



# NEWSLETTER

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Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

## **“Understanding the California State Budget” Presentation by League of Women Voters of Whittier Saturday, October 8**

The Whittier Branch of AAUW will meet for lunch at 11:30 AM on Saturday, October 8 at the Radisson Hotel, 7320 So. Greenleaf Ave, Whittier.

The program, “Understanding the California State Budget”, will feature Margo Reeg and Sally Rivera of the League of Women Voters of Whittier, who will review the process for adopting the State budget and highlight some of the special challenges our state faces in this era of declining revenue. Who will be affected?

AAUW-California has taken a position on the state budget: please note the Public Policy article elsewhere in this newsletter for more details. For complete information on AAUW’s position, go to [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) and click on Public Policy.

The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00. Reservations for this event can be made by calling Carole Restovich at 562-696-0296 or e-mailing her at [WhittierAAUWreserv@yahoo.com](mailto:WhittierAAUWreserv@yahoo.com). All reservations and cancellations must be made by Tuesday, October 4. The menu for the luncheon will include Chicken Parmesan, green beans almondine and spumoni ice cream.

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE AAUW FUNDS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LUNCHEON**

(Formerly EF Luncheon)

Southern California AAUW Funds Luncheon, Saturday, October 29

Mesa Verde Country Club

3000 Club House Road

Costa Mesa 714-549-0377

Cost \$40

Attendees at this luncheon will be able to hear many of the AAUW Funds “Fellows” tell about their academic work. It is always inspiring. Complete details are now available at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org), click on AAUW Funds, and you can register online.

## President's Message

By Sharon Heck

We began our year with a terrific program that featured Author Eva Rutland; her daughter, Ginger Rutland; and her granddaughter, Eva Fields. We heard the wonderful stories of an African-American family, descended from slaves. Ginger and young Eva wove a tale using pictures and the senior Eva's words that spoke to many universal truths about motherhood and family life. What a beautiful family, and how lucky we were to hear and see their story. Thank you to the Rutland family, and to Margot Kamens for introducing them to us.



Our attendance at the September 10 meeting was 80 people, which was fantastic. We hope everyone will want to join us for our October 8 meeting where we will hear from the League of Women Voters, and be treated to a delicious lunch at the Whittier Radisson Hotel. We will gather for lunch at 11:30 AM and the program will follow. Please make your reservations with Carole Restovich in a timely manner.

In November we will be traveling to Alhambra for our luncheon meeting with the Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC) of AAUW. The speaker will be Kathleen Cha, a former California AAUW President, and a current member of the National AAUW Board. We will celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AAUW in California. Everyone must make her own reservation with LACIC for this meeting and we will not be contacting Carole Restovich. Look for more information about this meeting in our newsletter and in future e-mails.

Let's make our 86<sup>th</sup> year a truly great one in the AAUW Whittier Branch.

### 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](http://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

[PJFretz@aol.com](mailto:PJFretz@aol.com)

## **A HIGHLIGHT FROM THE 2011 AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION**

By Sharon Heck

Having the convention in Washington, DC was a real plus, and Friday of the Convention was “Lobby Day.” There were three topics on which we lobbied – to advocate for Social Security protections, funding for the National Women’s History Museum and sponsorship and passage of the Campus SAVE Act, an anti-sexual assault bill.

Our delegations to Senator Barbara Boxer and Senator Dianne Feinstein were so large, we met with an aide to each Senator in the atrium of the office building. The legislative aides are very well informed, took notes and answered many of our questions. Both aides expressed their support for our issues, and believed the Senators would be supportive.

The National Women’s History Museum will be financed 100% with private funds. We saw a film with Meryl Streep pledging \$1 million to the project. Land has been purchased on the Mall, but Congress must vote for the project to go forth. Several male members of Congress are not supportive.

The Campus SAVE Act is very important. It would require campuses to have a plan in place to deal with sexual assault. Many do not have a plan and the victim often is victimized by the system. Prevention plans would also be in place.

I went to the office of Representative Linda Sanchez, but I did not have an appointment, so the aides were not available. I talked with the receptionist and left the materials for Representative Sanchez. After seeing my nametag the receptionist said she had been at Whittier High with my granddaughter Sarah. It was a terrific day in Washington, DC.

### **SECOND IN A SERIES**

## **First Friday**

October 7 from 6 to 8 PM at Barbara and Bill Gile’s home, 14035 Eastridge Dr., Whittier, 562-693-7279.

Directions: 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.

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE: Saturday, December 3**

Our boutique is getting close. All donations can be brought to the Board and Branch meetings. Are you crafty? Why not make something for the boutique? The profits go to our Scholarship Fund.

Any questions, please contact me at [shirleys.creations@verizon.net](mailto:shirleys.creations@verizon.net) or 562-944-4556.

Shirley A. Stewart, Boutique Chair

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Please note that our Branch meeting on November 5 will be a special event celebrating AAUW's 130th birthday. This luncheon will be held in conjunction with other branches in our area. The firm deadline for attending is October 25, and so it is important that you send in your reservation soon. Each member who wishes to attend needs to send in her reservation with payment by mail, as noted above. Please direct any questions to Dolores Seidman, Program VP at [Deeseidman@gmail.com](mailto:Deeseidman@gmail.com) 323-721-8230.



## Join Alhambra-San Gabriel, Pasadena, Glendale and Arcadia Branches as we celebrate

### AAUW'S 130<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**When:** Saturday, November 5, 2011  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
(Registration begins 10:45 a.m.)

**Where:** Almansor Court  
700 S. Almansor St.  
Alhambra, CA 91801

**Program:**  
Kathleen Cha  
AAUW National Director, Past President AAUW-CA

**Menu:**  
West Coast Salad  
followed by choice of:  
Tuscan Chicken Breast  
Atlantic Salmon  
Pasta Primavera  
Chocolate Mousse  
Includes Iced Tea, Coffee, Rolls and Butter

Return form below no later than October 25, 2011 (*firm!*)

Send to: Delora Brown  
5619 "A" Sultana Ave.  
Temple City, CA 91780

Yes! I want to join the celebration! Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ spaces @ \$24.00 per person

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

My (our) choice of entre is: Tuscan Chicken Breast\_\_\_\_ Atlantic Salmon\_\_\_\_ Pasta Primavera\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch AAUW



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*Southland*  
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*Penelope's Daughter*  
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**Saturday, November 12, 2011**

9:30 a.m. Check-In | 10:00 a.m. Event

**Alta Vista Country Club**

777 E. Alta Vista Drive | Placentia, CA 92870

**Brunch, Authors' Discussion and Book Signing**

**All for \$50 per person**

Net proceeds from the event will benefit local charities supported by SI Brea/La Habra

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**Please respond by November 4, 2011**

For more information: [www.soroptimistblh.org](http://www.soroptimistblh.org)

\_\_\_ Paid Reservation for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s)  
Enclosed is a check for \$50.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Opportunity Drawing tickets at 3 for \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Sorry, I cannot attend, please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest of Soroptimist Member: \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership

At this time we have 145 members. That includes 7 new members. Although better than last month, we have still lost 15 of our members from last year. Remember that in June we had 153 members. We need 8 more members just to get back to that number. Our goal for this year is 170. You can see that means we need 25 new members to reach that goal by March 31. Please invite as many people as you can to our October meeting. Let them meet us and see what we do. Our new members for this year are: Mary Moore, Mary Torres, Frances Hill, Mary Jane Holden, Angelita Ramirez, Janet Harvey and Lynda Richardson. With the exception of Lynda, their information is in the new yearbook. The only information that I have for Lynda at this time is: Home phone- 562-943-1772 and cell phone -562-715-5541. I will have more information about Lynda next month.

The directories/yearbooks have arrived. We distributed them at the September meeting. If you had paid the additional charge of \$2.00 for mailing, you should have your yearbook now. We will distribute yearbooks again at the October meeting and again in December. If you cannot be there, perhaps you can ask a friend to get it for you.

We have corrections for the directories: On page 4 of the directory under California Legislative Advocate, the correct name is: Shannon Smith-Crowley. On the same page, under Web Site, you will need to use your member number and your own password for user name and password. Additionally, Shirley W. Stewart, Sandra Schuleter and Christine Sullivan missed the deadline. Here is their information: Shirley W. Stewart, 8109 Michigan Ave., Whittier, 90602. Home-562-698-4612, Cell: 562-714-2688 Business-562-869-7306 ext. 5673 e-mail [stewartrjs@earthlink.net](mailto:stewartrjs@earthlink.net). Sandra Schuleter, 13021 Close Street Whittier, 90605 Home: 562-941-5744 e-mail [joensa.ndi.schuleter3@verizon.net](mailto:joensa.ndi.schuleter3@verizon.net). Christine Sullivan, 9724 Armley Ave. Whittier, 90604. Home-562-696-3094, Cell-562-587-3104 Business: 800-755-1533 e-mail [cchaconsullivan@roadrunner.com](mailto:cchaconsullivan@roadrunner.com).

Also the correct e-mail for Dolores Seidman is: [deeseidman@gmail.com](mailto:deeseidman@gmail.com). Shirley Marlatt has no e-mail. Janice Cecola has no business number. The correct e-mail address for Virginia Rickman is [vrickman@a.ol.com](mailto:vrickman@a.ol.com). The correct cell number for Joyce Paul is 909-277-8800. As always you can contact us at the following: Yvette Rawlinson—562-698-6867. Sandy Bridges—562-697-7427 or [abrid848@aol.com](mailto:abrid848@aol.com) and Joyce Paul 909-620-1202 or [joycem.paul@yahoo.com](mailto:joycem.paul@yahoo.com).

## WALKERS

## THURSDAYS AT 9 AM

October 6	Whittwood Town Center - Meet by Panera Bakery
13	Schabarum Regional Park— Meet in parking lot by the front entrance kiosk
20	La Mirada Creek Park— Meet in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes
27	Uptown Neighborhood— View Halloween decorations, meet at Central Park on Washington Ave

Shirley Stewart 562-944-4556 [shirleys.creations@verizon.net](mailto:shirleys.creations@verizon.net)

## Saturday Night Bridge

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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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.**

## Math/Science Conference 2012 at Whittier College

By Sharon Heck

We will be holding the Math/Science Conference for 8<sup>th</sup>-grade girls at Whittier College on Wednesday, January 25. A wonderful team has been formed to plan the event, and I am serving as the Captain. We hope to have 320 girls in attendance. If you are able to help us in any way, please contact me at 562-698-0476 or [heck37@verizon.net](mailto:heck37@verizon.net).

## PUBLIC POLICY

Dolores Seidman

Our Branch meeting on Saturday, October 8 will feature information on the California Budget given by the League of Women Voters. The article below gives information about AAUW CA's position on the budget. (For full information go to [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) and click on the Public Policy section in the left-hand column. This site will also give full information about what bills AAUW is supporting as well as other valuable information.)

**Every public policy principle for which AAUW CA stands is under attack both in California and in Washington, DC.**

### California Budget Cuts Education and the Safety Net

AAUW CA, in its Position Paper on the California Budget 2011-2012: Revenue, Reductions, Reforms, (Look at Forms and Documents under Public Policy on the website for complete information) called for the extension of temporary taxes due to end June 30, 2011, as well as cost-saving reforms and expense reductions. However, due to uncompromising partisanship in the Senate and Assembly, the tax extensions did not pass due to the required 2/3 vote. Instead, the state's 2011-2012 budget reflects assumptions that the economy will improve, thus generating additional tax revenues, but with huge cuts in services as the means to expense reductions. The cuts already agreed upon have dealt a huge blow to services to the poor, elderly and disabled in California. In addition, severe cuts have been made to College and University funding that will require significant tuition increases on campuses. The continuing unfavorable economic outlook raises doubts about whether the revenue assumptions can be realized.

AAUW CA continues to believe that this approach to achieve a balanced budget is an unreasonable solution, and harmful to all state residents. Sheila Kuehl, former California Senator and a budget expert, who spoke at the AAUW CA Convention in April, states the choices succinctly on her website: "Under virtually any scenario, the most vulnerable in the state seem slated to continue to suffer a lack of support for even their most basic needs while the people of California decide whether they are only for themselves, individually, or whether they are a part of a larger community--the old California in which we share the burdens and benefits of caring for our own. Each of these budget "buckets"--education, higher education, CalWORKS, healthcare, transportation, environmental protection, protection of our most vulnerable, public safety, emergency services--all of them are intertwined, none stands alone. Time will tell if the people of California see it this way, or if they will continue the fragmentation and dissolution signified by their votes (many of them against their own best interests) on the continuing plethora of initiatives."



## THE MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND (MLSF)

The Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF) began operations in October 1999. MLSF is incorporated as an Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization in the state of California. **This means that all donations to MLSF are tax deductible.**

The purpose of MLSF is to receive, invest and distribute contributions from businesses, corporations, foundations, community organizations and individuals to provide local educational scholarships and programs for women and children who (1) are enrolled in good standing in a California college or university, (2) are selected by the AAUW Branch to participate in programs such as Music Enrichment, Tech Trek, Speech Trek and Math Science, (3) are exploring careers requiring the study of mathematics, science, engineering or allied fields, and/or (4) reside in or attend schools in Whittier, La Habra, La Habra Heights, Hacienda Heights, La Mirada, Montebello, Rowland Heights, Santa Fe Springs or Pico Rivera. The Board of Directors manages and preserves the MLSF corpus conservatively in order to protect and build the investments.

This year you will see some changes in the structure of the Greater Whittier AAUW branch and its relationship with MLSF. These changes will strengthen the legal status and operational procedures of both organizations.

**The most exciting news this month is that we have received a check for \$1,600 from the Quaker Chemical Foundation to send two girls to Tech Trek next summer.**

If you are over 70 years and 6 months old, you may use the **Required Minimum Distributions from your IRA** to make a contribution to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund as a charitable gift. True, you don't get a charitable deduction on your 2011 tax form, but **neither will you be obligated to pay ordinary income taxes on a distribution that you "don't need."** The gift check will need to be made out to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund and mailed to P.O. Box 5333, Whittier, CA 90607. Be sure to include your name on the check stub so we can send you a receipt. and thank you.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Gile, 562- 693-7279 or

[aauwwhittier@mac.com](mailto:aauwwhittier@mac.com)

## **Modern Trends in Literature    Thursday, Oct. 27, 7 PM**

**(not 7:30 PM, as in the yearbook)**

At the home of Yvette Rawlinson, 6047 Alta, Whittier, 562-698-6867. Co-hostess: Joyce Paul.

The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver. The author's first new novel in nine years follows quiet, dreamy fictional writer Harrison Shepard. The story is told as his collected journals, mixing his story with those of historical figures Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo and Leon Trotsky.

Directions: Take Painter north to Broadway, turn right. Take the third left onto Alta.

Kristine Yeseta, chair, 562-696-0226

## **Morning Book**

Morning Book, led by the More than Words Section, will discuss Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand on Monday, October 24 at 10 AM. On November 28, we will be discussing Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson. There will be extended information in the November newsletter. Other books for Morning Book in the 2011-2012 year: January 23, The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson; February 27, Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese; March 26, The Dressmaker of Khair Khana by Gayle Tzemack Lemmon; April 23, Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier; and June 4, Clara & Mr. Tiffany by Susan Vreeland.

Ann Topjon, Chair, 562-695-6185

## **More Than Words**

**Monday, October 24, 10 am**

The first book of the year is Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival by Laura Hillenbrand.

On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War. The lieutenant's name was Louis Zamperini. In boyhood, he'd been a cunning and incorrigible delinquent, breaking into houses, brawling and fleeing his home to ride the rails. As a teenager, he had channeled his defiance into running, discovering a prodigious talent that had carried him to the Berlin Olympics and within sight of the four-minute mile. But when war had come, the athlete had become an airman, embarking on a journey that led to his doomed flight, a tiny raft, and a drift into the unknown.

Laura Hillenbrand writes with the same rich and vivid narrative voice she displayed in Seabiscuit and tells an unforgettable story of a man's journey into extremity. Unbroken is a testament to the resilience of the human mind, body, and spirit.

Carol K. Anderson will review the book and we will meet at her home, 10421 Portada Dr., Whittier. 562-943-0728. The home is south of Whittwood Town Center. Go south on Santa Gertrudes to Starbuck. Turn right between Thai Table and Whittwood Branch Library. Turn left on the first street after the East Whittier YMCA. The address is the 3<sup>rd</sup> house on the right.

## **Gardening Section**

The Gardening Section is scheduled to meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1 PM 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. Tues., Oct. 4 at 1 PM we will finalize our community project, where we are enhancing the flowerbeds of the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter Transitional House. We will meet at 14035 Eastridge Dr. in Whittier before we go to the flowerbed. Succulent plants will be available to start for the wreaths that we make in November.

Tues., Nov.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. Tues. Dec. 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 Tues., Jan. 3 to visit the Rose Parade Floats.

For more information please contact:

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

## **Memories Section**

The Memories Section usually meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. 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!

Wed. Oct. 26 at 1:30 PM: "A frightening moment of my life," at Gen'nel Walters, 13542 Dalmation, La Mirada, 562-943-5333. Directions: Going east on Whittier Blvd., turn right on Colima, go 0.6 miles; turn slight left onto La Mirada Blvd and go 2.2 miles. Turn left on Foster, go one block and turn right at the first block, which is Dalmation. House is on the left.

For further information please contact Colleen Tan at 562-698-4934.

## **THE NEW PHOENIX**

Members of the New Phoenix will meet for a potluck luncheon at 12 noon on Mon., Oct. 3 at the home of Mary Torres, 10754 Homeland, Whittier. Ten were present at the August dinner at the Tokyo Lobby Restaurant. Those present who planned to attend the October get together signed up for the food they will bring. Others are asked to do so by phoning Mary at 562-943-0747, or online at [rmrtorres83@aol.com](mailto:rmrtorres83@aol.com).

**Hope to see you all!**

Margot Kamens for Colleen Tan, Chair

## **International Concerns**

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tues. Oct. 18 at Ellen Larson's, Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd, #2D, Whittier. The topic for discussion is "The Caucasus" from the Great Decisions book.

Contact person: Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436 or [maurineb@verizon.net](mailto:maurineb@verizon.net).

## **International Concerns: The Millennium Development Goals**

We are fast approaching the term of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set by the United Nations in the 1990s after the fall of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War. That moment, with that breather, and on the brink of the new millennium, provoked a concerted effort by the UN to appraise the world's problems and see how far we could get at righting some of them by the year 2015.

They were, and are, between 1990 and 2015:

1. To halve the world's poverty and hunger by 2015.
2. Achieve universal primary education.
3. Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education and promote gender equality.
4. Reduce child mortality by two-thirds for children under 5.
5. Reduce by three-quarters the number of deaths due to childbirth.
6. Halt by 2015 and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS and the incidence of malaria and other major diseases.
7. Ensure environmental sustainability. Reverse loss of environmental resources and halve the proportion of people without safe drinking water and sanitation.
8. Develop a global partnership for development, i.e. an open rule-based predictable, nondiscriminatory trading and financial system, commitment to good governance, development and poverty reduction and debt relief. Cooperate to make communication technology available and develop decent, productive work for youth.

It probably behooves us to watch the progress that is being made.

Sheila Hartfield, from the International Concerns Section

## AAUW WHITTIER BRANCH CALENDAR FOR October 2011

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
Monday	3	12 NOON	New Phoenix - Mary Torres'
Tuesday	4	1 PM 7 PM	Gardening– Meet @ Barbara Gile's Branch Board meeting– St. Matthias Church
Thursday	6	9 AM	Section - Walkers – Whittwood
Friday	7	6-8 PM	First Friday - Barbara & Bill Gile's
Saturday	8	11:30 AM	Whittier Branch meeting– Radisson Hotel
Thursday	13	9 AM	Section - Walkers – Schabarum Park
Saturday	15		Deadline for newsletter article submission
Tuesday	18	10 AM	International Concerns @ Ellen Larson's
Thursday	20	9 AM	Section -Walkers- La Mirada Creek Park
Monday	24	10 AM	Morning Book/More than Words @ Carol K. Anderson's
Wednesday	26	1:30 PM	Section – Memories– @ Gen'nel Walters'
Thursday	27	9 AM	Section – Walkers– Uptown Neighborhood, Central Park
		7 PM	Modern Trends @ Yvette Rawlinson's
Saturday	29		AAUW Fund Southern California luncheon, Costa Mesa
		7 PM	Saturday Night Bridge – contact Mary Ellen Mead
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov. 5,</b>	<b>11 AM to 2 PM</b>	<b>AAUW 130th Birthday/Branch meeting Almansor Court, Alhambra RESERVE by Oct. 25</b>



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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.