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Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

Las Distinguidas Awards to be Presented April 21

AAUW Greater Whittier Annual Meeting and Luncheon

The Greater Whittier Area Branch of the American Association of University Women and their guests will meet on Saturday, April 21 at the Radisson Hotel, 7320 Greenleaf, Whittier, at 11:30 AM. **Please note that this is a later date than usual.** This will be the Annual Branch meeting and presentation of the Las Distinguidas awards.

Mary Ann Gilbert and Ann McKenna are the recipients of this year's Las Distinguidas awards, which are given annually to exceptional women who have made noteworthy contributions in one or more areas of business, the arts, education, community service, politics and the professions. A brief biography of each of these women is included in this newsletter.

The luncheon will be buffet style and will include Caesar salad with dressing on the side, Chicken Alfredo, zucchini, garlic bread and sherbet for dessert. The cost is \$15.

Reservations can be made by calling Carole Restovich at 562-696-0296 or by e-mail WhittierAAUWreserv@yahoo.com. All reservations and cancellations must be in by Tuesday, April 17.

PUBLIC POLICY

by Sharon Heck

We have an opportunity to participate in a new AAUW program titled It's My Vote-I Will Be Heard. Participants will receive free training via the internet and led by AAUW's National office. Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 12. More information will be forthcoming as to the training and how to access it. Watch your e-mail and we will send it on when we know more.

One aspect of the program is the registering of voters. Voters need to correct their address after a move and young people need to register initially. There are changes in the voting districts this year and the June selection process is no longer a party primary. Find out about this and inform others. This is a project for all of us, so watch your e-mails for information on the training session.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Sharon Heck



We are now known as the GREATER WHITTIER AREA AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN. At our March meeting our new bylaws were approved by a unanimous vote, so we are now incorporated in California, and we are a 501(c)(3), which makes all of our payments tax deductible. The bylaws will now be sent to AAUW in Washington, D.C. for approval. We also presented a slate of directors who will be voted on at our annual meeting on April 21. They will be installed at our June meeting. It is an exciting new day for our AAUW Branch.

We had two wonderful speakers at our March 10 meeting. Linda Argyle explained the workings of the Penn Rehabilitation Center, and Ginny Ball told of the First Day Homeless Shelter. Both women have gone the second mile in their endeavors, and their descriptions were full of information for us. We thank them for their wonderful presentations.

On April 21 we will honor two Whittier women with our Las Distinguidas awards. Gwen Woirhaye and her committee have found great candidates for the honor and it will be our delight to make the presentations and hear from them. It will be a very special day and we hope everyone will be present for the celebration.

Board Meetings

The next Board meeting will be held at St. Matthias Church, 7056 Washington Ave., Whittier, on Tuesday, **April 10** at 7 PM. Parking is on the street or off Wardman behind the church. Use the entrance on Wardman.

Every member is welcome to attend the Board meetings. If you would like more information, please call Sharon Heck at 562-698-0476.

FIRST FRIDAY

FIRST FRIDAY IS CANCELED FOR APRIL. IT WILL RESUME IN MAY.

EVA RUTLAND, AGE 95, PASSES AWAY

Sad to report that Eva Rutland, whose slide presentation of her book When We Were Colored: A Mother's Story and book signing charmed us at last September's meeting, passed away on March 13 at age 95.

In spite of being blind since her 30's and needing a button in her larynx for almost 50 years, she continued to participate in an active life, with a book signing just last month, but during her last two weeks her health deteriorated rapidly.

Submitted by Margot Kamens

AAUW Funds

Through your donation to AAUW funds, you have the opportunity to support a variety of causes. The Legal Advocacy Fund supports the protection of the legal rights of those facing discrimination in the workplace as well as campus outreach projects protecting college students from discrimination, harassment and assault through on-campus program grants. The Public Policy Fund supports advocacy for public policies and laws that are fair to women. The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund supports AAUW Research to provide analysis, data and accurate information about issues that are important to women. A recently developed program is based on sexual harassment on high school and college campuses. These are only three of the possibilities which need your support. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to AAUW Funds. You may donate through the AAUW website. If you do this, please let me know about your donation so our Branch will receive credit for it. Our branch number is 0124. Or you may send your donation to me and I'll be happy to forward it to the AAUW National office for you.

Peggy Fretz, AAUW Funds Chair, 14852 Jupiter St., Whittier 90603

OPPORTUNITY TO EARN \$ FOR TECH TREK

The Greater Whittier Area of American Association of University Women has a wonderful opportunity to docent in the Pasadena Showcase Design House this year. For each four-hour shift we will receive \$40. We have been assigned 20 shifts that will bring us \$800, which is enough to send one girl to Tech Trek.

In order to work a shift you will need to be trained. The training is set for Saturday, March 31, and Saturday, April 7. Each docent will only need to attend one training. We have carpools going for the training on April 7 from 2 to 4 PM. We will be leaving Whittier at noon to arrive at the Rose Bowl for the shuttle to the house. You may purchase a ticket to the Design house for \$25 at the training.

If you work two shifts (8 hours) you will receive a FREE ticket to the Design House.

We have reserved some times for our members to volunteer.

If these dates are impossible for you please let us know your preference and we will try to accommodate. The house will be open from April 15 to May 13.

Tuesday, April 17 1 PM to 5 PM Two shifts available

Thursday, April 19 9 AM to 1 PM Two shifts available

 April 19 1 PM to 5 PM One shift available

 April 19 5 PM to 9 PM Three shifts available

Wednesday, April 25 9 AM to 1 PM Three shifts available

Wednesday, April 25 1 PM to 5 PM Three shifts available



For a description of the house go to their website: www.PasadenaShowcase.org

For more information please contact:

Pat Dudley kpdudley2002@yahoo.com or call 562-947-4269

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

THE NEW PHOENIX

The New Phoenix Section, intrigued by the word new, will explore one of Whittier's new Italian restaurants, meeting at Franco's Trattoria, 6717 Greenleaf, at noon on Thursday, April 19.

Call Colleen Tan, 562-698-4934 for reservations.

International Concerns

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, April 17 at Ellen Larson's, Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd., #2D, Whittier. Our topic is "Mexico: transborder crime and governance".

For further information contact Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436 or maurineb90601@gmail.com.

Modern Trends in Literature

Thursday, April 26 7 PM

Home of Yvette Rawlinson, 6047 Alta, Whittier, 562-698-6867. Co-Hostess Trish Carlson

Sally Schmidt will review and lead our discussion of Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay.

Paris, July 1942: 10 year old Sarah is brutally arrested with her family by the French Police in the Vel' d' Hiv' roundup, but not before locking her younger brother in a cupboard to protect him. Sixty years later journalist Julia Jarmond is investigating the roundup and stumbles onto a trail of secrets that link her to Sarah.

Directions: Going north on Painter from Whittier Boulevard, turn right on Broadway. Take the third left on Alta. The house will be on the left.

Kristine Yeseta, Chair, 562-696-0226

APRIL WALKERS THURSDAYS 9 AM

- 5 La Mirada Creek Park
Meeting in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes

- 12 Tour Michigan Park area
Meet in parking lot on Michigan

- 19 Powder Canyon
Meet in parking lot off Fullerton Road

- 26 Arroyo Pescadero Park
Meet in parking lot by the entrance off Colima

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

LAS DISTINGUIDAS HONOREES FOR 2012

Las Distinguidas honors will be awarded to Mary Ann Gilbert and Ann McKenna at the April Branch meeting.

Mary Ann was nominated both by Soroptimist International Whittier and the Intercommunity Counseling Center. She is a licensed audiologist and owner of Whittier Hearing Center, Inc. She holds a Doctor of Audiology from A.T. Stills University in Mesa, AZ, an M.A. in Communication Disorders, and a B.A. from California State University, Fullerton.

Her exemplary service to Soroptimists includes holding all the major offices in the organization, including serving on the board of Soroptimist Village, a facility for housing low income seniors. While on the board she arranged for professional on-site management and financial planning, adding an investment committee, all of which has greatly improved the handling of funds available for major repairs of the facility and consolidating the day-to-day running of the project. Her major contribution to the Intercommunity Counseling Center has also been in the area of finance. Her summer of 2011 was spent leading a Task Force to analyze the clients, operations, finance and marketing, which was lacking and sorely needed.

The Task Force eventually was able to present recommendations for creating a mission-focused, financially sustainable mental health counseling clinic and to obtain major funding to finance the turn-around of the 35-year-old Whittier organization. Mary Ann continues to lead the organization as president as the task of implementing the new program is carried out.

Mary Ann has been contributing her organizational skills since her senior year at Savanna High School in Anaheim when she led her school's participation in the first Earth Day!

Ann McKenna's major contribution to the community is her fourteen children! Every one of them is exhibiting strong commitment to community service. She was nominated by the McKenna Foundation, created by her children in honor of her and her late husband, Edward. Ann and Edward had committed themselves to being exemplary parents and carried through admirably on that commitment.

As president of the Foundation Ann convenes all meetings, leads fund-raising efforts and builds a donor base which has broadened from her immediate family to a large circle of extended family, friends and colleagues. Within two years of its founding the foundation has become the leading contributor to both St. Mary's Place and St. Vincent de Paul Society in Whittier. St. Mary's Place, now 20 years old, provides direct services of emergency food, clothing and counseling for the most financially challenged populations in Whittier, including seniors, veterans, disabled and homeless serving nearly 300 households weekly.

The Whittier chapter of St. Vincent de Paul Society conducts home visits to homebound and impoverished persons, providing food, rent and utility support for emergency cases in Whittier. Ann actively participates in the delivery of goods and services, as well as meeting regularly with the leadership of the organization.

Originally a nurse in New York before having her family, Ann returned to college when her children were raised, obtaining a degree and teaching credential, subsequently teaching at-risk students in the Los Angeles inner-city and also instructing students at St. Mary's Catholic School in Whittier, retiring at 75 and redoubling her efforts in community service.

AAUW is proud to honor these outstanding women whose selfless contributions truly make them "Distinguished Women."

—Gwen Woirhaye, Chair
Las Distinguidas

MEMORIES

Have you ever met someone briefly only to have that meeting change your life? Okay, maybe not; but perhaps that encounter was memorable in other ways. Please share your written experience at the next Memories Section on Wednesday, April 25 at 1:30 PM at the home of Gwen Woirhaye, 5810 Friends, north of Beverly Blvd. in Uptown Whittier. We laugh; we cry (sometimes); we encourage each other. The topic, again: "A Brief Encounter."

Carole Restovich, Chair, 562-696-0296

Morning Book

The next meeting of Morning Book will be at 10 AM on Monday, April 23. It will be held in the home of Marian Locke, 15555 La Monde Street, Hacienda Heights, 626-336-3430. Directions: Take Colima from Whittier and turn left on Hacienda Blvd. At Newton turn left, and at Joan Drive turn left. At La Monde turn right. It is the corner home with blue shutters.



The Dressmaker of Khair Khana is written by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon. The author worked as a journalist for nearly ten years covering presidential politics and as a producer with the ABC News Political Unit and *This Week with George Stephanopoulos*. In 2004 she left ABC News to earn her MBA at Harvard, where she began writing about women entrepreneurs in war zones including Afghanistan, Bosnia and Rwanda.

The book relates how Kamila Sidiqi's life changed overnight when the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan. Banned from school, confined to her home, and with nothing but an idea she picks up a needle and thread to create a thriving dressmaking business in her living room. The book reveals the anxiety of ordinary people trying to endure around the laws of abusive regimes. The book reads like fiction and yet it is an inspiring true story. The author introduces readers to the "breadwinners in burqas."

Marian Locke will review the book and Carol Anderson will bring the refreshments.

Ann Topjon, Chair, 562-695-6185

Saturday Night Bridge

Saturday night bridge will be April 28 at 7 PM. Please call Mary Ellen Mead, 562-693-6482, for details.

SHOW GIRLS ARE GOING TO SEE 'WAR HORSE' - THE PLAY, AT THE AHMANSON THEATRE

All are invited to join us to see 'War Horse', the play, at the Ahmanson Theatre on Saturday, June 23 at 2 PM. We will carpool. The price for a Rear Orchestra seat is \$106 and the price for a Balcony seat is \$74. Please chose the area where you would like to sit and send me a check for the amount as soon as possible, so I can order the tickets.

If there are enough of us going and I can get a group discount, I will return the extra money. Tickets are already selling fast.

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MEMBERSHIP

We have another new member. Her name is Christy Maganzini.

She lives at 501 El Rancho Dr., La Habra, CA 90631.

Phone: 562-458-3350 and e-mail is christymaganzini@yahoo.com.

Welcome to Christy. She is member number 161.

Our membership year is coming to a close. Anyone who joins us at this time will be considered a member for the year 2012-2013. They will have a fifteen-month membership for the price of one year. We also need to have current members pay their dues for the 2012-2013 year. There is an application with this newsletter and we are asking that you complete it as soon as possible and mail it to Membership. The address is on the application. We need all members to complete an application, however, current members need complete only those areas marked with an *, not the entire application. Thank you so much for prompt consideration in returning your applications.

As always, you can contact Membership at:

Yvette Rawlinson, 562-698-6867 or

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

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

SHOW GIRLS NOTICE DATE CHANGE to April 5!

Five of us met to see *Good Deeds* which we enjoyed. New member Carol Duff attended and we had the perfect opportunity to get to know her. That was fun.

Mark a big X on the FIRST Thursday of April, so you will remember to keep it open, so you can join us at the Village Theater, for a movie. We will be meeting the first Thursday in April this month, because of Spring school breaks, around 3:30. I do not know what exact time because I cannot see the movie schedule yet. The way I choose the movie is, which movie I think we will enjoy and that has the start time close to 3:30. I do not choose blood, gore or car chases. We will be choosing a different place to eat each time, somewhere in Whittier. Send me your email if I do not have it, if you want to join us. If I have your email, I will let you know the time and movie via e-mail, on the Monday before, April 2. We would love to have you join us. (Note my new e-mail address.)

GENNEL WALTERS

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Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women (AAUW)

2102-2013 Membership Application

*Title: Mrs.____ Ms.____ Miss____ None____ Other____

*Last Name_____ *First Name_____ *Middle Initial_____

Spouse's Name_____

*Street Address_____ *City_____ *Zip Code_____

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

*Cell Telephone (_____)_____ *Fax (_____)_____

*E-mail address_____

Degree_____ Year_____ Major_____

College/University_____

Degree_____ Year_____ Major_____

College/University_____

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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 your dues are tax deductible.

Gardening Section

There are no requirements for membership except an interest in plants and a commitment to be an active member. We are extending a special invitation to new members.

On Monday, April 9 at 9 AM the Gardening Section is scheduled to meet to give the Transitional Shelter flowerbed more tender loving care. In March three hearty members tackled a big section of the flowerbed. However, we still have more to complete. Meet at the home of Barbara Gile, see directions below, and we will carpool to the flowerbed.

Due to the low attendance on the first Tuesday of the month we are changing the meeting dates. Please let us know if you want to be part of the Garden Section and give us your preferred meeting date.

The following is the schedule for 2012:

Monday	April 9	Work Group at Flower Bed	Transitional Shelter
Sunday	April 22	Rio Hondo Symphony Garden Tour	Whittier
Sunday	May 20	Huntington Library	Arcadia
June		Gardens of the World	Thousand Oaks
July		Dark	
August		Flower arranging demonstration, florist shop in Whittier	
September		San Juan Capistrano Mission	All-day trip (Sunday)
October		L.A. County Arboretum	Arcadia
November		Wreath making	Home of member
December		Potluck and planning for 2013	Home of member

Directions to Barbara Gile's home:

14035 Eastridge is one block north of Mar Vista on the Northeast corner of Eastridge and Vale

From Colima

Go west on Mar Vista and three streets after the signal at Michigan turn right on Vale

From Painter

Go east on Mar Vista and three streets after the signal at College turn left on Vale

The Rio Hondo Symphony Garden Tour is Sunday, April 22 from 2 to 5 PM.

We will meet at Barbara's home by 1:45 PM and carpool to the first house 14084 Bronte.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Whittier Community Center, 7620 Washington Ave. or the Whittier Art Gallery 8035 Painter. Tickets are \$30 on the day of the tour.

For more information on the Garden Tour call 562-693-6741 or 562-949-2010 or visit the website:

Rio Hondo Symphony Association riohondosymphony@verizon.net

For more information regarding the Gardening Section please contact:

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



In Memoriam

AAUW Greater Whittier Area Branch has recently learned of the passing of two of our former members. We wish to extend our sympathy to their family and friends.

Dorothy Pomery Conover passed away on January 14, 2012 in Rogue River, Oregon. She would have celebrated her 100th birthday on January 17. She is our AAUW member, Linda Pomeroy's mother-in-law. Dorothy had resided in Whittier for over 40 years, taught for the East Whittier School District and was a member of AAUW, Whittier Branch. She moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado after her second marriage. At the time of her passing she lived in Rogue River, Oregon near her son, Ronney Pomery, and his wife.

Betty (Margaret Elizabeth) Orr passed away in Fullerton, Ca on July 29, 2011. Betty served as our Whittier Branch AAUW President from 1959 to 1960. According to her son, Larry, she never left California until she was almost 35. "On June 20, 1959, her family watched her board a Lockheed Super Constellation for her first major trip out of the state of California to attend AAUW's Biennial National Convention in Kansas City!" What opportunities AAUW gives us!

She was born July 1, 1924, in Garden Grove, CA where she also attended high school, going on to the University of Redlands. Betty taught English at El Rancho High School in Pico Rivera and was married to Kenneth Orr for 53 years, until his passing in 2001. She left teaching to pursue a successful career in real estate and was musically talented and participated in several choirs and played the piano. She was a talented writer.

Larry Orr chose a quote from his mother's poem "At the End of the Day", written in 1945, to close the tribute he paid to his mother at her memorial service held on August 4, 2011 at Fullerton First United Methodist Church in Fullerton, CA:

At the End of the Day

*Another day is gone, ending in a glorious blaze,
But even as the last ray yields itself to the clutches of the night,
My mind full of conflicting thoughts strives to penetrate the dubious haze.
Thoughts of the world in its chaos and destruction
Infest my mind like a dreaded blight.
My soul searches vainly for glimmers of love and truth--for hope.
Madly it strives to reach the impenetrable heights of happiness--of joy.*

-Betty Orr

Submitted by Sally Schmidt

AAUW WHITTIER BRANCH CALENDAR APRIL 2012

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
Thursday	5	9 AM	Walkers, La Mirada Creek Park
		PM	Show Girls
Friday	6	NO FIRST FRIDAY FOR APRIL, WILL RESUME IN MAY	
Saturday	7	2-4 PM	Docent training, Pasadena Showcase*
Monday	9	9 AM	Gardening Section, Transitional Shelter
Tuesday	10	all day	City of Whittier, General Municipal Election
		7 PM	Board meeting, St. Matthias Church
Thursday	12	9 AM	Walkers, Michigan Park
		TBA	It's My Vote, AAUW internet training
Sunday	15	Midnight	DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION
Tuesday	17	10 AM	International Concerns, Ellen Larson's
		1-5 PM	Docent shifts available, Pasadena Showcase*
Thursday	19	9 AM	Walkers, Powder Canyon
		12 NOON	New Phoenix, Franco's Trattoria
		9-9	Various docent shifts available, Pasadena Showcase*
Saturday	21	11:30 AM	Annual meeting and Las Distinguidas awards, Radisson Hotel
Sunday	22	2-5 PM	Gardening Section, Rio Hondo Symphony Garden Tour
Monday	23	10 AM	Morning Book, Marian Locke's
Wednesday	25	1:30 PM	Memories, Gwen Woirhay's
		9 AM-5 PM	Various docent shifts available, Pasadena Showcase*
Thursday	26	9 AM	Walkers, Arroyo Pescadero Park
		7 PM	Modern Trends, Yvette Rawlinson's
Saturday	28	7 PM	Saturday Night Bridge, contact Mary Ellen Mead

*To benefit Tech Trek program

Please consult our style sheet and follow it when preparing your newsletter article.

You will save us both a great deal of work. If you do not have a style sheet, we'll send you one. Thank you.

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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.