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Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

“A Mother’s Gift of Memory”

Eva Rutland to Speak to Whittier Branch
Saturday, September 10

The Whittier Branch of AAUW will meet for lunch at 12 noon on Saturday, September 10 at the Radisson Hotel, 7320 So. Greenleaf Ave, Whittier. The program will feature Eva Rutland, who will focus on her book, When I was Colored: A Mother’s Story. 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. All reservations and cancellations must be made by Tuesday, September 6. The menu for the September 10 luncheon will include chicken Caesar salad wrap and Thai chicken wrap sandwiches, an assortment of salads, and chocolate mousse with berries for dessert.

Eva’s first book provides a contemporary perspective of the Civil Rights movement, told through the eyes of a middle class black mother. Mrs. Rutland began writing her stories in the 1950s and 1960s, when her children were growing up, and compiled them into a book that was originally published in 1964. Despite the discrimination that she and her family faced, the author keeps her book upbeat and funny. Eva Rutland is now 94 years old. She went blind in her fifties, but she continues to write and has published more than 20 novels. In 2000 she wrote No Crystal Stair, which is a fictionalized account of her life from the 1940s to modern day. She received the Golden Pen Award for Lifetime Achievement. She is currently working on another memoir about being a grandmother.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, September 2 from 6-8 PM at Sandy and Art Bridges’ home, 1550 N. Walnut St., La Habra Heights, 562-697-7427. Directions to Sandy & Art Bridges’: Whittier Blvd. to Euclid, turning north at Claros Italian Market on the left and the ARCO gas station on the right. Go north on Euclid for 7/10 of a mile. You will pass apartment buildings, homes and then start up the hill. The street name changes to Hiatt when you start up the steep grade, where the road narrows. The street ends and turns onto Walnut to the 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 decent, but it opens up as you come down. We are the second house on the left, hedge in front, and salmon color with black roof and white trim. There is plenty of parking in the driveway.

President's Message

By Sharon Heck



We will soon begin another year in our AAUW Whittier Branch, our 86th! It promises to be a terrific one with excellent monthly programs, advocacy for women and girls and a huge variety of section activities.

Your AAUW Board, officers, and committees have been working throughout the summer to prepare for the year. We owe a big thank you to Brenda and Peter Jahn for their preparation of our yearbook, which will be distributed at our September 10 meeting at the Radisson. The yearbook contains a listing of all programs for the year, a membership list with all pertinent information and other very useful information. It involves a great deal of work and we thank the Jahns and all others who participated in its preparation.

I have a request for former Branch presidents and officers. We are missing a key to the post office box. Would you check through your things and see if you have it. Please call me if it is found, at 562-698-0476.

Our September program will be delightful, with author Eva Rutland telling us about her life and about the book she wrote titled When We Were Colored: A Mother's Story. We will gather at 12 noon at the Radisson for a lovely luncheon. Be sure to make a reservation with Carole Restovich, our Hospitality Vice-President. Call her at 562-696-0296 or e-mail her at WhittierAAUWreserv@yahoo.com. Do it today because I am really looking forward to seeing all of you there. We will kick off our year in grand style.

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, starting with September 6, at 7 PM. Parking is on the street or off Wardman Street, 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.

THE NEW PHOENIX

Five of our members went to the Home Girls Café just before summer began. I think we all were pleasantly surprised. The place is big, bright, very clean and attractive. The wait staff was very nice and well spoken. Every table was full and the food was delicious. We had a tour of the building, and the place was hopping. We saw Father Dole at work. What a fun experience!

Gen'nel Walters

A HIGHLIGHT FROM THE 2011 AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

By Sharon Heck

Thank you to the AAUW Whittier Branch for sending me to the June 16-19 National Convention in Washington, D.C. We stayed at the beautiful Renaissance Hotel in downtown and I managed to stay under budget by sharing a room with three women from Orange County. I will bring you a highlight from the convention in a series of newsletter articles. I arrived early enough to walk to the Smithsonian and spend time in two of the wonderful museums. Thank you for that, also.

Our first evening program was titled "Women in Power in the Obama Administration." We heard from Tina Tchen, Chief of Staff to First Lady Michelle Obama; Pat Chu, Assistant to Labor Secretary Hilda Solis; Jocelyn Samuels, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Justice; and Russlynn Ali, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education. We were told that President Obama has appointed women to 49% of the positions. Our speakers made a joint statement saying "We have your back when it comes to issues facing women and girls." Jocelyn stated we have had equal pay on the books for 50 years, but there has been no real change. They are now fighting for FAIR PAY. Russlynn stated that Title IX is a national security issue as well as a moral issue. They are fighting to promote math and science courses, as well as fighting for policies dealing with issues of sexual violence. These women were exceptional and it was a terrific beginning to the convention.

First in a series

Public Policy – Jill Smith

Branches are encouraged to undertake studies in order to better understand Public Policy in California and to help shape the AAUW-CA position on non-partisan issues affecting our members. A study of the California Initiative Process is the recommended topic for the next study.

1. The process starts with the AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee suggesting a framework for the study with recommendations for research.
2. Interested branches convene a study committee or collaborate with nearby branches and carry out the study.
3. Individual branch studies are submitted to the Public Policy Committee by December 1, 2011.

The state committee will integrate the branch studies into a single document for AAUW-CA Board approval before distribution.

Contact Sue Miller, AAUW-CA VP at publicpolicydir@aauw-ca.org for information and resources.

Christmas Boutique

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE: Saturday, December 3.

It's that time of year again to start working on our Christmas Boutique. Donations are needed for the silent auction. Money, new items, gift cards from restaurants, hair salons, bakeries, nurseries, amusement parks, etc. We are again accepting new re-gift items. Donations will be accepted at all Board and Branch meetings. Any questions, please contact me at shirleys.creations@verizon.net or 562-944-4556.

Shirley A. Stewart, Boutique Chair

AAUW Funds

Here are some brief reminders about AAUW Funds in case you've forgotten things over the summer. AAUW Funds combines funds for the programs of AAUW. This includes The Educational Opportunities Fund (which awards fellowships and grants to students and for projects); The Legal Advocacy Fund (which provides case support); The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund (which supports research); the Public Policy Fund (Supporting government relations and civic engagement) and The Leadership Programs Fund (which supports leadership and training for college students). AAUW Funds have been called the heart of AAUW and your support helps the organization to fulfill its mission.

Your donations may be given in two ways. You can go on the AAUW website and donate that way, or you can send your check to me and I'll mail it to the appropriate place for you. If you choose to donate electronically please let me know the amount of your donation. This is why! For every \$750 donated by our branch, we are able to honor one of our members as a Named Gift Honoree. The only way I know how many people we are able to honor is if you let me know what has been donated. If you choose to donate through the website, I'd appreciate it if you'd just e-mail me to let me know.

Peggy Fretz , AAUW Funds Vice-President

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Yetter Honored for Essay Efforts

Rose Mary Yetter was honored this past spring by Baldwin Park Adult Continuing Education (BPACE), for her essay, "What Adult Education Means to Me." BPACE, celebrating 50 years of providing adult education, conducts an annual essay contest. Seven students were selected from among the school's various disciplines to read their winning essays in a public venue. In ceremonies conducted both at the main campus as well as Baldwin Park City Hall, honorees received certificates of recognition issued by the California State Senate, the California State Assembly, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the City of Baldwin Park.

Yetter, who designs and repairs jewelry, is enrolled in Jewelry Casting with instructor Bounyou Paphatsarang, known to his students simply as, "Bon." In her essay, Yetter cites Bon as, "...providing one of the most collaborative and creative learning experiences I have ever had. The generosity of spirit among the students is landmark. It is a wonderful experience."

Thank You

I wish to thank the many AAUW members who sent me cards during my recuperation from an unexpected ruptured appendix operation on May 28. I am still handling complications from the event. On August 12, I went in for angioplasty because the cardiologist said that there was not enough blood going to the right side of my heart. Fortunately, there was no blockage so I didn't require a stent. Now I am to take it easy for awhile from that procedure.

Marian Locke

Proposed AAUW Whittier Branch Budget

July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

Ordinary Income/Expense	Budget
Income	
Fundraiser	\$ 1,230
Carryover	334
Interest Income (CDs)	75
Membership Dues (\$24 x 130)	3,120
Yearbook/Advertising & Sales	<u>200</u>
Total Income	\$ 4,959
Expense	
Community Contributions	\$ 533
Corresponding Secretary	20
Educational Foundation State Assessment	60
Financial Literacy	20
Fundraising Expenses	50
Historian	20
Insurance (paid to State)	375
LA County Interbranch Council Assessment	41
Las Distinguidas	300
Membership	250
Leadership Expenses	100
Memorials (Hodge Foundation)	100
Newsletter (printing and postage)	400
Post Office Box Rental	120
President	50
Program	650
Public Information	20
Recording Secretary	20
Speech Trek	300
State Convention	1,000
National Convention	-0-
Treasurer	30
Web Site	-0-
Yearbook	<u>500</u>
Total Expense	4,959

The Finance Committee (Jill Smith, Sharon Heck, Susan Halliday, Carol K. Anderson, Dolores Seidman, Joyce Paul, Sandra Bridges, Iris Harris, Pat Dudley and Kaye Kidwell) developed the budget on July 19, 2011. The Treasurer will present it to the Board for approval and then to the general membership for approval.

Kaye D. Kidwell, Treasurer, 562-902-8207

Membership

Joyce Paul

It saddens me to report that we have twenty-four members who have chosen not to renew their membership with us this year. Last year there were only nine. There are a variety of reasons. However, we have lost twenty-four members. We do have six new members who have joined us. We are so pleased to add them to our membership. They are: Mary Torres, Frances Hill, Mary Jane Holden, Mary Moore, Angelita Ramirez, and Janet Harvey. Please look for them at the September meeting and welcome them to our group. The membership committee agreed to a goal of 170 members by June of 2012. Remember that in June we had 153 members. As of this date, we have 135 members. That number includes our six new members. We need thirty-five more members. Thirty-five is a huge expectation. We can only try. Remember, it is not the membership committee who does the work, but the membership - with your contacts and invitations. Let's see how close we can get to that 170 number. As always, you can contact us at:

Yvette Rawlinson: 562-698-6867

Sandra Bridges: 562-697-7427 abrid848@aol.com

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

AAUW---New members for 2011-2012

Mary Torres - (Gen'nel Walters)– rmtorres83@aol.com

Frances Hill– (Dolores Seidman)– mysteryfan43@gmail.com

Mary Jane Holden - (Louise Holden) - maryjaneholden@mac.com

Mary Moore– MAL*- no e-mail - 10518 Eagan Drive, Whittier 90604

Angelita Ramirez-MAL*-(Sandy Bridges) - melramirez0996@sbcglobal.net

Janet Harvey– MAL* - cactus462001@yahoo.com

*Member-at-large

WALKERS

THURSDAYS AT 8 am

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| September 1 | Michigan Park-- Meet in parking lot off Michigan |
| 8 | Parnell Park - Meet in parking lot off Lambert |
| 15 | La Mirada Creek Park - Meet in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes |
| 22 | Uptown Artworks - On Greenleaf between Wardman and Hadley. We will meet at Greenleaf and Wardman |
| 29 | Greenway Trails - Meet at the Wind Sculptures off Mills. Park either on Mills or in the dirt parking lot by the trail. We will meet by the wind chimes |

Saturday Night Bridge

Contact Mary Ellen Mead at 562-693-6482 for details of September'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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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

Since December, I have been working with Whittier College, assisted by Ann Farmer, to see if we could hold the next Math/Science Conference there. George McKernan and I have had several e-mails. The only day we could be there in 2012 is January 25. I told him that a weekend would not be an option as I don't believe we could get speakers or students to attend. We could have an opening session in Villalobos as the Shannon Center would not be available. They would charge us \$900 for the rooms that we would use. They could assign us eleven classrooms with limited media equipment. The number of girls who could attend would be 200; this is half of recent attendance figures. Mr. McKernan and I have discussed student bus parking, media assistance, and packet distribution location.

Henry Gee, vice-president at Rio Hondo College, verified recently what Trustee Angela Salazar told me last February that we will not be able to return in the future. They feel our conference is worthwhile but "not a good fit for their college." As you might remember, we were almost cancelled last December, but Mr. Gee's secretary said we were too far along with our planning for the president to do that. Dr. Ted Martinez, president, then decided to charge us \$1,000 which we paid along with food costs. He had also told me in 2009 that we couldn't return the following year because of construction and I appealed to Henry Gee at that time. It is apparent that our appeals have definitely run their course. We were recruited by the female president to come to Rio Hondo College from Whittier College, but the present president is not as interested in our conference.

Ginny Ball and I have discussed checking on the Chiropractic College or Biola College as a venue. Sharon Heck, president, has informed me that she has appointed a committee, and that she will tell me what they decide. I am not to do anything until I hear from her.

Marian Locke

Book Sections

International Concerns

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM Tues., Sept. 20 at Ellen Larson's, Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd., #2D. The topic is "Sanctions and Nonproliferation." Both "old" and "new" members are encouraged to join the discussion. For further information contact Maurine Behrens, 562-695-8436 or maurineb90601@gmail.com.

Book Sections

Modern Trends in Literature

Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7 PM at the home of Carol Shupek, 6204 Southwind, Whittier, 562-945-4931.

Girl in a Blue Dress by Gaynor Arnold, Reviewed by Dolores Seidman.

This book was long listed for both the Man Booker Prize and the Orange Prize. A work of fiction, this novel looks at the darker side of a great writer's character. Charles Dickens was the modern age's first celebrity author. On her deathbed Catherine Dickens, the cast-off wife of the author, donated her letters to the British Museum "so that the world may know that he loved me once". Join our thought-provoking discussion on topics like love and despair, understanding and despise and explore women's issues in Victorian times.

Upcoming books: October- The Lacuna, November- The Glory Cloak

Kristine Yeseta, chair

More Than Words

More Than Words is meeting at a new time. We will meet on the fourth Monday of October, January and March, on the alternate months from Morning Book. The first meeting of the year will be October 24 at the home of Carol K. Anderson. The book is Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival by Laura Hillenbrand.

Mystery Mavens

Wednesday, Sept. 21 5:30 PM

Carol Anderson

We will start our year with C. J. Box's Open Season. It is not Box's skill at plotting, but the character of hero Joe Pickett, a Wyoming game warden, that makes this a series starter to remember. Pickett is stubbornly ready to risk everything when his own personal sense of morality is at stake. But Joe is also a guy who sometimes gets things wrong, and this characteristic of messing up adds a dimension of humanity to the book. C. J. Box makes the town of Twelve Sleep, Wyoming come alive to the extent that one can almost smell the crisp mountain air and pine needles. The locals display an impressive array of grudge holding and "don't mess with us" attitudes, but Joe is unwilling to forget he's sworn to uphold and enforce a full battery of laws that many of these neighbors have no intention of obeying. Carol Anderson will review the book. Please join us as we picnic in Whittier's Penn Park table area. Penn Park is on Penn east of Painter and College. Use the westernmost entrance to be close to the table area.

Other books selected for 2011-2012 are.....

November 16	<u>Blind Justice</u> by Bruce Alexander
January 18	<u>Death at La Fenice</u> by Donna Leon
March 21	<u>Thirteenth Night</u> by Alan Gordon
May 16	<u>Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter</u> by Tom Franklin

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. Sept. 6, at 1 PM the Gardening Section will review all the pictures of our 2010-11 travels and gardens in the comfort of an easy chair, air conditioning and a glass of lemonade. We will meet at the home of Barbara Gile at 14035 Eastridge on the northeast corner of Eastridge and Vale in Whittier. The garage will be open for easy access.

The weekend of Sept. 24 and 25 is the South Coast Plaza Orchid Show from 10 AM to 5 PM. Arrangements will be made for carpooling. On Tuesday, 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. On Tues., Nov. 1, at 1 PM we are designing succulent wreaths at the home of Carol Shupek. Tues., Dec. 6 at 12 noon is a potluck lunch and next year's planning session in the home of a member.

The 2011-12 year will be filled with sharing tips, resources, cuttings and field trips to the gardens of Southern California.

For more information please contact Barbara Gile at whittieraauw@me.com or call 562-693-7279.

Memories Section

Wed., Sept. 21, at 1:30 PM the subject will be "Significant Life Events". The section will be at the home of Carole Restovich, 7008 Bryn Mawr, 562-696-0296.

Directions: North on Painter from Whittier Blvd., turn right on Philadelphia and right on Bryn Mawr.

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 plan 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 rmtorres@aol.com.

Margot Kamens for Colleen Tan, Chair

AAUW WHITTIER BRANCH CALENDAR FOR September 2011

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
Thursday	1	8 AM	Section - Walkers – Michigan Park
Friday	2	6-8 PM	First Friday - Sandy & Art Bridges'
Tuesday	6	1 PM	Gardening Section – Barbara Gile's
		7 PM	Whittier Branch Board Meeting @ St. Matthias
Thursday	8	8 AM	Section - Walkers – Parnell Park
Saturday	10	12 NOON	Whittier Branch Meeting Radisson Hotel
Thursday	15	8 AM	Section -Walkers- La Mirada Creek Park
			Deadline for newsletter article submission
Tuesday	20	10 AM	Section-International Concerns– Ellen Larson's
Wednesday	21	1:30 PM	Section – Memories– Carole Restovich's
		5:30 PM	Section– Mystery Mavens– Penn Park
Thursday	22	8 AM	Section – Walkers– Uptown Artwork
		7 PM	Modern Trends– Carol Shupek's
Saturday	24	10 AM-5 PM	South Coast Plaza Orchid Show
			Saturday Night Bridge – contact Mary Ellen Mead
Sunday	25	10 AM-5 PM	South Coast Plaza Orchid Show
Thursday	29	8 AM	Section – Walkers - Greenway Trail



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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.