



GREATER WHITTIER AREA AAUW NEWSLETTER

Linking You to Branch Activities and to Each Other

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Halliday

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I can't believe that it's already 2013. I was just getting accustomed to writing 2012!!

Our December Branch meeting was a huge success. More than 83 people attended. Many, many thanks to Dolores Seidman, Shirley Stewart, Patricia Cuocco, Colleen Tan, and to the many folks who contributed to the wonderfully successful Christmas boutique, silent auction, yummy luncheon and fantastic entertainment. Such a memorable day! It takes a village

We received so many positive remarks about the Rowland High School singing group. Be sure to check out the picture on page seven. There were a few songs where my eyeballs began to float!! What an amazingly beautiful group of talented and gracious teenagers. And... what a shame these incredible students are not at the top of newspapers and news broadcasts.

Because we had so many compliments about the choir, and people felt they truly started the holiday season on a perfect note, a suggestion was made that we increase our \$100 honorarium to them. We had a \$50 refund from one of our speakers and after looking closely at the general fund, the Board voted to give the Rowland High School performing group an additional check for \$100 (\$50 from the refund and \$50 from the general fund) for a total of \$200.

It was definitely my pleasure to take the check to the group in person.

The teacher was absent on that particular day, but all the students burst into applause when I showed them the check. They truly are an amazing group!

We will not be having a regular January Branch meeting, due to our Math/Science Conference for 8th grade girls on Jan. 29 at Whittier College. Our next Branch meeting will be Saturday, February 9, 11:30 AM at the Radisson.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

JANUARY 29 - MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 1 - MEMBERSHIP WINTER SOCIAL
FEBRUARY 9 - BRANCH MEETING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW



Dolores Seidman has a most interesting speaker lined up who will be discussing "Brain Power". You definitely want to attend this meeting. Bring a friend, or perhaps three or four!

Our regularly scheduled First Friday in February will be a fun and informational Winter Membership Social held at the East Whittier Women's Club on Second St. This event is sponsored by our membership committee. Please be sure to attend, bring your significant other, and/or bring a friend! This is a great introduction to Greater Whittier Area AAUW as well as a fun occasion. Mark your calendar now and be sure to SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1 for a great evening.

My very best wishes to you and your families for a happy and healthy 2013.



MEMORIES

What did you learn in 2012? Share your ideas at the January 23 meeting of Memories at the home of Carole Restovich at 1:30 PM. We write our thoughts on a given topic (or one of your own choosing) to share with others in a warm and accepting atmosphere. Please join us on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Carole's address: 7008 Bryn Mawr Way, off Philadelphia directly behind Whittier College. Phone: 562-696-0296.

Carole Restovich, Chair

PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS PROGRAMS FOR 2013

There is no Branch meeting or program in January because of preparations for the Math/Science Conference for 8th grade girls on January 29 to be held at Whittier College. Look ahead at our "Previews of Coming Attractions" for the rest of the year.

February 9 - Elizabeth Amini - "Anti-Aging Games"

March 9 - Roseanna Garcia, former AAUW funds recipient, The Latina Fashionista program for high school girls.

April 13 - Presentation by winners of our Speech Trek Contest and Las Distinguidas awards

May 11 - Tech Trek recipients and Myra Long Scholarship winners

June 8 - Installation and Smoky Zeidel, author of *The Story Teller's Bracelet*, *The Cabin* and *On the Choptank Shores*.

We hope you will join us for these enlightening presentations as well as tasty luncheons at the Radisson Hotel in Whittier at 11:30 AM. See you there!

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

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

The Math/Science Conference for 8th grade girls will be held at Whittier College on Tuesday, January 29. Volunteers would be involved from 8:30 AM until 12:45 PM. Volunteers are then invited to stay for lunch in the small cafeteria lunchroom. Our final Math/Science Conference committee meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, January 8 at St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 7 PM. The AAUW Board will not be meeting so we have an earlier starting time. Please let me know at heck 37@verizon.net if you can attend the committee meeting. If you wish to be a volunteer, please e-mail Dolores Seidman at deeseidman@gmail.com. All are invited to participate.



MEMBERSHIP

We are continuing to climb that mountain with a new total of 160 members. We need 10 more members to reach our goal of 170. Please add these names to our roster.

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Morning Book

State of Wonder, by Ann Patchett, is the book we will be discussing this month. Pharmaceutical researcher Dr. Marina Singh sets off into the Amazon jungle to find the remains and effects of a colleague who recently died under somewhat mysterious circumstances. But first she must locate Dr. Anneck Swenson, a renowned gynecologist who has spent years looking at the reproductive habits of a local tribe where women can conceive well into their middle ages and beyond. In finding her former mentor, Dr. Singh must face her own disappointments and regrets, along with the jungle's unforgiving humidity and insects, making the novel multi-layered and atmospheric. It has been described as "emotional, vivid and a work that will surely resonate with readers, truly a thing of beauty and mystery, much like the Amazon jungle itself." We will meet on Monday, January 28, at 10 AM, at Maura Greeley's, 4704 Canyon Rim, Whittier; 562-692-3919. Dolores Seidman is the co-hostess, and Sally Schmidt will be leading us in discussion. Please let the hostess and co-hostess know if you are coming, and I look forward to seeing you then.

Directions to Maura's house: She is about a half a mile from the entrance to Rio Hondo College. From Beverly Blvd., take Workman Mill Rd. to Spyglass Hill Rd. Turn right on Spyglass Hill Rd. to Woodmar; right on Woodmar to Amber Hill; right on Amber Hill to Silver Tip; left on Silver Tip to Canyon Rim. Canyon Rim is a short cul de sac.

Ann Topjon, Chair

MYSTERY MAVENS



Wednesday, January 16 - 6:30 PM

The Beekeeper's Apprentice
Reviewer: Jenifer MacLowry

In 1915, Sherlock Holmes is retired and quietly engaged in the study of honeybees when a young woman literally stumbles into him on the Sussex Downs. Fifteen years old, gawky, egotistical and recently orphaned, Mary Russell displays an intellect to impress even Sherlock Holmes - and match him wit for wit. Under his reluctant tutelage, this very modern twentieth-century woman proves a deft protégée and a fitting partner for the Victorian detective. In their first case together, they must track down a kidnapped American senator's daughter and confront a truly cunning adversary - a bomber who has set trip wires for the sleuths and who will stop at nothing to end their partnership.

Meet at Marie Callender's restaurant at 9829 S. La Serna Drive, Whittier (near Whittier Blvd.) in the library room.

Reservations - Carol K. Anderson
562-943-0728

MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

Modern Trends in Literature will meet Thursday, January 24 at St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 7056 Washington Ave., Whittier. Going west on Mar Vista, turn right onto Washington. Park behind the church and enter through the side door. We are meeting in the first room on the right. Our book for the evening is *Sipping from the Nile* by J. Naggar. Kristine Ysetta will be reviewing this book for the group and Dolores Seidman will be providing refreshments, which will be served at 7. Everyone is invited to attend. No reservations are needed. For questions or concerns, contact Trish Carlson or Joyce Paul.

SPEECH TREK



The Whittier Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) sponsored the Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Trek competition this Fall. The topic for the competition was SEXUAL HARRASSMENT IN SCHOOLS ... Big Deal? Students were to prepare an original five to six minute speech. Five high school students participated in the competition.

Brenda and Peter Jahn, long time members of Toastmasters, conducted two workshops to help the students develop polished final presentations. Final judging was on Saturday, December 8. Pat Dudley greeted the contestants, family and friends as they arrived for the competition. The judges were Pamela Holmes, Dolores Seidman and Colleen Tan. Barbara Gile was timekeeper.

The three winners are:

First Place: Andrea O'Loughlin, a senior at La Serna High School. She is an AP student and participates in the school's theatre group. She also volunteers at the Whitwood branch library, Key Club and various other organizations. A DVD of her speech will be recorded in January or early February, and will then be submitted to AAUW-CA for entry into the state competition. She received a \$250 cash prize.

Second Place: Evelyn Guerra, a sophomore at California High School. She is an AP student, a member of the Scholars Academy, a member of the Speech and Debate team for two years, and is its secretary. She also volunteers at Laurel Elementary School. She received a \$150 cash prize.

Third Place: Keren Chulde, a senior at California High School. She has been a member of the Speech and Debate team for four years, and is its finance officer. She is active in the model U.N., her church and the YMCA. She has helped build houses with World Vision on China and Mexico. She received a \$100 cash prize.

My heartfelt thanks goes to the Speech Trek team, the contestants and their speech coaches.

The middle picture (left to right) Keren Chulde, Emily Sandoval, Evelyn Guerra all from California High School in Whittier. Joceline Torres from Whittier High School and Andrea O'Loughlin from La Serna High School.

Jan Berry, Speech Trek Chair

WALKERS

Thursdays - 9 AM



- Jan 3 La Mirada Creek Park
Meet in parking lot off
Santa Gertrudes
- 10 Parnell Park
Meet in parking lot off
Lambert Road
- 17 Greenway Trail
Palm Park parking lot
- 24 Turnbull Canyon
Park on Beverly Blvd. just
before the road narrows
- 31 Whittier Civic Center
Meet in front of Police Station

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 spouses, friends and neighbors.

Directions:

14035 Eastridge is one block north of Mar Vista on the northeast corner of Eastridge and Vale. Park on Vale and enter by the back door. The garage will be open for those who need access to the house without walking the hill.

From Colima

Go west on Mar Vista. Three streets after the signal light at Michigan, turn right on Vale.

From Painter Street

Go east on Mar Vista. Three streets after the signal light at College, turn left on Vale.

Janice Cecola, First Friday Chair

GARDENING

The Gardening Section is scheduled to meet the third Monday of each month at 1 PM unless other arrangements have been made. 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.

The new year will be filled with sharing gardening tips, resources, cuttings and field trips to the gardens of Southern California. Plan to join us Wednesday, January 2 to visit the Rose Parade floats. Leave Whittier at 7 AM in order to get good parking and the senior discount.

If it is raining the field trips are cancelled.

For more information contact Barbara Gile whittieraauw@me.com or (562) 693-7279

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE/ SILENT AUCTION

A great big thanks to one and all - those of you who donated the lovely items and those of you who bought our lovely items.

The total of our sales on December 1 was \$1,671.32. This amount will be donated to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund.

Thanks again.
Shirley Stewart, Chair

INTERFAITH FOOD CENTER

We really out-did ourselves for the toy and food drive. I felt like Santa Claus with my trunk full of food and the back seat of my car full of toys. They couldn't believe that it all came from one AAUW meeting!

Thanks again, happy holidays, and don't forget to bring food to our February meeting.

Shirley Stewart and Joyce Paul

Public Policy

by Sharon Heck

(This article is a portion of the article written on the online AAUW Take Action page.)

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Urge Congress to Find a Balanced Approach to Reducing the Budget

Fewer teachers. Larger class sizes. Decreased funding for federal civil rights agencies. Fewer workforce training programs to get people back to work. Limiting a woman's access to affordable reproductive health services. Does this sound like the right path?

With the end of the year approaching, Congress still has not found a solution to avoid going over the so-called "fiscal cliff," a series of tax changes and spending cuts that are slated to take effect at the beginning of January 2013. Going over the fiscal cliff would be devastating to many of the programs we care about --- education, workforce training opportunities, research, and other programs that defend civil rights and protect women's health --- but equally as dangerous would be enacting an unbalanced deficit reduction proposal that hits these programs even harder.

AAUW is particularly concerned about cuts to funding for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education; federal civil rights agencies; workforce training programs that promote job creation and economic security; programs that promote gender diversity in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); and programs that provide family planning and reproductive health services. These programs have already contributed to deficit reduction through prior spending cuts.

TAKE ACTION: Tell your members of Congress, "Enough is Enough": Nondefense discretionary (NDD) spending has already been cut to reduce the deficit, so we need a balanced approach that does not include further cuts to these critical programs.

Senator _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Representative _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, January 15, with Ellen Larson (Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd., #2D). Our discussion topic will be "Energy Geopolitics: Quandaries Intensify."

"Great Decisions 2013" will be available for \$20. If you cannot attend the meeting and want to purchase the book, please let Ellen know so she can save one for you. For further information contact Maurine Behrens at maurineb90601@gmail.com or 562-695-8436.

WINTER MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL

It's a party! Mark your calendars. Plan to attend. It is the fourth annual Winter Membership Social which will be held at the East Whittier Women's Club located at 14148 East Second St. at the corner of Second and California. The date is Friday, February 1. This is an excellent opportunity to invite all your eligible friends and relatives to become members of the GGWA AAUW. The cost of the social is \$12 per person and potential new members are free. There is no cost for the guests who may become members. The party starts at 5:30 PM. Besides light refreshments, there will be a short program regarding AAUW and all the wonderful things that it does. We need thw membership to support this event. There will never be a better time for new members to join AAUW. We are close to our goal of 170—only 10 more to go. Let's all do everything we can to reach that goal this year. Please RSVP to Joyce Paul at 909-620-1202 or joycem.paul@yahoo.com to make your reservation today.

LACIC MEETING

The next meeting of LACIC, the Los Angeles County Interbranch Council of AAUW, will be on Sunday, January 20 at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, 12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier, at 2 PM.

The topic is PUBLIC POLICY and will focus on how AAUW CA arrives at its positions on legislation and what my Branch can do.

Come hear from Nancy Mahr, a member of the AAUW CA Public Policy Committee. She will discuss what that committee does and tell about an approach to public policy that her branch, Palos Verdes Peninsula, came up with. You don't want to miss this one!

Since there is no Greater Whittier Area Branch meeting this January, our Branch members may want to take advantage of attending a meeting that is in "our back yard" and learn this important information. It is also a good way to meet members from other branches in our area and share ideas.

Dolores Seidman



AAUW WHITTIER BRANCH CALENDAR – JANUARY 2013

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
Wednesday	2	7:00 AM	Gardening Section , Rose Parade Floats
Thursday	3	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , La Mirada Creek Park
Friday	4	6:00 PM	First Friday , Barbara Gile
Thursday	10	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Parnell Park
Thursday	10	3:30 PM	Showgirls , Village Theater, Uptown Whittier
Tuesday	15	10:00 AM	International Concerns , Ellen Larson
Wednesday	16	6:30 PM	Mystery Mavens , Marie Callender's Library Rm
Thursday	17	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Greenway Trail, Palm Park
Sunday	20	2:00 PM	LACIC , Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital
Wednesday	23	1:30 PM	Memories , Carole Restovich
Thursday	24	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Turnbull Canyon
Thursday	24	7:00 PM	Modern Trends in Literature , St. Matthias
Monday	28	10:00 AM	Morning Book , Maura Greeley
Thursday	31	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Whittier Police Station
Friday	Feb. 1	5:30 PM	Membership Social , E. Whittier Women's Club

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: SPELLING FOR CALIFORNIA IS CA

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.

WHITTIER MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Whittier Museum needs our help! While the healthy Board of Directors conducts a search for a new curator, the only paid employees at the moment are Janna Raznos, fabricator, and two secretarial staffers, who are actually doing a great job. But lack of significant funding precludes hiring other needed help, publicity, and most immediately important, docents.

Teachers, activists, actors, shopkeepers, fundraisers - AAUW has these assets. Let's share them with the Whittier Historical Society. Call the museum, 562-945-3871, www.whittiermuseum.org, located at 6755 Newlin at Philadelphia, to say you'll volunteer, donate, generate a new generation of supporters for this worthy organization.

Donna Smith
562-693-7646

SHOWGIRLS

The movie this month was "Pi". Oh, my! The scenery was breathtaking. The boy was outstanding, and the tiger was beautiful. We meet the second Thursday of the month. I choose the movie that has the start time close to 3:30 PM. Each time, 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, Chair

MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Last year our Branch earned \$800 for Tech Trek by volunteering to docent at the Pasadena Design House. This year we have the same opportunity. We are paid \$40 per four-hour shift. Last year some of our hearty members worked two shifts back to back. That is not permissible this year.

This is a fun project because we get to see the 2013 Design House, as it would cost \$60 if you paid to go through the house. If you volunteer for two shifts you have the opportunity to buy tickets at a discount. You meet some very interesting people such as former owners, designers and friends.

We will carpool to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, April 23, 24, 25, 30 through May 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, and 14,15,16. Mark your calendars now so we can get the best dates. Starting this year the cost of Tech Trek has gone up to \$900 per student and this is an easy, fun way to raise money.

If you are interested contact Barbara Gile or a Myra Long Scholarship Committee member at whittieraauw@mac.com or 562-693-7279.



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