



Saturday, April 11, 11:30 AM
Whittier Elks Club, Club Room

Dr. Kidogo Kennedy

Dr. Kidogo Kennedy, is an adjunct professor at USC Rossier School of Education. Some of her courses include educational theory, varied aspects of communication: and contextualizing the social foundations of education, gender, race, class and communication studies.

Dr. Kennedy will speak about the importance of two historical African-American women in contemporary times - Sojourner Truth, an abolitionist and women's right activist in the late 1800's, and Henrietta Lacks, whose cancerous cells were taken without her permission and have been used for noteworthy medical research, such as the polio vaccine and 1st human clone cell.

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Sliced ham with raisin sauce will be served for lunch along with mixed green salad, rolls, mashed 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). A doggie bag is available by request. Table decorations by Walkers. If you have not made a reservation for the Branch meeting, please do so right away (deadline April 7). 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.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a great Branch meeting we had in March! Our Reading, Interpretation and Performance Group was simply wonderful, portraying notable women from the past and present. Special thanks go to Salvatore Graziano who bravely volunteered to be the lone male voice in the cast. For those who don't know, Sal is married to member and President-Elect, Kaye Kidwell.

I'm really looking forward to Dr. Kidogo Kennedy in April. The April meeting would be a great time to invite a guest to hear Dr. Kennedy channel Sojourner Truth and Henrietta Lacks.

It is April already. We've already set our clocks ahead and spring is upon us. That makes it all the more the distressing that only now – with a quarter of the year gone – do we get to celebrate Equal Pay Day. April 14, 2015 is the official day up to which women in this country will have had to work to equal what our male counterparts earned in 2014. To celebrate, why not look up how your own elected officials voted on Equal Pay and either thank them or send a polite letter expressing your disappointment and urge them to do better.

April is also Whittier Reads month - an annual citywide literary event that encourages members of the Whittier community to read the same book at the same time and then discuss it in book groups and participate in special programs, which are offered at our libraries. Check out the events at <http://www.whittierplf.org/whittier-reads/>.

That reminds me, we are the GREATER WHITTIER AREA Branch. Many of our members live in cities surrounding Whittier. Because of our history in the community we almost always hear about Whittier events, but not about similar events nearby. Please don't hesitate to let us know about local library, literacy or education events in your town that we might highlight.

Looking forward to seeing you all on April 11th!

Patricia Cuocco, President

BRANCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The election of our officers and directors will be held at our Saturday, April 11th Branch Meeting. Members may be nominated from the floor. If there are no nominations from the floor, the slate of officers and directors listed below will be elected. The installation of those elected for the 2015-2016 term will be held at the June 13 Branch meeting. If you have questions, please call me - 562-698-0476.

Our nominees include: President - Kaye Kidwell, President-Elect - Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes, Program Vice President - Rozanne Child, Hospitality Vice President - DeDe Shatzen, Membership Vice Presidents - Susan Halliday and Lynda Richardson, Treasurer - Barbara Gile, AAUW Funds Vice President - Dolores Seidman, Recording Secretary - Christine Heller, Corresponding Secretary - Earlyne Clemons, Past President - Patricia Cuocco, Myra Long Scholarship Committee Directors - Gwen Woirhaye, Kaye Kidwell, Barbara Gile, Ellen Larson, Patricia Cuocco, Susan Halliday, and Sharon Heck.

Sharon Heck

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Matters!

GWA-AAUW is celebrating members' longevity. What a wonderful tribute to AAUW and to our Branch to realize how many of our members have been members for quite a few years. We recognized our 10, (and 12), our 20 and our 25-year members at our March 7 meeting. Congratulations to our 10-year members: Carol K. Anderson, Beverly Ball, Marjory Bates, Sally Schmidt, Georgine Sweeney; our 12 year member Joyce Paul. Our 20-year members include: Linda Chitwood, Terry Kirker, Sharon Machlik and Francine Rippy. Our 25-year members are: Maurine Behrens, Linda Gatons, Mary Gilmour, Elizabeth Greulich and Harriet Kittle. When you see these members please be sure to congratulate them. We additionally honored Charlotte Eisner, posthumously, for her dedication to AAUW for over 50 years. She was an active member of the Montebello, Monterey Park branch and joined GWA-AAUW a few years ago. We send our sincere appreciation for Charlotte's service to AAUW as well as our heartfelt condolences to her family.

We will be recognizing and celebrating our 30-year members in April, our 40-year members in May and our 50-year members in June.

Please be sure to invite prospective members to a Branch meeting and email them a copy of our newsletter to let them know the amazing activities and projects AAUW offers. AAUW is now offering new members a 15-month membership for the price of our regular 12-month membership. The total cost for a one-year membership is now \$93 for GWA-AAUW regular membership, which reflects the CA state increase of \$4. The membership committee will have devices at our April, May and June meetings so that members can join online with their credit card. EASY! We will also be able to give you your personal AAUW membership number so that you can easily access or change your personal information (e.g. email address, mailing address, etc.) on the national database.

Attached to this newsletter is a new membership application for all current members and prospective members.

It would be fantastic if all members complete their renewals before June 30th. It would certainly assure that our yearbook could be completed with the correct information and ready for distribution at the September Branch meeting.

Also attached to the newsletter is a GWA-AAUW membership questionnaire asking you to fill out information regarding positions (elected or appointed) you have held over the years, committees/sections on which you have served, projects for AAUW and community activities. This information will be kept by the membership committee and will be updated every 5 years. GWA-AAUW is constantly in flux with new members as well as experienced members, so it is important when the Branch wants to acknowledge a member the correct information is available. Members on a committee may be 3 to 20 year members, but not have information about members who held positions or were active 45 years ago. You can fill out your questionnaire online & email to Susan Halliday or Lynda Richardson or bring your questionnaire to a Branch meeting. If you fill out the information online, please delete the lines and just input your information under the various headings.

Susan Halliday 562-696-7395 email: sbathalliday@yahoo.com

Lynda Richardson 562-943-1772 email: <mailto:Lyndasue10@yahoo.com>



PUBLIC POLICY

“**Equal Pay Day** is a day that should be observed in all our branches – it is our most important public policy priority.” (AAUW) I had never realized it was THE ONE of paramount importance among so many consequential AAUW stances. Readings from the Department of Labor Statistics explain why: Although women make up nearly half of the American workforce, they are paid 84% of what men are paid for comparable work, even taking into consideration career choice, hours worked and familial status. (This is an average, which includes women of color who make far, far less and women college graduates who generally make a bit more). This year Equal Pay Day is April 14, a day that signifies the extra time it takes for women to work in order to equal the pay white men made in 2014. The most recent law passed in promoting pay equality was 2009’s Fair Pay Act. Poll after poll shows that Americans wholeheartedly support fairness in pay. Yet, conclusions from an AAUW study show that the gender pay has changed little in the past decade. At this rate, the gap will not disappear for another 124 years.

Is there anything we can do to speed up the process? Yes, we can write our congress people to encourage them to support the Paycheck Fairness Act introduced on January 28, 2015. This Act would (1) create stronger incentives for employers to pay workers fairly (2) empower women to negotiate for equal pay and (3) prohibit retaliation against employees who share their salary information.

A Rare Court Case in the Silicon Valley: An interesting trial is taking place in San Francisco. Ellen Pao is suing the Silicon Valley venture capital company she worked for as vice-president. Her claim: sexual discrimination. She charges that she was let go because she refused to go along with the old boys club. Other similar cases have been settled out of court. Since only 11% of executives in the Silicon Valley are women and even less (7%) in the venture capital area, it will be interesting to see how this plays out.

Carole Restovich

TECH TREK

In March the Tech Trek committee interviewed 13 girls from Los Nietos and Granada Middle Schools. Six selected campers and a guest will be invited to attend the May AAUW luncheon.

Our commitment to these girls and the Whittier Camp goes beyond providing a scholarship to attend camp. A strong AAUW presence is needed to provide a quality experience for the girls that is comparable to other sites in California. Specific staff positions are required to be filled by AAUW members. Members from all branches sending girls to the Whittier Camp may be needed to fill positions such as dorm moms. The Tech Trek co-coordinators are preparing a list of ways we could support and facilitate camp activities that we will present to the current director, Nilsa Arias. The list will include helping at registration, facilitating a parent orientation on check-in day, sponsoring a visitation day, serving as greeters for the professional panel, Build It Festival and Women in History events. Members may be asked to provide resources for the core classes or be presenters for mini workshops. The director of the camp may have additional requests that will allow us to play a more supportive role. We encourage our Branch members to join the Tech Trek committee in these activities.

Ann Chambers and Pat Dudley



FUNDS AND PROJECTS

MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Pasadena Showcase Design House begins in April and continues into May. We still have a number of slots to fill as docents, especially in May. Shifts are four hours long and we are paid \$40 for each one completed. Plus, if you work two shifts, you receive a free ticket to tour the house. Money raised supports Scholarships, Tech Trek and Math/Science Conference. Please contact Gwen Woirhaye to sign up.

The next quarterly meeting of the directors is May 7, 9 AM, at First Friends Church Library. If you have an interest you are welcome to attend. Don't forget to send in your contribution to the Non-Event honoring our Branch's 90th anniversary.

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

AAUW FUNDS WHAT IS THE LEGACY CIRCLE?

Some members have asked what is meant by the legacy circle. To put it simply, it is making a planned gift to AAUW national in your will or trust. In this way you can expand AAUW's programs and public policy agenda by providing for future generations. Contrary to what members might think, it does not involve turning over your entire estate or even a major part of it; any amount is gratefully accepted.

As a member of the AAUW Legacy Circle, you will receive a beautiful pin designed by Swarovski to honor your generosity and commitment to the future of women and girls. You may have seen one worn proudly by Gwen Woirhaye or me. Jill Smith who still maintains her Branch membership is also a member.

AAUW would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you at no obligation. If you would like information, please see the contact information below. If you have already provided for AAUW in your estate plans, please give them the opportunity to thank you!

Catherine Heffernan Gibson
Senior Manager, Major and Planned Giving
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Dolores Seidman

ST. MATTHIAS HOMELESS/FOOD PROGRAM

Mark your calendars and put your donations in the trunk of your car so you won't forget to bring them to our April 11th meeting.

Socks, caps, small shampoos, soaps, lotions, food and money are all appreciated.

Every little bit helps St. Matthias continue their great work.

Shirley Stewart



“SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGES: COPING WITH LESS WATER AND ENERGY”

What: a unique, two-day event to debate the local climate challenges and related water and energy usage issues relevant to LA and San Gabriel Valley communities. This conference, one of several across the U.S., features critical debates among internationally credible scientists, policy makers, students, and the community to clarify the local coping challenges. Then smaller group breakout caucuses will identify areas of consensus and actionable next steps relevant to individual choices and local San Gabriel Valley community initiatives. Participants are anticipated to fully represent the diversity of our communities and to hold a wide range of opinions and perspectives concerning these issues.

The subject matter experts invited to propose relevant policy issues and lead the debates are:

- **Dr. Jerry Schubel**, President/CEO Aquarium of the Pacific will explore the water and climate environmental issues facing the LA region and the nation.
- **Dr. Neil Fromer**, Executive Director of Caltech’s Resnick Sustainability Institute will focused on energy uses and energy efficiency in urban environments.
- **Dr. Christopher Thornberg**, Founding Partner of Beacon Economics will address the related financial issues facing local, regional, state, and national decision makers.

Where: PIH Health Hospital – Whittier

Flo & Frank Scott Conference Center

(Take elevator 3 to the lower level)

12401 Washington Blvd, Whittier, 90602

When: Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6, - 9 AM to 5 PM

To participate: To receive an invitation, all individuals must register online by visiting scienceforglobalpolicy.org. Given the integral nature of the debates and caucuses, all participants must commit to attend both days. The limited availability of space and the high degree of community interest already expressed strongly suggests that interested parties should register as soon as possible.

Websites: See <http://scienceforglobalpolicy.org/> then “**Climate Conferences**”

and register under “Whittier”,
<http://scienceforglobalpolicy.org/Programs/ArcticProject/tabid/179/Default.aspx>.





SECTION INFORMATION

MORNING BOOK

We will not be meeting this month. The last two books for the year are *Wives of Henry Oades* (Johanna Moran) on June 1, and *China Dolls* (Lisa See) on July 27. Details for June's meeting will be in next month's newsletter.

Ann Topjon, 562-695-6185

MODERN TRENDS

Thursday, April 23, 7 PM

Z by Therese Anne Fowler

Reviewer – Marcia Orr

When beautiful, reckless Southern belle Zelda Sayre meets F. Scott Fitzgerald at a country club dance in 1918, she falls for him and marries him despite his unsuitability. At the dawn of the Jazz Age, the unimagined attention and success made Scott and Zelda legends in their own time. This historical novel asks the question who is Zelda, other than the wife of a famous husband. How can she forge her own identity while fighting her demons and Scott's too? With brilliant insight and imagination, Therese Anne Fowler brings us Zelda's irresistible story as she herself might have told it.

Please join us for discussion at Yvette Rawlinson's home. Joyce Paul will provide refreshments. We look forward to seeing all of you.

Yvette's Address

6047 Alta

Whittier, 90602

562-698-6867

Annette Lauritzen, 562-964-1843

Kristine Yeseta, 562-696-0226



FIRST FRIDAY

Date: **April 10 *****note 2nd Friday**

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Host: Sandy and Art Bridges

562-697-7427

1550 N. Walnut

La Habra Heights

Directions:

Whittier Blvd. to Euclid, turning north at Claros Italian Market on your left and the USA gas station on the right. Go north on Euclid for 7/10 of a mile. You will pass apartment buildings, homes and then start up the hill. The street name changes to Hiatt when you start up the steep grade, where the road narrows. The street ends and turns onto Walnut to your left or right at the top. Do not go onto Walnut! Take the driveway to your right, between the decorative rock wall and the mailboxes and pine trees. It is quite a steep descent, but it opens up as you come down - second house on the left (hedge in front, salmon color with black roof and white trim). Plenty of parking in the driveway.

WALKERS

THURSDAYS 9 AM

APRIL

- 2 La Mirada Creek Park
Meet in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes
- 9 Michigan Park
Meet in parking lot on Michigan
- 16 Greenway Trail, Mills and Lambert
Meet by wind chimes
- 23 Parnell Park
Meet in parking lot off Lambert
- 30 Whittwood Town Center
Meet in front of Panera Bread

NEED

Section leader for Walkers starting July 1

Shirley Stewart

MEMORIES

April's meeting of Memories takes place at the home of Carol J. Anderson on Wednesday, April 22 at 1:30 PM. The topic is *Never Thought I Could Do It!* Certainly we have all been faced with a challenge we felt we could not meet, let alone surpass, but we did and are stronger for it. Whether it is a new job, a diet, a health issue, a class, a new hobby or a great responsibility, come share your written experiences and thoughts on April 22. We invite new members anytime. Write for your own clarity, catharsis, family history or fun.

Directions to Carol's home: From Whittier Blvd., turn north onto Macy which is just west of Beach Blvd., turn right on Randall, continue onto Solejar, turning left to stay on Solejar. Carol's address is 9759 Solejar, on the left. Her phone: 562-691-1542.

GARDENING

The next Gardening Section outing will be on Wednesday, April 29. We will tour Nuccio's Nurseries in Altadena. The Nursery has been in business for over 75 years and is famous for propagating new camellias and azaleas. They ship to customers throughout the United States. The Gardening Section visited Nuccio's Nurseries a couple of years ago, and it was such a hit that we have scheduled a return visit. Meet at 9 AM at Ralphs' parking lot on Colima and Whittier Blvd. RSVP to Ellen at 562-943-4679, or cpeck4@earthlink.net.

Ellen Peck



SAVE THE DATES

AAUW California Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 18

Marriot Hotel – Manhattan Beach

9 AM to 3:30 PM

AAUW Southern California Leadership Day

Sunday, April 19

Marriot Hotel – Manhattan Beach

9 AM to 3:30 PM

Register at the AAUW-CA website.

<http://www.aauw-ca.org>

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, April 21 with Ellen Larson (Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Bl. #2D). Louise Holden will lead the discussion of *Sectarianism in the Middle East*, article #3 in *Great Decisions 2015*. Interested members are most welcome to join us.

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

R.I.P AGAIN

R.I.P. Again greatly enjoyed performing for the Branch meeting last month and we hope you all enjoyed our contribution. We had a lot of fun and invite YOU to join us next time! Please speak to Colleen Tan or Gwen Woirhaye to indicate your interest.

Colleen Tan, 562-698-4934
Gwen Woirhaye, 562-696-6405

THE NEW PHOENIX

The New Phoenix section will be attending a Sunday matinee at the La Mirada Theater on Sunday, April 26 at 2 PM to see the musical *Pride and Prejudice*.

Dinner will follow afterward at a nearby Sizzler Restaurant.

For reservations and a ticket, send \$47 to Lupe Alfaro by Thursday, March 26.



**Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women
MEMBERSHIP for 2015-2016**

*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 (_____) _____

*Email address _____

Degree _____ Year _____

Major _____

College/University _____

Degree _____ Year _____

Major _____

College/University _____

Degree _____ Year _____

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College/University _____

AAUW Membership Type (please check one) Annual Dues: **New Members joining after March 16th receive 15**

_____ General \$93 (Reflects 2015 increase) _____ Student \$39 **months for regular membership price**

_____ Life Member \$40 _____ Dual \$24

A separate check is required for the following:

_____ I want the yearbook mailed to me & will add \$2 to my payment check.

_____ I also want the AAUW binder that costs \$5 plus \$1.50 postage & 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 is tax deductible.

Please complete and mail your membership application and dues to:

AAUW, Whittier Branch Membership, P.O. Box 5333, Whittier, CA 90607-5333

AAUW Membership Questionnaire

Please print or fill in w/ type all information.
Use the back of this sheet or additional paper if you need more space for your information.

Name: _____
Last First Year joined AAUW _____

<u>Colleges/Universities attended</u>	Year graduated	Degree received
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<u>Elected Offices held in AAUW</u>	Branch	Year
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<u>Appointed Offices held</u>	Branch	Year/s
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<u>Committee Chair Positions</u>	Branch	Year/s
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<u>Section Chair Positions</u>	Branch	Year/s
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<u>Committee/Section Participation</u>	Name	Year/s
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<u>Projects for AAUW Completed</u>	
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Community (Activities that contribute to the community & promote/brand AAUW/promote the mission of AAUW)

Offices held in other community activity that promotes/brand the mission of AAUW _____

GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

APRIL 2015



DAY	DATE	TIME	
Thursday	2	9:00 AM	Walkers , La Mirada Creek Park
Tuesday	7	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Thursday	9	9:00 AM	Walkers , Michigan Park
Thursday	9	3:30 PM	Showgirls , Whittier Village Theaters
Friday	10	6:00 PM	First Friday , Sandy Bridges
Saturday	11	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , Whittier Elks Club
Thursday	16	9:00 AM	Walkers , Greenway Trail, Mills and Lambert
Saturday	18	9:00 AM	AAUW Annual Meeting , Marriot, Manhattan Beach
Sunday	19	9:00 AM	AAUW Leadership Day , Marriot, Manhattan Beach
Tuesday	21	10:00 AM	International Concerns , Ellen Larson
Wednesday	22	1:30 PM	Memories , Carol J. Anderson
Thursday	23	9:00 AM	Walkers , Parnell Park
Thursday	23	7:00 PM	Modern Trends , Yvette Rawlinson
Sunday	26	12:00 AM	The New Phoenix , La Mirada Theatre
Wednesday	29	9:00 AM	Gardening , Nuccio's Nursery, Meet at Ralphs'
Thursday	30	9:00 AM	Walkers , Whittwood, Panera Bread

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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