



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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Holiday Program and Boutique
Ballroom Room
Saturday, December 5th 11:00 AM
Elk's Lodge 13620 Whittier Blvd.

The boutique will open at 11 AM. Shopping will continue till Noon, at which time the boutique will close and lunch will be served. Our program will begin at 1PM. The boutique will reopen after the program.

We are pleased to present OPERA-KADABRA! With Patrick Bell. Opera and Magic collide with spectacular results in this one-of-a-kind show as classical opera arias are artfully ornamented with visual magic. Baritone Patrick Bell sings the beautiful arias that you already know and love—or will soon fall in love with—and performs stunning magic that illustrates the story of the character, affect of the music, and meaning of the text...”MAGICIAN!” Patrick will sing some favorite holiday tunes in addition to taking requests.

You don't want to miss this exciting Holiday Program. So dust off your party shoes and join the fun!

Lunch will be braised beef tips, mixed green salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert, coffee, tea and water. Vegetarian meals are Vegetable Pasta Florentine, Fettuccine Alfredo and pasta with mixed vegetables (advance notice required). A Chef's Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast is also available with advance notice. Enjoy table decorations provided by Gardening.

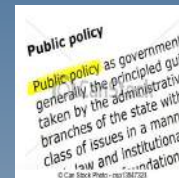
Reservation for the Branch meeting, are due by Wednesday, December 2, noon. Please send an email to DeDe Shatzen at Lsecret@earthlink.net. If you are without email, call DeDe at 310-617-7768. Your reservation will be confirmed. Cost of lunch is \$25.00. We will be in the Ballroom. The entrance to the Ballroom and parking are behind the building. Look for the AAUW signs. Elks Lodge is located at 13620 Whittier Blvd., Whittier.

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

*For comments or questions
please contact Sharon Heck,
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562-698-0476*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I feel totally refreshed and inspired! I just arrived home from our November branch meeting where we heard from one of our legacies. Shannon Cholakian, today's speaker, is a legacy of each and every one of us. She exuded passion as she shared her experiences of working with like-minded girls and women. Shannon attended Tech Trek as a middle-schooler and subsequently served as a counselor at Tech Trek camps. She participated twice in AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), including a stint as a national student advisory council member. Exemplifying the leader she is, she also founded an AAUW on-line chapter at Cal State Long Beach. I know AAUW's future is bright, because we support thousands of young women like Shannon whose passion is contagious when we donate to AAUW Fund.

Our December branch meeting will be loads of fun. Singing, magic and shopping! I have heard Patrick Bell before and am so excited that he is going to entertain us with his beautiful baritone voice and his clever magic tricks. I hope to see you all on December 5.

Kaye D. Kidwell, President

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Kudos to Jane Dicus who recently was named Chair of the Board of Directors at PIH Health! Jane is a vice president for Morgan Stanley in Brea and lives in Whittier. She has served the community in many ways, among them president of our GWA AAUW branch (1983-84), president of Soroptimist International Whittier, and president of Whittier High School PTA. She also is a member of P.E.O. Chapter CU. We know we are in good hands with Jane at the helm of PIH.

Kaye Kidwell, President



DESIGN HOUSE

Please! Mark your calendars.

The Pasadena Design House will be open April 17 to May 15, 2016.

This is a time when all members who can stand for four hours may want to docent in a beautiful home and earn \$10 an hour for the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. We car pool and enjoy the morning. If interested please contact [Gwen @Woirhaye.com](mailto:Gwen@Woirhaye.com).

PUBLIC POLICY



Guide to Action for the Ratification of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

In 1989, The United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). It was the first international treaty to integrate human rights as they apply to children. It supports children's right to survival, development, and protection against abuse, neglect and exploitation and to participate in family, cultural and social aspects of life. Other critical Convention issues include education, health care, juvenile justice and the rights of children with

disabilities. The Convention defines a child as any human being under the age of eighteen, unless the age of majority is attained earlier under a state's own domestic legislation.

The United States government played an active role in the drafting of the Convention. It commented on nearly all of the articles, and proposed the original text for seven of them. Three of these came directly from the United States Constitution and were proposed by the administration of President Ronald Reagan. The Convention was adopted by the UN General Assembly on 20 November 1989 and went into effect on 2 September 1990. On 16 February 1995, Madeleine Albright, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, signed the Convention. However, neither President Bill Clinton, who was generally supportive, nor President Bush submitted the Convention to the Senate. President Barack Obama has described the failure to ratify the Convention as 'embarrassing' and has promised to review.

WG-USA (Women Graduates) recognizes that as Americans, we know that children should come first. Ratifying the UNCRC would solidify global support for the rights of children and families. It's not that the U.S. does not recognize the rights of children, as it has signed and ratified the Optional Convention Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict and the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, a priority issue for WG-USA.

Please take the time to urge your legislators to get this important convention ratified by the U.S. Time is running out for our children. To date, **the United States is the only UN member not to have ratified UNCRC.**

Fay Weber, Public Policy Chair



MEMBERSHIP MADNESS

December is upon us, with January rapidly approaching, almost at break-neck speed! **January 8th is our Meet & Greet** evening event designed to share information about AAUW as well as **Greater Whittier Area AAUW** to new and prospective members. Several of our new members attended this event last year and made the wise decision to join us. Such a blessing. Each member of our branch brings with her a richness of experiences and wealth of ideas which contribute to making the branch successful. It takes all of us to share what AAUW and GWA-AAUW does and how it is meaningful to us. There is not a First Friday or a Branch Meeting in January due to our wonderful and exciting Math Science Conference. So, bring a friend, neighbor or new acquaintance and join us on Friday evening, January 8th at 6 pm at the Assistance League Clubhouse on Greenleaf.

We are interested in what you are passionate about and want to hear from you. You are encouraged to email Susan Halliday or Lynda Richardson sharing your passion. It might even be connected to your New Year's Resolution!

If you don't have a permanent nametag and would like one, be sure to order one. There is a signup sheet at the Membership Table. Name tags are \$8.50 each. The more we order the better the price.

Meet & Greet flyers will be available at the December Branch Meeting. Be sure to take several and pass them out to your organizations and friends.

See flyer in the newsletter for more details and remember to invite your family and friends!

\$\$ MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$\$

Our newest way to raise funds painlessly involves connecting your Ralphs reward card to our account. When you have done this, every time you shop we will receive a percentage of your expenditure.

To connect your card online: go to www.ralphs.com; click on "create an account;" follow the steps to create your account. You will receive an email confirmation. When all is complete link your card by clicking on "Community Rewards;" "Edit my community contribution;" and select "Greater Whittier Area Amer. Assn of Univ Women".

If you do not use the online method, you must obtain a sheet with bar code which you will take to the cashier at your store. Contact me and I will mail one to you. If you do not yet have a Rewards Card, it can be obtained at the store where you shop.

Further fundraising events will be the Non-event after the holidays and serving as docents for the Pasadena Showcase House of Design in April and May.

Gwen Woirhaye, chair

American Association of University Women

Invite you to join us for



Meet & Greet

Bring a friend or a guest!

Friday, January 8, 2016

6:00-8:00pm

Assistance League of Whittier
6339 Greenleaf Avenue
Whittier, CA 90601
562 693-6533



This is a great opportunity to mix and mingle over a glass of wine and appetizers in a casual setting, while learning what AAUW is doing in our community and the world.

Guest/Non members free of charge
\$10.00 for current member & spouses

For more information call Susan Halliday 562 696-7395
or Lynda Richardson 562 715-5514



AAUW FUND- Q& A



Why has the name changed from AAUW Funds to AAUW Fund?

Our association has changed the name of its national philanthropic mission from AAUW Funds to AAUW Fund. Although this may seem to be a small difference they have done so to emphasize that *all* our donations go into the same fund that advances AAUW's mission by sustaining *all* our programs and activities. When individual members make donations to AAUW Fund they may make them unrestricted, which means they can be used wherever most needed. But, if members have a favorite area they wish to specify they may continue to do so. This would include specific endowments which support the Fellows such as the speaker we had in October, Adriana Romero Olivares, or Grants. Or members may wish to support the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF), the Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation (Research) or the Public Policy Fund.

Unrestricted AAUW Fund would support such programs as the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders, (NCCWSL) , the Younger Women's Task Force, the Outlook Magazine, Tech Savvy, Elect Her and Start Smart. If you want to know more about any of these areas check out the AAUW website: aauw.org which will tell you everything you would want to know!

So, whether you give an unrestrictive gift to AAUW Fund, or designate a certain program, I hope you will give before the end of the calendar year, December 31. You can donate on line or obtain a donation form to mail at aauw.org (See "Donate") or pick up a form at the December branch meeting. Remember the donations are tax deductible! Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Dolores Seidman (deeseidman@gmail.com)

MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE FOR 8TH GRADE GIRLS



Plans are moving along very well for our Math/Science Conference for 8th Grade Girls. As of this writing I have all twenty of our speakers confirmed. They are a varied group of women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) careers. Some of them include: veterinarian, physical therapist, information technology consultant, director of sports, medical technologist, food researcher, pharmacy professor, computer engineer, FBI agent, psychology professor, ob-gyn, and others. I will be e-mailing a list of the speakers to the 25 schools by November 16, so that the 340 girls can make their 5 choices. I try to give 3 of their choices when I organize the workshops. It seems early to do this, but it is a time consuming job, and they must have their choices back to me by December 9.

Dolores Seidman is gathering volunteers for the event. Please e-mail her if you haven't signed up as yet. Her e-mail address is: deeseidman@gmail.com. If you do not have a computer, phone her at: 323-721-8230.

The packet party to assemble the paperwork for the students, advisors, speakers, and volunteers will be on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at the home of Barbara Gile, 6PM. The members of our Branch have always been so supportive of this event, so think about volunteering your help to make our 23rd Annual Conference a super one.

Sharon Heck, Math/Science Conference Chair



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

**American Association
of University Women
Greater Whittier Branch**

will have a "Day at the ROADHOUSE GRILL" on
Thursday, December 10th
from **11:00 am to 10:00 pm.**

The Roadhouse Grill
15156 E. Whittier Blvd
Whittier, CA
562-945-7796

will donate 20% of our group's food and beverage purchases to our organization on the above designated day.
Proceeds will support the Myra Long Scholarship Fund.

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

This offer does not apply to take-out orders or gift cards.

Please no soliciting on the premises.



SECTION INFORMATION

Morning Book

We will not be meeting in December. You can get a head start on January 25, 2016's book, however, by reading Between Heaven and Here, by Susan Straight. I am still looking for a discussion leader for this book. Any volunteers? Further information will be found in January's bulletin. Happy Holidays to you all!

Ann Topjon Chair 562-695-6185



PPP POSITIVE PAST PRESIDENTS



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 9th at 6 PM at Gwen Woirhaye home (see Flyer next page)

\$25.00

We will be collecting gift cards for the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter. Members may bring a bottle of wine

If you have not made your \$10.00 Donation for the boutique, please send a check to Barbra Gile

Shirley Stewart, Chairman

MEMORIES

The December meeting of Memories takes place Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the lovely home of Helen Rahder at 12 noon. (Please note change of time). Helen is hosting a buffet luncheon for our group. Please bring a special Christmas memory to share. Because Helen lives in Pasadena, there is an opportunity to carpool. If you'd like, you can meet at the home of Carole Restovich behind Whittier College at 11:15 AM and we can go from there. Please respond to this email if you are attending, so I can let Helen know an approximate number.

Directions are by FREEWAY: take the 605 north to the 210. West on the 210 to Hill Street; south (left) on Hill about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. One block past Pasadena City College (on the left), make a left on Rose Villa – end of block on the right to her home at 1582 Rose Villa. **Or VIA ROSEMEAD:** take Beverly Blvd. west to Rosemead. Rosemead north (right) to Pasadena; one block past Huntington Ave., make a left on California Blvd. Go 3 miles to Hill Street (Cal Tech will be in the northwest corner), right on Hill for 3 blocks to 1582 Rose Villa. For more information, call Carole at 562-696-0296.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

PPP POSITIVE PAST PRESIDENTS



CHRISTMAS PARTY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

6:00 P.M.

GWEN WOIRHAYE'S HOME

5810 FRIENDS

WHITTIER

COST: \$25.00 per person

**WE ARE COLLECTING GIFT CARDS FOR THE
WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S CRISIS SHELTER**

MEMBERS MAY BRING A BOTTLE OF WINE

RSVP BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015 TO

gwen@woirhaye.com OR 562-533-2099



GARDENING

On December 21 the Gardening Section will have a pot luck lunch at 11 o'clock at Ellen Peck's home. When I get a count of how many can attend I will call you with a food assignment. After lunch we will plan our 2016 activities.

8156 Stoneridge Drive, Whittier CA 90605
Colima Road to Mar Vista, east
Drive through the guard gate. Turn right on Aurora Crest. Turn right on Stoneridge Drive. My home is second from the end on the left side of the street.

RSVP by December 15 at
cpeck4@earthlink.com or (562)943-4679.



First Friday

Date: December 4
Time: 6-8 PM
Host: Gwen and Mahlon Woirhaye
Location: 5810 Friends Avenue / Whittier
562-696-6405

Directions: One block west of Painter Avenue
One block north of Beverly Blvd.
Get a parking permit at the front gate to place on your dashboard

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

International Concerns will not meet in December. The next meeting will be on January 19th at 10:00 AM at the home of Ellen Larson to discuss "Brazil's Metamorphosis".



NEW PHOENIX

Looking forward to seeing you on Sat., Dec 5, 4PM for the Chorale Bel Canto Christmas performance (after our branch meeting) at Trinity Lutheran Church, Floral Drive, Whittier..

Follow up at Louise Holden's lovely home for a holiday gathering (camaraderie, conversation, and pot-luck.) Let Louise know what you plan to share.

Colleen Tan, Chairperson



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

DECEMBER 2015

DAY	DATE	TIME	
Tuesday	1	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Friday	4	6:00 PM	First Friday , Gwen and Mahlon Woirhaye's
Saturday	5	11:00 AM	Branch Meeting & Boutique , Whittier Elks Club
Saturday	5	4:00 PM	New Phoenix , Trinity Lutheran
Wednesday	9	6:00 PM	Positive Past Presidents Party , Gwen Woirhaye's
Thursday	10	10:00 A- 11PM	Dining for \$\$\$, Roadhouse Grill, Whittier
Thursday	10	4:00 PM	Showgirls, Whittier Village Cinema
Wednesday	16	12:00 PM	Memories , Helen Rahder's
Monday	21	11 AM	Gardening , Ellen Peck's

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 create the document within WORD itself rather than cutting and pasting into WORD. Please DO NOT use TABS. 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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