



# NEWSLETTER

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Linking you to Branch activities and to each other

## Installation of New Officers and Guest Speaker Elahe Amani at the June 9 AAUW Greater Whittier Area Branch General Meeting

The Greater Whittier Area Branch of the American Association of University Women and guests will meet on Saturday, June 9 at the Radisson Hotel, 7320 Greenleaf, Whittier, at 11:30 AM.

The program will feature Elahe Amani, a gender, peace and social justice activist speaking on "The Women's Movement in the Middle East and North Africa". As the President of the Society of Human Rights in Iran (Southern California) and former Chair of International Interests of AAUW in California she is eminently qualified to discuss this topic. (See separate article for further information). The meeting will also feature the installation of Susan Halliday as the incoming president of the Greater Whittier Area Branch of AAUW along with the other elected officers for 2012-13.

The luncheon will feature Thai and Caesar salad wraps. Also, garden salad with choice of dressings, fruit salad and pasta salad will be offered with warm rolls and butter. Chocolate cake will complete the meal. The price is \$18. Please make your reservation by June 5 to [whittieraauwreserv@yahoo.com](mailto:whittieraauwreserv@yahoo.com) or call Carole Restovich at 562-696-0296. You will receive a confirmation of your reservation by email or phone. Cancellations must also be made by June 5.

## PUBLIC POLICY: Another Budget Showdown?

By Sharon Heck

Tell the House: Pass a Fair and Responsible Budget!

Last summer, bickering over how to reduce federal spending caused America to lose its prized AAA credit rating. Obstructionist tactics brought us to the edge of defaulting on our nation's financial obligations. Congress barely avoided causing more damage to the economy by agreeing to a compromise: the government would be able to cover our debts, and Congress would make equal cuts from defense spending and domestic programs in an effort to start reducing the federal spending deficit. We who fight so hard to protect programs critical to women and girls remain wary of that deal, but at least it seemed like Congress was trying.

Now, House majority leadership is looking to renege on that agreement. They want to make no cuts to defense spending -- in fact, to increase the Department of Defense's budget -- while taking extra money from programs like food stamps and civil rights enforcement. We can't sit back while our leaders yet again fail to reach a fair and responsible budget deal. We can't stand by while they work to balance the federal budget on the backs of students, women and working families. Send a message to your member of Congress. Ask him or her to support a common sense budget that promotes fairness and fiscal responsibility. Write to your Congressperson at:

Rep. \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. House of Representative

Washington, D.C. 20515

Remember: You can always help strengthen AAUW's efforts to fight for fairness for women and girls by making a tax-deductible donation to AAUW's Public Policy Fund!

## FIRST FRIDAY

**Bill and Barbara Gile will host First Friday on  
June 1 from 6 to 8 PM.**

14035 Eastridge, Whittier, 562- 693-7279

Directions to their home are in the  
Gardening Section.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

by Sharon Heck



This will be my final message as your president. It has been a wonderful year and I want to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make our AAUW Branch such a success. Our monthly meetings have been wonderful and very well-attended. Honoring our Tech Trek scholars and the college scholarship winners was so inspiring on May 12. Our fundraising efforts this year were just great. Thanks again to all who have contributed in so many ways.

In June we will install our new officers. Our board of directors will all be installed, so please try to attend. A terrific speaker will round out the activities for the day. I heard her speak at a meeting last year, and you will learn much about women in the Middle East from her talk.

Our new bylaws have been approved by the AAUW office in Washington D.C., as well as by the California AAUW. At the June meeting we will be voting on the inclusion of a mandatory statement concerning insurance, which is required by the California AAUW. We will be sending our new bylaws on to the State of California.

This will complete the process, and I want to thank Barbara Gile for all of her hard work to bring it to completion. We are now the Greater Whittier Area AAUW. I hope to see all of you at our June 9 meeting, which will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Whittier.

## **June Board Meeting**

Our final Board meeting for this year will be held at 6 PM on Tuesday, June 5 at St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 7056 Washington Ave., Whittier. Both present Board members and the newly elected Board of Directors are invited to a salad potluck and meeting. Present elected Board members will bring a salad to share. Please let Dolores Seidman know what you will be bringing, 323-721-8230. All Board members, both present and newly elected, are invited. Parking is in front of the church on Washington or behind the church off Wardman. Every member is welcome to attend the Board meetings. If you would like more information, please call Sharon Heck at 562-698-0476.

## **ELAHE AMANI, SPEAKER FOR JUNE MEETING**

Elahe Amani has been a member of California State University system in the capacity of administrator and lecturer for the last 23 years. She taught in the Women Studies Programs of CSU in Long Beach and Fullerton on issues related to gender, culture and global women's movement.

She is active with the UN and has followed the global women's movement since the 3rd UN Women's Conference in Nairobi, Kenya in 1985 and the UN Women's Conference in Beijing in 1995. She has also attended the Beijing Plus 5, Beijing Plus 10 and Beijing Plus 15 conferences. She has been active in shaping the discourse of women's movement in Muslim majority societies particularly Iran and Afghanistan.

A trained peacemaker and mediator and part of the first wave of certified mediators in California she currently holds the position of Director of Technology Services for Student Affairs at CSU Fullerton.

## **International Concerns**

International Concerns will meet at 10AM on Tuesday, June 19 at Barbara Nichols' home, 13907 Emory, Whittier. We will view and discuss "Pray the Devil Back to Hell". This film documents activities by courageous Liberian women in the 1990's, which eventually forced the warlords to end Liberia's long civil war, which killed 200,000 people and maimed thousands more.

For further information call Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436.

We need an editor(s) for the newsletter for 2012-13.

Volunteers, please contact President-elect Susan Halliday at 562-696-7395 or e-mail sbathalliday@yahoo.com.

## AAUW FUNDS

We can support the work of AAUW through our donations to AAUW funds, thus promoting equity for women and girls. What is your money used for? Here are some of the areas where AAUW funds support the crucial work: The Legal Advocacy Fund supports legal cases and campus outreach programs; the Educational Opportunities Fund makes possible fellowships and grants at many levels; research reports dealing with providing equal opportunities for women and girls are financed by the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund; the Public Policy Fund includes such programs as government relations and civic engagement; and the Leadership Programs Fund supports such programs as a national conference for student leaders and campus action projects.

Remember that all donations to AAUW Funds are fully tax-deductible. Your donations can be made in two ways! You can send them to me and I'll mail them to the appropriate office, or you can go online and make your donation that way.

In order to ensure that our Branch gets the credit, please include Greater Whittier Area Branch in your donation, and possibly our

Branch number (0124). Thank you. Remember that for every \$500 in donations our Branch has the opportunity to honor one of our members.

Peggy Fretz, AAUW Funds Chair

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## PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 2012-13

Soon it will be time to make plans for our Branch programs for next year. We will continue to feature programs that relate to AAUW's mission regarding education, women's rights, public policy advocacy, science and technology training for girls, etc. If you have any suggestions for speakers, please contact Program V.P. Dolores Seidman at [Deeseidman@gmail.com](mailto:Deeseidman@gmail.com) or 323-721-8230 as soon as possible. Thank you.

## JUNE WALKERS BEGIN 8 AM STARTING TIME

### THURSDAYS

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|----|--|------|
| 7  | La Mirada Creek Park                           | 8 AM |
|    | Meeting in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes     |      |
| 14 | Whittier College Campus                        | 8 AM |
|    | Meet in parking lot off Philadelphia           |      |
| 21 | La Mirada Regional Park                        | 8 AM |
|    | Meet in parking lot in front of Splash         |      |
| 28 | Arroyo Pescadero Park                          | 8 AM |
|    | Meet in parking lot by the entrance off Colima |      |

Hope to see you all at 8 AM each Thursday. We start early before the heat.

Shirley Stewart, Chair, [shirleys.creations@verizon.net](mailto:shirleys.creations@verizon.net)

## To: PPP's from Colleen Tan

Re: Leader for our group for the new year beginning July 2013

Cindy Birt has graciously consented to lead for another year. Anyone interested in this role for next year should let any past president know. You will be warmly thanked.

## Memories

Memories will meet at the home of Barbara Gile on Wednesday, June 27, at 1:30 PM. The topic is "Favorite Songs" and the memories they evoke. Everyone is welcome - just bring your written memories to share. You may always write off-topic. Other topics we have covered that you may consider writing about are "What I Save/Collect," "A Brief Encounter," "A Place of Special Meaning," and "A Book that Changed Me." See directions to Barbara's house under the Garden Section.

Carole Restovich, Chair, 562-696-0296

## MEMBERSHIP

We have 167 members at this time. We will reach our goal of 170 members if only three more join by June 30. We are only three away from our goal---only three. We offer a very warm welcome to our newest members. They are:

Doreen Rapp, 9412 Friendly Woods Lane, Whittier 90605, 562-698-2479 [gramarapp@hotmail.com](mailto:gramarapp@hotmail.com)

Christine Heller, 14041 Mar Vista St., Whittier 90602, 562-698-7440 [christineheller@earthlink.net](mailto:christineheller@earthlink.net)

Jeanette McKenna, 6008 Friends Ave., Whittier 90601, home: 562-696-3852, cell: 562-754-7712  
[jmckena@earthlink.net](mailto:jmckena@earthlink.net)

Georganne Leyh, 1251 Valwood St., La Habra 90631, home: 714-680-5043, cell: 714-865-5976  
[lancerg1968@yahoo.com](mailto:lancerg1968@yahoo.com)

Pam Ehlers, P.O. Box 5702, Whittier 90607, home: 562-693-1269, cell: 310-487-2921 [Pamandcats@yahoo.com](mailto:Pamandcats@yahoo.com)

Lucille Householder, 16323 E. Soriano Dr., Hacienda Hts., 91745, 626-330-6796  
[1householder2@roadrunner.com](mailto:1householder2@roadrunner.com)

Current members, we need you to renew your memberships as soon as possible. All renewals are due by June 30, but sooner is better. We still need approximately 100 of our members to submit their renewal dues. Applications are included in this newsletter.

As always, membership can be contacted through:

Yvette Rawlinson 562-698-6867 or Sandy Bridges 562-697-7427 or [abrid848@aol.com](mailto:abrid848@aol.com) or

Joyce Paul 909-620-1202 or [joycem.paul@yahoo.com](mailto:joycem.paul@yahoo.com)

## Saturday Night Bridge

**Saturday night bridge will be June 30 at 7 PM. Please call Mary Ellen Mead, 562-693-6482, for details.**

## THE NEW PHOENIX

Tea and miniatures! Our members look forward to sharing teatime tidbits and admiring Ann Farmer's collection of miniatures (and, of course, conversation) on Wednesday, June 13, from 4 to 6:30 PM. We will meet at Ann's home, 6146 Southwind, Whittier. Members will be contacted and reminded about time and place, and suggest what food they should bring. Guests are welcome.

Colleen Tan, Chair, 562-698-4934

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

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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.**

## Morning Book

For our final meeting of the year, we will be discussing Clara and Mr. Tiffany by Susan Vreeland. The meeting will be held on Monday, June 4, at 10 AM, at Judy Flanders'. In 1893 at the Chicago World's Fair, the famous Tiffany lamp made its debut. At the time, no one realized that the designer was a woman, Clara Driscoll, and this is her novelized story. Clara struggled with her desire for artistic recognition and the seemingly insurmountable challenges that she faced as a professional woman, which ultimately forced her to protest against the company she had worked so hard to cultivate.

Sally Schmidt will lead our discussion as well as serving as co-hostess. Besides our discussion, we will be deciding on the months to read and discuss next year's books, and signing up as discussion leader, hostess and co-hostess. Directions to Judy's: 12430 Floral, Whittier, 562-692-7930: from Whittier Blvd., go north on Painter, west (left) on Beverly Blvd.; north (right) on Pickering (stoplight); west (left) on Floral; 12430 is the fifth house down on the left.

Books we will be reading next year: Winter's Bone, Daniel Woodrell; In the Garden of Beasts, Erik Larsen; The Long Song, Andrea Levy; Dreams of Joy, Lisa See; Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity, Katherine Boo; The Lives of Margaret Fuller, John Matteson; State of Wonder, Ann Patchett; and The Barbarian Nurseries, Hector Tobar.

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185

### For your information

Billy Seitz has advised that his mother, Rosanne, is in assisted living and would enjoy visitors. She is at Sunrise Senior Living, 2226 N. Euclid, Fullerton.

The phone number is 714-738-3656.

## Modern Trends in Literature

Thursday, June 28 at 7 PM

Home of Marian Locke, 15555 La Monde., Hacienda Heights. Marian has graciously opened her home and is presenting refreshments for the evening.

We will have a discussion on The Paris Wife by Paula McClain. The heroine of the novel is Hadley Richardson who married Ernest Hemingway in 1921. This novel draws heavily on research and allows the reader to rub shoulders with literary celebrities and savor a bit of their travels. Though deeply in love, the Hemingways are ill-prepared for life in the fast lane of Jazz Age Paris. The story unfolds about a couple trying to find out who they are and what they want from each other and life.

### Modern Trend Selections, 2012-2013

The Kitchen Boy by Robert Alexander

Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks

The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman

Still Alice by Lisa Genova

The Midwife of Venice by Roberta Rich

Mudwoman by Joyce Carol Oates

The Tiger's Wife by Tea Obrecht

Alice I Have Been by Melanie Benjamin

Sipping from the Nile by J. Naggar

Kristine Yeseta, Chair, 562-696-0226

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### AAUW STATE CANDIDATES

The names of the State AAUW candidates we voted to support at our April meeting are Ruth Currie, Ginny Hatfield and Sharon Westafer.

Sharon Heck

## Show Girls

Nine of us met and watched "The Lucky One", which we enjoyed. We ate a Japanese dinner. We will be meeting on Thursday, June 14, around 3:30. I do not know what exact time because I cannot see the schedule yet. The way I choose the movie, is the one that has the start time close to 3:30. We are choosing a different place to eat each time, somewhere in Whittier. Send me your e-mail if I do not have it, if you want to join us. If I have your e-mail, I will let you know on Monday, June 11, the time to meet, and which movie. We would love to have you join us.

Gen'nel Walters

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

## MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF) is now a committee of the Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women (AAUW) since we became a non-profit corporation. This change has made it possible to solicit money from outside the Branch and continues to be a tax-deductible contribution for our members. It has been a very positive change for our fundraising and we are sharing all the good news with our members.

First, this is the first year we have **given four \$1,000 scholarships for women** who have completed two years of college and are continuing their education at a four-year university. Our scholarship chair, Jois Hofmann, did a remarkable job of recruiting qualified applicants from Rio Hondo College with the help of Kerry Franco, the executive director of the foundation.

This year we planned to send five 13-year-old girls to Tech Trek at Whittier College. Tech Trek will be held June 16 to 22 this year. Ten girls were interviewed this spring and two alternates were chosen. Our new member Pat Dudley was the hard-working chair of the committee. Thanks to a very generous member of our Branch the two alternates will also go to Tech Trek. This is the first year that Whittier Branch has **sent seven girls to Tech Trek** in one year. When the final accounting is completed three girls were paid for from a grant from the Quaker Chemical Corporation, two girls were paid for by Raytheon Corporation and two are going from the donation of an angel from the Whittier Branch.

Ten of our members were docents at the Pasadena Design House in April and May and earned \$800 for a girl to attend Tech Trek next year so we are already on our way to another successful year.

At the end of 2011, MLSF achieved the goal of a \$100,000 investment, which was the objective set for us in 1999. As of this last week, MLSF received generous donations from our recent non-event in the amount of almost \$6,000. One of our members also heard about a girl at Dexter Middle School who was eligible to attend a science camp on Catalina Island. The cost is \$250 and her foster parents could not afford to send her. This was not in our budget; however, through some members of the MLSF committee the money was raised in a few minutes. This led to the establishment of a special projects fund where deserving young women can receive an extra hand up.

This is all very exciting and is possible due to the hard work and dedication of many AAUW members, families and friends. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

For more information please contact:

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

## 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 Tuesday, June 5, the Gardening Section members and guests will travel to Thousand Oaks to visit Gardens of the World. This is four and one-half acre property developed into several diverse gardens. The visit is free and plan to bring your picnic lunch where we can sit in the shade of an old-fashioned bandstand. If you can't join us, see the unique gardens by visiting their website [gardensoftheworld.info](http://gardensoftheworld.info). We will leave Whittier at 10 AM. Meet at the home of Barbara Gile and we will carpool.

**Directions:** 14035 Eastridge is one block north of Mar Vista on the northeast corner of Eastridge and Vale

**From Colima** go west on Mar Vista three streets after the signal light at Michigan, turn right on Vale

**From Painter** go east on Mar Vista, three streets after the signal light at College, turn left on Vale

Several of you have indicated that you like the first Monday of the month for the Gardening Section. We will try to schedule our meetings in August, October, November and December with the new day of the month **(first Monday)**.



June	5	Gardens of the World	Thousand Oaks
July		Dark	
August	6	Flower Arranging Demonstration	Florist Shop in Whittier
September	2	San Juan Capistrano Mission	All day trip (Sunday)
October	1	LA County Arboretum	Arcadia
November	5	Wreath Making	Home of member
December	3	Potluck and planning for 2013	Home of member



For more information please contact:

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## AAUW WHITTIER BRANCH CALENDAR JUNE 2012

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
Friday	1	6-8 PM	First Friday, Barbara & Bill Gile's
Monday	4	10 AM	Morning Book, Judy Flanders'
Tuesday	5	10 AM	Gardening Section, Gardens of the World Thousand Oaks
		6 PM	Board meeting, St. Matthias Church
			PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
Thursday	7	8 AM	Walkers Section, La Mirada Creek Park
Saturday	9	11:30 AM	General Meeting, Radisson Hotel Installation of Board
Wednesday	13	4-6:30 PM	The New Phoenix, Ann Farmer's
Thursday	14	8 AM	Walkers Section, Whittier College campus
		3:30 PM	Show Girls, contact Gen'nel Walters
Tuesday	19	10 AM	International Concerns, Barbara Nichols'
Thursday	21	8 AM	Walkers Section, La Mirada Regional Park
Wednesday	27	1:30 PM	Memories Section, Barbara Gile's
Thursday	28	8 AM	Walkers Section, Arroyo Pescadero Park
		7 PM	Modern Trends, Marian Locke's
Saturday	30	7 PM	Saturday Night Bridge, call Mary Ellen Mead

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.