



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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Linking You to Branch Activities and to Each Other



AAUW Branch Meeting Saturday, June 14, 11:30 AM Program Information

Our final program of the year will feature two special traditional events. The first is the presentation of the Myra Long Scholarship winners: Laura Bolin, Krystle Lopez, Penny Mammano and Laura Moreno all of Rio Hondo College. Further details about each of these winners, are on page six of the newsletter. Then Barbara Gile will install our new president for 2014-15, Patricia Cuocco, along with her board members.

We hope that many members will attend, join in the festivities and look to the year ahead!

Dolores Seidman, V.P. Program

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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GREATER WHITTIER AREA AAUW MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 11:30 AM
RADISSON HOTEL, WHITTIER

MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIPS
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
Reservations – June 10



Luncheon Information

Our June 14 Branch meeting at the Radisson Hotel will honor our local scholarship recipients. These remarkable women have overcome adversities to achieve success in community college and now, with the support of our Myra Long Scholarship, they are on their way to a university degree! The meeting will also include the installation of the newly elected Board of Directors. Luncheon will be a Mexican Buffet with southwestern Caesar salad, Santa Fe salad (mixed greens, roasted corn, Cotija cheese, roasted red pepper, smoked tomato pico de gallo and lime dressing), chicken fajitas, cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried black beans, jalapeño cheese cornbread muffins, salsa, guacamole and sour cream. We will enjoy coconut Mexican flan for dessert and ice water, ice tea and coffee for beverages. Centerpieces will be provided by the Myra Long Scholarship committee. The buffet is \$20 and begins at 11:30 AM. We will meet in the Lounge, our usual location.

For this meeting do NOT use the AAUW reservation email. Ellen will be out of the country and unable to receive messages.

To RSVP, email **NANCY STIEFELING** at nstiefeling1@yahoo.com or call her at 626-330-9587. Please make your reservation by Tuesday June 10.

Ellen Peck and Nancy Stiefeling, Hospitality

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Sharon Heck

This will be my final article as your president. It has been a fantastic year for our Branch with so many highlights. Our Myra Long Scholarship Fund committee (MLSF) has done a grand job of raising money for all of our scholarships. If you attended the May meeting, you saw our Tech Trek and Speech Trek recipients, a wonderful group of girls (and one boy). MLSF funded our very successful 21st Annual Math/Science Conference for 8th Grade Girls in January, and we gave four women, who are over the age of 25, \$2,000 each so that they can continue their studies at a four-year college or university after leaving Rio Hondo College. Plan to attend our June 14 meeting so you can meet these women.

I was so impressed with our Las Distinguidas winners. Shirley A. Stewart and Rosalie Dannenbaum were honored at our May meeting, and both are extraordinary women. Congratulations!

It is dues paying time. You can pay your dues online with a credit card (see the May newsletter for complete directions) or you can mail your dues to our membership treasurer, Carol K. Anderson. The address is on the application included in this newsletter. Our year ends on June 30 so don't let your membership lapse.

Our June meeting will include the installation of officers for the coming year. All elected officers will be installed. Thank you to all who agreed to serve our Greater Whittier Area Branch. Thank you also to all who helped make this such a successful year. My job was made so much easier by those who did their assignments so well. There are too many of you to name, but I would like to thank Christine Heller for editing our newsletter each month. With her helpers, Margot Kamens and Carole Duff, they did a terrific job. Thanks again to all who made this a very good year.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

It's never too early to start saving those white elephants, gifts cards or gifts you will never use. Baskets are always needed.

Let's make this our biggest and best holiday boutique ever!

Invite your friends to our boutique, luncheon and holiday entertainment. This would make a great holiday gift.

Any questions – contact Shirley Stewart.

Shirley Stewart
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 562-944-4556



INTERFAITH FOOD CENTER

June 14th will be our last chance to give food until September, so let's make it a big donation. Remember money is always welcome and fresh fruit and vegetables are needed and appreciated. The Interfaith Food Center is open Monday thru Friday 8-12 noon, 11819 Burke, Santa Fe Springs.

Shirley Stewart



WHERE ARE YOU?

Last month I loaned the AAUW **handcart** to one of our members. I don't recall who it was, but the person came to my house to pick it up. The cart folds flat for easy transportation. It is aluminum with blue trim, has two wheels and a collapsible handle. I use the cart every month to carry things into the Radisson for our meetings.

Ellen Peck

MODERN TRENDS

Modern Trends will meet Thursday, June 26 at the home of Kristine Yeseta. Marcia Orr will be reviewing the book, ***The Aviator's Wife***, by Melanie Benjamin. This book tells of Anne Morrow, a shy college senior who travels to Mexico City to spend Christmas with her family. There she meets Colonel Charles Lindbergh, fresh off his celebrated 1927 solo flight across the Atlantic. Enthralled by Charles's assurance and fame, Anne is certain the aviator has scarcely noticed her. But she is wrong. Charles sees in Anne a kindred spirit, a fellow adventurer, and her world will be changed forever. Refreshments will be provided by Trish Carlson and served at 7 PM. Kristine's home is at 13826 Walnut, Whittier. Modern Trends voted on the selections for next year and here are the results:

September 25—***An Officer and a Spy***, by Robert Harris

October 23—***The Lost Wife***, by Alyson Richman

November 20—***Zelda***, by Therese Anne Fowler

January 22—***My Life in Middlemarch***, by Rebecca Mead

February 26—***The Invention of Wings***, by Sue Monk Kidd

March 26—***David and Goliath***, by Malcolm Gladwell

April 23—***Under a Wide and Starry Sky***, by Nancy Horan

May 21—***Barbarian Nurseries***, by Hector Tobar

June 25—***The Wives of Los Alamos***, by Tarashea Nesbit

Trish Carlson and Joyce Paul

GARDENING

Tuesday, June 17, the Gardening Section will tour the Virginia Robinson Garden in Beverly Hills with optional lunch at the Polo Lounge in the Beverly Hills Hotel. Sounds wonderful, doesn't it! Meet at Ralphs' parking lot on the corner of Colima and Whittier Blvd. at 8:30 AM to carpool to Beverly Hills. Our tour of the Virginia Robinson Garden begins at 10 AM. Please call or send your reservation to Barbara Gile at bgile2u@gmail.com or phone, 562-693-7279. The Gardening Section trips are open to all members and friends, so "come one, come all!"

MORNING BOOK

Don't forget our meeting on Monday, June 2, at 10 AM, to discuss *Sky of Red Poppies*, by Zohreh Ghahremani, at Judy Flanders' home. Full information can be found in the May Newsletter. This is an important meeting as we will be voting on the five (or six, if we decide to again meet in the summer) books to read and discuss next year. We will also start the process of signing up for discussion leader, hostess and co-hostess. If you still need information on the books we will be voting on, please let me know, and I can resend the information to you.

Ann Topjon, 562-695-6185

MEMORIES

The Wednesday, June 25th meeting of Memories will be at the home of Judy Flanders at 1:30 PM. The topic is "Hearing the News." Two possible areas to consider when thinking about hearing the news might be shocking topics such as an illness, a death, loss of a job, news of 9-11 or more pleasant possibilities such as an engagement, a job offer, winning a prize, obtaining a scholarship or news of an election result. Whatever you decide, whether it is this topic or one of your own choosing, come share your ideas with supportive fellow writers. Directions to Judy's home: take Beverly Blvd. west; turn north on Pickering, left on Floral to 12430. Judy's house is on the left. Her phone number is 562-692-7930. All are welcome!

Carole Restovich

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

International Concerns will not meet again until September. The tentative date and place is Tuesday, September 16, at Ellen Larson's, but regulars will get an email update early in September. The topic will be Energy Independence. For further information contact Maurine Behrens at maurineb90601@gmail.com.



WALKERS THURSDAYS – 8 AM Note time change!

We will be walking at **8 AM** from June 5 thru
September 25

- June 5 La Mirada Creek Park
Meet in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes
- 12 Whittwood Town Center
Meet in front of Panera's Bakery
- 19 Murphy Ranch Park
Meet in parking lot at the end of Youngwood
- 26 La Mirada Regional Park
Meet in front of Splash

NOTE: July and August we will walk at La Mirada
Creek Park every week.

Any questions? Please contact me.

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WEBSITE

Don't forget to use the Greater Whittier Area
Branch website at <http://whittier-ca.aauw.net>

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 tell your friends about it!

FIRST FRIDAY

Date: June 6
Time: 6 - 8 PM
Host: Jack and Fay Weber
2089 E. Skyline
La Habra Heights
562-697-2101



From Whittier:
East on Whittier Blvd. to Harbor
Left (North) on Harbor 1 mile
Left on Fullerton Rd. 1 mile up the hill
Left on East Rd. and immediate right on
Skyline

Immediate turn to first house on left and
parking area. Fill house parking area
before using street parking

THE NEW PHOENIX

Our members look forward to attending a
choral program, *America Sings*, by
Chorale Bel Canto and the Claremont
Chorale, Sunday, June 8, 4 PM at the
Downey Civic Theater, 8435 Firestone
Blvd., Downey. Music will be from
Testament of Freedom and *Frostiana* by
Randall Thompson, two choruses from
The Tender Land by Aaron Copland plus
a concert version of Gershwin's *Porgy
and Bess* - 130 voices with full orchestra
and guest soloists. Details about
carpooling, lunch or dinner were sent by
email in mid-May.

Colleen Tan, 562-698-4934
Peggy Kiefer, 562-695-2266



**DUES ARE DUE BEFORE JUNE 30 WHEN OUR
MEMBERSHIP YEAR ENDS! PAY THEM TODAY IF
YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. THANK YOU!**

MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND (MLSF)

The MLSF committee met Thursday, May 1, at 9 AM in the Library of the First Friends Church. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 14.

Our fourteen volunteers are finished staffing the Pasadena Design House on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings where we earned \$1,200.

Gwen Woirhaye and her knitting fingers have earned over \$2,000 for the MLSF by selling frilly scarves.

President-Elect Patricia Cuocco designed a creative fundraising letter that collected \$6,517 as of this writing.

As of March 31 the MLSF has \$136,175.28 earning interest in various investment accounts.

We saw many members eating at California Grill during our Dining for Dollars on May 13. The last three restaurants netted: \$150 from Chili's, \$95 from Applebee's, and \$122.08 from Marie Callender's. Jan Berry did a great job of making the flyers as reminders.

Every little bit helps and many members and friends have found unique ways to make generous donations to the MLSF programs. The MLSF committee thanks all donors for your generous support of the many programs we have funded this year.

At the May 10, AAUW meeting the ten girls and their families chosen to attend Tech Trek were introduced. They are: from Rowland Unified School District (Alvarado Middle School) Emma Maravilla; South Whittier School District (Graves Middle School) Amanda Gomez, Cristina Montero; Santa Fe Springs School District (Lake Center Middle School) Angela Flores, Aileen Gonzalez, Annahi Paez; Los Nietos School District (Los Nietos Middle School) Miranda Diaz-Infante, Roxanne Flores, Icess Franco, Paola Ruiz.

In June, you will have the opportunity to meet the four women from Rio Hondo College selected for the Myra Long Scholarship. They are: Laura Bolin, Krystle Lopez, Penny Mammano and Laura Moreno. Each student will receive \$2,000 for the fall semester when they register at a four-year college. Rio Hondo College held an awards ceremony on May 20 to announce these awards.

There is a special place of honor for the hard working committee members and chairs (too numerous to list here) who devote many hours to making the Myra Long Scholarship Fund programs a success. All this effort has raised the visibility of the Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women in the community.

For further information contact Barbara Gile (562) 693-7279 or bgile2u@gmail.com.

2014 MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

1. Laura Bolin – has returned to college to fulfill a life-long dream of becoming a registered nurse. She has had two previous careers, one in women's retail clothing and one in restaurant ownership. She currently supervises a staff of 30 volunteers at her church where they cater many events. She will be attending CSULA in the fall where she has already been a part of their Collaborative Program where she earned 14 units during the summer of 2013. She plans to graduate with a Bachelor of Nursing in August of 2015.
2. Krystle Lopez – is planning to transfer into a Bachelor of Nursing program following her finishing a Vocational Nursing program at Rio Hondo in May. She is the oldest of eight children in a divorced family. Through the years she has had a number of jobs where she succeeded, but what she really wanted was a career that she is passionate about. Nursing fits the bill. She has maintained a 3.70 GPA. She would like to attend Molloy College in New York where she has family and where she has been accepted, pending final grades.
3. Penny Mammano – has returned to college to change careers. She had most recently been an escrow officer. Penny had raised three children and it was they who inspired her to go back to school. She will begin CSULB in the fall majoring in sociology with a concentration in social change and global issues. Then, she'd like to earn a Master's Degree in Emergency Management with the hope of working for the Red Cross or another non-profit. Penny has volunteered for the Red Cross and the Salvation Army for the last two years.
4. Laura Moreno – attended Mt. Sac where she earned an AA degree and then went on to CSULA as a sociology major. She then experienced family turmoil that prevented her from finishing. This past year at Rio Hondo she has regained her "focus, motivation and drive." She has changed career goals and will be attending Cal State University Dominguez Hills in the fall. Laura will enter the bachelor's program in Health Science with an option in Radiologic Technology. As she is interested in women's issues, she would like to get a Mammography Technologist license, as well.

We wish each of these persevering women continued success in their educational goals.

PUBLIC POLICY

Patricia Cuocco

As I write this, yesterday was Mother's Day and I'm still feeling good about being loved and remembered for being a mom. Flowers, dinner out, pampering? Yes – all good! Mother friendly policies, family friendly politicians, and economic advantages to help mothers raise strong, healthy children? Oh, wait – not so well! The AAUW Action Network Newsletter of May 8 has a detailed explanation of what needs to happen in Washington to ensure that honoring mom is more than just lip service. If you don't get that newsletter, sign up at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/action-network-sign-up-sheet/>

We may "have come a long way, Baby", but we still have "miles to go and promises to keep." So, my message to you in this last article before summer is: Don't Take the Summer Off. Sure, enjoy the long, lazy days, but make some time to stay abreast of the critical issues facing women and promise yourself to take action. One letter to a representative or letter to the editor goes a long way. Sign a petition for necessary changes. Keep yourself up to date on the gender pay gap; on efforts to raise the minimum wage (critical to women, especially single mothers since so many work in low-paying jobs); on efforts to pass the Family Act.

Raise your voice about Human Trafficking. Find out which products you use and corporations with which you engage have poor track records on the issue. Then, tell them you will no longer use their products or services. Vow not to use the words "child prostitution" and instead call it what it is – child rape! While you're thinking about language, start calling the men (and I use the term loosely) who pay for sex with children what they are – rapists! Sanitized language always works against the oppressed. Just ask George Orwell!

Keep up with efforts to undermine reproductive rights and speak out against them. California is on the leading edge of protecting our rights, but our sisters in other states need our help. And, as we send our children of both sexes off to college be aware of and participate in efforts to end sexual violence on campus.

Looks like it's going to be a busy summer!

YOU CAN PAY YOUR DUES ON LINE!!!!

1. Google AAUW.org **2.** Click on Member Tools **3.** Login (Use your member number and password or go down to First time logging in? You will need to register. Click on need to register. You will create a password.) **4.** On next screen choose Member Service Database (MSD) and click on Enter here. **5.** Click on Enter Member Services Database **6.** On the left near the bottom you will see Membership Payment Program (MPP) and under that click on Renew My Membership. **7.** You will see a page with your information. Scroll down to Membership Renewal Dues Payment Process (by Credit Card). Click the dot to the left of your type of credit card and fill in the blanks.

You will receive a receipt by email and a copy of the receipt will be sent to the Branch financial officer. The process is very safe, complete - a very easy way to pay your dues.

Sharon Heck, President

**Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women (AAUW)
2014-2015 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 (____) _____

*Cellphone (____) _____

*Fax (____) _____

*Email address _____

Degree _____ Year _____

Major _____

College/University _____

Degree _____ Year _____

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College/University _____

Degree _____ Year _____

Major _____

College/University _____

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 of all members. **New members must complete all information.**

Reminder: \$86 of your dues are tax deductible.

GREATER WHITTIER AREA AAUW BRANCH CALENDAR JUNE 2014



DAY	DATE	TIME	
Monday	2	10:00 AM	Morning Book , Judy Flanders
Tuesday	3	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Thursday	5	8:00 AM	Walkers Section , La Mirada Creek Park
Friday	6	6:00 PM	First Friday , Jack and Fay Weber
Sunday	8	4:00 PM	The New Phoenix , Downey Civic Theater
Thursday	12	8:00 AM	Walkers Section , Whittwood Town Center
Thursday	12	3:30ish PM	Showgirls , Whittier Village Theaters
Saturday	14	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , Radisson, Whittier
Tuesday	17	8:30 AM	Gardening Section , Virginia Robinson Garden
Thursday	19	8:00 AM	Walkers Section , Murphy Ranch Park
Wednesday	25	1:30 PM	Memories , Judy Flanders
Thursday	26	8:00 AM	Walkers Section , La Mirada Regional Park
Thursday	26	7:00 PM	Modern Trends , Kristine Yeseta
Monday	30		DUES ARE DUE
AUGUST			
Thursday	14	9:00 AM	MLSF , First Friends Church, Library

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: HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

Please send articles by email to christineheller@earthlink.net
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