 members were to bring 50 guests and the guests become new members we would certainly exceed our goal of 170 members for this year. Let's make that happen. Here is the information on our new member Lynda Richardson. Lynda lives at 13028 Meadow Green Rd., La Mirada 90638. The home phone is 562-943-1772 and the cell phone is 562-715-5514. Her e-mail is lyndasue10@yahoo.com. And we have just added two more new members. Margaret Tishler, 15304 Carretera Dr., Whittier 90605. Home phone: 562-696-8180, e-mail: mtishler2@charter.net. Rhoda Nussdorf, 9436 Friendly Woods Lane, Whittier 90605. Home phone: 562-693-3248, e-mail: irn2933@aol.com. We also have an e-mail for Maura Greeley. It is greeleym@aol.com. We will try correcting Sandra Schlueter's e-mail again. It is joensandi.schlueter3@verizon.net. Lucia Navar has renewed her membership, but did not make the yearbook. Lucia lives at 1369 Mira Mar Ave., Long Beach 90804. Her home phone is 562-498-1297 and the cell is 323-270-6585. Lucia's e-mail is lucia.navar@yahoo.com. New e-mail address: Maurine Behrens - maurineb90601@verizon.net. As always, you can reach membership at the following numbers: Yvette Rawlinson at 562-698-6867 or Sandra Bridges at 562-697-7427 or abrid848@aol.com or Joyce Paul at 909-620-1202 or joycem.paul@yahoo.com.

Do not forget to invite a guest or even two to the Christmas meeting on December 3. The yearbooks will be distributed again at the December meeting. We still have many members who have not picked up their yearbooks. If you would like to have your yearbook mailed to you, please send \$2.00 to AAUW Membership, PO Box 5333, Whittier, CA 90607. We will mail it to you.

WALKERS THURSDAYS AT 9 AM

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| Nov. 3 | La Mirada Creek Park
Meet in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes |
| Nov. 10 | Rose Hill Memorial Park, Honor Veterans Day
Meet in parking lot by the main gate |
| Nov. 17 | The Arch Neighborhood
Albertsons parking lot Greenleaf and Whittier Blvd. |
| Nov 24 | All Give Thanks as you walk around the feast table |

Shirley Stewart 562-944-4556 shirleys.creations@verizon.net

Saturday Night Bridge

Saturday Bridge night will be December 3. Please call Mary Ellen Mead, 562-693-6482, for details.

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 Telephone (_____)_____

*Cell Phone (_____)_____ *Fax (_____)_____

*E-mail address_____

Degree_____ Year_____ Major_____

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Please 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 check.

_____ 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.

Do you have a sponsor? If so, who is it?_____

*Required for all members. **New members must complete all information.**

Please remember that \$46.00 of your dues are tax deductible.

Modern Trends in Literature

Thursday, November 17, 7 PM

Whittier Senior Center, Room 4, 13225 Walnut., Whittier

Hostess/Co Hostess Kristine Yeseta

The Glory Cloak Reviewed by Kristine

The Glory Cloak is Patricia O'Brian's historical novel set during the time of the Civil War. It examines a tragic time in our history when women were called upon to serve and sacrifice on many different fronts including at home and as nurses in military hospitals such as Washington, D.C. Union Hospital. This is a story of Louisa May Alcott and Clara Barton as told by a fictitious third cousin of the Alcott family. It is a story of friendship and selfless bravery under conditions that we cannot imagine today in the United States.

Kristine Yeseta, Chair, 562-696-0226

Morning Book

Monday, November 28, 10 AM

Named one of the best books of the year, Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson is Morning Book's choice for discussion this month. Major Pettigrew (retired!) leads a quiet life in the English countryside, but an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, a shopkeeper in the village, develops into something more. Can their relationship survive the risks one takes when pursuing happiness in the face of culture and tradition? Join us for a lively discussion, led by Dolores Seidman, at Ann Farmer's home, 6146 Southwind, Whittier, 562-698-2074. Directions: North on Painter to Hadley, turn right on Hadley and go to Southwind, turn left and go up the hill. The home is on the right side of the street.

Ann Topjon, Chair, 562-695-6185

Mystery Mavens

Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 PM

Blind Justice by Bruce Alexander Reviewer: Sharon Heck

In 1768, 13-year-old Jeremy Proctor arrives in London, a city bustling with gamblers, prostitutes and thieves. Certainly no place for an orphan, and trouble wastes no time in finding him. Arrested on a trumped-up charge of theft, Jeremy's only salvation is the compassion and wisdom of Sir John Fielding, the founder of the Bow Street Runners, renowned for his skills as a detective, and who, most impressively, accomplished it all without a sense of sight.

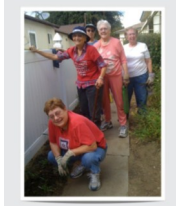
When a baffling "locked room" murder rocks London, Fielding is called upon to investigate – but not before he engages the services of an unlikely but uncanny new partner in Jeremy.

Meet at Marie Callender's restaurant at 9829 S. La Serna, Whittier (near Whittier Blvd.) in the Library room.

Reservations: Carol K. Anderson, Chair, 562-943-0728

Gardening Section

The Gardening Section is scheduled to meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1PM unless we have made other arrangements. There are no requirements for membership except an interest in plants and a commitment to be an active member.



The Gardening Section met on October 4, and planted a flower bed at the Shelter's Transitional House. The hard-working members pictured here are: Jan Berry, Phyllis Thompson, Shirley Stewart, and Mary Jo Haller (in the back row). Not shown in the picture are Brenda Jahn and Barbara Gile.

Tuesday, November 1 at 1 PM we are designing and making succulent wreaths at the home of Carol Shupek. **Contact Barbara to obtain the list of necessary supplies and where to find them before the meeting.**

Tuesday, December 6 at **12 noon** is a potluck lunch and next year's planning session in the home of Margot Kamens.

The 2012-13 year will be filled with sharing tips, resources, cuttings, and field trips to the gardens of Southern California. Plan to join us Tuesday, January 3, to visit the Rose Parade Floats.

For more information please contact:

Barbara Gile whittieraauw@me.com or call 562-693-7279

THE NEW PHOENIX

Our next gathering will be in December when we plan to celebrate the holidays in "Phoenix Style". Members will be informed of date, time and place, so check your December newsletter and your e-mail.

On October 8, New Phoenix members and one AAUW member guest thoroughly enjoyed Mary Torres' hospitality and her lovely home and gardens. The potluck dishes satisfied the sense of both sight and taste! Thank you again, Mary.

Colleen Tan, Chair, 562-698-4934

MEMORIES

The Memories Section usually meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except November). There will be NO meeting in December. 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!

November 16, 1:30 PM "Why I am Thankful"

Colleen Tan, hostess, at the home of Barbara Gile, 14035 Eastridge, Whittier.

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

**Directions: One block north of Mar Vista
on the northeast corner of Eastridge and Vale.**

Park on Vale and enter by the back door.

The garage will be open for those who need access to the house without walking up the hill.

For more information contact: Colleen Tan, Chair, 562-698-4934

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Due to the earlier date of the December Branch meeting.

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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Margot 562-699-6898

AAUW WHITTIER BRANCH CALENDAR FOR November 2011

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
Tuesday	1	1 PM 7 PM	Gardening Section, Carol Shupek's Board meeting, St. Matthias
Thursday	3	9 AM	Walkers Section, La Mirada Creek Park Meet in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes
Friday	4	6-8 PM	First Friday, Brenda and Peter Jahn's
Saturday	5	11 AM	AAUW 130th Birthday, Almansor Court
Sunday	6	2 AM	Daylight Savings ends, set clocks back one hour
Tuesday	8		<u>Deadline for article submission for December newsletter</u>
Thursday	10	9 AM	Walkers Section, Rose Hill Memorial Park, Honor Veterans Day Meet in parking lot by the main gate
Tuesday	15	10 AM	International Concerns, Ellen Larson's
Wednesday	16	1:30 PM 6:30 PM	Memories Section, Barbara Gile's Mystery Mavens, Marie Callender's
Thursday	17	9 AM	Walkers Section, The Arch Neighborhood Albertsons parking lot, Greenleaf and Whittier Blvd.
Thursday	24	7 PM	Modern Trends, Whittier Senior Center Thanksgiving Walkers Section: All Give Thanks
Monday	28	10 AM	Morning Book, Ann Farmer's
Saturday December	3	11:30 AM	Holiday Program and Boutique, Radisson Hotel 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.