



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

<http://whittier-ca.aauw.net>



Saturday, December 6, 11:30 AM

Elks Club, Whittier

Reservations due December 1

Our December program will feature the Rowland Heights Choir with Director Jolene Sampson. The choir will perform a variety of holiday favorites for our entertainment. This is the same choir that performed two years ago and was quite a big hit. So dust off your party shoes and be ready to start the 2014 holiday season!

Rozanne Child

Join us for the holiday luncheon of braised beef tips, mixed green salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert, coffee, tea and water. Vegetarian meals are: Vegetable Pasta Florentine, Fettuccine Alfredo and pasta with mixed vegetables (advance notice required). We will be served by the Elks Lodge Gun Club. Doggie bag upon request. Table decorations provided by the Gardening Section. If you have not made a reservation for the Branch meeting, please do so right away (deadline December 1). Please send an email to DeDe Shatzen at Lsecret@earthlink.net. If you are without email, call DeDe at 310-617-7768. Your reservation will be confirmed. Cost of lunch is \$25. We will be in the Ballroom. The entrance is in the back of the Elks Lodge; steps and ramp access. Parking in the back. Look for the AAUW signs. Elks Lodge is located at 13620 Whittier Blvd., Whittier.

DeDe Shatzen

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Don't forget to use our
Branch Website!
<http://whittier-ca.aauw.net>

*For comments or questions
please contact Sharon Heck,
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I know we talked about the theme for this year being taking action – doing just one extra good or helpful thing. I'm beginning to think the theme should have been, "where did the time go". It's really difficult to believe that the holidays are upon us. Whatever you and your loved ones celebrate, in whatever way you celebrate, I wish you joy and happiness, peace and contentment. Don't let the holidays get you too stressed. Remember to take a little time for yourself, as well. Now, if only I can remember to take my own good advice.

There will certainly be no shortage of opportunities in the next several weeks to take actions that benefit women, the community and the world and I know AAUW members are always willing to participate.

We had a wonderful new member event on November 11, arranged by the Positive Past Presidents and hosted by Sharon Heck. It was really gratifying to see how AAUW members go out of their way to make newcomers feel welcomed and included. I love that about our group.

I want to remind you all about the Boutique. We've been storing lots of great stuff at my home and it will be ready for you to purchase on December 6th. Remember, this is the only fund-raiser we have for the Branch. All of our other activities go to fund our mission activities – scholarships, Tech Trek, etc.

The December Branch meeting with our boutique (See Shirley's article on the Boutique for times, etc.) and holiday program is a wonderful opportunity to bring friends. There will be lots of great bargains - jewelry (costume and real); beautiful baskets; gift cards; a weekend getaway and even helicopter rides. Besides, who doesn't love to shop and meet new people? An added plus, DeDe Shatzen has arranged for waiter service for lunch, so no standing in line.

Looking forward to seeing you on December 6.

Patricia Cuocco

POSITIVE PAST PRESIDENTS

Positive Past Presidents Christmas party will be held Monday, December 8, at 6 PM, at the New Canton restaurant on Philadelphia in Whittier. Suggested gifts for the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter are gift cards for local businesses. Please reserve your spot with Jan Berry, littlebit1023@gmail.com. or 562-691-6859.



PUBLIC POLICY



First, thanks to all of you who voted (I hope that does include all). AAUW-backed Propositions 1 (water system bond) and 47 (crime reclassification) passed. Those opposed by AAUW, Propositions 45 (insurance company rates) and 46 (increase of cap on medical lawsuits) went down to defeat. Positions taken by AAUW are based on its Public Policy Program, which leads us to a second task.

AAUW's Public Policy Program (PPP) Committee would like your input on the proposed changes to PPP for 2015-2017. The policy is revised every two years and voted on at the AAUW national convention in the spring. The revised program is then used to advocate for women and girls at all levels of government. If you haven't looked at the PPP in a while, you can go over it online – just type in “AAUW Public Policy Program Brochure.” You will see that there are three general divisions; education, economic self-sufficiency and civil and constitutional rights. You can find the proposed changes for 2015-2017 in the following way:

Go to “AAUW.org” - click on “Resources” - scroll down and click on “Election” - scroll down and click on “Comment on the PPP” under the picture of the Capitol - click on red-highlighted “Public Policy Program” and you will see what changes are suggested. Going back to the previous page will give you the steps needed to submit your suggestions.

The deadline for submitting your ideas is December 15, which was extended from December 5. Your input is highly valued.

Now, in the spirit of the season, I wish you all meaningful and joyous holidays.

Carole Restovich

ST. MATTHIAS SOUP HOUR AND SUPPORTING THE HOMELESS

Please remember to bring your donations to our December 6 meeting. What better way to share the holiday spirit than by helping the homeless! No donation is too small and is much appreciated by the people of St. Matthias who work so hard all year long to help the homeless.

Any questions, please contact me.
Shirley Stewart
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FUNDS AND PROJECTS



AAUW FUNDS

In the previous two articles the Educational Opportunities Fund and Legal Advocacy Funds were described. This month will feature another part of the program - the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, which supports AAUW research to provide analysis, data and accurate information about issues that are important to women and girls.

Past reports include “Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math” (STEM)- (2010) “Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School” (2011), and “The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap” (2013). These reports are well known in the academic world and are often the basis of print and televised news stories.

Your contribution to AAUW Funds can be designated to any of these funds or to General Support. Remember the deadline for your 2014 tax deductible contribution is December 1 (or shortly thereafter). You can donate at www.aauw.org/contribute or by mailing a check to AAUW, P.O. Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045. If you mail your contribution be sure to credit Greater Whittier Area Branch - CA0124. (If available, you can use the yellow envelopes distributed at the November Branch meeting.)

If you have any questions about this procedure, please contact me.

Please notify me that you have made a contribution so we can be sure that our Branch is credited. Thank you!

Dolores Seidman
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323-721-8230

MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Myra Long Scholarship Fund directors held their quarterly meeting in November. Brent Berry gave an update on the investments at B. B. Graham and a decision was made to sell the oil stocks and invest in Costco. The Tech Trek, Math/Science Conference, and Scholarship committees are functioning and preparing for early 2015. Pasadena Showcase of Design House docent shifts will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings April 21 - May 14. Volunteers will be sought after the holidays to fill the four-hour shifts and raise funds for MLSF. Kaye Kidwell, president-elect, will send letters to all members requesting donations to the fund. We have under management at this point approximately \$150,000. The next Directors’ meeting will be February 5, 9 AM, in the Library at First Friends Church.

Gwen Woirhaye

MEMBERSHIP

Let's All Work to Grow GWA-AAUW!

Recruiting people can be awkward and uncomfortable, but using this resource will show you how to focus on getting to know the person and what she wants so that you can invite her to participate in a way that is meaningful to her.

Belief in the Mission: The number one reason people get involved in AAUW is passion for AAUW's mission and issues. Strong belief in the mission can motivate members to participate.

Professional Development: Many women who are in or are looking to enter the workforce are seeking opportunities that will help them in their careers.

A Desire to Give Back to the Community: Many women are looking for opportunities to make a difference in their local community in a tangible way. AAUW has great opportunities for local support.

Social Interaction: Women who are new to the community or are looking for a group of people they can connect with may be excited to learn about AAUW.

Ask, Inform, Involve, Thank, Repeat

When you are ready to talk to potential members and invite them to join follow these four easy steps.

Ask: Start by getting to know the person you are talking to. Learn about the motivations she may have to join or get involved.

Inform: Share with her what Greater Whittier Area Branch does and focus on the details that are most relevant to her passions and interests.

Involve: Now it's the time to ask her to join. Ask a clear question that requires a definitive answer and try to plug her in to opportunities related to her interests. Often people just pass out a flyer with the information on it, but don't say "Will you join us?".

Thank: No matter whether she says yes, no or maybe, always thank her. Saying thank you is a small way to show appreciation and recognition.

Repeat the Cycle: You can apply it over and over again to engage someone over time. Remember, recruiting is all about relationship building.

Lynda Richardson
Susan Halliday

Greater Whittier Area
American Association of University Woman

Invite you to join us for

Meet & Greet

Bring a friend or a guest!

Friday, January 9, 2015
6:00-8:00pm

Whittier Women's Club
14148 Second Street
Whittier, CA 90605

A chance to mix and mingle over a glass of wine and appetizers in a casual setting, while learning what AAUW is doing in our community and the world.

Guests/Non members free of charge
\$10.00 for current members & spouses

For more information call Lynda Richardson 562 715-5514
or Susan Halliday 562 696-7395



SECTION INFORMATION

MORNING BOOK

Our group will not be meeting in December. On Monday, January 26, we will meet and discuss *The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd. Look for further information in January's newsletter.

Happy Holidays!

Ann Topjon, 562-695-6185

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

International Concerns will celebrate the holiday season with lunch at Thai Table in Whittier. Time is 12:30 on Thursday, December 11. (Note the special time and day!) Please let me know by December 8 if you plan to come, to be sure our table is big enough.

Maurine Behrens
maurineb90601@gmail.com
562-695-8436

NEW PHOENIX December Outing

New Phoenix members and friends will be going to dinner and the theater on Wednesday, December 3rd. Join us for dinner at the California Grill at 6 PM, then walk across Painter to the Shannon Center at Whittier College for the 7:30 PM performance of *It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*. Tickets for the play are \$20 or \$15 for seniors. They are currently on sale and can be purchased at the box office or online.

Peggy Kiefer and Colleen Tan

WALKERS

THURSDAYS 9 AM

DECEMBER

4 La Mirada Creek Park
Meet in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes

11 Arroyo Pescadero
Meet in parking lot off Colima

18 Uptown Whittier – Holiday Decorations
Meet in Central Park on Washington Ave.

25 CHRISTMAS DAY - NO WALK
Happy Holidays!

JANUARY 2015

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY – NO WALK
Happy New Year!

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FIRST FRIDAY

Date: December 5
Time: 6 - 8 PM
Host: Gwen and Mahlon Woirhaye
5810 Friends, Whittier
562-696-6405

Directions:

[5810 Friends Avenue](#), one block west of Painter, one block north of Beverly Blvd. Since our street is now in a Preferential Parking District (darn!) Mahlon will be out [at 5:55](#) to issue temporary parking passes as people arrive.

MEMORIES

Please note the Memories December meeting takes place on Wednesday, December 10 at the home of Helen Rahder, at 12 noon. Helen will graciously supply a buffet lunch before we share our *Legacy Treasures* writing. Perhaps you would like to leave your family or friends a special piece of jewelry, a significant photo, a book, an ornament or a philosophy. The choices are endless, but please choose one to share. If you would like, you may bring the object described. Please let me know if you are attending by replying to this email by December 5.

Because Helen lives in Pasadena, you may wish to carpool. If so, please be at my house, 7008 Bryn Mawr Way behind Whittier College, by 11:15 AM.

Directions:

Freeway: 605 north to 210, west on 210 to Hill (about 12 miles) south (left) on Hill for about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, (just past Pasadena City College and Del Mar) to Rose Villa, turn left on Rose Villa to 1582. PARK IN DRIVEWAY.

Rosemead: Take Rosemead north to California Blvd. (one block past Huntington Dr.) left on California, go about 3 miles to Hill, right on Hill for 3 blocks to Rose Villa to 1582. PARK IN DRIVEWAY.

Questions? Call Carole Restovich at 562-696-0296.

GARDENING

Gardening Luncheon and Planning Meeting

Do you enjoy visiting beautiful gardens and learning about interesting plants? Then the Gardening section is your bouquet of flowers. On Monday, December 15, at 11 AM there will be a planning meeting and potluck luncheon at the home of Ellen Peck. All are invited. Ellen will serve a traditional Mexican Christmas meal. RSVP at cpeck4@earthlink.net or 562-943-4679 so I can coordinate the side dishes to accompany the main course. To get to my house drive to the end of Mar Vista, tell the guard at the Friendly Hills Gate that you are going to Ellen Peck's home. Drive one block and turn right on Aurora Crest then turn right again on Stoneridge. My home is second from the end of the street on the left, 8156 Stoneridge.

Ellen Peck



MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

Our book club does not meet in December.

On Thursday, January 22, we will meet for dinner or dessert at Marie Callender's in Whittier at 6:15 PM. We will begin discussion at 7 PM. The book is *David and Goliath* by Malcolm Gladwell, author of best selling books *The Tipping Point*, *Blink*, and *Outliers*. He explores the ways we understand and change our world. In *David and Goliath*, Mr. Gladwell looks at complex and surprising ways that the weak defeat the strong. He suggests that goals, often culturally determined, make a difference in our ultimate sense of success. Come join us. We look forward to hearing your views on this book.

Kristine Yeseta, 562-696-0226
Annette Lauritzen, 626-964-1843

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 (_____)_____

*Cell Phone (_____)_____

*Fax (_____)_____

*Email address_____

Degree_____ Year_____ Major_____

College/University_____

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**Please complete and mail your membership application and dues to:
AAUW, Greater Whittier Area 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 BRANCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2014



DAY	DATE	TIME	
Tuesday	2	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Wednesday	3	6:00 PM	New Phoenix , California Grill/Shannon Center
Thursday	4	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , La Mirada Creek Park
Friday	5	6:00 PM	First Friday , Gwen and Mahlon Woirhaye
Saturday	6	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting and Boutique , Elks Club, Whittier
Monday	8	6:00 PM	Positive Past Presidents , New Canton, Philadelphia St.
Wednesday	10	12 Noon	Memories , Helen Rahder
Thursday	11	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Arroyo Pescadero
Thursday	11	12:30 PM	International Concerns , Thai Table, Whittwood
Thursday	11	3:30ish PM	Show Girls , Whittier Village Theaters
Monday	15	11:00 AM	Gardening Section , Ellen Peck
Thursday	18	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Uptown Whittier, Central Park

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 you one. Thank you for your cooperation and for sending in your articles by the 15th of the month.

REMINDER: Please include the day of the week with the date of your event.

Please send articles by email to christineheller@earthlink.net

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