



GREATER WHITTIER AREA AAUW NEWSLETTER

Linking You to Branch Activities and to Each Other

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Halliday

As the end of this calendar year rapidly approaches, I reflect on the many things for which I am thankful. First of all I am grateful for good health, for my loving and expanding family and for our Greater Whittier Area AAUW. We have such a strong, positive, and generous membership, who are so willing to jump in and do whatever is necessary. I am absolutely amazed and thankful for all that our Branch is able to support for others: Myra Long Scholarship Fund which supports Math/ Science Day, Tech Trek, Speech Trek and college scholarships. I am so thankful for the generosity of others through giving to our year-long Inner Faith Food Drive each month. And I am so very grateful for our incredible, professional and supportive Board. Greater Whittier Area AAUW does make a positive difference in so many lives.

A very special thanks to Pat Dudley for a great Tech Trek report, which included Daisy Garcia (a past Tech Trek girl and current peer counselor for Tech Trek) and Krystal Frith (one of our 2012 Tech Trek girls). They gave such a refreshing and meaningful presentation. Brendon Woirhaye's amazing and educational presentation on Internet safety with many pertinent and useful examples definitely held everyone's attention. Thank you, Brendon, for giving our Branch such thorough and pertinent information.

**NEXT MEETING - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1
RADISSON HOTEL IN WHITTIER**

11 AM

**RSVP BY NOVEMBER 24
ENTERTAINMENT, BOUTIQUE
SILENT AUCTION**



Our December meeting will begin a little earlier than usual so that you have a chance to shop in the boutique and bid in the silent auction. It is so important that we are all in our seats at 11:40 AM to hear the Rowland High School choral group. There will be additional time to shop after the presentation. Remember it is a plated lunch which means we will be served lunch, not a buffet this month. A reminder: a reservation made is a reservation paid!

Reservations are absolutely imperative and need to be made by November 24.

My most sincere wishes for a wonderful and joyous Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza or Winter Solstice.

Please note schedule for December 1 meeting:

11 AM Boutique opens - shopping for all
11:45 AM **Entertainment begins**,
Boutique closes temporarily, everyone
needs to be seated
12:40 PM Boutique opens, shopping,
LUNCH served
1:30 PM Boutique closes

AAUW Greater Whittier Area Branch Holiday Luncheon Meeting Saturday, December 1 - Radisson Hotel -11 AM

Our meeting on December 1 will be a special holiday gala. (Be sure to note change of meeting date to first Saturday of the month, rather than second.) We will have a holiday boutique, outstanding entertainment by Rowland High School Chorus, and a special meal. Because of our many activities that day, we will begin with boutique shopping opening at 11 AM and the program at 11:45 sharp! A served luncheon will follow at 12:40.

The Rowland High School choral group called Spotlight will be performing a variety of holiday favorites including Christmas songs and some fun and playful music as well as dancing a little. Be ready to sing along with them on your favorites since some will have a toe tappin', hand clappin' beat.

Shirley Stewart has organized a bountiful boutique and silent auction with all proceeds going to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Come prepared to purchase!

The meeting, which will be in Ballroom C of the Radisson Hotel, will feature a special holiday menu which will be a plated (rather than buffet) luncheon of mixed greens salad, roast prime rib (9oz portion), garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, creamed horseradish, red wine thyme jus and a vanilla cheesecake with raspberry coulis. If you require a vegetarian meal, please advise Patricia when you make your reservation. The cost will be \$25. Please remember that a reservation made is a reservation for which payment must be received.

The timing of lunch will be different than usual to accommodate our holiday program and boutique. We anticipate serving lunch at 12:40 PM.

Please make your reservations as early as possible to allow us to work out the logistics of the room. Email whittieraauwreserv@yahoo.com by Saturday, November 24. ALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, YOU DO NOT HAVE A RESERVATION. If you are without e-mail, you may call Patricia at [562-698-6665](tel:562-698-6665). Should you reach her answering machine or her husband, PLEASE spell your name and leave a call-back number so your reservation can be confirmed.

Dolores Seidman, Program V.P., Chair
Patricia Cuocco, Hospitality V.P., Chair



Math/Science Conference for 8th Grade Girls by Sharon Heck

The planning committee will meet following the AAUW board meeting on Tuesday, November 27 at approximately 8 PM. We will meet at St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 7056 Washington Ave., Whittier.

Volunteers are needed to be greeters, facilitators (who introduce the speakers), registration workers, sign painters and packet stuffers. The event is on Tuesday, January 29, 8 AM to 1 PM at Whittier College. If you are able to help, please contact Dolores Seidman by e-mail at deeseidman@gmail.com. Please plan to help with this very worthy project.

Morning Book

Morning Book will not meet this month. On January 28, we will meet to discuss **State of Wonder**, by Ann Patchett. Sally Schmidt will lead our discussion, Maura Greeley will be our hostess and Dolores Seidman will co-host. More information will be provided in January's Newsletter.

Happy holidays - and happy reading - to you all!

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185



MEMBERSHIP

Seven months to reach our goal of 170 total memberships. We only need 13 more members to add to the 157 names that presently grace our roster. Look around you. We can do it!

Correction for new member Nancy Stiefeling
nstiefeling1@yahoo.com

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Lovey Sherman - 323-722-7994
loveysherman@gmail.com

Membership yearbooks will be available for the last time at our December meeting.

Modern Trends in Literature

Modern Trends will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be January 24. Our book is **Sipping from the Nile** and we will meet at St. Matthias Episcopal Church at 7056 Washington Ave., Whittier. To reach the church, go west on Mar Vista and turn right on Washington. Park behind the church and enter through the side door. We will meet in the first room on the right. At this time, we do not have someone to review this book. Hopefully we will by January. Contact Joyce Paul or Trish Carlson if you would like to review this book in January. We will meet at 7:00 for refreshments provided by Dolores Seidman with the review beginning at 7:30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

INTERFAITH FOOD CENTER

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

New and unwrapped toys are needed for less fortunate children between newborn and 12 years old.

Any food items are always needed and welcome. No glass or frozen foods.

Please bring your donations to our December 1 meeting.

Thanks,
Shirley Stewart
Joyce Paul



Gardening Section

We have new dates to accommodate our friends who missed our previous meetings. The Gardening Section is scheduled to meet **the third Monday 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.

On Monday, November 19, we are making succulent wreaths at the home of Barbara Gile.

Monday, December 17, at 12 noon is a potluck lunch and next year's planning session in the home of a member.

The new year will be filled with sharing tips, resources, cuttings and field trips to the gardens of Southern California. On January 2, we will be traveling to Pasadena to view the Rose Parade floats.

Our community project garden continues to thrive and add to the beauty of the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter Transition House. A special thank you to all who donated bulbs and plants, plus hours of back-breaking planting and weeding.

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

First Friday

Start the New Year out with the Greater Whittier Area AAUW!

Everyone is welcome to attend First Friday, January 4, at the home of Barbara and Bill Gile from 6 to 8 PM.

Bring an appetizer for at least eight people and what you want to drink.

This is an informal AAUW event and an opportunity to bring your spouse, friends and neighbors.

Directions:

14035 Eastridge, Whittier
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

SHOW GIRLS

Ten of us met and watched "Flight". Some of us felt this movie was Oscar material. We ate a delightful Japanese dinner at Amachi. A great time was had by all! We meet the second Thursday of the month. I choose the movie that starts the closest to 3:30. After the movie, we choose a different place in Whittier to eat. If you want to join us, send me your e-mail address. The Monday before the second Thursday, I will e-mail you the time to meet and the movie we will be seeing that Thursday. We would love to have you join us. We always go to the Village Theater in Uptown Whittier. Admission is \$4.

Gen'nel Walters
icugwalters@aol.com
562-943-5333

WALKERS

Thursdays - 9 AM

- Dec 6 La Mirada Creek Park
We will meet in the parking lot off Santa Gertrudes
- 13 Whittwood Town Center
We will meet in the parking lot by Panera's Bakery
- 20 Uptown Neighborhood - Holiday Decorations
Meet at Central Park on Washington
- 27 Lou H. Hoover Fountain on Beverly Park on Beverly Dr., east of Norwalk Blvd.

Happy New Year!

Shirley Stewart



THE NEW PHOENIX

Our holiday gathering will take place on Saturday, December 8 at Louise Holden's lovely home. From 4:30 PM until 6 PM, we will be enjoying appetizers, sweet goodies and perhaps even a surprise (or two)!

Conversations, especially centering around this special season, will add more sparkle to the gathering!

All you singles are welcome, but please contact Colleen by December 1 (Saturday Branch meeting) as to what food you wish to bring to share at the New Phoenix party.

Colleen Tan, Chair
562-698-4934

MEMORIES

The December meeting of Memories will be held at the home of Ellen Peck, 8156 Stoneridge Dr. in Whittier on Wednesday, December 19 at 11 AM. (Note time change.) Please bring a special holiday ornament to discuss or write about. This will be a fun, moving meeting as so many of these are. Directions to Ellen's home: north on Colima from Whittier Blvd., turn east to Mar Vista to Aurora Crest, turn right on Aurora Crest, then right again at Stoneridge. Ellen's house is on the left at 8156. Questions? Call Carole Restovich at 562-696-0296.

WHITTIER MUSEUM

Are you giving back to the charming city of Whittier?

Would you like to continue the legacy of Dorothea Boyd to be involved in the community?

Do you like history, teaching, acting, interacting?

You would make a great contribution to the life of our city by volunteering at the Whittier Museum, 6755 Newlin at Philadelphia,
www.whittiermuseum.org
562-945-3871

You are a member, aren't you?

Donna Smith
562-693-7646



Public Policy

by Sharon Heck

A Post Election Analysis teleconference was held on Monday, November 12. Lisa Maatz, AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, shared information with all of us. She was very happy to report the success of the IT'S MY VOTE program conducted by AAUW to register voters and to get women to vote, especially Millennials, aged 18 to 31. It was totally nonpartisan. She reported that 19% of the voter turnout was Millennials, and that equaled the 19% of the voters who were seniors.

She noted that 54% of the voters were women, and the gender gap among women voters was quite interesting. 69% of single women voted for Obama, and 56% of married women voted for Romney. She said for single women the role of government in their lives seems to be more important, especially for economic reasons. She said Obama's point advantage with women voters was 18 points. Women voters were very important in this election.

There are now 20 women elected to the U.S. Senate and 81 (or possibly 83) women elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. New Hampshire has women in all major offices, including the governor's office. Lisa is proud and glad that AAUW views this as an important issue that deserves our efforts.

The Lame Duck session of Congress, that will take place in December, will be tackling the "Fiscal Cliff" of debt reduction and taxation. Lisa quoted President Obama as saying he will not do anything to raise taxes on the 98%. She said a continuing resolution could be passed at the end of the Lame Duck session if no decision is reached. That would put off work on the fiscal crisis until the new Congress is seated.

Questions were taken from the listeners and a California woman asked if President Obama could act through Executive Orders. Lisa said he could issue an Executive Order which would prevent businesses who have government contracts from retaliation against women who discuss their wages. This would be part of the Paycheck Fairness Act which has not passed both Houses. Lisa also stated that she has hopes that the Lame Duck Congress might pass the Violence Against Women Act which has always been a bipartisan issue. It did not make it to the floor for a vote in the last session because of the threat of a filibuster, even though there was a majority yes vote.

A woman in Massachusetts asked about the breakdown of ethnicities in the election. Lisa said a coalition of women and people of color elected Obama and the Senators. In Ohio 13% of the electorate were African American, and that is a larger percentage than is in the general Ohio population. She has lived in Ohio in the past and she said she was very proud of all those who stood in line to vote.

Finally, a question was asked about raising the age to get Social Security. Lisa said that Social Security has a women's face, because older women tend to be single and live longer. She asked us to think about a nurse who would have to work until age 70, on her feet most of the time and lifting patients.

It was a very interesting and educational teleconference. All of you can join in the discussion, so watch the Public Policy listings on the AAUW pages.

Website for the Greater Whittier Area Branch of the American Association of University Women

Some of you may know that the Greater Whittier Branch has a new improved website. It is hosted by the AAUW National site and is easier to use than our last website and it is free to our Branch.

As I listened to the presentation on Tech Trek at the last AAUW meeting it reminded me that some of our members do not even know about Tech Trek. By going to our website you can review a video from the 2010 Camp at Whittier College. You can browse through the California AAUW website and find out all you want to know about Tech Trek 2013.

Some of us use our computers every day and going to a website is a way of keeping up with the world without ever leaving the front door.

This is a reminder that you can use the Greater Whittier Area website for:

- (1) Recruiting new members (the application is on the website)
- (2) Finding an address or phone number (when you can't find your book or newsletter)
- (3) Reading the latest information on the California AAUW and National AAUW websites
- (4) Checking the calendar for upcoming events
- (5) Looking up past newsletters
- (6) Making reservations for the AAUW meetings

Old website address: aauwwhittier.info

New website address: <http://whittier-ca.aauw.net/>

Both addresses will take you to the new improved website.

Barbara Gile, Website Chair



AAUW WHITTIER BRANCH CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2012

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
Saturday	1	11:00 AM	Branch Meeting , Radisson Hotel
Thursday	6	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , La Mirada Creek Park
Saturday	8	4:30 PM to 6 PM	The New Phoenix , Louise Holden
Thursday	13	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Whittwood Town Center
Thursday	13	3:30 PM	Showgirls , Village Theater, Whittier
Monday	17	Noon	Gardening Section , Barbara Gile
Wednesday	19	11:00 AM	Memories , Ellen Beck
Thursday	20	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Uptown Whittier
Thursday	27	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Lou H. Hoover Fountain
Friday	Jan 4	6 PM to 8 PM	First Friday , Barbara Gile

Please consult our style sheet and follow it when preparing your newsletter article. It will save us a great deal of time and work. If you do not have a style sheet, please let us know and we will send one to you. Thank you for your cooperation in following these directions and for sending in your newsletter articles by the 15th of each month.

REMINDER: USE CAPITAL LETTERS WITH NO PERIODS WHEN WRITING AM AND PM

Please send articles by e-mail to christineheller@earthlink.net
 Newsletter Editors - Christine Heller, Margot Kamens and Carole Duff



**Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women (AAUW)
2012-2013 Membership Application**

Please print neatly. The information that you list is the information that will be included in the yearbook.

*Title: Mrs. ___ Ms. ___ Miss ___ None ___ Other ___
*Last Name _____ *First Name _____ *Middle Initial _____
Spouse's Name _____
*Street Address _____ *City _____ *Zip Code _____
*Home Phone (_____) _____ *Work Phone (_____) _____
*Cell Phone (_____) _____ *Fax (_____) _____
*E-mail address _____
Degree _____ Year _____ Major _____
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Please complete and mail your membership application and dues to:

AAUW, Whittier Branch Membership, P.O. Box 5333, Whittier, CA 90607-5333

AAUW Membership Type (please check one) Annual Dues:

_____ General \$89.00

_____ Life Member \$40.00

_____ Student \$42.00

_____ Dual \$24.00

_____ I want the yearbook mailed to me and will add \$2.00 to my payment check.

_____ I also want the AAUW binder that costs \$5.00 plus \$1.50 postage and will add \$6.50 to my payment.

_____ I want to advertise my business. I have included the \$15.00 fee and my business card.

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

Today's date _____

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

Please remember that your dues are tax deductible.

*** PLEASE NOTIFY the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ASAP if there are any changes in your information.**



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