



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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Linking You to Branch Activities and to Each Other



GREATER WHITTIER AREA AAUW MEETING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 11:30 AM
RADISSON HOTEL, WHITTIER

SHARON OSELIN
HOW WOMEN EXIT PROSTITUTION
Reservations – February 3

AAUW Luncheon Meeting – Saturday, February 8, 11:30 AM



This month we are fortunate to have an AAUW Funds American Fellowships Publication Grant Recipient Sharon Oselin as our guest speaker. Sharon is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at CSULA who will speak about her new book detailing how women exit street prostitution. Sharon was one of the 42 AAUW Funds Fellows and Grant Recipients studying at California colleges and universities or doing projects in our communities in the past year. Our donations to AAUW Funds do return to California!

The Radisson will prepare a special luncheon to celebrate Chinese New Year 2014, the Year Of The Horse, which will be celebrated for 15 days beginning on January 31. The origin of Chinese New Year is centuries old and based on people's defense against a mythical beast called the Niam by using food, firecrackers and the color red. On the last day of Chinese New Year, celebrators carry red paper lanterns and walk along the streets to light the way for the New Year. This day is called Lantern Day.

The buffet will include Hong Kong salad, hot and sour soup, beef and broccoli, sweet and sour chicken, fried rice, vegetable chow mein, egg roll with sweet and sour sauce and almond cookies. Ice water, ice tea and coffee will be served. Centerpieces will be provided by the La Cuisine Section. Luncheon is \$20. When making reservations please use the convenient email address: whittieraauwreserv@yahoo.com or call me, Ellen Peck, at 562-943-4679. The deadline for making reservations is February 3. If you use my answering machine please leave your full name and telephone number. PLEASE NOTE, I will be unable to respond or acknowledge reservations until February 3 or 4.

Dolores Seidman, Program
Ellen Peck and Nancy Stiefeling, Hospitality

Magnetic nametags with the new AAUW logo may be ordered at the February 8 meeting for \$5 each.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Sharon Heck

As I am writing this we are very deep in our final preparations for our 21st Annual Math/Science Conference for 8th Grade Girls at Whittier College, Wednesday, January 29. A great many details are involved in this event. The 27 schools send us a list of their attendees with their five choices of speakers they wish to hear. We try to give them three of their choices. The last two lists arrived yesterday, so the assignments can now be made. Each girl and advisor will receive three tickets for the workshop sessions, so it is a time-consuming task to complete this for 360 people. We have pages of job descriptions, evaluations, maps, schedules, etc., that must be put into backpacks and packets one week before the event. Many of our members have stepped forward to help, and it will be a wonderful event. I have been invited to speak about our Math/Science Conference at the AAUW State Convention in April 2014, and I feel that is a compliment to our Branch.

The AAUW State Convention is close by this year. It will be held at the Marriott near LAX, April 11-13, 2014. Check the AAUW California website for more information. A group could carpool and attend one or more days. Patricia Cuocco, President-elect, and I will be attending for the Branch. Come join us.

Our February Branch meeting will be an exciting one. AAUW does a terrific job awarding grants to many deserving women. We will hear from one of these wonderful recipients. Plan to attend for a great lunch and program!

WEBSITE NEWS

If you have not already done so, please visit the Greater Whittier Area Branch website at <http://whittier-ca.aauw.net/>.



One of our newer members, Maria Turrubiartes, has done a wonderful job getting the site up to date and keeping it current.

Our website is a great recruiting tool. It has a wealth of information about who we are, what we do and most important, how to join. Please visit often and refer your friends, and take a moment to thank Maria when you see her for her great work.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

Hello Members!

We are excited to announce that Greater Whittier Area AAUW website is now equipped with multiple features. Sections can now visit our website for images of the activities. Sections that include book clubs will now be directed to a link to order the books online with multiple prices from various vendors, and images will be shown depending on the section's activity. Also, if you missed the last member meeting, the website will provide images and video footage of the guest speaker.

If you would like to send images of your section's last meeting to see them on our website please email Maria Turrubiartes at Mturrub@calstatela.edu

Please visit our website at <http://whittier-ca.aauw.net/>

**THANK YOU, MARIA, FOR
DOING A GREAT JOB!**

INTERFAITH FOOD CENTER

The need for food to feed needy families is growing by leaps and bounds. All kinds of non-perishable foods are needed. Fresh fruits and vegetables can be taken any time.

Remember the lunch program for the homeless - Individual package foods, drinks, etc. Pull tops. Also needed are individual soaps, shampoo, lotions and socks.

Any food or money you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

Open weekday mornings

Interfaith Food Center
11819 Burke
Santa Fe Springs
562-400-3922

Mark your calendar now and bring your items to our February 8th meeting.

Shirley Stewart
shirleys.creations@verizon.net

WALKERS

9 AM – THURSDAYS

Feb 6 La Mirada Creek Park
Meet in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes

Feb 13 Murphy Ranch Park
Meet in parking lot at the end of Youngwood

Feb 20 Schabarum Regional Park
Cherry Blossoms
Meet in the parking lot by the front entrance kiosk

Feb 27 Arroyo Pescadero Park
Meet in parking lot off Colima

Shirley Stewart



MODERN TRENDS

Modern Trends will be meeting at Marie Callender's at 9829 La Serna Dr. in Whittier on Thursday, February 27. The book for the evening will be *The Midwife of Hope River* by Patricia Harmon and will be reviewed by Carol Shupek. This story transports us to poverty stricken Appalachia during the Great Depression years of the 1930s and introduces us to a truly unforgettable heroine. Patience Murphy is a midwife struggling against disease, poverty and her own haunting past. We have reserved the Library Room from 5:30 - 9. Come early for dinner or later for dessert. Carol will begin her review at 7:15. Directions: Going west on Whittier Blvd., turn right onto Colima. Turn right onto Janine and another right onto La Serna. Marie's will be on the right.

Trish Carlson and Joyce Paul, Co-chairs

MORNING BOOK

We are not meeting this month. Our next meeting is Monday, March 24, when we will be discussing *The Round House*, by Louise Erdrich. Further details will be in the March newsletter. The last two books for the year are: *Sky of Red Poppies*, by Zohreh Ghahremani (June 2), and *To Be Sung Underwater*, by Tom MacNeal (July 28).

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185

FIRST FRIDAY

Date: February 7
Time: 6 - 8 PM
Host: Gwen and Mahlon Woirhaye
5810 Friends, Whittier
562-696-6405

Directions: One block west of Painter, one block north of Beverly Blvd. Do NOT park on Orange Dr. It is restricted and you could get a ticket or have your car towed.

ENJOY AZALEAS AND CAMELLIAS WITH THE GARDENING SECTION

The Gardening Section will visit Nuccio's Growers in Altadena on Thursday, February 13. Nuccio's Growers specialize in azaleas and camellias and this will be the perfect time to add some springtime color to your garden or patio. We will meet at the Ralphs' parking lot on the corner of Colima and Whittier Blvd. at 8:30 AM and carpool to Altadena. Nuccio's is expecting us at 10. Iris Harris has already volunteered to take four people in her SUV. She will save the back of her vehicle for purchases. The address is 3555 Chaney Trail, Altadena, and the phone is 626-794-3383. Directions are: North on Fair Oaks from 210, left on Loma Alta, right on Chaney, driveway on the left. Please RSVP to Ellen Peck at cpeck4@earthlink.net or 562-943-4679 by February 10.



MEMORIES

The February meeting of Memories will be at the home of Gwen Woirhaye on Wednesday, February 26 at 1:30 PM. The topic is "The Love of My Life." Our topics always bring myriad interpretations that entertain, amaze or even inspire us. Or perhaps you'd rather go off on a topic of your own. We invite you to come share your writing with others in this welcoming group of women. It is a good idea to carpool. If anyone wants to ride with Carole Restovich, please be at her house by 12:50 PM. If you are driving on your own to Gwen's, **do not park on Orange Dr.**, which is designated as parking by permit only and is strictly enforced. Gwen's address is 5810 Friends, north of Beverly Blvd. just west of Painter. For further information, call Carole at 562-696-0296.

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, February 18 with Ellen Larson (Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd. #2D). Our topic is *Defense Technology Article #18 in Great Decisions 2014*.

Please join us to bring your views into the discussion. The new discussion books have arrived. For further information contact Ellen Larson at 562- 695-7017, or ereora2005@yahoo.com

R.I.P. AGAIN!

Reading, Interpretation and Performance

Our next meeting will be held Friday, February 28, from 2-4 PM at the home of Barbara Gile. This meeting is a practice for our presentation to new members. All members (with or without experience) are invited. Please join us!

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

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

Colleen Tan and Gwen Woirhaye, Co-Chairs

AAUW FUNDS

Thanks to all our members who contributed to AAUW Funds in 2013. Because of member contributions like yours, \$4.3 million in fellowships and grants were given to more than 278 outstanding women in America and abroad. Your continued support of AAUW Funds, especially the Educational Opportunities Fund is something we can proudly support. We can help women advance their education. We can be proud of our Branch support of AAUW Funds.

Peggy Fretz, AAUW Funds Chairman



DINING FOR \$\$\$\$

Dining 4 \$\$\$\$ is a new section. It is a dine-out opportunity, with a special purpose. The purpose is to raise money for the Myra Long Scholarship Fund deliciously and painlessly.

All we must do is invite friends and family to dine at certain restaurants on specific dates. Flyers will be provided at Branch meetings and in newsletters, and must be shown to your server as you order. Each restaurant will then donate a nice percentage of the order to the Branch.

This one in February will be a GREAT opportunity to end a busy week on a delicious high note!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Friday, February 21

Chili's
11 AM – 11 PM
13580 Whittier Blvd., Whittier
At the Quad

Flyers will be available at our February 8 Branch meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

We still have not reached our total for last year. I know we are all there trying to recruit new members. Keep up the good work. January 29 marks the fifth anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. It has been five years but we know our job is not done. Tell the President to take action on equal pay today!

I received an email "AAUW e-newsletter" and below are a few segments:

The American Association for the Advancement of Science is holding its 2014 annual meeting February 13–17 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. AAUW staff will be there to promote our STEM programs for girls, attend talks on education and gender diversity in the STEM fields, and meet with our members and college/university partners in the area.

Are you or is someone you know looking for a new job? Check out **New Scientist Jobs** and **CareerBuilder**! Both these AAUW member benefits are free to use and contain all the latest and greatest job postings. Pass them on to the new graduates in your life as well.

We have one new member and one returning:

New member

Dolores Gonzales-Hayes
8722 Seranata Drive, Whittier 90603
562-943-6880
Email: Gonzalezhayes@aol.com

Returning member

Virginia Rickman
15505 Buttram St., Hacienda Hgts. 91745
626-369-2555
no email

Christine Chacon Sullivan



MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND (MLSF)

The MLSF Committee will meet on Thursday, February 6, at 9 AM in the Library of the First Friends Church. All members are welcome to attend and observe this hard working committee in action.

Saturday, January 18, will feature Speech Trek, which is a contest for local high school students. The Myra Long Scholarship Fund committee will award \$500 for the best speeches. The topic this year is: "WOMEN AT THE TOP . . . why not?"

MLSF ended 2013 with a total of \$152,222 in the bank and long-term investments. All donations are IRS tax deductible. Please note if you are writing a check to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund, make your check payable to: AAUW-MLSF. You can mail the check to: PO Box 5333 Whittier, California 90607 or hand to Kaye Kidwell, treasurer.

This year we have the opportunity to docent in the Pasadena Design House. We are paid \$40 for a four-hour shift. This is a fun project because we get to see the 2014 Design House, as it would cost \$45 if we 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. The mandatory training will be held on **Saturday, February 22**.

We will carpool to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena and shuttle to the house. You choose your most convenient date from the following: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, on April 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and May 1, 6, 7 and 8. Mark your calendars now so we can get the best dates. This year the cost of Tech Trek is \$900 per student and we have 10 camperships reserved. Being a docent is an easy fun way to raise money.

If standing for four hours is not your "thing" you can always eat at Chili's and Dine for Dollars on February 21, which will provide funds for MLSF.

For further information contact Barbara Gile or a MLSF Committee member at whittieraauw@mac.com or (562) 693-7279.

The MLSF committee thanks you for your generous support.

POSITIVE PAST PRESIDENTS

Come to the Silver Palace to celebrate Chinese New Year – Year of the Horse. All members are welcome!

Date: Wednesday, February 5
Time: 6:30 PM
Cost: \$21 (includes gratuity)

RSVP: Cindy (562-697-7520) or
Colleen (562-698-4934)



YEAR OF THE HORSE

People born in the Year of the Horse (1918, 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026) are believed to share certain traits. Your capacity for hard work is amazing. You are your own person - very independent. While intelligent and friendly, you have a strong streak of selfishness and sharp cunning and should guard against being egotistical. Your sign suggests success as an adventurer, scientist, poet or politician.

Xin Nian Kuai Le! ~ Happy New Year!

PUBLIC POLICY

Patricia Cuocco



When I thought about focusing this month's article on reproductive rights, I couldn't decide if I was brave or stupid. Clearly, this is one of the most divisive issues of our time and an individual's point of view often marks on which side of the culture wars she stands. AAUW's position is clear: AAUW believes in the right to privacy, freedom from violence, and choice in the determination of one's reproductive life. This does not mean that AAUW is in favor of abortion. It does mean AAUW is opposed to legal efforts to limit access to safe abortions as part of a comprehensive approach to reproductive freedom.

This makes sense from the point of view that if women are to achieve their potential in this world, they must be educated and have economic options. This is only possible if we can control the number of children we bear and the time and circumstances under which we choose to have them.

Many of us believed this was settled law, but over the last few years we have seen a growing attempt at the state level to erode women's reproductive rights. 2012 saw more than 40 laws in 19 states designed to limit access to constitutionally protected abortions. 2011 was worse and, while the numbers aren't in for 2013, they don't appear to be any better. These laws include nonsensical requirements about building codes in abortion clinics, doctors in clinics needing privileges at local hospitals and fetal "personhood" laws. If you are so inclined, more particulars can be found at <http://reproductiverights.org/en/our-work/engaging-policymakers/in-the-states-usa> or put in "erosion of reproductive rights" into your Google search box for more information.

A new attack is the current attempt to void the protection for contraceptive services in the Affordable Care Act. It's worth noting that the employer contraceptive coverage requirements predate the ACA. In December 2000, the Equal Opportunity Commission ruled that employers who provided prescription drug coverage but not contraception were in violation of Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibits sex-based discrimination. That ruling still stands, today.

According to AAUW Action Network (11-27-13) "more than 40 for-profit companies have sued for the right to deny their employees access to this contraceptive coverage. Hobby Lobby, a for-profit arts and crafts chain, which wants to deny its employees this benefit, leads this effort. These companies want the right to put themselves between women and their doctors."

The Supreme Court will hear this case and that, in and of itself, represents a danger to all Americans. It fosters the notion that corporate personhood extends to the right of employers to force their own religious beliefs on their employees. This may start with contraception and women but it likely won't end there. AAUW urges each of us to take action on this issue. Stay aware of this case and take the time to write a letter to the editor and let your legislators know what you think.

Well, the brave vs. stupid debate may still be raging. I'm hoping it's moot and you come down on the side of "informative."

Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women (AAUW)
2013-2014 Membership Application

*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
Life Member \$40
Student \$30
Dual \$24

I want the yearbook mailed to me and will add \$2 to my payment check.
I also want the AAUW binder that costs \$5 plus \$1.50 postage and will add \$6.50 to my payment.

Do you have a sponsor? If so, who is it?
Today's date

*Required for all members. New members must complete all information.
Reminder: \$86 of your dues are tax deductible.

GREATER WHITTIER AREA AAUW BRANCH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2014



DAY	DATE	TIME	
Tuesday	4	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Wednesday	5	6:30 PM	P.P.P. , The Silver Palace
Thursday	6	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , La Mirada Creek Park
Thursday	6	9:00 AM	MLSF Committee , First Friends Church, Library
Friday	7	6:00 PM	First Friday , Gwen and Mahlon Woirhaye
Saturday	8	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , Radisson, Whittier
Thursday	13	3:30ish PM	Showgirls , Whittier Village Theaters
Thursday	13	8:30 AM	Gardening Section , Nuccio's, Meet at Ralphs
Thursday	13	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Murphy Ranch Park
Tuesday	18	10:00 AM	International Concerns , Ellen Larson
Thursday	20	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Schabarum Regional Park
Friday	21	11 AM-11 PM	Dining for \$\$\$\$, Chili's, Whittier
Wednesday	26	1:30 PM	Memories , Gwen Woirhaye
Thursday	27	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Arroyo Pescadero Park
Thursday	27	7:15 PM	Modern Trends , Marie Callender's, Library Room
Friday	28	2:00 PM	R.I.P. Again , 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: Note Change in Style: Use email; omit hyphen in word

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