



SEPTEMBER

2015

Saturday, September 12, 11:30 AM
Whittier Elks Club, Ballroom

Lunch is Chicken Marsala, mixed green salad, mashed potatoes, carrots, dessert, coffee, tea and water. Vegetarian meals options are Vegetable Pasta Florentine, Fettuccine Alfredo and pasta with mixed vegetables (advance notice required). There is a third alternative of Chef's Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast (advance notice required). Doggie bags are available upon request. Enjoy table decorations provided by Memories. If you have not made a reservation for the Branch meeting, please do so right away (deadline Wednesday, September 9). 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 **Ballroom**; park in the back of the Lodge and look for the AAUW signs. Elks Lodge is located at 13620 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90605.

Rozanne Child gives the following information on the program: Kerri Lumbert returns to start us off to a healthier and safer new year. Kerri specializes in working with adults and this time she will be talking about the importance of balance. Did you know that one out of three older adults fall each year? I (Rozanne) am one of those, I lost my balance and tripped over the hose while pumping gas and fractured my kneecap. I'm currently in physical therapy to regain use of my right knee. Kerri will be sharing some tips and simple exercises we can all do to improve our balance and prevent falls. So plan to attend this important meeting and connect with your AAUW friends. **Please wear your Alumna or other T-shirt and some snazzy sneakers and join the fun.**

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Don't forget to use our
Branch Website!
<http://whittier-ca.aauw.net>

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please contact Sharon Heck,
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is a time for vacations, relaxation and fun, but my-oh-my it is fleeting! It seems like it was just yesterday that Sharon Heck and I were traveling to the National AAUW Convention in San Diego. Since this was my first AAUW convention, I made sure I crammed in as much as I could. A highlight for me was the plenary session *Women and Girls in STEM* that celebrated AAUW California's founding role in Tech Trek. One of the speakers was Marie Wolbach who received an AAUW Community Action Grant to start Tech Trek. Our own Fay Weber worked with Marie Wolbach to write that initial grant proposal, and our own Barbara Gile was a part of the first camp staff at Stanford in 1998. I came away from the convention totally impressed and exhilarated by the work we are doing in AAUW.

The convention not only gave me an opportunity to learn from and share ideas with AAUW members from across the nation, it also offered some time to spend with our dear friend and former Whittier Branch president Jill Smith. Jill has lived in Colorado the past few years and is now co-president of her AAUW branch in Highland Ranch while she still retains her dual membership with GWA AAUW.

Now, on to fall and the important work we are doing locally. I am privileged to have a dedicated and hardworking board. We started off 2015-16 with a productive July board retreat and are now ready for a fantastic year! I look forward to seeing each of you at our September 12 branch meeting.

Kaye D. Kidwell, President

MEMBERSHIP IN AAUW IS IMPORTANT

Welcome to all our new members and to our continuing Greater Whittier Area - AAUW members. We have a great new year planned for our members, one that will additionally benefit us, as well as other women and girls. Please introduce yourself to new members and help them become acquainted with our various programs and opportunities. Several members have inquired about purchasing the hard plastic magnetic nametags. We will have a sign-up for the plastic name tags at our first few Branch Meetings. We are able to secure a more reasonable price with 20 or more orders. We are hoping to offer the previous price of \$5, but that is yet to be determined.

Remember every GWA-AAUW member is responsible for Membership! Please invite and encourage others to join in Branch meetings, activities, and membership.

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

What does AAUW do for me and for others? The following is just a very short introduction to the areas AAUW supports to improve the lives of millions of women, girls and their families.

Research: We analyze gender equity issues in education and the workplace.

STEM Education (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math): We are leveling the playing field for girls and women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Campus Leadership: We help shape the lives of the next generation of women leaders.

(Membership continued)

Legal Advocacy: We challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

Educational Funding: We provide educational and lifelong learning opportunities for women.

Member Leadership: We provide leadership development opportunities to AAUW members.

If you are one of the few members who has not yet renewed, please do so immediately. Call Susan Halliday (562-696-7395) or Lynda Richardson (562-943-1772) to let them know your intentions. You can always pick up an application from the newsletters or at the Branch meeting, ask Susan or Lynda to email you a user-friendly copy, or renew online at aauw.org.

We look forward to a fantastic year, great programs, tremendous activities, amazing women, and increasing our GWA-AAUW membership to 170 members.

Lynda Richardson & Susan Halliday



MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Myra Long Scholarship Fund directors quarterly meeting in August included unofficial news of two approved grants for \$5,000 and \$3,200 from Quaker Chemical Foundation. Patricia Cuocco, Barbara Gile and Ellen Larson comprise the Grants committee. Fund value as of May 7, 2015 is \$171,237.20. A budget of \$20,950 was adopted for 2015-2016.

Gwen Woirhaye, chair



PUBLIC POLICY



Join AAUW Activists and Make a Difference

Since the inception of AAUW, our members have supported legislation that enhances education, civil rights and economic opportunities for women and girls. In recent years, important legislation such as the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Matthew Sheppard and James Byrd Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Act may not have passed without AAUW support.

An easy way to become an AAUW advocate is to go to the AAUW website and sign up to "Become a Two-Minute Activist." Go to: <http://www.aauw.org/get-involved/> and select # 1, Take Action Online. This simple act will provide urgent e-mail notices to contact your members of congress right in your inbox. Help take action by signing up today and let me know you signed up by contacting me at: faycweber@bresnan.net.



KAYE'S HEROES' CORNER

I have had a heroes corner for many years. The shrine to my personal heroes began in my teens when I heard Eleanor Roosevelt speak on my college campus, and I began studying her accomplishments focused on helping the poor, fighting racial discrimination and supporting women's and children's issues. Years later, I started following the career of U.S. Representative Barbara Jordan who so eloquently represented her Texas district in Congress. I was mesmerized with Ms. Jordan calm, articulate participation during the Nixon impeachment hearings where she stated, "My faith in the Constitution is whole, it is complete, it is total. I am not going to sit here and be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction of the Constitution." Over the years, my heroes corner has grown to include other outstanding women and girls like Maya Angelou, Margaret Thatcher, and Malala Yousafzai.

This leads to my new heroes corner. Many recent events led me to acknowledge that I am surrounded by heroes right here in SoCal! So, I want to honor my new hero—**Rozanne Child**. Rozanne is our GWA AAUW Program Chair and has arranged for outstanding presentations at our branch meetings. Among her many other major contributions to AAUW, Rozanne has served as the Director of the San Diego Tech Trek Camp for several years and has guided the camp's growth to one of the most outstanding in the state. Rozanne has advised us on many issues as we strive to improve the Whittier Camp. The week after she completed this summer's San Diego Camp, Rozanne fell and broke her knee cap. I expected her to endure weeks, if not months, of recovery and therapy. To my surprise, Rozanne called me a few days after her accident to follow up on the program planning for 2015-16. And she wasn't even on meds! The bottom line is that Rozanne is not only smart, industrious, generous, hardworking and dedicated, she is one tough cookie! She is my hero!

Kaye D. Kidwell, President



FUNDS AND PROJECTS

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Our 2015 Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF) non-event fundraiser was a huge success thanks to all who gave so generously. We received \$9,564 from 73 donors. Donations ranged from \$10 to \$2,000. All of the proceeds supported Local Scholarship, Math/Science and Tech Trek.

Lupe Alfaro
Sara Ellen Anderson
Virginia Ball
Cecilia Bartlow
Marjory Bates
Maurine Behrens
Rosemary Bertone
Cindy Birt
Virginia Boles
Laura Bolin
Shanonn Brann Zelaya
Jaqueline Brearley
Constance Bucey
Beth E. Camarco
Janice Cecola
Ann Chambers
Maria Claver
Harriet K. Cornyn
Sheryl Crockey
Patricia Cuocco
Ruth Currie
Patricia Dudley
Carole Duff
Peggy Fretz
Janice Geiger

Barbara Gile
Dolores Gonzalez- Hayes
Elizabeth Greulich
Susan Halliday
Sheila Hartfield
Eleanor Hauger
Sharon Heck
Marie Hegwer-Divita
Christine Heller
Naomi Hill
Lorayne Horka
Linda Ide
Brenda Jahn
Roberta Jessup
Kaye D. Kidwell
Peggy Kiefer
Judith Kraft
Marian Locke
Bruce E. Long
Kathryn Luciano
Mary Ellen Mead
Joyce Paul
Ellen Peck

Helen Poindexter
Linda Pomeroy
Nancy Ramos
Yvette Rawlinson
Carole Restovich
Virginia Rickman
Francine Rippy
JoAnn Sarachman
Dolores Seidman
Ruth B. Shannon
Deirdre Shatzen
Carol Shupek
Jill Smith
Patricia Stanley
Nancy Stieffling
Shirley Stewart
Colleen Tan
Ann Topjon
Sue Turco
Karen Vander Baan
Beverly Walker
Gen'nel Walters
Fay Weber
Ruth White
Gwen Woirhay

2015-16 PROPOSED BUDGET

Income

Fundraiser (boutique)		2,500
Carryover		1,611
Interest		20
Membership Branch (Meet & Greet)		250
Membership Dues (\$24 x 140)	(\$24 x 145)	3,480
Newsletter (mailing contributions)		50
Yearbook/Advertising & Sales		120
Total Income		\$ 8,031

Expense

AAUW Funds Assessment		\$ 60
AAUW Funds Branch Contribution		300
Community Contributions		600
Corresponding Secretary		40
Fundraising Expenses (Boutique)		250
Historian		250
Insurance (paid to State)		650
LACIC Assessment		41
Las Distinguidas		400
Leadership Expenses		100
Membership (branch expenses)		600
Memorials		150
Miscellaneous (Brochures)		400
Newsletter (printing and postage)		500
Post Office Box Rental		200
President		150
Program		1,000
Public Information		20
Recording Secretary		20
State Convention		1,500
National Convention		0
Treasurer		50
Yearbook		750
Total Expense		\$ 8,031

The Finance and Program Committees (Rozanne Child, Patricia Cuocco, Pat Dudley, Barbara Gile, Susan Halliday, Sharon Heck, Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes, Kaye Kidwell and Dolores Seidman) developed the budget on July 9, 2015, to be presented to the GWA-AAUW Membership on September 12, 2015.



AAUW FUNDS-Questions and Answers

AAUW Funds is the national level of philanthropy for our organization. It supports Educational Opportunities (fellowships and grants), The Legal Advocacy Fund, the Public Policy Fund and the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. This is in addition to the specific local support that our branch gives through the Myra Long Scholarship Fund to Tech Trek, the Math/Science Conference, and local scholarships.

During the last AAUW year from September, 2014 to June, 2015 there was a newsletter article each month describing various aspects of AAUW Funds. Rather than repeat this information per se, this year there will be a slightly different approach. There is so much to know about AAUW both nationally, state wide and within our branch, that it is difficult for members, especially newer ones, to be familiar with all aspects. First, you can refer to the following resources on-line:

AAUW.org- (National), AAUW-CA.org- (State), or Whittier-ca.aauw.net- for our branch website. (Archives of the newsletters from last year are available which contain the monthly articles describing AAUW Funds.)

Another way to find out answers to your questions about AAUW Funds, is by sending an e-mail to Dolores Seidman who is the branch director in charge of AAUW Funds this year. Contact: deeseidman@gmail.com or 323-721-8230 if you do not have e-mail. I will attempt to answer these questions in upcoming newsletter articles.

This article will attempt to answer one of the first questions I received.

Q: “ Does the Branch itself donate to AAUW Funds or is the money given by the members?”

A: Included in our present dues structure \$2.00 per member is designated for AAUW Funds. This amount was established many years ago. Therefore last year \$290 was sent by our branch for this purpose. Since this is such a small amount, emphasis has been placed in recent years on appealing to members to make individual contributions that are tax deductible. (In previous years, Whittier Branch held fund raising events specifically for AAUW Funds .) In 2014 Whittier Branch Members and friends donated \$4,692. (AAUW Funds operates on a calendar year basis.) There have been on-going informal discussions about ways in which to increase these funds. Do members have any suggestions?

I have received other pertinent questions I will address in coming months. Please keep your questions coming!



Sunday, October 18, 2015- 12-3p.m.
Southern California AAUW Funds
Luncheon-Irvine Marriott
Meet some of the local women who have
won AAUW Fellowships



SECTION INFORMATION

MORNING BOOK

MODERN TRENDS

Thursday, September 24, 2015 – 7PM

Eleanor Marx by Rachel Holmes

Hostess: Annette Lauritzen

Co-Hostess: Carol K. Anderson

Reviewer: Trish Carlson

A warm welcome to all members (young and not so...) who love to share in the various meanings of a story. Our first read of the 2015-16 year *Eleanor Marx A Life* narrates this remarkable life with such a rare combination of pace, verve and scholarship, that the reader is soon a daily visitor to the Marx household, with its soot, smoke, books, babies, dinner on the table via the pawnshop, three languages spoken in any combination, and the tiny Eleanor. Readers will close this brilliant biography moved by an extraordinary woman's life and the inevitable questions it raises about global capitalism in this day.

Please join us for discussion at Annette's home.

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Annette Lauritzen (See above)

Kristine Yseta 562-696-022



Morning Book is happy to start the year out by reading the phenomenal bestseller, *The Boys in the Boat*, by Daniel James Brown. Subtitled, *Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*. It reads like a novel even though it is non-fiction.

How this University of Washington 8-oar crew team raced its way to the Olympics by working together and sacrificing to reach its goal of gold is but one part of the story. The other part seamlessly details the sport of crew itself. It is fast-paced, and illustrates how bonding as a team could help the members overcome seemingly impossible odds and achieve glory. Please join us for a wonderful discussion!

We will meet on Monday, September 28, at 10AM, at Judy Flanders' home. Carol K. Anderson will guide our discussion, and Ann Topjon will provide refreshments.

The other books we will be reading this year are:
November 23: *At the Drop of a Veil* by Marianne Alireza

January 25: *Between Heaven and Here* by Susan Straight

March 28: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

June 6: *Wingshooters* by Nina Revoyr

July 25: *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson

Directions to Judy's home: 12430 Floral Dr., Whittier 90601; 562-692-7930

From Whittier Blvd., north on Painter, west (left) on Beverly Blvd.; north (right) on Pickering (stoplight); west (left) on Floral Dr. 12430 is 5th house down on the left.

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185

MEMORIES

Memories will meet at the home of Ellen Peck on September 23 at 1:30. The topic: my favorite pet. This will come as a welcome assignment after our topic on aging last month. If anyone is reading this for the first time, we invite you to come share your writing aloud at the home of an AAUW member on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

We are an accepting and encouraging group of amateur writers. You may write for your own pleasure, for family history or for clarifying your own thoughts. It is fun, especially hearing how many ways there are to approach any given topic. We hope to see you there.

Ellen's address: 8156 Stoneridge Drive. Phone: 562-943-4679. Directions: Turn east on Mar Vista from Colima, go to the end of Mar Vista where you will come to a booth. Tell the person there that you are going to Ellen Peck's home and you will gain entry..



INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

International Concerns will meet on Tuesday, September 15 @ 10AM at the home of Ellen Larson – 12031 Beverly Blvd; 2D; Whittier

We will discuss Great Discussions, Chapter 5: The United States and Africa.

Please call Ellen at 562-695-7017 by Monday, September 14 to RSVP. She needs to organize the parking details because of the construction at the Masonic Lodge.

GARDENING

The gardening section will meet at 1 pm on September 21 at the home of Brenda Jahn to plant beautiful water tolerant succulents. Everything you need will be provide; plants, pots and potting mixture. Just bring your creativity and gardening gloves. RSVP to Brenda. Home phone (562) 691-249, cell phone (310) 365-5751, E-mail brenda.jahn@charter.net. Address 1339 N. Padonia Ave. Whittier.

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



FIRST FRIDAY

Date: September 4

Day: Friday

Time: 6 – 8 PM

Host: Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes
8722 Seranata
Whittier, 90603
562-943-6880

Directions: From Whittier Blvd & Colima, go north on Colima. Turn right on Youngwood; then turn left on Serenata Dr.

NEW PHOENIX

Our thanks to Sheryl Crockey and Donna Smith for arranging a viewing of the Huell Howser exhibit at Chapman University. The experience was heightened and more pleasurable because of the expertise of Professor Jeff Swimmer of the Chapman University Film Department who had a personal relationship with Howser. A tasteful lunch followed.

In August, RIP and New Phoenix combined for a remarkably successful performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and lunch at the Claremont Candlelight Dinner Theater.

Peggy Kiefer

MYSTERY MAVENS

Wednesday, September 16 5:30 pm

We will start our year with *A Carrion Death* by Michael Stanley. Jackie Brearley will review. Smashed skull, snapped ribs, and a cloying smell of carrion. Leave the body for the hyenas to devour. But Kalahari game rangers stumble on the human corpse mid-meal. The murder wasn't perfect after all. Enter Detective David "Kubu" Bengu of the Botswana Criminal Investigation Department, an investigator whose personality and physique match his moniker, the Setswana word for hippopotamus which is a seemingly docile beast, but one of the deadliest, and most persistent, on the continent.

"Kubu is a marvelous creation and if his Botswana is more violent than McCall Smith's, it is depicted with its distinctive beauty intact as well. This is a marvelous debut." (Boston Globe)

Please join us as we picnic in Whittier's Penn Park table area. Penn Park is on Penn Street east of Painter and College Avenues. Use the westernmost entrance to be close to the table area.

Other books selected for 2015-2016 are:

November 18 *The Queen's Man* by Sharon Kay Penman

January 20 *Raven Black: Book One of the Shetland Island Quartet* by Ann Cleeves

March 16 *A Dangerous Place* by Jacqueline Winspear

May 18 *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie: A Flavia de Luce novel* by Alan Bradley

Carol K. Anderson, chair





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 (_____) _____ *Cell Phone (_____) _____

*Email address _____

Degree _____ Year _____

Major _____

College/University _____

Degree _____ Year _____

Major _____

College/University _____

Degree _____ Year _____

Major _____

College/University _____

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

SEPTEMBER 2015

DAY	DATE	TIME	
Tuesday	2	6:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Friday	4	6:00 PM	First Friday , Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes
Thursday	10	3:30 PM	Showgirls , Whittier Village Theaters
Saturday	12	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , Whittier Elks Club
Sunday	13	2:00 PM	LACIC Meeting, PIH (Foster Care Issues)
Tuesday	15	12:25 AM	International Concerns , Ellen Larson
Wednesday	16	5:30 PM	Mystery Mavens , Penn Park
Wednesday	23	1:30 PM	Memories , Ellen Peck
Thursday	24	7:00 PM	Modern Trends , Annette Lauritzen
Monday	28	10:00 AM	Morning Book , Judy Flanders

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

Newsletter Editors – Patricia Cuocco, Diana Clark and Carole Duff

DINING FOR DOLLARS – If you receive the newsletter via email, you will receive a separate email with the Dining for Dollars certificate. If you receive a printed version, the certificate will be enclosed.



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