



Saturday, March 7, 11:30 AM
Whittier Elks Club 13620 Whittier Blvd.

Famous Women- GWA-AAUW
Reading Interpretation

**CHALLENGE AND FATE: A WOMENS
HERSTORY**

The Reading, Interpretation, Performance (R.I.P.) was designed to fulfill a need and desire for creative oral interpretive expression within a small group. This led to performing when needed for our Branch and other well-respected community groups. Colleen Tan established the group 40 years ago and wrote many of the programs. In 1976, to celebrate our Nation's Bicentennial, they honored our foremothers with a sparkling and enthusiastic mini-reader's theatre. So let's support these 15 members and turn out in full force to hear and see this delightful performance.

The AAUW Whittier Branch silver collection will be on display. Sliced roast beef with wild mushroom sauce will be served for lunch along with mixed green salad, rolls, roasted potatoes, mixed winter vegetables, dessert, coffee, tea and water. Vegetarian meals are: Vegetable Pasta Florentine, Fettuccine Alfredo and pasta with mixed vegetables (advance notice required). Doggie bag is available upon request. Table decorations are by International Concerns. If you have not made a reservation for the Branch meeting, please do so right away. The deadline is Tuesday, March 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.

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April 18 and 19 - AAUW Annual Meeting & Leadership Day

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a great day today was! Aside from being Valentine's Day, with chocolate everywhere (how could that be bad?), we had a well-attended Branch meeting and a great guest speaker, Bernie De Paolis. Bernie is an Alhambra AAUW branch member, a teacher/professor and a mystery writer. She read to us from the first chapter of her latest book; she knows how to set a mood! It's fascinating that Bernie finds it necessary to use her initials B.K. De Paolis as her pen name, because so many men won't take a woman crime/mystery writer seriously. The French have a great saying, "plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose" – the more things change, the more they remain the same. We may have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go.

At least AAUW members try hard to make the future better, especially through our work with young women. Apropos of that, as I suspected, our Math/Science Day turned out wonderfully well. Thanks to Sharon Heck for all of her hard work, and thanks to Dolores Seidman for coordinating the volunteers. Barbara Gile has the preparation of the packets down to a science and it went so smoothly.

A reminder, Sunday, March 8th is International Women's Day. This is a day to celebrate women's achievements and advocate for gender equality – more looking at how far we've come, and more striving to make things better. United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has said, "Countries with more gender equality have better economic growth. Companies with more women leaders perform better. Peace agreements that include women are more durable. Parliaments with more women enact more legislation on key social issues such as health, education, anti-discrimination and child support. The evidence is clear: equality for women means progress for all."

Our Saturday, March 7th Branch meeting will be celebrating famous women with a special performance by our RIPs (Reading Interpretation Performance Section). This will be timely and enjoyable, so please join us on Saturday, March 7th – Note the date change. We moved our meeting so as not to conflict with the Whittier Shannon Center Meet the Authors and Book Faire event. I hope to see you all there.

Patricia Cuocco, President

BRANCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

My thanks go to the women who agreed to serve on this committee: Patricia Cuocco, Kaye Kidwell, Susan Halliday, Shirley Stewart, and Maura Greeley. We met at Maura's home on Friday, January 30 and nearly completed our work on that day. The slate of officers will be presented at our March 7 Branch meeting, and we will vote at our April 11 Branch meeting. Thank you to all who agreed to serve.

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.

We also have a great many appointed Board members and we have most of those positions filled. If anyone is interested in being our Public Policy Chair, or our Parliamentarian, please call me - 562-698-0476. Thank you all for helping to make our Branch so successful.

MEMBERSHIP

What We Can Do!

Remember, every member of AAUW is on the Membership Committee. This month we would like to focus on the third goal of the State Membership Committee:

Provide tools and resources to branches to support enhanced relationships with College/University Partners.

Each year, AAUW's campus leadership programs shape the lives of thousands of college women to be the next generation of leaders. Students who belong to the college/university partners members program will receive priority application preference.

Campus Action Projects, Sponsored by Pantene

Campus Action Projects are annual, grant-funded, student led projects that allow students to take action on women's issues on campus. Learn how students are fighting gender bias and stereotypes at their schools this year.

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) unites college women from across the country to address important leadership issues of the day. Attendees have transformative experiences that inspire them to improve their campuses and their communities.

National Student Advisory Council

The National Student Advisory Council (SAC) is a yearlong leadership program for 10 college women who serve as AAUW ambassadors on their campuses. These students build relationships with local AAUW branches, lead campus events that promote women's equity, and help plan and implement NCCWSL.

Elect Her

Elect Her - Campus Women Win encourages and trains college women to run for student government on their campuses in order to build the pipeline of women running for office.

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\$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshops provide college women who are approaching the job market the knowledge and skills to negotiate salaries and benefits.

Student Organizations

Student Organizations are composed of students enrolled in college who are interested in AAUW issues and programs.

Please welcome a new member who actually joined in November.

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Lynda Richardson
Susan Halliday



PUBLIC POLICY

It's time to celebrate women! But, isn't it always? Coming off another successful Math/Science Conference and looking ahead to awarding Myra Long Scholarships, bestowing the Las Distinguidas Award, and sponsoring the summer Tech Trek Program, we can certainly appreciate AAUW's encouragement of local women.

Yet, it is also an appropriate time to celebrate the work women are doing worlds away. Too often we hear of the despairing negatives: Malala Yousafzai shot for standing up for the education of women, young humanitarian aid-worker Kayla Mueller murdered by ISIS, three hundred African schoolgirls abducted by Boko Haram. Despite these horrors, women are making strides in developing countries. It's just that we hear so little about it.

Sunday, March 8 is the perfect opportunity to celebrate women's accomplishments on a world scale. It is International Women's Day. This event began in 1910 as part of the women's suffrage movement. While it has never gotten the attention here in the United States (most probably because many early supporters were socialists), it is celebrated roundly in other parts of the world.

Locally, we have the opportunity to hear about women's progress in modern-day India from Reshmi Dutta at the LACIC (Los Angeles County Interbranch Council) meeting at PIH Health (Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital), Sunday, March 8, from 2 - 4 PM. Ms. Dutta was raised in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), India and schooled there until age 18 when she came to the United States for a college education. After earning her degree in economics and computer science, Ms. Dutta became an IT professional and is now a senior projects manager at Direct TV. Ms. Dutta will speak on the progress of women in Kolkata where the head of state is a woman. Kolkata, the capital of North Bengal, has a population of nearly 14 million (including suburbs) and is a cultural, educational and commercial center. It should prove to be an enlightening and inspiring discussion about local women in leadership roles in an area we know so little about.

I hope you will take time to celebrate women's achievements, especially on Sunday, March 8 at PIH where we can hear, first hand, about women making a difference 8,000 miles away.

Carole Restovich



**International
Women's Day**

FUNDS AND PROJECTS



MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The MLSF Committee met Thursday, February 5 with good reports on financial records. Fund value as of February 5th is \$169,512.21. We sold oil stocks in November and purchased Costco.

Linda Ide, Scholarship Chair, reported that the Rio Hondo awards ceremony will be Thursday, May 21 at 2 PM. \$8,000 is allocated in the budget for scholarships this year.

Tech Trek has been expanded and taken over by the national AAUW organization. Verizon is awarding \$5,000 to each camp to fund a course in computer coding. The Whittier Branch is funding six campers this year.

Pasadena Showcase is April 20 - May 10. We will staff shifts Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and will receive \$40 for each completed shift. Please contact MLSF chair Gwen Woirhaye to sign up for shifts.

Kaye Kidwell is sending non-event fundraiser letters.

Next quarterly meeting of the Committee is Thursday, May 7, 9 AM, at First Friends Church Library.

AAUW FUNDS HONOR ROLL - 2014

Many thanks to our 37 Branch members who made individual contributions to AAUW Funds totaling \$4,692 for the 2014 calendar year. These funds will be used for all the activities that have been described in our previous months' columns detailing the work that AAUW does to promote equity for women and girls. These include Fellowships, Legal Advocacy Fund, Eleanor Roosevelt, Public Policy and Leadership Program Funds.

Virginia Ball
Janice Biby
Carol Black
Jacqueline Brearley
Julianne Causey
Rozanne Child
Earlene Clemons
Sheryl Crockey
Patricia Cuocco
Patricia Dudley
Carole Duff
Samantha East
Charoltte Eiser

Barbara Gile
Maura Greeley
Beth Greulich
Samantha Guyan
Eleanor Hauger
Sharon Heck
Naomi Hill
Lorayne Horka
Kaye Kidwell
Marian Locke
Kathy Luciano
Ellen Paik

Joyce Paul
Linda Pomeroy
Linda Powell
Carole Restovich
Lynda Richardson
Joann Sarachman
Dolores Seidman
Sue Settlage
Carol Shupek
Jill Smith
Brigitta Weger
Gwen Woirhaye

MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE FOR 8TH GRADE GIRLS

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 was a beautiful day in so many ways. The weather at Whittier College was extremely cooperative with no rain, sunny skies, and moderate temperatures. In addition, 340 young women and their advisors heard about six careers related to Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) from six wonderful career women. We had twenty career women in all and each gave their presentation three times. We are so thankful for these wonderful women who volunteer their time to try to convince bright young women to stick with STEM studies in their high school classes, and to consider attending college to study for a STEM career.

We had about 40 of our members volunteer as moderators to introduce the career women, as greeters to meet the buses, as registration workers, as a nurse, as packet stuffers and as workers in so many ways. Thank you to everyone who helped, and special thanks to Dolores Seidman who gathered our volunteers. We are also thankful to Mayor Cathy Warner and to Whittier College Vice President Charlotte Borst who served as keynote speakers at our opening sessions.

This was our 22nd Annual Conference and I truly hope we will continue this wonderful tradition next year. Our Myra Long Scholarship Fund Committee (MLSF) raises the money to fund this project, so consider your gift to MLSF when you receive your Nonevent Fundraiser Letter in the mail very soon. Let's have another beautiful day next year!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, March 18, 3 PM to 5 PM

Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend - especially potential and new members!

Barbara Gile will host this is informal get-together where we answer questions about AAUW, explain our mission, describe the sections and chat.

Directions to Barbara's home: one block north of Mar Vista on the northeast corner of Eastridge and Vale. Park on Vale and enter by the back door. The garage will be open for those who need access to the house without walking the hill. Phone: 693-7279.

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 light at College turn left on Vale.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The Dining for \$\$\$\$ event at Marie Callender's restaurant, scheduled for March 20, has been cancelled.

ST. MATTHIAS HOMELESS/FOOD PROGRAM

Please remember the homeless and bring food, money, hats, gloves, socks, small bottles shampoo, conditioner etc. to our AAUW monthly meetings.

You may also take items to the church any weekday that is convenient for you.

For further information contact Shirley Stewart

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562-944-4556



SECTION INFORMATION

MORNING BOOK

MODERN TRENDS

Thursday, March 26, 7:00 PM

My Life in Middlemarch, by Rebecca Mead
Reviewer – Jan Biby

When Rebecca Mead first read George Eliot's *Middlemarch*, it became her polestar. Mead, a New Yorker staff writer, takes a fresh look at Eliot's daringly unconventional life, casting light not only on the author's off-the-charts intellect, but also on her valor in addressing complex moral issues, her cutting sense of humor and her generous perceptiveness. Mead emphasizes Eliot's progressive, humanistic viewpoint, while recognizing the heroism of ordinary lives. With her crucial central theme, "a young woman's desire for a substantial, rewarding, meaningful life," Mead celebrates how literature transforms our lives. Please join us for discussion at Yvette Rawlinson's home, 6047 Alta, Whittier, 562-698-6867.

Trish will provide refreshments. We look forward to seeing all of you.

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



Please join us on Monday, March 23, at 10 AM, to discuss *Night in Shanghai*, by Nicole Mones. Many of you may have heard her speak at the annual "Meet the Authors and Bookfair" at the Shannon Center. Set in pre-World War II in Shanghai, the novel is centered around two young people, African-American musician, Thomas Greene, escaping the Jim Crow laws in the U.S. to lead a jazz orchestra of fellow African-American expats, and Song Yuhua, a refined and educated woman who has been bonded since age eighteen to Shanghai's most powerful crime boss in payment for her father's gambling debts. Outwardly submissive, she burns with rage and risks her life spying on her master. Based on true episodes and peppered with the lives and experiences of actual characters from the worlds of politics, music, the military and the government, Mones' engrossing historical novel illuminates the danger, depravity, and drama of this dark period with brave authenticity. We are meeting at Judy Flanders' home. Georgina Sweeney is the co-hostess, and Sally Schmidt will be leading us in discussion.

Directions to Judy's house: 12430 Floral, Whittier, 562-692-7930

From Whittier Blvd., north on Painter, west (left) on Beverly Blvd.; north (right) on Pickering (stoplight); west (left) on Floral. 12430 is fifth house on the left.

We need to begin thinking about books for next year. Please send title recommendations with brief descriptions to me this month.

Ann Topjon, 562-695-6185

WALKERS

THURSDAYS 9 AM

MARCH

- 5 La Mirada Creek Park
Meet in parking lot off Santa Gertrudes
- 12 Greenway Trail – Palm Park Station
See the new birdhouses
- 19 Murphy Ranch Park
End of Youngwood
- 26 La Mirada Regional Park
Meet in front of Splash

A new section chair is needed as of July 1, 2015.
Contact Shirley Stewart for more information.

shirleys.creations@verizon.net
562-944-4556

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

International Concerns is GWA-AAUW's Great Decisions discussion group. Each month we read and discuss on article in the current *Great Decisions* briefing book. We welcome all interested members to our discussion regardless of whether or not they have read the selected article.

Our next meeting will be at 10 AM Tuesday, March 17, with Ellen Larson (Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Bl., #2D). Barbara Gile will lead the discussion of *Privacy in the Digital Age*. For further information contact Maurine Behrens at maurineb90601@gmail.com or 562-695-8436.

GARDENING

The Fullerton Arboretum presents VEGGIEPALOOZA with free garden demos and free cooking demos by executive chef, Jeff Coker, of Le Cordon Bleu Los Angeles. Over 350 diverse varieties of vegetables, fruits and herbs will be for sale. Admission is \$5. All are invited. We will meet at the Ralphs' parking lot on Colima and Whittier Blvd. at 9 AM, on Saturday, March 21 and carpool to Fullerton. RSVP to Ellen at cpeck4@earthlink.net or call 562-944-4679.

Ellen Peck

MEMORIES

Memories' March meeting will be held at the home of Brenda Jahn on Wednesday, March 25 at 1:30 PM. The topic: *Interaction with the Police*. Hopefully, it doesn't include handcuffs, a cell and a court date. Perhaps, it's a time they helped, informed or supported you or a family member. Come share your written memories among supportive women. You may always write on a topic of your choice.

Directions: From Whittier Blvd. just west of Beach and Whittier, take Macy north to Janine, right on Janine, left on Solejar, right on Villa Rita and left on Padonia to 1339 N. Padonia. Phone: 562-691-2419.



FIRST FRIDAY

Date: Friday, March 6

Time: 6 - 8 PM

HOST: Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes
8722 Seranata
Whittier
562-943-6880

From Colima head east on Mar Vista to Cerquita
Make right on Cerquita, go one block, make
a right on Seranata.

Please click on the following Google maps link:

[8722 Seranata Dr.](#)

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>

FUN IRISH FACTS

Famed Hollywood movie director John Ford was born Sean O'Feeney in 1894, in Spiddal, County Galway.

Cedric Gibbons, who was born in Dublin in 1823, designed the "Oscar" statuette handed out at the Academy Awards. Gibbons immigrated to the US, and was considered MGM's top set designer from the twenties right on through the fifties, working on over 1,500 films.

MYSTERY MAVENS

Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 PM

Wine of Violence: A Medieval Mystery by
Priscilla Royal

Reviewer: Carol K. Anderson

It is late summer in the year 1270 and England is as weary as its aging king, Henry III. Although the Simon de Montfort rebellion is over, the smell of death still hangs like smoke over the land. Even in the small priory of Tyndal on the remote East Anglian coast, the monk and nuns of the Order of Fontevraud long for a return to tranquil routine. Their hopes are dashed, however, when the young and inexperienced Eleanor of Wynethorpe is appointed their new prioress over someone of their own choosing. Nor are Eleanor's own prayers for a peaceful transition answered. Only a day after her arrival, a brutally murdered monk is found in the cloister gardens, and Brother Thomas, a young priest with a troubled past, arrives to bring her a more personal grief. Now she must not only struggle to gain the respect of her terrified and resentful flock but also cope with violence, lust and greed in a place dedicated to love and peace.

Meet at Marie Callender's restaurant at 9829 S. La Serna, Whittier (near Whittier Blvd.) at 6:30 PM in the Library Room.

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



May you always have work for your hands to do.
May your pockets hold always a coin or two.
May the sun shine bright on your windowpane.
May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near you.
And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

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 \$35

_____ 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

MARCH 2015



DAY	DATE	TIME	
Tuesday	3	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Thursday	5	9:00 AM	Walkers , La Mirada Creek Park
Friday	6	6:00 PM	First Friday , Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes
Saturday	7	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , Whittier Elks Club
Sunday	8	2:00 PM	LACIC International Women's Day , PIH Health
Thursday	12	9:00 AM	Walkers , Greenway Trail, Palm Park
Thursday	12	3:30 PM	Showgirls , Whittier Village Theaters
Tuesday	17	10:00 AM	International Concerns , Ellen Larson
Wednesday	18	3:00 PM	Membership Meeting , Barbara Gile
Wednesday	18	6:30 PM	Mystery Mavens , Marie Callender's, Library Room
Thursday	19	9:00 AM	Walkers , Murphy Ranch Park
Saturday	22	9:00 AM	Gardening , Fullerton Arboretum, Meet at Ralphs'
Monday	23	10:00 AM	Morning Book , Judy Flanders
Wednesday	25	1:30 PM	Memories , Brenda Jahn
Thursday	26	9:00 AM	Walkers , La Mirada Regional Park
Thursday	26	7:00 PM	Modern Trends , Yvette Rawlinson

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

Newsletter Editors – Christine Heller, Diana Clark and Carole Duff



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