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GREATER WHITTIER AREA AAUW NEWSLETTER

Linking You to Branch Activities and to Each Other

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Halliday

Our October Branch meeting was a great success and we all left feeling much more informed on the current issues on the ballot. Thank you, Sharon and Patricia, for an excellent presentation. I know it took a great deal of research and planning for such a concise presentation.

Rarely do we know the impact we have on others. In our AAUW Branch we strive to uphold and carry out the AAUW Mission, **AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.** We do this in many different ways. We have our annual Math/Science Day for over 300 girls in eighth grade, Tech Trek Camp for 7 girls entering eighth grade, Speech Trek for high school girls and boys, scholarships for women aged 25 and older who are transferring from Rio Hondo to a four-year college or university. It is difficult to know the impact any of these experiences has on those who attend or who receive a scholarship.

A few days ago I was surprised and delighted by an e-mail that I received "out of the blue." Because of its content I thought I'd like to share it with all of you. Please see page 2.

AAUW does make a positive difference in people's lives. What a beautiful letter. I sent Michelle an e-mail thanking her for her kind words and invited her to join our Branch or to come to a Branch meeting.

**NEXT MEETING - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10
RADISSON HOTEL IN WHITTIER**

11:30 AM

**INTERNET SECURITY
AND**

TECH TREK REPORT

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 3



I am looking forward to November's Branch meeting and Brandon Woirhaye's presentation on internet security, definitely an important subject to all of us. Additionally we will have a report on Tech Trek, given by Tech Trek participants and Pat Dudley. I look forward to seeing all of you, too!

**GREATER WHITTIER AREA AAUW
BRANCH MEETING
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 11:30
RADISSON HOTEL, WHITTIER**

Our featured speaker this month will be Brandon Woirhaye on the timely subject of internet security. In his words, "*The internet can be a scary place with viruses, privacy concerns, phishing and scamming.*" His presentation of "Keeping Safe in a Connected World", identifies the "bad guys" and the threats they pose. He will additionally discuss passwords, scams, e-mail, computer security and Facebook.

Our meeting will also include a short report on Tech Trek featuring Daisy Garcia, who attended Tech Trek at Whittier College in the seventh grade and was on the camp staff this past summer. Krystal Firth, a current eighth grader, will tell us about her camp experience this past June.

Ms. Halliday,

My name is Michelle Cuellar and I just wanted to send your organization a note of thanks and praise. Some time back (06/07) I was attending Rio Hondo College and struggling to get through school as I juggled a divorce and new responsibilities as a single parent. During this financially difficult time, I applied for and received the Myra Long Scholarship. I can't tell you how much that scholarship meant to my little family. Not only did it help financially, but it was also a huge boost of reassurance that I needed to continue my education. During that meeting, your members also offered loving words of support and mentorship.

Fast forward to today and I am happy to say that I completed my B.A. at Cal Poly Pomona and even went on to earn a Master's Degree from Cal State Fullerton. I decided to become an administrator within higher education so that I could help other women attain their educational goals. I was setting up in my new office today and I came across an old Rio Hondo College Newsletter announcing my award. I thought it only right that I take a moment to thank your organization for the time and commitment to assisting women with their dreams of a higher education.

Michelle Cuellar M.S.

Program Analyst

Center for Research on Educational Access and Leadership, California State University, Fullerton

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE/SILENT AUCTION NEEDS YOUR HELP

I need one or two ladies who will be willing to receive the boutique items prior to December 1st. You will need to price the items, bring them the day of the event and place them out for display.

If you are interested, please contact Shirley Stewart, at shirleys.creations@verizon.net or call 562-944-4556.

BRANCH MEETING RESERVATIONS AND MENU

Lunch will be a Chinese buffet with chow mein, orange chicken, steamed rice, vegetable stir fry and chef's choice dessert. The cost will be \$20. Please make your reservations by Saturday, November 3. Send e-mails to whittieraauwreserv@yahoo.com. All reservations will be acknowledged. If you do not have e-mail, you may call Patricia at 562-698-6665. If you reach either the answering machine or her husband, please leave a call-back number so that the reservation can be acknowledged. Please remember that a reservation made is a reservation for which payment must be received. THANK YOU.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE/SILENT AUCTION LUNCHEON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2012

Be sure to invite your friends to this lovely luncheon and boutique - great way to do your Christmas shopping and share the holiday season with friends.

Items are still needed for our Boutique/Silent Auction!

Remember we are a 501(c)3 and all donations are tax deductible. Ask your friends who sell Tupperware, Pampered Chef, jewelry, cosmetics, etc. to donate.

Remember, all monies go to our Myra Long Scholarship Fund.



MEMORIES
INTERFAITH FOOD CENTER
The next meeting of the Memories section takes

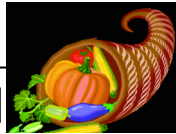
ANNUAL HOLIDAY

New unwrapped toys

INTERNATIONAL
FIRST FRIDAY

Date: November 2
New Date for November!

GARDENING SECTION



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WALKERS

Directions:

MORNING BOOK

We will meet and discuss *Winter's Bone*, by Daniel Woodrell, on Monday, November 26, at 10 AM, at Marian Locke's home. Judy Flanders will be the co-hostess.

This compelling novel takes place in the poverty-stricken hills of the Ozarks. Rees Dolly, 17, struggles daily to care for her two brothers and an ill mother. When she learns that her absent father, a meth addict, has put up the family home as bond, she embarks on a dangerous search to find him and bring him home for an upcoming court date. The author depicts the landscape, people and dialects in the area with stunning realism. It is a compelling testament to how people survive in the worst of circumstances. It was also a film nominated for many awards in 2010, winning several. Please join us!

Directions to Marian Locke's home, 15555 La Monde St., Hacienda Heights, 626-336-3430. Colima Rd. north to Hacienda Blvd.; left on Hacienda, left on Newton, left on Joan to La Monde; right on La Monde; 15555 is on the corner, with blue shutters.



MODERN TRENDS

On Thursday, November 15, Modern Trends will be meeting at the home of Marion Locke. Marion resides at 15555 La Monde in Hacienda Heights. Take Colima from Whittier Blvd. to Hacienda Blvd. and turn left onto Hacienda Blvd. Make a left onto Newton, another left onto Joan Drive and a right onto La Monde. Our book for the evening is *Still Alice*. This novel tells about a happily married, mother of three, Harvard professor, who is given an early onset diagnosis of Alzheimer's. Trish Carlson is our presenter. Refreshments will be provided by Janice Geiger at 7 PM. It promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

MYSTERY MAVENS

Wednesday, November 28
6:30 PM

A Test of Wills by Charles Todd
Reviewer: Gwen Woirhaye

Having just returned from France after World War I with a Medal of Honor and serious shell shock, Inspector Ian Rutledge struggles to settle back into his duties at Scotland Yard. When, despite his tenuous condition, an envious supervisor assigns him to a traumatic case involving the murder of an army colonel and a young captain as the prime suspect, Rutledge must gather all of his strength to not only solve the case, but fight the town people's prejudice against military personnel. To make matters worse, the prime witness is another veteran - on the brink of insanity - scorned by the villagers for what they perceive to have been less than honorable conduct during his tour of duty.

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

Carol K. Anderson 562-943-0728

MEMBERSHIP

Start spreading the news! We now have 156 members. The membership committee has set 170 as our goal. Greater Whittier AAUW has a myriad of interest groups along with informative and friendly monthly meetings, making it easy to entice prospective members. Enhance another individual's life by opening a "new door" for her. Joyce Paul, Sandra Bridges or I would be happy to receive your exciting news.

Please record this information regarding our newest members:

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hilly.weitzel@gmail.com

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You may contact any of us at any time.

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323-722-7994

Joyce Paul, joycempaul@yahoo.com
909-620-1202

Sandy Bridges, sandybridges2@aol.com
562-697-7427

SHOW GIRLS

We met and split into two groups to watch two different movies, which each group enjoyed. The two movies had starting times which were close. We ate dinner at the California Grill. A great time was had by all. We meet the second Thursday of the month. The way I choose the movie is: one that has the start time close to 3:30 PM. Each time, 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

LA CUISINE

Jan and Brent Berry and Barbara and Bill Gile will host their "Make Mine Polish" gourmet dinners on Saturday, November 3, and Brenda and Peter Jahn have scheduled theirs for Sunday, November 11. The Giles have an opening for one or two singles or couples. If you would like to participate, or want more information about La Cuisine, especially if you are a new Branch member, phone Barbara at 562-693-7279.

AAUW FUNDS

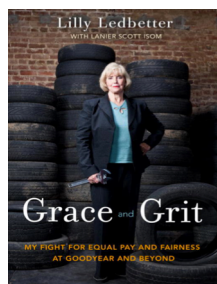


Just a reminder that December 31 is the deadline for donations to AAUW funds for the 2012 year. You know the good work done by the various programs supported by AAUW funds. All of these programs promote equity for women and girls.

This year, members who donate \$130 or more will receive a copy of Lilly Ledbetter's book ***Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond***. The \$130 amount is in recognition of the 130th anniversary of AAUW. One of the funds supported under the umbrella of AAUW funds is the Public Policy Fund which, as you know, supports advocacy for public policies that are fair to women. In our Branch we are kept well-informed about the activities relating to Public Policy.

Your donations may be sent to me and I'll send them in for you. Or, you may go to the AAUW website and donate on-line. If you choose to do that, please let me know so we can include your donations in our total, and honor more of our members.

Contact me by e-mail at PJFretz@aol.com.
Peggy Fretz, AAUW Funds Chair

MATH/SCIENCE
CONFERENCE

By Sharon Heck

I have been thinking about the Math/Science Conference and it occurred to me that new members might not have a clue about what it is. This is our 20th year of inviting eighth grade girls to a college campus to learn about careers needing a background in mathematics and science. This year we have invited 320 eighth grade girls from area schools to Whittier College on Tuesday, January 29. They arrive by 9 AM and are given a snack. A brief opening session is held where they hear from community women such as the college president and a female city council member.

Three workshop sessions are held and the girls get to hear from six of the twenty speakers. The eighth graders are given a chance to choose speakers, and we do try to honor some of their requests. The speakers include doctors, engineers, business women, veterinarians, FBI agents and many more. The girls are dismissed back to their schools at 12:45 PM.

Our committee will meet following the AAUW Board meeting on Tuesday, November 6 at St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 7056 S. Washington Ave., Whittier. The time will be approximately 8:15 PM. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

We will need many volunteers including: sign makers, packet stuffers, greeters, hostesses at each workshop, registration workers, etc. Please contact Dolores Seidman preferably by e-mail, deeseidman@gmail.com, or call 323-721-8230 if you are able to volunteer. We know this will be another wonderful day and we can use your help.

PUBLIC POLICY



By Sharon Heck

I was invited to attend another teleconference and afterward, I phoned the national AAUW office to be sure we really were a sponsor of the call. They said we definitely were and they gave me the correct spelling of the names of some of the women on the call. If some of the article seems rather political, it is a direct report of what I heard.

A teleconference sponsored by the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare Foundation, AAUW, NOW, and the Alliance for Retired Americans was held on September 28. Featured speakers were Dr. Carroll Estes, an expert on long-term care; Barbara Easterling with the Alliance for Retired Americans; Dr. Valerie Arkoosh with the National Physicians Alliance; and Kathy Greenlee, who is Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services in Washington DC.

A general message from all speakers was the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) is good for seniors. Obamacare does not cut senior services, according to Ms. Greenlee. She stated that new preventative benefits, i.e. an annual wellness benefit without co-pay, was added in 2011 and these benefits are listed on the first page of the Medicare book. The donut hole with prescription drugs is shrinking and will close by 2020. Fraud and waste have been found with inappropriate billing and this is bad for the patient's record also. The savings have extended the life of the Medicare Trust Fund.

Other benefits of Obamacare include children being able to get insurance and not being denied because of a preexisting condition, and this benefit will include adults as of January 2014. Women will no longer be charged more than men for insurance, unless they smoke. The limits on lifetime insurance payments to an individual are being lifted. Children can remain on their parent's insurance plan to age 26, and 3.1 million have regained insurance with this benefit. Another benefit is no preapproval for mammograms and pap tests is required, and contraceptives are now available without co-pay as of last August.

Many questions were taken by phone. A woman in Ohio was told a coordinating office has been set up for those who have Medicare and Medicaid. Another woman in Ohio was told her husband would not lose their house if she entered a nursing home. A Michigan woman asked what would happen to Obamacare if Romney is elected. She was told Romney and Ryan would repeal Obamacare and the donut hole coverage would go. She was told that Romney and Ryan want to privatize Medicare and give vouchers to seniors who would then shop for their own insurance. Some seniors would then have to pay a great deal out of pocket for a devastating illness.

A conclusion of the call was that we need to stay engaged and educate others. Barbara Easterling ended the call with the following statement: "This is a very important election; if you like Obamacare, the other side will try to destroy it."

**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? _____

*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.**



AAUW BRANCH CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2012

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
Thursday	1	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , La Mirada Creek Park
Friday	2	6 - 8 PM	First Friday , Linda Pomeroy
Tuesday	6	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Church
Tuesday	6	8:15 PM	Math/Science Conference , St. Matthias Church
Thursday	8	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Murphy Ranch
Thursday	8	3:30 PM	Show Girls , Village Theatre, Uptown Whittier
Saturday	10	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , Radisson Hotel
Thursday	15	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Arroyo Pescadero Park
Thursday	15	7:00 PM	Modern Trends , Marian Locke
Monday	19	1:00 PM	Gardening Section , Barbara Gile
Monday	26	10:00 AM	Morning Book , Marian Locke
Tuesday	27	10:00 AM	International Concerns , Ellen Larson
Wednesday	28	6:30 PM	Mystery Mavens , Marie Callender's, La Serna
Wednesday	28	1:30 PM	Memories , Barbara Gile
Thursday	29	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Heritage Park, SFS

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.

Reminder for December! Articles are due by December 10.

Please send articles by e-mail to christineheller@earthlink.net.
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