



# GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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



Saturday, October 11, 11:30 AM  
**Public Policy Meeting**  
Elks Club, Club Room, Whittier

Reservations due **Monday, October 6**

Carol Restovich, public policy chair and Patricia Cuocco, president, will be presenting an overview of the November 2014 ballot initiatives. They will provide information on exactly what the initiatives will do, and what the legislative analyst says about the measures. They will also cover both AAUW's and the League of Women's Voters' positions if one is taken. In addition, arguments of the supporters and the opposition will be provided along with as much information as possible on where the money is coming from for both pro and con positions.

Lunch will be Teriyaki chicken breast, mixed green salad, rice, stir fried rice, vegetables, dessert, coffee, tea and water. Vegetarian meals are: Vegetable Pasta Florentine, Fettuccine Alfredo and pasta with mixed vegetables (advance notice required). Doggie bag upon request. Table decorations will be

by Modern Trends in Literature. If you have not made a reservation for the Branch meeting, please do so right away (deadline October 6). Please send an email to DeDe Shatzen at [Lsecret@earthlink.net](mailto:Lsecret@earthlink.net). If you are without email, call DeDe at 310-617-7768. Your reservation will be confirmed. Cost of lunch is \$20. Park in the back by the side entrance where we entered for the last meeting.

Hospitality's dolly/cart was loaned to an AAUW member several months ago and has not been returned. Please check your garage or storage area to see if it was accidentally stored away. Please bring the dolly/cart to the luncheon or call DeDe Shatzen (310-617-7768) and she will come and pick it up. Thank you!

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Branch Website!  
<http://whittier-ca.aauw.net>

*For comments or questions  
please contact Sharon Heck,  
Website Manager  
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562-698-0476.*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Ahh! It's autumn! I love the smell of politics in the morning! OK, so I'm a political junkie. One of the real joys of AAUW for me is being surrounded by interested and engaged women. I wish that were the case in the general population. Two statistics I heard or read this weekend horrified me. The first is that 50 percent of the population does not know that we are having Congressional mid-term elections this November. Even if that is a gross exaggeration and it is off by half, thinking that a quarter of the population isn't interested in elections for our federal representatives is mind-boggling. Is it any wonder nothing gets done in Washington when "they" know so few of us are paying attention? The other horrible statistics surrounded the gubernatorial race here in California. According to the LA Times, 50 percent of likely voters don't know the name of Jerry Brown's challenger and 15 percent of the population thinks Arnold Schwarzenegger is still Governor. Your good deed for the month could very well be to help get the vote out among your friends and family and to stay abreast of the situation on the ballot initiatives. Be sure to see the information on our October program in this newsletter.

If you weren't with us at the September meeting, you really missed a good time. The Elks Club made us feel very welcome and the food was delicious. DeDe Shatzen did an amazing job of getting it all organized, with special assistance on traffic flow from retired elementary school principal and experienced Elk Club event attendee, Pat Dudley. Most of all, the program was outstanding. Kerri Lumbert inspired us to get moving and keep moving for good health, strength and stamina regardless of our age, current shape and our real or imagined obstacles to exercise. Those of you who wish to contact Kerri, a registered kinesiologist, or get more information on her classes may email her at [fitfun4everyone@yahoo.com](mailto:fitfun4everyone@yahoo.com).

Hope to see you all at our October meeting!

Patricia Cuocco, President

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## Greater Whittier Area AAUW Growing Numbers

At our last Branch meeting Lynda and Susan (membership co-chairs) talked about how nicely our membership numbers are growing. At that time we had over 150 paid members. Just a few minutes ago we received notice that we have 4 more folks who renewed or joined. Fantastic!

### **Our Vision is Simple**

We bring people together for the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.

### **Our Mission is Sound**

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Remember that our entire Branch, yes that means YOU too, is on the membership committee. It's up to all of us to ask our friends, neighbors, new acquaintances and others we may know or meet to join us as we support equity for women and girls.

Susan Halliday

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## **PUBLIC POLICY**

I know I don't have to convince you to vote in the November 4 election. AAUW women (and men) are intelligent, active members of their communities and realize the importance of voting. Yet, we can always learn more, especially about the sometimes-convoluted propositions on our ballots. Luckily this year, the measures on the November 4 ballot are fairly straightforward and relatively few in number. The October 11 AAUW luncheon will spotlight the six propositions on the ballot without weighing you down with a myriad of details and arguments. Patricia Cuocco and I will give essential background information and pros and cons about each of the six measures in a succinct manner. I wish we could put all six to music and entertain you with some soft shoe numbers, but we will settle for Patricia's Power Point to help move the program along. Invite a friend – there's always someone who feels overwhelmed about voting on issues.

AAUW's state committee on Public Policy studied the six propositions according to the priorities for action set by AAUW for 2013-2015 and they came up with four positions.

1. Proposition 1 – Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure – AAUW support position
2. Proposition 2 – Budget Stabilization Account – AAUW neutral position
3. Proposition 45 – Healthcare Insurance - AAUW oppose position
4. Proposition 46 – Drug Testing of Doctors; Negligence Lawsuits – AAUW oppose position
5. Proposition 47 – Criminal Sentences – AAUW support position
6. Proposition 48 – Indian Gaming Compacts – no position (not related to AAUW priorities)

In addition, there are a number of bills of AAUW interest on the governor's desk as of the writing of this article, September 12. Governor Brown is expected to sign or veto them by the end of September. Many of you may have responded to the Action Alerts in support of the following: SB 477 (Human Trafficking), SB 1053 (Contraceptives) and AB 2350 (Pregnant Graduate Students). The Public Policy section on the AAUW California web site has a tracking section showing the progress of AAUW-supported bills. You might consider taking a few minutes to explore this wonderful storehouse of information.

Carole Restovich

## **YEARBOOKS**

The 2014-15 Yearbooks are here and were distributed to those in attendance at the September meeting and mailed to those who paid in advance for that service. The books will be available at the October and November meetings. You may ask a friend to pick up your book for you or you can call Susan Halliday or Patricia Cuocco to arrange for pick up. FYI, we also have 6"x 9" gray, 3 ring binders available for the yearbooks for \$6. Ask Susan or Patricia.

## **TECH TREK**

GWA-AAUW sponsored ten girls' scholarships at Whittier College Tech Trek camp this past June. They enjoyed their experience and the Tech Trek committee will share information about activities and reactions with everyone at our October luncheon. We have seen some positive outcomes as well as shortcomings, so we hope to explain each of these areas and what our Branch can do to improve and support the Tech Trek Whittier College program going forward.

Ann Chambers and Pat Dudley

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# FUNDS

## AAUW FUNDS

### AAUW FUNDS- 101

Last month's newsletter article listed each fund with a brief explanation and a promise to describe each fund in future articles. When you donate, you may designate the fund. Note that the **deadline for the 2014-year is December 1** for your tax-deductible donation.

Since this month will feature the AAUW Funds Fall Luncheon honoring the Fellows who received grants from the Educational Opportunities Fund it will be highlighted in this issue. There are 5 types:

- 1- **American Fellowships** - For women completing dissertations or doing post-doc research
- 2- **Career Development Grants** - For women wanting to advance their careers or re-enter workforce
- 3- **Selected Professions Fellowships** - For women in architecture, computers, engineering or math
- 4- **Community Action Grants** - Provides seed money to women, AAUW branches or nonprofits for innovative programs. (California's Tech Trek program began this way!)
- 5- **International Fellowships** - For women who are not U.S. citizens studying in the U.S.

Want to know more? How much are these grants? Go to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org).

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Funds Branch Director  
[Deeseidman@gmail.com](mailto:Deeseidman@gmail.com) or 323-721-8230

## AAUW Funds Fall Luncheon Sunday, October 19, 12 – 3 PM

You are invited to a celebration luncheon honoring the 2014-15 Funds Fellows and Grant Recipients in California. This is a wonderful way to hear from many of the Fellows who are studying here. You can see where your donations are going! It will be held at the Old Ranch Country Club, 3901 Lampson, Seal Beach. Luncheon is \$40 per person and choices are grilled chicken cobb salad or vegetarian cobb salad. The easiest way to register is to go on-line at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org). or mail a check payable to AAUW CA to 1331 Garden Hwy. #100, Sacramento, CA 95833. **Deadline is October 8.** If you are attending and wish to carpool, contact Dolores Seidman at [deeseidman@gmail.com](mailto:deeseidman@gmail.com) or phone 323-721-8230.

## HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Items for the Holiday boutique are due by November 8. You may bring items to the Branch meeting or deliver them to

Pat Dudley  
15718 Lindskog  
Whittier, 90603  
562-947-4269

or

Sharon Heck  
6032 Comstock  
Whittier, 90601  
562-698-0476

Please remember to call and **PLEASE** clean used items before dropping them off.

### ITEMS NEEDED

- Gift Cards
- Tickets to Events
- Gifts of Services (Spa, Tennis/Golf Lessons etc.)
- New Household and Decorator Items
- New Clothing and Accessories
- Very Gently Used or Worn Items – Cleaned Please!  
Gently worn means no cracks, breaks or missing pieces.  
Those items do not sell and we have to dispose of them.
- Jewelry – Costume or Real
- Gift Baskets
- Etc.

Shirley Stewart and Committee

## AAUW 2014-15 CHARITY

This year we have chosen St. Matthias Church as our charity. St. Matthias has a great program for the homeless. Monday through Friday they serve a hot meal to anyone in need. So many would otherwise go hungry, if it were not for this program. They have a post office where the homeless can pick up their mail. They give out food, hygiene items, quarters to do laundry, bus tokens and much more.

We hope you will all join us in helping St. Matthias to help the homeless.

ITEMS NEEDED: Bus tokens - quarters – money – food – socks - hats (summer sun or baseball caps/winter warm caps - underwear--hand sanitizer gel (small 1 oz. size) - bars of soap (they cut into fourths) - empty medicine bottles (labels removed) for shampoo - large bottles of shampoo - etc.

Mark your calendar and bring something to each of our monthly meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

THANKS to all for your support.

Shirley A Stewart  
562-944-4556

[shirleys.creations@verizon.net](mailto:shirleys.creations@verizon.net)

## HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



Saturday, December 6

### BOUTIQUE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

- Helicopter Ride
- Condo at San Simeon

More to Come!



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## SECTION INFORMATION

### MORNING BOOK

We will not be meeting this month. The book for discussion on Monday, November 24 is *Orphan Train*, by Christine Baker Kline.

Additional information will be in the November newsletter. Below are the other books we will be reading this year.

January 25: *The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd

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

### FRIENDLY BRIDGE

Fourth Saturday 1 PM to 4-ish  
New Section!

Reservations are necessary. Please notify  
Mary Ellen Mead at 562-693-6482.

### INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

International Concerns will meet on Tuesday, October 21 at 10 AM with Ellen Larson (12031 Beverly Blvd. #2D, Whittier). We will discuss *Food and Climate*. All interested members are invited to come! For further information contact Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436 or [maurineb90601@gmail.com](mailto:maurineb90601@gmail.com).

### MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

Modern Trends will meet Thursday, October 23 at the home of Carol Shupek, 6204 Southwind, Whittier, at 7 PM.

*The Lost Wife*, by Alyson Richman will be reviewed by Dolores Seidman.

Star-crossed lovers are separated during WWII in Richman's heart-wrenching fourth novel. Josef and Lenka meet as students in Prague in 1936 and fall instantly in love. Three years later, with the Nazis crossing the border, they rush to marry, but circumstances then force them apart. Lenka remains in Europe, and Josef flees to America. For sixty-one years, each believes the other dead until they meet by chance at the wedding of their grandchildren, leading them to reflect on the past and the separate lives they've led: Josef ended up in New York, becoming a successful obstetrician because he was "tired of being haunted by death." Lenka wasn't so lucky. She's sent to a work camp, where her artistic talents connect her to "an underground network of painters illustrating the atrocities" of the Jewish ghettos. From there she is sent to Auschwitz. Richman (*The Last Van Gogh*) once again finds inspiration in art, adding evocative details to a swiftly moving and emotionally charged plot. Richman's incremental descent into the horrors of the Holocaust lends enormous power to Lenka's experience and makes her reunion with Josef all the more poignant. Though the framing device of the decades-long separation can be cloying, this is a genuinely moving portrait.

Kristine Yeseta

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## RIP - READING, INTERPRETATION AND PERFORMANCE (AGAIN)

The next meeting of RIP, AGAIN will be on Wednesday, October 8, at 10 AM at the home of Ellen Peck, 8156 Stoneridge, Whittier. At the meeting we will begin planning for our performance at a Branch meeting scheduled for later this year. The theme of our performance is *Wonderful Women*, so come with ideas of some noteworthy women. These wonderful women can be living or dead, and from any country. There will be scripts from a similar program RIP did several years ago. Colleen will bring refreshments and I will provide coffee and tea. The meeting will be about an hour or an hour and a half.

Directions. Go north on Colima, turn right on Mar Vista, stop at the guard gate and mention that you are going to the home of Ellen Peck. Continue through the gate and turn right on Aurora Crest and right again on Stoneridge. My home is on the left, second from the end of the street. All members are welcome.

## NEW PHOENIX

A group of ten New Phoenix and RIP members enjoyed *Once Upon A Mattress* at the Huntington Beach Playhouse and a wonderful Chinese dinner afterward.

Save the evening of Wednesday, December 3 for the next outing of the New Phoenix. Details will be in the November newsletter.

Peggy Kiefer and Colleen Tan

## LA CUISINE

**PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION!**

**THE DATE FOR THE MARCH DINNER IS  
SATURDAY, MARCH 7**

## WALKERS THURSDAYS 9 AM NOTE TIME CHANGE!

### OCTOBER

- 2 La Mirada Creek Park  
Meet in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes
- 9 Schabarum Park on Colima  
Meet in parking lot by the front entrance kiosk
- 16 Arroyo Pescadero Park off Colima  
North of Mar Vista. Meet in parking lot
- 23 Greenway Trail Lambert and Mills  
Meet under the wind chimes
- 30 Central Park Uptown Whittier  
Meet on Bailey

Hope to see all of you who took the summer off. It's time to get back to walking.

Shirley A Stewart  
[shirleys.creations@verizon.net](mailto:shirleys.creations@verizon.net)  
562-944-4556

## POSITIVE PAST PRESIDENTS

Positive Past Presidents met to plan activities for the year. Each PPP will contribute \$10 for the Holiday Boutique for expenses. Our Christmas party will be Monday, December 8, at the New Canton restaurant on Philadelphia, Whittier. We will be holding two new and prospective member orientation meetings - Tuesday, November 11, 3 - 5 PM at Sharon Heck's home and Wednesday March 18, 3 - 5 PM at Barbara Gile's. We also will be greeting attendees at Branch meetings and looking for ways to support any members who are infirm and need transportation to meetings, meals and any other support that may be needed. Please contact me if you need something or are aware of a member who could use such support.

Gwen Woirhaye, 562-696-6405

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## GARDENING SECTION

### Trip To A Pumpkin Patch!

This adventure proved to be so popular last year that the gardening section is going to do it again. All AAUW members and family and friends are invited to join in the fun.

Have you ever been lost in a corn maze, picked fresh vegetables for dinner right out of the garden, or chosen a traditional or an unusual shaped colored pumpkin still growing on the vine? You can do all this and more on Monday, October 20, when we visit Tanaka Farms in Irvine. At Tanaka we'll enjoy a wagon ride around their 30-acre farm (\$5), find our way through a one-acre corn maze (free), harvest U-pick vegetables (\$2.99 a pound), or select a pumpkin for your Halloween and Thanksgiving decorating. This is a great trip to bring young children who are not yet in school. Adult admission is \$2. Children are free.

Meet at 8:30 AM at Ralphs' parking lot, corner of Whittier and Colima. We will carpool to Irvine. Wear comfortable closed toe shoes, a sun hat and carry a water bottle. RSVP to Ellen Peck by Thursday, October 16 at [cpeck4@earthlink.net](mailto:cpeck4@earthlink.net) or by phone at 562-943-4679. Let me know if you can drive. We should be back in Whittier by 1 or 1:30 PM. This is a new year and the perfect time for all ghosts and goblins to join the gardening section.

Ellen Peck

## KUDOS TO MARGOT!

The members of Greater Whittier Area AAUW wish to thank Margot Kamens for her support, guidance and encouragement in editing the monthly newsletter for so many years. Her knowledge and expertise will certainly be missed by all – the newsletter committee, those who contribute the articles and of course all who read the newsletter. Welcome to Diana Clark who will be replacing Margot as proofreader!

## FIRST FRIDAY

Date: October 3

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Host: Ellen and Craig Peck  
8156 Stoneridge, Whittier  
562-943-4679

Directions to Ellen's home: Going north on Colima, turn right on Mar Vista, stop at the guard gate and mention that you are going to the home of Ellen Peck. Continue through the gate; turn right on Aurora Crest and then right again onto Stoneridge. Ellen's home is on the left at 8156 Stoneridge.

## MEMORIES

Memories will meet Wednesday, October 22 at the home of Ellen Peck at 1:30 PM. Our topic for the month is *Confessions*. The possibilities are endless, of course. It might include incidents involving youthful indiscretions, silly behavior, true feelings about someone or something, midnight chocolate cravings, felonious assault (OK, may not that one). Anyhow, come join us in sharing these written ideas in a totally non-judgmental atmosphere. We are a fun and caring group. All are welcome to attend.

Ellen's home: Going north on Colima, turn right on Mar Vista, stop at the guard gate and mention that you are going to the home of Ellen Peck. Continue through the gate; turn right on Aurora Crest and then right again onto Stoneridge. Ellen's home is on the left at 8156 Stoneridge. Phone: 562-943-4679.



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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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# GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2014



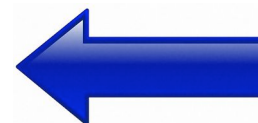
DAY	DATE	TIME	
Thursday	2	9:00 AM	<b>Walkers Section</b> , La Mirada Creek Park
Friday	3	6:00 PM	<b>First Friday</b> , Ellen and Craig Peck
Tuesday	7	7:00 PM	<b>Board Meeting</b> , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Wednesday	8	10:00 AM	<b>RIP Again</b> , Ellen Peck
Thursday	9	9:00 AM	<b>Walkers Section</b> , Schabarum Park
Thursday	9	3:30ish PM	<b>Show Girls</b> , Whittier Village Theaters
Saturday	11	11:30 AM	<b>Branch Meeting</b> , Elks Club, Whittier
Thursday	16	9:00 AM	<b>Walkers Section</b> , Arroyo Pescadero
Sunday	19	12 Noon	<b>AAUW Funds Fall Luncheon</b> , Old Ranch Country Club
Monday	20	8:30 AM	<b>Gardening Section</b> , Tanaka Farms, Irvine
Tuesday	21	10:00 AM	<b>International Concerns</b> , Ellen Larson
Wednesday	22	1:30 PM	<b>Memories</b> , Ellen Peck
Thursday	23	9:00 AM	<b>Walkers Section</b> , Greenway Trail
Thursday	23	7:00 PM	<b>Modern Trends</b> , Carol Shupek
Saturday	25	1:00 PM	<b>Saturday Afternoon Bridge</b> , Mary Ellen Mead
Thursday	30	9:00 AM	<b>Walkers Section</b> , Central Park, Uptown Whittier

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

**REMINDER:** Capitalize Branch when referring to Greater Whittier Area.

Please send articles by email to [christineheller@earthlink.net](mailto:christineheller@earthlink.net)

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