



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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



Saturday, November 8, 11:30 AM

Elks Club, Whittier

Reservations due Monday, November 3

Our November program will feature one of the recipients of AAUW Fund's Community Action Grant, Wendy Milette. Wendy is the Director of the MY HERO Media Arts Education program and International Film Festival. The mission of MY HERO is to use media, art and technology to celebrate the best of humanity and empower people to realize their own potential to effect positive change in the world. She will be accompanied by Xenia Shin who has been working on the grant for the Women Transforming Media project as a student intern. Please come to be inspired by the creative work that is done in this project and to see how our contributions to AAUW Funds come back to California to implement our goals.

Enjoy a lunch of stuffed pork chops, mixed green salad, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, 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 Positive Past Presidents. If you have not made a reservation for the Branch meeting, please do so right away - deadline is November 3. 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 \$20. We will be in the Club Room; parking in the back, entrance is on the west side of the building. Look for the AAUW signs. Elks Lodge is located at 13620 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, 90605.

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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,
Website Manager
heck37@verizon.net
562-698-0476.*

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Items are still needed! Last day for items is November 8 - our Branch meeting. You may bring items to the meeting or deliver them to

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

or

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

Don't forget to call first!

Be sure to invite your friends. It will be a lovely event. Good food, great entertainment and lots of items for your holiday gift list.

For members making items to donate to the boutique please let me know so that there will be a place to display your items.

Any questions, please contact Shirley A. Stewart – shirleys.creations@verizon.net or 562-944-4556

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



Saturday, December 6



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit writing, the worst of the summer heat has (I hope) finally abated and it is already time to start getting ready for the holidays. Where does the time go? Regardless, the theme for November is to take the time to remember all of the things for which we are grateful. When I count my blessings, I certainly add all of the wonderful women that I have been privileged to meet through AAUW – smart, engaged and caring women who get stuff done to make our community, our country and the world a better place.

In November, at our meeting, we will be hearing from another woman who works to make a difference – a recipient of AAUW Funds (see the program article). I hope you will all join us to hear her at the Branch meeting. November is also the time to get ready for our Branch Fund Raiser – The December Boutique. Many of us will be working hard under Shirley Stewart's able direction to make this a successful endeavor. Don't forget to bring your items and donation to either Sharon Heck or Pat Dudley.

I would like to add one thing – a huge shout out to Malala Yousafzai, this year's co-recipient of the Noble Peace Prize. AAUW is about educational opportunities for girls and women. This brave young person put her life on the line for that goal and almost paid the ultimate price. I fear that the forces that would repress women will always threaten her. As a mother, this makes my heart ache. However, keeping Thanksgiving in mind, I am and will always be grateful for her bravery and commitment. As the young ones say, "You Go, Girl."

Patricia Cuocco, President

PUBLIC POLICY

Last minute reminders of voting recommendations from AAUW:

- **Yes** on Propositions 1 and 47
- **No** on Propositions 45 and 46



(Neutral on Proposition 2; no position on Proposition 48)

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As you probably heard, on October 9 Microsoft’s CEO Satya Nadella made a sensational statement to a woman (at a women’s technological conference!) who queried him about how to ask for a raise: “ It’s really not about asking for the raise, but knowing and having faith that the system will actually give you the right raises as you go along.” I was so incredulous that for the first time in ages I yelled, “you’re kidding!” at the TV set. He wasn’t kidding. Mr. Nadella’s upbringing in India until coming to the U.S. for his master degree helps explain his stance, of course. But with all the challenges women face in gaining pay equity, I never thought karma would be added to the list. To his credit, the CEO did retract his statement (after a flurry of tweets and emails from outraged women). But it got me thinking....

One of AAUW’s main positions to emphasize for 2013-2015 is “pay equity and fairness in compensation.” In light of this, AAUW campaigned hard for the U.S. Senate to debate the Paycheck Fairness Act (S 84/H.R. 377). Unfortunately the bill was voted down (again) on September 17 by a mere 7 votes. Let’s take a look at why such a bill is so important to women:

- There is a pay gap between men and women at every education level and it is worse for working mothers and women of color (AAUW)
- If the slow pace for closing the gap continues as it has in the past, parity won’t be achieved until 2058. (Institute for Women’s Policy Research)
- 40% of households with children include a mother who is either the sole or primary earner for her family (IWPR)
- The poverty of families headed by single mothers would fall by half if the wage gap were closed (IWPR)

It’s not too late to let our California senators know that we appreciate their stance in support of the bill and also make them aware that we will not forget the importance of such legislation in the future.

Going back to Mr. Nadella’s comments, I found a wonderful website that teaches young and older women in the work force how to ask for a raise, arguably one of the most uncomfortable things a person can discuss with his/her boss. Perhaps, you have a daughter, granddaughter or mentee who might benefit from this AAUW-led webinar with practical advice on how to come prepared to ask for that raise. See AAUW.org, type in “Strategies for Salary Negotiation” and listen to a tremendous presentation by Kate Farrar, AAUW’s Director of Campus Leadership Programs. Take that, Mr. Nadella!

Carole Restovich

FUNDS AND PROJECTS



AAUW FUNDS

Last month we began a series of articles entitled AAUW Funds- 101. That article described the **Educational Opportunities Fund** or what we know as fellowships and grants. We have had many opportunities at Branch meetings over the years to hear from some of these recipients. On October 19 some Branch members heard from numerous recipients at the Southern California AAUW Funds Luncheon in Seal Beach.

This month our article will feature the LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND, which supports the protection of the legal rights of those who are facing discrimination. Some of LAF's programs include **Legal Case Support** which protects LAF plaintiffs by supporting workplace sex discrimination cases. We also provide **Travel Grants** to support the plaintiffs and lawyers. Finally we have **Campus Outreach Projects**, which protect college students from discrimination, harassment, and assault through on-campus program grants.

When you donate to AAUW Funds you can designate the special fund to which you want your money allotted. The deadline for our Branch to receive credit for 2014 is December 1. You can donate on-line at aauw.org or you can send your check to AAUW directly. Envelopes for this purpose will be available at our November Branch meeting. Please see or contact me for any questions regarding the donation process. Remember part of the money donated to Association comes back to recipients in California.

Dolores Seidman

MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Directors of the Myra Long Scholarship Fund will meet Thursday, November 6 at 9 AM, First Friends Church in the Library. Brent Berry will bring us up-to-date on our B.B. Graham investments.

Gwen Woirhaye, Chair

AAUW 2014-15 OUTREACH

ST. MATTHIAS PROGRAM FOR THE HOMELESS

Thanks to all who donated at our October meeting. Remember food, socks, hats, underwear, hand sanitizer (1oz size) etc. are needed. Money is always welcome to buy food, bus token, quarters for laundry.

Mark your calendar and bring your donations to our November 8th meeting.

Any questions, please contact me.

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MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE FOR 8TH GRADE GIRLS

I wrote this article for those new to our Branch, and for those who might want more information.

The Greater Whittier Area Branch will have our 22nd Annual Math/Science Conference for 8th Grade Girls on Wed., January 28, 2015 at Whittier College. Whittier College is a 4-year liberal arts school located in our city. We pay \$900 rent and must use their food service. The girls are given a snack bar, fresh fruit, and water when they arrive at 9 AM. The speakers and volunteers are given lunch when the workshops end at 12:45 PM.

We start our planning in September with e-mails sent by Ellen Larsen, to our contacts in the area middle schools asking for the number of 8th grade girls and of their interest in attending the conference. We then invite a percentage (around 10%) of the girls to attend. We can handle only 340 girls because of space in the rooms. We will have 27 middle schools this year and the number of attendees from each school ranges from 8 to 19. The teachers choose their attendees.

In October, I contact the speakers. We use former speakers and new ones. I hope to complete my list of 20 speakers in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) careers by November 15. The list of speakers will be e-mailed to the schools. Each girl chooses five speakers they would like to hear and I try to give them three of their choices. Every speaker will have a full classroom, however. We ask to have the choices returned by December 10. I must have all of them before I begin the assignments, and the earlier they send it to me, the better their chances of getting their choices. The young women and their adult monitors are given three tickets and they must attend the workshops as assigned.

Our day starts at 9:15 AM with an opening session. We do not have a large enough room for all the girls so we have 200 girls in one room and 140 in another. We have two keynote speakers and they give their five to eight minute talk in both rooms, trading places. One will be Dr. Sharon Herzberger, President of Whittier College; the other could possibly be Cathy Warner, the female Mayor of Whittier. We give a brief orientation between the two speeches. The girls then attend the three workshops. They receive a backpack containing 3 pieces of notebook paper, a pencil, a map, an evaluation form, and other information.

We have 35 volunteers from our Branch sign up to help. (Our Branch has close to 160 members.) Some are greeters, some are moderators who introduce the speakers, some help with registration and hand out packets and other jobs. Our Branch has a scholarship committee that raises money for this project, Tech Trek scholarships, and scholarships for women 25 and older that are transferring from community college to a 4-year college. Greater Whittier Branch is incorporated as a 501(c)(3).

Dolores Seidman has volunteered to be in charge of the Math/Science volunteers. If you wish to help, please email her at deeseidman@gmail.com. If you do not have email, phone her at 323-721-8230.

If you have questions, contact me.

Sharon Heck, 562-698-0476 or heck37@verizon.net



SECTION INFORMATION

MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

MORNING BOOK

Please join us to discuss *Orphan Train*, by Christina Baker Kline, the meticulously researched story of the orphan trains that traveled between cities on the east coast to farms in the Midwest, astonishingly from 1854 until 1929, carrying children who had been abandoned. These children faced overwhelming uncertainties and their future depended on the families who took them into their homes. The novel "moves between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota. It is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances, and unexpected friendship. Our meeting will take place on Monday, November 24, at 10 AM, at Sally Schmidt's, 7751 Bowen, Whittier, 562-698-4990. Peggy Kiefer will furnish refreshments and Janice Geiger will lead our discussion.

Directions to Sally's house: Heading west on Mar Vista, go north on Bacon (right) two blocks; west (left) on Bronte, north (right) on Bowen. 7751 is the fifth house on the west side of the street. There is room for 7 cars to park up behind the house. The rest will need to park on the street and walk up.

Ann Topjon, 562-695-6185

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, November 18 with Ellen Larson (Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd. #2D) to discuss *China's Foreign Policy*. All interested members are invited to attend and discuss this important issue. For further information contact Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436 or maurineb90601@gmail.com.

Modern Trends will meet Thursday, November 20 at the home of Carol Shupek, 6204 Southwind, Whittier, at 7 PM.

Under the Wide and Starry Sky by Nancy Horan will be reviewed by Carol K. Anderson.

Robert Louis Stevenson credited most of his inspiration to the "little people," but his wife, Fanny Van de Grift Osbourne, deserves some of the credit. This second novel by Nancy Horan, the celebrated author of *Loving Frank*, portrays their partnership, as one extending beyond a traditional husband and wife relationship.

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

WALKERS THURSDAYS 9 AM NOTE TIME!

November

6 La Mirada Creek Park

Meet in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes

13 Greenway Trail - Palm Park

Meet in parking lot

20 Penn Park

Park on Penn by Canyon Crest

27 THANKSGIVING DAY NO WALK

Enjoy day with family and friends

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MYSTERY MAVENS

Wednesday November 19 6:30 PM

The Coffin Trail: A Lake District Mystery by Martin Edwards

Reviewer: Sharon Heck

Oxford historian and TV personality Daniel Kind and his new lover, Miranda, both want to escape to a new life. On impulse they buy Tarn Cottage in Brackdale, an idyllic valley in the Lake District that Daniel knew as a boy. He is still fascinated by a place so remote that the dead had to be carried out over the peaks on pack animals along the ancient Coffin Trail. Though the couple hope to live the dream of downsizing, the past has a way of catching up.

Tarn Cottage was once home to Barrie Gilpin, an autistic youth suspected of a savage murder—what looks like the ritualistic killing of a young woman visitor to the valley. She was found laid out on the Sacrifice Stone, an ancient pagan site up on the plateau. Barrie fell to his death near the crime scene before he could be questioned. All these years later, Daniel retains his belief in Barrie's innocence and questions his own policeman father's handling of the case. When DCI Hannah Scarlett and her squad launch a cold case review, Brackdale's skeletons begin to rattle....

The wild geography of the Lakes District plays against local literary references, all backdrop to the lives of villagers and outsiders drawn to this beautiful spot...but for what reasons? *The Coffin Trail* launches a new series by a master British hand.

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



FIRST FRIDAY

Date: November 7

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Host: Ann and Phillip Topjon
5654 Palm, Whittier
562-695-6185

From Whittier Blvd., go north on Painter; left on Broadway; right on Palm, past Palm Park. The house is five houses up on the right, past Floral and Dexter Middle School.

MEMORIES

Each year Memories sets aside a time to reflect on all that we are grateful for in life. The time has come and that time is Wednesday, November 19 at 1:30 PM at the home of Carole Restovich. Topics of thankfulness might include family health, your own health, prosperity, friendship, the good old USA, technology (some ambivalence there, perhaps), a new skill, a windfall, a perfect trip, a new favorite author – who knows? Of course, you may wish to write on something entirely different which is always fine. Come join us as we share our written thoughts aloud. The audience is always positive and appreciative. Everyone is welcome.

Directions to Carole's home: From Whittier Blvd. (heading west) turn north on Painter, right on Philadelphia, right on Bryn Mawr (directly behind Whittier College) to 7008 Bryn Mawr Way on the left.

Questions? Call Carole at 562-696-0296.

GARDENING

CHRISTMAS AND DECEMBER BOUTIQUE

All AAUW members interested in gardening and planting bulbs are invited to meet at Barbara Gile's home at 1 PM on Monday, November 17. We will plant bulbs in small containers to enjoy in our own homes during the holiday season and make extra containers to sell at the December boutique. Barbara has purchased potting mix and paperwhite bulbs. Please help by bringing additional bulbs and containers. Wear old clothes and bring gardening gloves.

Please RSVP (562) 693-7279
bgile2u@gmail.com

Directions to Barbara's home:
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.
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 at College, turn left on Vale.

Ellen Peck

POSITIVE PAST PRESIDENTS

New and prospective members are invited to an orientation on Tuesday, November 11, 3-5 PM at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock, Whittier. Positive Past Presidents will host. Invite friends who would be interested in hearing about aspects of membership in our Branch. Directions: East side of Comstock between Beverly Blvd. and Broadway.

Gwen Woirhaye, 562-696-6405
gwen@woirhaye.com

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

THANKSGIVING DAY QUIZ

1. Who made Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863?
(a) President Andrew Johnson (b) President Abraham Lincoln (c) President James Buchanan
2. Why did President Roosevelt move Thanksgiving up one week earlier in 1939?
(a) to appease businesses (b) to accommodate soldiers (c) to fit within his New Deal
3. In Greek mythology, what did the cornucopia represent?
(a) a severed goat's horn (b) a basket full of the autumn's harvest (c) a satchel belonging to Hera
4. Which state was the first to make Thanksgiving a yearly occasion before it became a national holiday?
(a) Massachusetts (b) New York (c) New Hampshire



MEMBERSHIP COUNTS

Please be sure to meet our newest members, Earlyne Clemons, who joined GWA-AAUW in October, and Daisy Pizana who joined in the end of September. You will recognize our new members by the leaf on their nametag, so be sure to introduce yourself and invite the new members to join you.

Please be sure to add this info to your yearbook:

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11522 E. Moonridge Dr.
Whittier, CA 90601
Phone: 562-692-3685
E-mail: uclemons@verizon.net

Daisy Pizana
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Downey, CA 90241
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E-mail: daisy.pisana@gmail.com

One of the benefits of becoming a member is the wonderful AAUW's membership magazine which provides lively, thought-provoking stories about people and issues concerning women and girls and informs readers about organizational activities related to AAUW's mission. Members receive printed copies by mail of the newest issues of *AAUW Outlook* as soon as they are published. Current and past issues are available for reading and download online.

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. It was very successful last month - AAUW received a check for \$260!

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 November will be a GREAT opportunity to end a busy week on a delicious high note!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Friday, November 14
Marie Callender's, West Whittier
7 AM – 10 PM
12402 E. Washington Blvd., Whittier
Across from PIH Health Hospital



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.

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

**American Association
of Women**

Greater Whittier Branch

will have a "Day at Marie Callender's" on

Friday, November 14, 2014

from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Marie Callender's West Whittier

will donate 20% of our group's food, beverage, take-out and bakery purchases to our organization on the above designated day.

Proceeds will support the Myra Long Scholarship Fund.

To participate in our fundraising event, you must **present this flyer to your server when you order!**
Other coupons, discounts or scrip ***may not*** be used during our fundraising event.

Marie Callender's
Restaurant & Bakery

**12402 E. Washington Blvd.
At Lambert Rd., across from Presbyterian Hospital
(562) 693-2724**

Please no soliciting on the premises.

GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2014



DAY	DATE	TIME	
Tuesday	4	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Thursday	6	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , La Mirada Creek Park
Friday	7	6:00 PM	First Friday , Ann and Phillip Topjon
Saturday	8	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , Elks Club, Whittier
Thursday	13	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Greenway Trail, Palm Park
Thursday	13	3:30ish PM	Show Girls , Whittier Village Theaters
Friday	14	7 AM-10 PM	Dining for \$\$\$\$\$, Marie Callender's, Washington Blvd.
Monday	17	1:00 PM	Gardening Section , Barbara Gile
Tuesday	18	10:00 AM	International Concerns , Ellen Larson
Wednesday	19	6:30 PM	Mystery Mavens , Marie Callender's, Library Room
Wednesday	19	1:30 PM	Memories , Carole Restovich
Thursday	20	9:00 AM	Walkers Section , Penn Park
Thursday	20	7:00 PM	Modern Trends , Carol Shupek
Monday	24	10:00 AM	Morning Book , Sally Schmidt
Thursday	27		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
DECEMBER			
Wednesday	3	6:00 PM	New Phoenix , California Grill/Shannon Center

Thanksgiving Quiz Answers

1. President **Abraham Lincoln** proclaimed that Thanksgiving would be the last day in November. Lincoln was mainly out to boost the Union army's morale during the Civil War.
2. **In order to appease businesses** that wanted a longer Christmas shopping season, President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving up a week. He later compromised by making it the fourth Thursday in November.
3. According to Greek mythology, the prominent Thanksgiving symbol of a cornucopia is an enchanted **severed goat's horn** that will produce a never-ending supply of whatever its owner desires.
4. In 1817, **New York** officially adopted a yearly Thanksgiving Day and other states followed suit.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!