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## GREATER WHITTIER AREA AAUW NEWSLETTER

*Linking You to Branch Activities and to Each Other*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Halliday

Welcome to a new and exciting year for our Greater Whittier Area of **American Association of University Women** Branch. Wow! Our new name is definitely a mouthful, but it is so much more inclusive of the many women who live both inside and outside of our Whittier city limits. Additionally, it allows all of us to benefit from our new IRS 501 C (3) status.

Our exciting programs have been established for the year, and our growing membership allows each one of us to expand our friendships as well as our horizons. Our Board has been hard at work over the summer months planning for the upcoming year.

We will once again be meeting at the Radisson Hotel on 7320 Greenleaf Ave. in Whittier at 11:30 AM for our Branch meetings. Due to the increasing cost of gas, energy, food, etc. our cost for the luncheons has also increased. We will continue to do our best to keep the prices to a minimum, but please understand that they will be higher than last year's. Our first Branch meeting, on September 8, will be \$18. We especially try to keep the September price low due to the number of professional educators among us, most of whom do not receive a regular paycheck until October.

I was fortunate to visit our Tech Trek girls at Whittier College this summer and am excited to share some pictures with you at a later date.

**NEXT MEETING -SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8  
RADISSON HOTEL IN WHITTIER**

**11:30 AM**

**RSVP PATRICIA CUOCCO BY SEPTEMBER 1**

**SEE PAGE TWO FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**



One of our membership co-directors, Cheryl Suit, is moving out of Southern California at the end of August. She and her husband have purchased a home in Northern California, and we all wish her well. Cheryl's move means we have an opening for a co-director membership position with Lovey Sherman. They already have made plans and reservations, but Lovey will need some assistance. So I'm sending out a plea for a co-director (this could be YOU!). One of our former co-chairs, Joyce Paul, has volunteered to help mentor a new co-director. Please contact Lovey Sherman or me if you are willing to be that person.

I want to thank all the women who have so willingly volunteered to work as directors, co-directors, section leaders, etc., some of whom are new members to our organization as of last May! It's all of us working together that make an organization GREAT. Please don't ever *shy* away from volunteering to take a position.

I truly look forward to a fantastic 2012-2013 year with Greater Whittier Area AAUW! Won't you join me?

## Greater Whittier Area AAUW Meeting Saturday, September 8, 11:30, Radisson Hotel, Whittier

The first meeting of the Greater Whittier Area AAUW promises to be a gala occasion with a program on Vintage Millinery presented by collector and researcher Pamela Heiman. Trained as an historian and a librarian, she will share a unique historical look at women's fashions. While entertaining, this program will also be educational in that it will show how events and circumstances influenced not only the milliners but also the American women of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Pamela will draw on her collection of over 1,500 hats for this presentation and will be assisted by "models" from our Branch!

Join in the festivities by donning a hat for the event! Maybe you still have some in your closet!

### MENU

Tomato Basil Soup  
Chicken Caesar Wraps  
Fresh Fruit Salad  
Warm French Baquette  
Chef's Choice Dessert



Cost for the event will be \$18. Exact change would be GREATLY appreciated!

RSVP Patricia Cuocco by **Saturday, September 1.**  
<[whittieraauwreserv@yahoo.com](mailto:whittieraauwreserv@yahoo.com)>

Those without e-mail may call 562-698-6665.

### Sunday Afternoon Bridge

2-5 PM Sunday, September 23  
Home of Mary Ellen Mead, 8335 Catalina,

Welcome to Bridge! This new low-key section focuses on cards and socializing. We will be meeting once a month on the fourth Sunday afternoon.

Absolutely necessary to make a reservation by the Wednesday before so we can be sure we've got a fourth for bridge. This month it's September 19; please call Mary Ellen at [562-693-6482](tel:562-693-6482). We're going to have a great time getting together and keeping it simple, so do come join us.

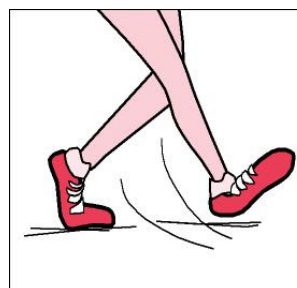
### WALKERS SECTION

SEPTEMBER THURSDAYS @ 8 AM

- 6 La Mirada Creek Park  
Meet in parking lot off of Santa Gertrudes
- 13 Whittwood Town Center  
Meet by Panera Bakery
- 20 La Mirada Regional Park  
Meet in parking lot in front of Splash
- 27 Kennedy Park - Behind Whittier Quad  
Meet in parking lot by Rite Aide

Don't forget your hat, sunglasses and water

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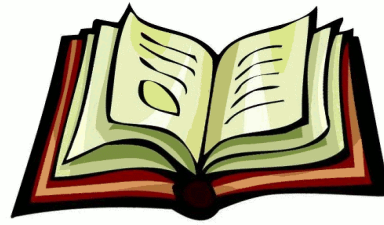


## Mystery Mavens

By Carol K. Anderson, Chair

We will start our year on Wednesday, September 19 at 5:30 PM with "The Coroner's Lunch" by Colin Cotterill. Jackie Brearley will review. Dr. Siri Paiboun, one of the last doctors left in Laos after the Communist takeover, has been drafted to be the national coroner. He is untrained for the job, but this independent 72 year-old has an outstanding qualification for it: curiosity. And he doesn't mind incurring the wrath of the Party hierarchy as he unravels mysterious murders, because the spirits of the dead are on his side.

Please join us as we picnic in Whittier's Penn Park table area. Penn Park is on Penn, east of Painter and College. Use the westernmost entrance to be close to the table area.



Other books selected for 2012-2013 are.....

November 21	"A Test of Wills" by Charles Todd
January 16	"The Beekeeper's Apprentice" by Laurie R. King
March 20	"The Killings at Badger's Drift" by Caroline Graham
May 15	"A Share in Death" by Deborah Crombie

## Morning Book

Our group will begin the year by discussing "The Long Song," by Andrea Levy, on Monday, September 24, at 10 AM at Gwen Woirhaye's home. Janice Geiger will be the co-hostess.

"The Long Song," by British author Levy of Jamaican heritage, was inspired by her own life as a black Briton. This entertaining novel reflects the experiences of others like her, and looks at Britain with its changing population and at the intimacies that bind British history with that of the Caribbean. It was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize. There will be no discussion leader, but there will be information on the author and reviews of the book that will be a starting point for conversation. Please join us!

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185

Directions to Gwen Woirhaye's home:  
5810 Friends, 562-696-6405

North on Painter, one block west (left) to Friends; one block north of Beverly Blvd. to number. House is on the right.

### **Other books selected for 2012-2013:**

"In the Garden of Beasts," by Erik Larson (Oct. 22)

"Winter's Bone," by Daniel Woodrell (Nov. 26)

"State of Wonder," by Ann Patchett (Jan. 28)

"Dreams of Joy," by Lisa See (Feb. 25)

"Behind the Beautiful Forevers," by Katherine Boo (March 25)

"Barbarian Nurseries," by Hector Tobar (April 22)

"The Lives of Margaret Fuller," by John Matteson (June 3)

## 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.

For the rest of 2012, we are going to try the third Monday of the month for our meeting date if we are not doing a field trip. The field trips will be on Sunday and everyone is welcome.

For those of you who are interested, the flowerbed at the Shelter Transitional House is doing very well. The weeds are being strangled by the African daisies and orange lilies we planted. The flowers look joyful by the white picket fence.

For more information regarding the Gardening Section please contact: Barbara Gile [whittieraauw@me.com](mailto:whittieraauw@me.com) or call (562) 693-7279

### Directions:

14035 Eastridge, Whittier, 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

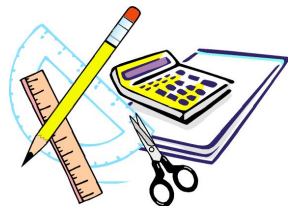


The following is the rest of the schedule for 2012:

Sunday, September 16	San Juan Capistrano Mission	Meet at 10 AM (Barbara's)
Sunday, October 21	LA County Arboretum, Arcadia	Meet at 10 AM (Barbara's)
Monday, November 19	Wreath Making	Meet at 1 PM (Barbara's)
Monday, December 17	Luncheon and planning for 2013	TBA

## Math/Science Conference

by Sharon Heck



Our Math/Science Conference for 8th grade girls will be January 29 at Whittier College. Our first planning meeting will be a brief one following the September 4 Board meeting at St. Matthias Episcopal Church. Any member is welcome to join us for the meeting at approximately 8 PM. Put the date on your calendars and plan to help on January 29. We will need your help.

## International Concerns

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, September 18, at Ellen Larson's home (Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd., #2D). We will discuss "Exit from Afghanistan & Iraq: Right Time, Right Pace?" Please join in the discussion! For further information contact Maurine Behrens at [maurineb90601@gmail.com](mailto:maurineb90601@gmail.com) or 562-695-8436.

## First Friday

Date: Friday, Sept. 7  
Time: 6 - 8 PM  
Hostess: Fay Weber's home, 2089 E. Skyline, Hacienda Heights  
Directions: go north on Hacienda Blvd (from Whittier Blvd).....then turn right on East, .....then turn left on Skyline. She is on the corner of East and Skyline.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, December 1

AAUW Holiday Boutique and Silent Auction  
Radisson Hotel - Whittier

Lovely Luncheon and Holiday Entertainment

Be Sure to Invite Your Friends  
Proceeds Benefit the Myra Long Scholarship Fund

Shirley Stewart  
Boutique/Silent Auction Chair



## Items Needed For Holiday Boutique Silent Auction

The following items and others are needed for our boutique/silent auction:  
Gift cards any kind, movie & theatre tickets, etc.

Items for theme baskets-holiday, beauty, wine/dine, garden, candies, coffee/tea, etc.

Re-gifted items (new only,) baked goodies, homemade candies, jams, etc. and any handmade items

Any questions, please contact me.

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## Memories

The Memories group will meet at Margot Kamens' home September 26 at 1:30 PM. The topic is "A Unique Relative." Of course, you may always write off topic. Other ideas include "What I Save," "A Place of Special Meaning," "A Book that Changed Me," and "A Brief Encounter." We read our selections aloud and always enjoy the sharing. Newcomers are welcome. Margot's address is 11845 Beverly Drive (where Magnolia ends north of Beverly Blvd.) Phone: 562-699-6898.

Carole Restovich, Chair

## Membership

I am sadly reporting that we have only 130 paid members at this date. If you recall, we had 167 members at our last meeting in June. We do have eight members who have stated that they will not renew their memberships, but the rest of our members simply have not yet renewed or notified us that they will not be renewing. Everyone is busy, but our AAUW Branch is important and we need to have everyone pay dues and start us off to another wonderful year. We have not yet established a goal for this year. We will do that after we can determine a more accurate number of our members. Please, if you have not yet done so, send in your check and renew your membership. Our first meeting is September 8. Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives. We need to maintain a strong and growing membership. You may contact us at:

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Sandy Bridges 562-697-7427 [sandybridges2@aol.com](mailto:sandybridges2@aol.com)  
Joyce Paul 909-620-1202 or [joycem.paul@yahoo.com](mailto:joycem.paul@yahoo.com).



## Interfaith Food Center

As one of our community service projects for the year, GWA-AAUW has adopted the Interfaith Food Center. They service residences of the City of Whittier, Unincorporated Whittier and La Mirada.

Last year Interfaith Food Center gave out over ½ million meals, serving over 5,000 individuals.

There will be a box at each monthly meeting and we hope all members will bring at least one item a month. Shirley Stewart will take the donations to the Food Center on the following Monday.

There is always a need for fresh produce. If you have vegetables or fruit trees which bear more than you need, you are encouraged to box it up and drop it off at Shirley Stewart's home, and she will deliver it to the Food Center. Any day of the month is fine.

Canned goods, beans, pasta, rice, dry mixes, cereal etc. are always needed.

More to follow next month.

Chairs

Shirley Stewart

Joyce Paul

## Enhance the Branch Campaign

Dear Fellow Book Lovers/Library Appreciators,

As the East Whittier Library Branch is being enhanced and community support is needed to provide items other than the walls, plumbing and electrical features, I thought we GWAAAUW members would like to help.

Even getting my idea over in the water at a late date, we were still able to donate \$500. However, we have a 100 more donated dollars that are wanting some companions so GWA American Association of University Women can give additional help and be in the \$1000 section on the donor wall.

September 21 is the deadline for being on the donor wall in time for the December 1 groundbreaking ceremony, according to Sue Settlage, Co-chair, Enhance the Branch Fundraising Committee.

Looking forward to your assistance with this endeavor.

Sally Schmidt  
Fellow Book Hugger/Library Appreciator



## Modern Trends in Literature

Modern Trends will be meeting in September at the home of Kristine Yeseta. Our first book for this year is "The Tiger's Wife" by Tea Obreht. This novel is about a young doctor, Natalia, who is compelled to unravel the mysterious circumstances surrounding her beloved grandfather's recent death. She finds clues in his books and his stories that lead her to the legend of the tiger's wife. The group meets at 7 PM for light refreshments and socializing. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. Kristine is our hostess and also the presenter for the evening. Her home is located at 13826 Walnut in Whittier. We are asking all who attend to bring with them several books that they no longer want. Check your bookshelves and see if you have four or five or more books that you would like to simply give away. They can be on any topic. Past Modern Trends selections would be excellent. Everyone is welcome. Our next book, in October, will be "Caleb's Crossing" by Geraldine Brooks.

Joyce Paul  
Patricia Carlson, Chairs

## AAUW Whittier Branch Calendar September 2012

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
Tuesday	4	7 PM After Bd Meeting	Board Meeting, St. Matthias Church Math/Science Conference, St. Matthias
Thursday	6	8 AM	Walkers Section, La Mirada Creek Park
Friday	7	6 - 8 PM	First Friday, Fay Weber
Saturday	8	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting, Radisson Hotel
Thursday	13	8 AM	Walkers Section, Whittwood
Sunday	16	10 AM	Gardening Section, San Juan Capistrano Mission
Tuesday	18	10 AM	International Concerns, Ellen Larson
Wednesday	19	5:30 PM	Mystery Mavens, Penn Park
Thursday	20	8 AM	Walkers Section, La Mirada Regional Park
Sunday	23	2 - 5 PM	Sunday Afternoon Bridge, Mary Ellen Mead
Monday	24	10 AM	Morning Book, Gwen Woirhaye
Wednesday	26	1:30 PM	Memories Section, Margot Kamens
Thursday	27	8 AM	Walkers Section, Kennedy Park
		7 PM	Modern Trends in Literature

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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Newsletter Editors - Christine Heller and Carole Duff  
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### Myra Long Scholarship Fund

The past few years have seen a lot of changes in the Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF). We went from a non-profit corporation to a committee in the Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women Corporation.

We meet four times a year and the next meeting will be Thursday, November 1 at 9 AM in the First Friends Church library. We welcome all visitors.

The committee now consists of seven members as Sharon Heck was added as a voting member. In addition there are four directors of projects who attend the committee meetings. They are: Jois Hofmann, Scholarship; Jan Berry, Speech Trek; Patricia Dudley, Tech Trek and also Sharon Heck who will coordinate the Math/Science Conference.

It is with great pleasure that we can announce all the 2012-13 projects will be funded with the MLSF monies. We have received verbal confirmation that Quaker Chemical will be sending \$3,200 to send four girls to Tech Trek next summer. This means we now have money in the bank to send seven girls to the 2013 Whittier College camp.

For further information on our bank balance and 2012-13 budget check out the website at: [aauw@whittier.info](mailto:aauw@whittier.info).

All this good news would not be possible without the wonderful support of the Branch membership and our friends. Since your donations are now tax deductible the MLSF has grown and we are grateful. The honor roll for 2011-2012 is listed on the following page.

Thank you for supporting the special local programs.

Barbara Gile, Chair



Here is a great big thank you to all who contributed to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF) Non-event Fundraiser this year! We received \$7,117 from 68 donors. Donations ranged from \$15 to \$1,700.

Phoemie Aghili  
 Sara Ellen Anderson  
 Beverly Ball  
 Ginny Ball  
 Cecilia Bartlow  
 Marge Bates  
 Maurine Behrens  
 Rosemary Bertone  
 Jan Berry  
 Virginia Boles  
 Constance Bucey  
 Beth Camardo  
 Janice Cecola  
 Harriet Cornyn  
 Ruth Currie  
 Patricia Dudley  
 Carole Duff  
 Peggy Fretz  
 Janice Geiger  
 Barbara Gile  
 Beth Greulich  
 Mary Jo Haller  
 Susan Halliday

Eleanor Hauger  
 Jois Hofmann  
 Sharon Heck  
 Naomi Hill  
 Pamela Holmes  
 Lorayne Horka  
 Brenda Jahn  
 Laveta Jett  
 Joyce Kaufman  
 Kaye Kidwell  
 Nancy Kindness  
 Peggy Kiefer  
 Ellen Larson  
 Bruce Long  
 Kathy Luciano  
 Mary Ellen Mead  
 Ruth Miller  
 Mary Moore  
 Barbara Nichols  
 Carole Nunley  
 Patricia Olson  
 Joyce Paul  
 Helen Poindexter

Linda Pomeroy  
 Linda Powell  
 Nancy Ramos  
 Yvette Rawlinson  
 Carole Restovich  
 Angela Salazar  
 Joann Sarachman  
 Dolores Seidman  
 Lovey Sherman  
 Carol Shupek  
 Jill Smith  
 Cheryl Suit  
 Colleen Tan  
 Margaret Tishler  
 Sue Turco  
 Gen'nel Walters  
 Beverly Walker  
 Fay Weber  
 Myra Weiss  
 Mary Wellbaum  
 Ruth White  
 Gwen Woirhay

## Greater Whittier Area AAUW Branch Proposed Budget July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

<b>Income</b>	
Fundraiser	\$ 1,200
Carryover	2,216
Interest Income (CDs)	75
Library Fund	500
Membership Branch	-0-
Membership Dues (\$24 x 140)	3,360
Yearbook/Advertising & Sales	<u>150</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,501</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Annual Funds (EF) Assessment	\$ 60
Bank Charges	150
Community Contributions	500
Corresponding Secretary	20
Financial Literacy	20
Fundraising Expenses	250
Historian	20
Insurance (paid to State)	450
LACIC Assessment	41
Las Distinguidas	300
Leadership Expenses	100
Library Expenses	100
Membership (branch expenses)	250
Memorials (Hodge Foundation)	100
Miscellaneous	-0-
Newsletter (printing and postage)	700
Post Office Box Rental	120
President	100
Program	750
Public Information	20
Recording Secretary	20
Speech Trek	300
State Convention	100
National Convention	2,300
Tech Trek	100
Treasurer	30
Web Site	-0-
Yearbook	<u>600</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 7,501</b>

The Finance Committee (Susan Halliday, Sharon Heck, Dolores Seidman, Joyce Paul, Cheryl Suit, Lovey Sherman, Pat Dudley, Patricia Cuocco and Kaye Kidwell) developed the budget on July 13, 2012. The Treasurer will present the proposal to the Board and the Branch for approval at the September meetings.

Kaye D. Kidwell, Treasurer, 562-902-8107

## AAUW Funds

By Peggy Fretz

It is time to think once again about donations to AAUW Funds. As you know, AAUW Funds support the programs of AAUW as it strives to meet its goal of equity for women and girls. There are several programs which are supported by your donations. They include the Educational Opportunities Fund (which awards fellowships and grants to students and for projects); The Eleanor Roosevelt Funds (which supports research); the Public Policy Fund (supporting government relations and civic engagement), the Leadership Programs Fund (which supports leadership and training for college students); and the Legal Advocacy Fund (which supports legal cases)

Your donations to AAUW Funds and fully tax-deductible and you may send your donations in two ways. You can go to the AAUW Website, click on Give to AAUW, and submit money online. If you do that, please let me know about your donation. Our branch number is 0124. Or, you can send your check to me and I'll send it to the appropriate place for you.

For each \$500 donation, we can honor one of our members as our Named Gift Honoree. This year we are honoring three women who have made outstanding contributions to our Branch. They will receive certificates at our September meeting.

## Public Policy

by Sharon Heck

Public Policy is extremely important to our AAUW organization as a whole. The action priorities are voted on by the membership and those for 2011-2013 include:

- To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity and diversity
  - To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women
  - To guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society
- Each of these priorities has many subtopics I would be happy to share with you. I will have brochures available at our September 8 general meeting for those who want them.

Anyone can be placed on the e-mail list to receive the AAUW Washington Update which is published each Friday. The August 10 issue contained the following paragraphs in an article regarding state budget reports.

"AAUW believes that Medicaid, together with Medicare, is a crucial element of the social safety net. Americans, especially women, rely heavily on the protections Medicaid offers and the services it provides.

As implementation of the Affordable Care Act begins, AAUW believes Medicaid and other public health programs must continue to be maintained and strengthened.

AAUW is also committed to promoting quality public education for all students, and we strongly advocate a federal and state commitment to public education. AAUW strongly opposes any efforts to weaken public education through funding cuts. We support strengthening public education programs through preserving funding and maintaining protective legislation."

To take action on any topic, we are encouraged to go to AAUW.org. At the top of the page click on the word ACT. You will have several choices on the Action page including the Two-minute Activist. Contact your elected officials in Washington and Sacramento on topics that are dear to your heart. We can make a difference.

## 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.



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