



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY



ATTENTION!

**CHANGE IN LOCATION FOR
MEMBERSHIP MEET AND GREET SOCIAL**

**ASSISTANCE LEAGUE CLUBHOUSE
6339 GREENLEAF, WHITTIER**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 6 – 8 PM

Dear Greater Whittier AAUW Members

Thank you for your great attendance at the holiday meeting. I saw a lot of happy faces and tapping feet as the Rowland Heights Choir performed. The Holiday Boutique was a grand success too. I hope to see you at the meetings scheduled in 2015.

Saturday, February 14 - Bernie De Paolis, Mystery Writer, Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch

Saturday, March 7 - Famous Women GWA-AAUW's Reading, Interpretation, Performance Section

Saturday, April 11 - Dr. Kidogo Kennedy, USC Rossier School of Education

Saturday, May 9 - Las Distinguidas and Tech Trek

Saturday, June 13 - Myra Long Scholarships and Installation of Officers.

Rozanne Child
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Don't forget to use our
Branch Website!
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year, Everyone. I hope this is a healthy, happy and successful year for each of you and a year where we see progress on AAUW's mission and goals. Let's all do what we can to help close the pay gap, shine a spotlight on campus sexual violence and improve conditions for girls and women in general.

I am still riding high on the results of our annual boutique. We made more money than we ever have – over \$3500. These are funds that support the work that our Branch does. So many people are owed thanks for the success of this event. Shirley Stewart did a fabulous job of organizing a group of “elves” that gathered, stored, wrapped, priced and transported the merchandise; set up and cleaned up afterwards. Thanks to Sharon Heck, Pat Dudley, Ann Chambers, Maura Greeley, DeDe Shatzen, Gwen Woirhaye and Diana Clark. Thanks to Barbara Gile who took most of the unsold items to the Women and Children's' Crisis Shelter. A special thank you to all of you who solicited items from merchants, contributed merchandise and who purchased items. Some gift cards that didn't sell at the boutique will be available through silent auction at the February Branch Meeting. Rest assured, we are already working on ideas to make next year's boutique even better.

We won't be having a Branch meeting this month, but I know I'll see over forty of you at the Math/Science Conference on Wednesday, January 28 because you have graciously offered to help with this important event. Sharon Heck has done a fabulous job booking wonderful speakers to inspire the 340 8th grade girls. Thanks to Dolores Seidman for organizing the volunteers and to all of you giving your time to make this a wonderful experience for the girls.

While our December event was very well attended, we have been noticing a small drop off in attendance at Branch meetings. We will likely be conducting a survey in the spring to identify why this is and what we can do better. Meantime, I would love to hear from you personally if you have any ideas. Feel free to contact me via email patricia@fullerton.edu or phone 562-698-6665. Be aware that if you call, and leave word with my husband, he has a tendency to think he gave me the message when he really has not; so do call back if you don't hear from me.

Patricia Cuocco

POSITIVE PAST PRESIDENTS

Positive Past Presidents will celebrate Chinese New Year on Friday, February 20, 6 PM, at The Silver Palace, 15326 Whittier Blvd. All AAUW members are invited, along with guests. Reservations should be made with Colleen Tan, 562-698-4934.

Gwen Woirhaye

MEMBERSHIP

Last month we talked about working together to grow GWA-AAUW by inviting others to join. The article addressed that it may feel a bit awkward and uncomfortable but by focusing on why people want to get involved helps direct the conversation: Belief in the Mission, Professional Development, A Desire to Give Back to the Community and Social Interaction. The article suggested four easy steps to follow: ask, inform, involve, thank, and then repeat.

It's time to practice what we've learned and invite some friends or new acquaintances to come to **GWA-AAUW's Meet & Greet Social**, Friday, **January 9th** from 6 – 8 PM, at the **Assistance League Clubhouse**, 6339 Greenleaf, Whittier. The evening will give us a chance to mix and mingle with current friends and meet new potential members and to share some of what AAUW is doing in our community and in the world. It will be a fun evening for mingling, eating, and sharing. See the attached flyer. *Won't you please come?*

You can make reservations by sending 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. The cost to members and spouses will be \$10. There is no charge for guests and potential members.

Reservations need to be made by Tuesday, January 6th.

Lynda Richardson
Susan Halliday

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

As immediate past president I get to be chair of the nominations committee this year. We will be meeting in January, so if you would like to serve on the committee, and/or serve as an officer in the 2015-2016 year, please email or call me. We have a wonderful organization and good leadership is key. Everyone does her job, so things run very smoothly. Come join the team!

Sharon Heck
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562-698-0476

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

Note Change in Venue!
Assistance League of Whittier
6339 Greenleaf Avenue
Whittier, CA 90601
562 693-6533

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/reservation call:
Susan Halliday 562-696-7395
Lynda Richardson 562 715-5514



PUBLIC POLICY

As we continue on in the holiday season, our thoughts turn to a new year filled with possibilities. In AAUW's Action arm, we see women's issues such as rape (especially on campus and in the military), abortion and equal pay continuing to take the spotlight and rightly so. But, because AAUW so wholeheartedly promotes college access for all women, I would like to address a problem many young people (both male and female) face for many years, if not for their entire lives - student loan repayment.

Just this December we read that the state university system received the greatest number of applicants in its history, the largest group being freshmen. The quandary for the universities is finding places for more students even if Gov. Brown's proposed budget increase of 1 percent is raised. Many students find it difficult to complete their studies in four years as it is. The average undergraduate student loan debt for 2011-12 was \$26,600. With California's economic climate only creeping up in its recovery, more students rely on student loans for a longer period of time and, thus, repayment often takes ten years or more. Repayment for women is a special burden since they make less over the course of their lives than their male counterparts. According to AAUW's *Graduating to a Pay Gap*, 47 percent of women were paying 8 per cent of their earnings toward their debt. 39 percent of men did.

What can we do as parents, grandparents, and even great-grandparents? Of course, if we have the resources, we can help with college expenses, which have climbed much higher than salaries over the last decades. We can help search for grants and scholarships. But, if all else fails, and students must take out a government loan, which is especially true for those who come from an economically disadvantaged background, we can contact our senators to:

- a. Encourage a bill to support fair student financing. While women working full time still continue to make less than men, even after controlling for student majors, occupation, hours worked and geographic area, their repayment is the same.
- b. Format a bill to allow students to refinance and lower their interest rates as is done for other types of loans.

As with other issues, a quick way of contacting our senators about student loan reform is through the *Two-Minute Activist* on the national AAUW website. It really does take only two minutes (or less). As we wish each other a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year, let's remember that we need to do all we can to be sure it is an equitable one, as well.

Carole Restovich

FUNDS AND PROJECTS



AAUW FUNDS

In the previous three articles The Educational Opportunities Fund, The Legal Advocacy Fund, and the Eleanor Roosevelt Funds were described. This month will feature another part of the program, The Leadership Programs Fund, which supports programs that develop women's potential to lead in their schools, communities and country. These programs include:

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders - (affectionately called NCCWSL) Attendees develop their leadership skills at an intensive three-day conference held annually in Washington, D.C. (At this year's Southern California AAUW Funds Luncheon we heard from a young woman from CSULB, Shannon Cholakian, who was an attendee and impressed us with her leadership skills. In fact she has now established an AAUW Branch on her campus at Long Beach!)

Campus Action Projects - AAUW awards grants to campus leaders to deliver programs guided by AAUW research to address a gender-based issue in their communities.

Elect Her - Campus Women Win - This program teaches leaders the skills they need to run for student government.

Dolores Seidman

MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The annual meeting of the Myra Long Scholarship Fund committee will take place Thursday, February 5, 9 AM, in the Library at First Friends Church. We will be raising funds as docents for Pasadena Showcase House Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings April 21 through May 14. Signups for slots will start in February. We earn \$40 for every shift worked so please be prepared to participate. It is fun and a great way to increase our funding for scholarships, Math/Science Conference and Tech Trek.

Gwen Woirhaye 562-696-6405

AAUW MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE FOR 8TH GRADE GIRLS

All systems are "GO" for our Math/Science Conference, Wednesday, January 28, at Whittier College. As of today, December 15, all 20 women speakers with careers in Math/Science related fields have committed, and I have received all of the lists of students and their speaker choices from the 27 invited schools. We have more than 40 volunteers and they will arrive on campus early to help us. Sharon Herzberger, President of Whittier College, and Whittier Mayor Cathy Warner will serve as keynote speakers to begin the day in our 9:15 AM opening sessions. The 340 students will return to their schools after the third workshop at 12:45 PM. Lunch will then be served to the speakers and volunteers. This will be our 22nd Annual Conference and it will be another wonderful day for everyone.

DINING 4 \$\$\$\$\$

Dining 4 \$\$\$\$\$ 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 that we need to 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 January will be a GREAT opportunity to end the busy Holiday Season on a relaxing, no-stress note!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Wednesday, January 21, 2015
El Cholo's Mexican Restaurant
4 PM – 9 PM
840 E. Whittier Blvd., La Habra
Next to The Cat Restaurant (formerly The Cat & the Custard Cup)

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Hope you all enjoyed the Holiday Luncheon and Boutique

It was our best ever!

A very special THANKS to all the ladies who worked on putting everything together.

Thanks to all those who donated the wonderful items for auction and bid on the items so we could make money for our Branch.

Shirley Stewart

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Thanks to all who gave donations to our homeless in December.

Cold weather is upon us and the homeless could use socks, gloves, caps and hats to keep them warm. Food is always needed.

Keep up the good work.

Shirley Stewart

A festive background featuring a large yellow balloon on the left, a large red balloon in the upper center, and a large blue balloon on the right. The background is filled with colorful confetti in various shapes and colors (red, green, blue, yellow, orange) scattered across a light blue gradient.

DINING 4 \$\$\$\$\$

American Association of University Women Greater Whittier Branch

Will have a "Dinner at El Cholo" night on

**Wednesday, January 21, 2015
From 4pm – 9pm**

**El Cholo Mexican Restaurant
840 E. Whittier Blvd., La Habra
will donate 25% of your total bill to GWA AAUW
Dine-in or Take Out**

To participate in our fundraising event, you must present this flyer to your server or the cashier. No other coupons, discounts or script may be used during our fundraising event. Please, NO soliciting on premises.



SECTION INFORMATION

MORNING BOOK

We begin 2015 by reading and discussing Sue Monk Kidd's *The Invention of Wings*, based in part on the historic Quaker figures of Sarah and Angelina Grimke, set in the early 1800's. It follows Sarah and her 10 year old handmaid, Handful, over a period of 35 years as both "strive for lives of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement, and the uneasy ways of love." Please join us for discussion on Monday, January 26, at 10 AM at Ann Farmer's, 6146 Southwind Dr., Whittier. Carole Duff will provide refreshments, and I will lead our conversation. I look forward to seeing you all.

Directions to Ann Farmer's house: North on Painter to Hadley. East (right) on Hadley to Southwind; north (left) on Southwind up the hill. 6146 is on the right side of the street (562-698-2074).

Books we will be reading the rest of the year:

March 23: *Night in Shanghai*, by Nicole Mones

June 1: *Wives of Henry Oades*, by Johanna Moran

July 27: *China Dolls*, by Lisa See

Ann Topjon, 562-695-6185

MYSTERY MAVENS Wednesday, January 21, 6:30 PM

The Firemaker, by Peter May
Reviewer - Marsha Davies

Margaret Campbell, a Chicago forensic pathologist, has been invited by the Chinese government to teach at the Beijing police university. Arriving in Beijing, she checks "Nothing to declare" on the health declaration they gave her on the plane - nothing, that is, "except a broken heart and a wasted life, neither of which was contagious"

She gets off to a bad start when her car knocks senior detective Li Yan off his bicycle. In a furious clash, he dresses her down in perfect English. But Li soon finds himself reintroduced to Margaret by his superiors when the newly promoted detective's first case requires Margaret's special expertise to identify a horrible burned corpse. Thrown together to track down the killer, Margaret and Li must bury their personal and cultural differences when they uncover a conspiracy that threatens not only their lives, but also the lives of millions.

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

Reservations - Carol K. Anderson, 562-943-0728

WALKERS

THURSDAYS 9 AM

JANUARY

1 NO WALK

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

15 Whittwood Town Center
Meet in front of Panera Bakery

22 Greenway Trail, Palm Park
Meet in parking lot

29 Murphy Ranch Park, end of Youngwood
Meet in parking lot

Shirley A Stewart
shirleys.creations@verizon.net
562-944-4556

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, January 20 with Ellen Larson (Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd., #2D). Barbara Gile will lead the discussion of US Trade Policy.

If you want Great Decisions 2015, let Ellen know immediately. Books will be \$22.

For further information contact Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436 or maurineb90601@gmail.com.

RIP

The Reading, Interpretation, Performance section will meet on Thursday, January 22, at 10 AM at the home of Carole Restovich, 7008 Bryn Mawr in Whittier. We will be rehearsing for the program at the March 7, AAUW Branch meeting. This is a readers group and open to all who have an interest in Famous Women.

For more information please contact Colleen Tan at 562-698-4934.

Directions:

From Painter go east on Philadelphia past Whittier College. The first street on the right is Bryn Mawr and Carole's house is the second house on the left side of the street.

LA CUISINE

La Cuisine will gather for a family-style dinner at *Ciao Italia* on Philadelphia in Whittier, Saturday, January 24. Please save the date and watch for further information in January.

Gen'nel Walters and Carol Shupek, Hosts

FIRST FRIDAY

Date: January 2

CANCELLED

GARDENING

MEMORIES

Happy New Year! Memories, however, will take one last look at 2014 in terms of what it taught us about ourselves, about the world, about those around us. Of course, if this doesn't peak your interest, any topic you choose to write about is fine. The meeting takes place on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 PM at a member's home EXCEPT FOR THIS MONTH when the meeting will be held on JANUARY 21 at the home of Carole Restovich. (This month the last Wednesday happens to be Math/Science Day at Whittier College). Everyone is welcome and can join at any time. We write for the sheer fun of creating, for documenting our family's history, for clarifying our thoughts. We read our offerings aloud to an accepting and encouraging group of women. The varied interpretations of the topic are always a highlight. We laugh, we cry (sometimes), but always enjoy the moment. For questions, call Carole at 562-696-0296.

Directions to Carole's house: 7008 Bryn Mawr Way is directly behind Whittier College, just off Philadelphia.

Yes it is a NEW YEAR and there will be many NEW activities for the Gardening Section. Iris Harris has planned our first outing, which will be on Friday, January 16 to the Los Angeles Arboretum. We will meet at 9 AM at the Ralphs' parking lot on the corner of Whittier Blvd. and Colima and carpool to the Arboretum. Admission and tram ride will be about \$8. We should be back in Whittier about 1:30. This trip is open to all continuing garden members and anyone else who would like to join us and visit the Arboretum.

RSVP to Ellen Peck 562-943-4679, or email cpeck4@earthlink.net.



MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

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

JANUARY 2015



DAY	DATE	TIME	
Tuesday	6	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Thursday	8	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , La Mirada Creek Park
Thursday	8	3:30 PM	Showgirls , Whittier Village Theaters
Friday	9	6:00 PM	Meet and Greet Social , Assistance League Clubhouse
Thursday	15	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Whittwood, Panera Bakery
Friday	16	9:00 AM	Gardening , Los Angeles Arboretum, Meet at Ralphs
Tuesday	20	10:00 AM	International Concerns , Ellen Larson
Wednesday	21	1:30 PM	Memories , Carole Restovich
Wednesday	21	4 - 9 PM	Dining for \$\$\$\$\$, El Cholo, La Habra
Wednesday	21	6:30 PM	Mystery Mavens , Marie Callender's, Library Room
Thursday	22	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Greenway Trail, Palm Park
Thursday	22	10:00 AM	RIP , Carole Restovich
Thursday	22	6:15 PM	Modern Trends in Literature , Marie Callender's
Saturday	24	TBD	La Cuisine , Ciao Italia, Whittier
Monday	26	10:00 AM	Morning Book , Ann Farmer
Wednesday	28	9:15 AM	Math/Science Conference , Whittier College
Thursday	29	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Murphy Ranch 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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