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2015

Saturday, October 10, 11:30 AM
Whittier Elks Club, Clubroom

Lunch will be: Teriyaki Chicken Breast, mixed green salad, rice, stir-fried vegetables, dessert, coffee, tea and water. Vegetarian options are: Vegetable Pasta Florentine, Fettuccine Alfredo and pasta with mixed vegetables (advance notice required). Chef's Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast is also available (advance notice required). Doggie bags are available upon request. Enjoy table decorations provided by Modern Trends in Literature.

If you have not made a reservation for the Branch meeting, please do so right away (deadline is Wednesday, October 7, noon). 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 **Clubroom**. The entrance to the Clubroom and parking are on the west side of the building. Look for the AAUW signs. The Elks Lodge is located at 13620 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90605.

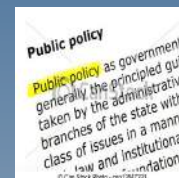
This month's program will feature AAUW Funds International Fellow Adriana L. Romero-Olivares. Adriana is working on her PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UCI. She studies global warming and its effect and has done her field work in Delta Junction, Alaska., the location of the field sites where she has set up greenhouses that "approximate" future climate. Adriana has been actively involved in opening up an AAUW chapter at UCI. She works at UCI Tech Trek as a dorm mom and organizing lab tours for the campers. The positive feedback we've received from other branches where she has spoken indicates that this will be an outstanding presentation.

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We enjoyed a great kick-off to our 2015-16 year at our September branch meeting. Our program featured Kerri Lumbert who reminded us how important exercise is at every age to maintain a healthy and safe lifestyle. Even if we can't hike mountain trails or water ski anymore, we can exercise—**even while sitting in a chair!** So ladies, let's exercise in a chair, on the treadmill, at the park—wherever we can to stay healthy, keep our balance and avoid accidents. When thinking of exercise, I turn to my buddy Barbara Gile, who picks me up three mornings a week to go to the YMCA. If Barbara were not sitting in my driveway at 5:45 AM, I probably would turn over and sleep longer. But there she is, in dark or light, in rain or heat, ready to whisk me off for an hour workout. So, my message is, find a buddy with whom to exercise!

I look forward to our October branch meeting featuring Adriana Romero-Olivares, AAUW Funds International Fellow. I also encourage you to attend the AAUW Funds Fellows Luncheon, October 18, at the Irvine Marriott Hotel.

Finally, we are always looking for ways to make money and to save money. Thus, I ask all members who have email to download the newsletter and not have the newsletter snail-mailed.

Kaye D. Kidwell, President

PASSIONATE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

At our September Branch meeting, Membership Co-Chair, Lynda Richardson, explained that this year the color for membership is passion pink. She further stated that she was passionate about AAUW supporting leadership skills for women. Lynda asked the question of all GWA-AAUW, "What is your passion?" Let her question settle in your heart and mind for a moment or two, then ask yourself, "What am I passionate about in AAUW?" The Membership Committee will be asking you to think about Lynda's question and let us know your passion. We will keep a list of responses and have fun sharing some of your personal answers. Yes, you may have more than one passion! Just email Lynda (Lyndasue10@yahoo.com) or Susan Halliday (sbathalliday@yahoo.com) with your responses.

SAVE the DATE November 17 for our Fun Dining and Shopping evening at Really Great Stuff, a cute boutique-type shop on Whittier Blvd. across the street from East Whittier Middle School. This is a great fundraiser, which will help the branch cover membership costs for business cards (look for them in the near future), help defray the cost of 50 year membership nametags, the January Meet & Greet, and the two new member information sessions supported by PPP (Positive Past Presidents). The evening is hosted by the owners of Really Great Stuff and includes a complimentary dinner, wine, coffee, water, and dessert. All you have to do is arrive between 5 PM and 8 PM, eat, browse, shop, and enjoy the evening. Be sure to bring along your friends and neighbors too. The shop has absolutely darling decorations and gifts for the holidays, as well as a great selection of clothes you might love. AAUW Membership will receive 20% of the sales after taxes. How very generous of Really Great Stuff, and how much fun for all of us. MARK YOUR CALENDAR, November 17, 2015.





PUBLIC POLICY

Newly Released Title IX Coordinator Materials

AAUW Chief Executive Officer, Linda Hallman, reminds us as the school gets underway that too many girls are being denied the same opportunities that boys enjoy and too many women are deterred from their studies by the threat of sexual harassment and violence.

Every school is required to appoint a coordinator to oversee compliance with Title IX. And now, 43 years after the passage of that groundbreaking law, **the U.S. Department of Education has released materials to help Title IX coordinators do this crucial work.**

An informed and empowered Title IX coordinator can do so much for girls and women because Title IX is about more than athletics. The law is also designed to address problems in desperate need of solutions:

- Nearly half of students in grades 7 to 12 report facing sexual harassment.
- One in 5 women is a target of attempted or completed sexual assault while in college.
- Only 36 percent of athletic dollars go to women's teams.
- Women and girls are still seriously underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) classes at all levels.

Do your part by sharing this newly released Title IX material with schools in your neighborhood.

KAYE'S HEROES' CORNER



Last month, I began my new heroes' corner that I probably should title ***Outstanding Women in My Daily Life***. This month I want to honor another hero—Deidre Shatzen! Better known to us as De De, she is one of the stalwart women I always want by my side. After joining GWA-AAUW, De De didn't hesitate to jump in and help with myriad projects and activities, including docenting for the Myra Long Scholarship Fund, cleaning up after the membership social and helping with Tech Trek camp. Currently, De De has one of the more challenging board positions, Hospitality Vice President. When you attend a branch meeting, you won't see De De sitting down to enjoy a leisurely lunch. You will see De De in constant motion, hauling AAUW equipment in her truck, helping members with their personal requests (and/or complaints), testing the audio system, closing doors, opening doors, returning items that members leave under the tables, and making sure that we all have a comfortable and enjoyable time. As the ultimate hostess, De De has even given her lunch to members who didn't make reservations. And she makes it all look so easy! De De is quiet, unassuming, smart, organized, kind, hardworking, generous and always on time. She is my hero!



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO US**

As the Greater Whittier Area Branch of AAUW celebrates its 90th year, it is a good time to be reminded of the beginnings of the national organization and Whittier's founding some 25 years later. The text below was written during the 1947-48 presidency of Mrs. Fenner Stickney:

“The American Association of University Women (originally called the Association of Collegiate Alumnae) was founded in 1899; its avowed purposes were to raise standards and increase opportunities for the education of women, and to encourage and help educated women to use their training both for the enrichment of their own lives and for the betterment of society as a whole. More than 93,000 women are now striving to carry out this policy of “Practical work in education.” The Association has continually stood and worked for enlarged opportunities for women, and against discriminations that affect their employment; it has striven for high standards in education, and endeavored through study and action to help in the solution of social and economic problems. Through a continued systematic study of International Relations it has aimed at building an enlightened public opinion as a basis for action on international issues. Believing that well-qualified women are themselves the best argument for women's advancement, a major project of the association has been the offering of graduate fellowships to gifted women, and a million-dollar Fellowship Endowment is now almost completed. A number of International Study Grants bring highly qualified young women from other lands to study in our American universities”.

Whittier Branch of A.A.U.W. had its beginning in the summer of 1925, when Mrs. Walter Dexter, wife of the president of Whittier College, persuaded Dr. Mary Hill of the college faculty to include in her eastern trip a visit to National Headquarters in Washington for the necessary data. On September 10, 1925, seventeen women representing, twelve different colleges, met in Mrs. Dexter's home for the orientation meeting. In the early years most meetings of the organization were held on the college campus, and in 1929 the State Convention was held at Whittier College, with Whittier as the hostess branch.

Ann Topjon, Ellen Peck Historians



AAUW FUNDS-Questions and Answers

Q: How can AAUW members learn more about where their money is going when they donate to AAUW Fund? Is it possible to actually meet the recipients of the fellowships?

What a timely question! On Sunday, October 18th AAUW members in Southern California have an opportunity to meet and hear from many of the fund fellows studying in our area at a luncheon at the Irvine Marriott Hotel at 11:30 AM. Cost is \$40 and members may reserve on-line at aauw-ca.org. (Click on “upcoming events”, Fund Fellows Lunch, and purchase tickets.) Deadline is October 6. Contact Dolores Seidman at the address below if you plan to attend so car-pooling can be arranged. This is a wonderful event where you will see how our donations to AAUW Funds are used!

AAUW Fund Q&A will continue next month. What would you like to know about AAUW Fund? Need clarification on any aspect of this fund raising? Send your questions to Dolores at the e-mail address below.

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Funds Vice-President
Deeseidman@gmail.com



THE YEARBOOK HAS GONE DIGITAL

If you would like a digital copy (PDF Version) of the 2015-16 Yearbook, please send an email to Patricia Cuocco at patricia@calstate.edu.



Your printed copy will be available at the next few meetings, if you have not already received it. If you paid to have your yearbook mailed, and have not yet received it, please contact Susan Halliday at (562) 696-7395 or sbathalliday@yahoo.com



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

As is our custom, GWA-AAUW will hold its Annual Fund Raising Holiday Boutique concurrent with our December meeting at the Elk's Club on December 5th, 2015. There will be some differences this year, as we attempt to provide more interesting and desirable items to help fund our branch..

WE WILL NOT BE COLLECTING WHITE ELEPHANTS – i.e. no used household goods, clothing, etc. We have carefully analyzed what sells over the last few years and these items do not.

WHAT WE NEED: artwork; original arts and craft items; jewelry (real and good costume); new clothing and accessories; gift cards; vouchers for services; offers of vacation rentals; event tickets; homemade foodstuffs (jams, cookies, soup mixes).

Gift Baskets: Our best sellers are usually themed baskets such as Wine and/or Liquor; Coffee; Tea; Chocolate; Hobbies (gardening, cooking, etc.); Men's or Women's' Spa/Beauty/Grooming products; kitchen goods. The committee suggests that the various sections might each provide a basket, or, a few folks can get together to make one. Gwen Woirhaye has graciously offered to provide bows.

If you are going to provide a basket, please let Patricia Cuocco (patricia@fullerton.edu or 562-698-6665) know by November 1st. She will ask that you give her a list of items in the basket and their retail value so that we can set the bid minimums.

This year we will have some opportunity drawings (not raffles – those are a violation of our non-profit status).

Items can be delivered to any of the boutique committee members (elves) and questions can be addressed to any of them, as well.

In addition to coming prepared to shop, PLEASE, consider bringing a friend (or two or three). Our program for the luncheon promises to be extraordinary and the event will be a great way to introduce your friends to GWA-AAUW.

Your Boutique Elves,

Ann Chambers; Patricia Cuocco; Pat Dudley; Maura Greeley; Sharon Heck; DeDe Shatzen.





SECTION INFORMATION

MODERN TRENDS

Thursday, October 22, 7PM

Go Set A Watchman By Harper Lee

Hostess: Carol J. Anderson

Co-Hostess: Gwen Woirhaye

Reviewer: Annette Lauritzen

Originally written in the mid-1950's, *Go Set a Watchman* was first submitted to publishers before *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Assumed to have been lost, the manuscript was discovered in 2014.

Go Set a Watchman features many characters from *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Returning home twenty years later, Jean Louise Finch (Scout) struggles with issues both personal and political, involving her father Atticus and the community of the small Alabama town that shaped her.

Exploring how the characters from *Mockingbird* are adjusting to the turbulent events transforming mid-1950's America, *Watchman* casts a fascinating new light on Harper Lee's enduring classic. Moving, funny and compelling, we ask if it stands as a great novel in its own right.

Please join us for discussion at Carol J. Anderson's home.
9759 Solejar Drive
Whittier 90603 562-691-1542
hapi007@aol.com



MORNING BOOK

October 2015

There will be no meeting this month. In November we will read and discuss *At the Drop of a Veil*, by Marianne Alireza. Detailed information can be found in next month's newsletter.

Other books we are reading this year are:

January: *Between Heaven and Here* (Susan Straight)

March: *All the Light We Cannot See* (Anthony Doerr)

June: *Wingshooters* (Nina Revoyr)

July: *Dead Wake. The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* (Erik Larson)

MEMORIES

The October 28 meeting of Memories will take place at the reconstituted home of Barbara Gile at 1:30 PM. The topic is "Dieting," a rather unfair topic as we head into the holiday season, but there it is. Come share your written ideas with a group of fun and encouraging women. All are welcome.

Directions: Barbara's home is at 14035 Eastridge Dr. Turn north on Vale from Mar Vista. Barbara's home is at the corner of Vale and Eastridge, just one block up from Mar Vista. Phone: 562-693-7279.

GARDENING

This month's Gardening Section event is a trip to the Cal Poly Pomona Pumpkin Festival Saturday, October 17:

"Celebrating California Agriculture"

Agriscapes Pumpkin Field north of the Farm Store at 4102 S. University Dr. off Temple Ave.

Because of popularity in past, this is the first year they are charging admission - Adults \$4

Parking is free in lots C, F, and university parking structure with shuttle service

Tickets can be purchased on-line, at the Farm Store, or at the event gate.

Activities include picking pumpkins, a corn maze, carving, seed spitting, pie eating, petting zoo, and something called the "squash tunnel."

RSVP to Ellen Peck at (562) 943-4679 or E-mail at cpeck4@earthlink.net. Everyone is invited. Meet near the gas station at Ralph's parking lot, corner of Whittier Blvd. and Colima Road at 9am. We will carpool to Cal Poly. Please let me know if you can drive. We will be back in Whittier by 1pm or earlier. Reservations are due by October 14.



INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

The International Concerns Group will discuss Great Decisions, Chapter 6, "Syria's Refugee Crisis" at 10AM on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. We meet at the home of Ellen Larson, 12031 Beverly Blvd., 2D, Whittier. Please RSVP to Ellen at 562-695-7017.



WALKERS THURSDAYS 9 AM

The Walkers section had been meeting at 9AM on Thursday mornings (8 AM from June through September).

Walkers need a chair to organize the activity.

If you are willing to take over this group and determine the weekly walking venue, please contact Section Chair Coordinator, Shirley Stewart at 562-944-4556 or shirleys.creations@verizon.net

FIRST FRIDAY

Date: October 2

Time: 6-8 PM

Host: Linda Pomeroy
1620 N. Cedarcrest Dr.; Brea
714-671-3112

Directions: East on Whittier Blvd. till it dead ends on Puente; Left on Puente to Northwood; Right on Northwood to first street, Poinsettia; Left on Poinsettia to Oakcrest; Right on Oakcrest to Cedarcrest; Left on Cedarcrest to #1620 (next-to-last house on the right).

LA CUISINE

Members of La Cuisine have planned a delicious year of shared meals and good company. La Cuisine is made up of members (& spouses, if any) who have a particular interest in fine dining, and expanding their repertoire of recipes. We meet a total of four times per year: two large dinners to which all regulars and substitutes are invited, and two smaller dinners, open to all members. These are hosted at various members' homes. Hostesses of the smaller dinners can invite substitutes as needed or to fill out a table.

Here are the dates and themes for each dinner:

9/19/15	Route 66: Dining Along the Mother Road	Regulars and Substitutes
11/7/15	Dinner from the Portuguese	Regulars
2/27/16	White House Dining through the Centuries	Regulars
4/16/16	Dining Al Fresco: Themes from the Wolftrap Cookbook	Regulars and Substitutes

If you would like to join La Cuisine for the year, you will be welcomed with open arms. If you want to be a regular member you must co-hostess one of the dinners- this year that would be the April group dinner. If you want to be on the substitute list there are no hostessing requirements, but you will only participate in a dinner if invited to fill in for a regular who cannot attend in November or February. To become a member of La Cuisine, please contact either of the co-chairs: Marge Bates (951-264-5677, retbates6@gmail.com) or Ellen Peck (562-943-4679, cpeck4@earthlink.net)





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

*Title: Mrs. ___ Ms. ___ Miss ___ None ___ Other ___ * If all YOUR information is the same as in the yearbook, just print your name & “ INFORMATION SAME AS LAST YEAR” across the application.

*Last Name _____
*First Name _____ *Middle Initial _____
Spouse’s Name _____
*Street Address _____ *City _____
*Zip Code _____
*Home Phone (_____) _____
*Work Phone (_____) _____ *Cellphone (_____) _____
*Email address _____
Degree _____ Year _____
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AAUW Membership Type (please check one) Annual Dues:
_____ General \$93 (Reflects 2015 increase) _____ Student \$37
_____ Life Member \$44 _____ Dual \$24

A separate check is required for the following:
_____ I want the yearbook mailed to me & will write a separate check to GWA-AAUW for \$2.
_____ I also want the AAUW binder that costs \$5 plus \$1.50 postage & will write a separate check for \$6.50.

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
Or register online at aauw.org Scroll down to ‘Join/Renew’

GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2015

DAY	DATE	TIME	
Friday	2	6:00 PM	First Friday , Linda Pomeroy
Tuesday	6	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Saturday	10	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , Whittier Elks Club
Tuesday	13	6:00 PM	Positive Past Presidents , Marie Callender's (La Serna)
Saturday	17	9:00 AM	Gardening Trip to Cal Poly Pomona
Sunday	18	11:30 AM	AAUW Funds Luncheon , Irvine Marriot
Monday	19	11AM – 11PM	Dining for \$\$\$\$, Applebee's in La Habra
Tuesday	20	10:00 AM	International Concerns , Ellen Larson
Tuesday	27	7:00 PM	Modern Trends , Carol J. Anderson
Wednesday	28	1:30 PM	Memories , Barbara Gile

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR DONATIONS OF FOOD AND TOILETRIES FOR THE HOMELESS AT SAINT MATTHIAS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ASK:

SHIRLEY STEWART – 562-944-4556 OR
SHIRLEYS.CREATIONS@VERIZON.NET

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. **All submission must be in WORD documents as attachment to emails. Please, do not submit within the email itself.**

Please send articles by email on or before the 15th of every month to patricia@fullerton.edu

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