



JANUARY
2016

MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE FOR 8TH GRADE GIRLS

Progress on this conference is tremendous. I have received the lists of students from the twenty-five schools attending the Wednesday, January 27, 2016 event at Whittier College, and their five choices of speakers. I set an early deadline so I could begin my work with them before the students leave for Christmas vacation.

I will tally all their choices, assign the most popular speaker choices to the largest classrooms, and assign each student to three workshops where they will hear six women in science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics careers (S.T.E.M.). In January Kaye Kidwell will help me put color-coded workshop tickets in an envelope for each girl. Tickets are required for attendance at each workshop. These young women attendees are chosen by their teachers and are a very special group.

Many AAUW volunteers have signed to help us that day. If you would like to help with the event on January 27 at Whittier College, or on January 20 making packets at the home of Barbara Gile, please contact Dolores Seidman. Her e-mail address is: deeseidman@gmail.com. All volunteers are welcome to join us for lunch when the conference ends at 12:45 PM that day. We are looking forward to a terrific conference and we really appreciate everyone's efforts.

Sharon Heck, Chair
Math/Science Day

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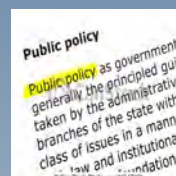
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Branch Website!
<http://whittier-ca.aauw.net>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am still basking in the good spirits of our December meeting. We had a great turnout of members and guests. I watched the audience as Patrick Bell entertained us with his beautiful baritone voice and clever magic tricks. I have never seen Patricia Cuocco perplexed, but the look on her face was priceless when she assisted Patrick with the rope and ring trick. I am not sure she has figured out his slight-of-hand yet. I know I have not. And then, to watch Rozanne Child and Fay Weber giggle as they helped Patrick into his straight jacket—I am still chuckling at the sheer joyful fun!

The Boutique was a huge success! Thank you to all who generously donated items and to those who bought the merchandise. The Boutique is a major fundraiser for our branch's operating budget, and we are grateful for your support.

We will not have a branch meeting in January, as many of us will be working on our 23rd annual Math Science Conference. I always look forward to seeing the eighth-grade girls troop across the Whittier College campus and into the classrooms to learn from talented professional women about the many science, technology, engineering and math careers available to them. Thank you to all who volunteer to work on the conference.

Kaye Kidwell



Kaye's Heroes

Kaye's Heroes' Corner

Elves: mythical beings in human form endowed with magical powers and given to beneficial or mischievous interference in human affairs (Webster's Third International Dictionary, Unabridged).

Indeed! We are so blessed to have elves in our midst—Boutique Elves to be more specific. While our Boutique Elves may have a mischievous streak, they exude beneficence. They work so hard to raise money for GWA AAUW in a fun and joyous way. While dozens of GWA AAUW members contribute to the Boutique, this core group works year-round planning and prepping for the big event. So this month, I honor Patricia Cuocco, Ann Chambers, Pat Dudley, Sharon Heck, Maura Greeley, De De Shatzen and Diana Clark. They are talented, creative, diligent, organized, thoughtful, persevering, punctual, and downright fun-to-work-with women. They not only raised beaucoup bucks at the 2015 Boutique, they already are getting a head start on 2016's event!

They are my heroes!

Kaye D. Kidwell, President

MEMBERSHIP



Membership Invites You to Meet And Greet

Now is the time to start inviting friends and prospective new members to our yearly Meet and Greet event. We will be gathering on Friday, January 8, 2016 from 6 PM-8PM at the Assistance League of Whittier, 6339 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier. This is the perfect opportunity to share with others what Greater Whittier Area AAUW is doing in our community and nationally. We will have time to mix and mingle in a casual setting with appetizers, refreshments and dessert. This will be followed by a brief presentation of AAUW's mission statement, what GWA is doing in our community, and an overview of our many interest groups.

Our goal in membership is to strive for diversity and we hope that you will use this opportunity to look around at work, church, neighbors, businesses, dentist, doctor and other services to reach out to those in our area and invite them to join us for this informational evening. Think about inviting young professionals, recent college grads and women who would love to learn about AAUW. Guests are free of charge and current members and spouses are \$10. Donations of appetizers or desserts are greatly appreciated. For more information call Susan Halliday 562 696-7395 or Lynda Richardson 562 715-5514.

Please see our FLYER on page 5



LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (LACIC)

Please save the date, Sunday, January 10, 2-4 p.m., for the next meeting of AAUW CA LACIC's 2015-16 program year. Nicole Simmons, the new Whittier Tech Trek Camp Director, will be the speaker. The meeting will be held at PIH (formerly known as Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital), 12401 Washington Boulevard, Whittier.

PUBLIC POLICY

More Work Needed to Pass Pay Equity and Fairness Compensation Legislation

A top priority for National and CA AAUW is for all women to achieve economic self-sufficiency through pay equity and fairness in compensation. Recently the Governor vetoed two of CA AAUW priority bills on equal pay/anti-discrimination. AB 1017 would have prohibited employers from seeking past salary history when hiring; AB 1354 would have established an anti-discrimination program for state contractors.



A third equal pay bill was signed by the Governor and chaptered. SB 358 prohibits wage discrimination based on gender. The National Organization of Women (NOW) is leading an effort to expand SB 358 and add to the classes covered by its protection. AAUW is considering joining with NOW in this effort.

Check on the AAUW CA website <http://www.aauw-ca.org/> for review of the 2015 legislative session.

Fay Weber, Public Policy Chair

STEP UP TO LEADERSHIP

The heart of any organization such as ours is our membership. However, we need remember that NOTHING gets done – no meetings, no programs, no sections and more important, no scholarships, Math/Science Day or local girls off to Tech Trek if members don't step up to be leaders!



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Just about every time I attend an AAUW event and Branch members start to talk about the issues they face, one of the major ones is always getting women to serve in leadership positions. In some places, the situation is so dire, that branches have collapsed. I truly think GWA-AAUW is better (luckier) than many branches, but it is nonetheless always difficult to fill the full slate of Branch Officers.

As the Immediate Past President, it is my task to chair the nominating committee. So, I am asking each and every member to think about taking a leadership role. Our Branch Guidelines put a two-year term limit on serving in any one elected office. This year many of our officers will hit that limit. We will be actively seeking a President-elect; Program VP; Hospitality VP; AAUW Funds VP; and Membership VP. Sometimes two people want to share a position; that's GREAT!

If you think you might be interested, please let me know. If you have questions about any of the job responsibilities, I will make sure you get all the information you need. We do great work for our community here at GWA-AAUW. We need YOU to help us continue in that work.

Patricia Cuocco

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



The article in the October issue of our newsletter explained that in our present dues structure \$2.00 per member is designated for AAUW Fund. This amount was established nearly 50 years ago. In addition members have been encouraged to make tax-deductible donations individually.

At this time I am happy to report that the AAUW Board has passed a motion unanimously that will allocate 30 percent of the boutique profit of \$3,790 this year rounded up to \$1200 to be added to the \$300 we would send AAUW Fund as our normal \$2 per member contribution, making the GWA-AAUW Branch contribution to AAUW Fund for 2015 a total of \$1,500 in addition to individual donations. A full report on our total donations will be made early in 2016 as the AAUW Fund report is based on the calendar year, ending December 31.

Thanks to those who made individual donations—an Honor Roll will be published in a future newsletter article. And, special thanks to those who worked so hard at organizing the boutique as well as those who supported it.

Dolores Seidman, Chair, AAUW Fund



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).

Barbara Gile
barbaragile@me.com



SECTION INFORMATION

Morning Book

We will start the new year out by reading *Between Heaven and Here*, by Susan Straight, a “gracefully told novel [in which] the heart of the Inland Empire is broken wide open to reveal the loyalty, the dark history, and the love that runs in the veins of a hidden America. It is gripping in its compassion.” Please join us on Monday, January 25, at 10AM for discussion. Because we do not have a leader this month, please bring a question to help with the discussion. I will provide background information. We are meeting at Gwen Woirhaye’s, 5810 Friends Ave., Whittier 90601; 562-696-6405. Georgine Sweeney will provide refreshments.

Directions to Gwen’s house: From Whittier Blvd., north on Painter Ave.; left on Beverly Blvd. one block west; right on Friends Ave. to end. House is on the right, at the top of the hill.



PPP POSITIVE PAST PRESIDENTS



Lunar New Years
Dinner at
Silver
Palace
Restaurant
in Whittier

on February 16, 2016. Details in the February Newsletter
Shirley Stewart, Chair

SHOWGIRLS

Showgirls meets the second Thursday of each month to see movies at the Whittier Village Cinemas. We have seen a variety of movies. Afterwards we eat at a nearby restaurant. Please join us. For further information contact Cindy Birt 562-697-7520.

MEMORIES

Is one of your New Year’s resolutions to write your life story? If so, have we got a section for you! Memories will meet at the home of Carole Restovich on January 20 at 1:30 PM. Topic: “What I Learned in 2015.” We usually meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month, but Math/Science Day at Whittier College takes place on the 27th. So please join us on Jan. 20 to share your written thoughts in front of a supportive audience. All are welcome.

Directions: North on Painter Ave. to Philadelphia St., turn east on Philadelphia. Bryn Mawr is the first residential street directly behind Whittier College; turn right to 7008 Bryn Mawr Way. Phone: 562-696-0296.

MYSTERY MAVENS

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm

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

Reviewer: Jenifer MacLowry

Set in the remote Scottish Shetland Islands, Cleeves's taut, atmospheric thriller, the first in a new series, will keep readers guessing until the last page. Det. Insp. Jimmy Perez investigates the murder of teenage Catherine Ross, found strangled on a snowy hillside shortly after New Year's. While the police and citizens alike are quick to lay the blame on local eccentric Magnus Tait, who was not only the last person to see Catherine alive but also the prime suspect in the disappearance eight years earlier of another girl, Perez has his doubts. He's soon drawn into an intricate web of lies as he unearths the long-buried secrets of everyone from a roguish playboy to Catherine's only school friend.

Cleeves masterfully paints Perez as an empathetic hero and sprinkles the story with a lively cast of supporting characters who help bring the Shetlands alive. When the shocking identity of the murderer is revealed, readers will be as chilled as the harsh winds that batter the isolated islands.

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

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

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

2016 is the beginning of a new year filled with interesting discussions during our International Concerns section meetings held on the third Tuesday of the month. We will meet on January 19, 2016 at 10 AM in the home of Ellen Larson (12031 Beverly Blvd. #2D, Whittier 90601.) Please read Chapter 8 "Brazil in Metamorphosis" to complete the 2015 edition of "Great Decisions". Ellen will take orders for the 2016 edition. The cost is about \$20.00.

We welcome new members. Please join us on January 19 to meet our group and become engaged in the discussion about Brazil led by member Barbara Gile. At that time you may order your "Great Decisions" 2016 briefing book. This is the perfect opportunity for you to expand your knowledge about the U.S. foreign policy process.

GARDENING



The Gardening Section will announce the schedule of events for the first part of 2016 in the February Newsletter.

First Friday

There is no First Friday Meeting in January. There will be a Meet and Greet (see flyer on Page 5) to attract new membership.



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MODERN TRENDS

Thursday, January 28, 2015, 7 PM

Gardens of Water By Alan Drew

Place: Annette Lauritzen's home

Treats: Annette Lauritzen

Reviewer: Kristine Yeseta



Gardens of Water is an enthralling story of two families, and two faiths in Turkey at the time of the cataclysm of 1999. It tells of Sinan, whose daughter, Irem, dreams of escaping the confines of her family and the duties of a devout Muslim woman. She sees in Dylan, an American boy, the enticing promise of another life. But then a massive earthquake forces Sinan and his family to live as refugees in their own country and leads to a dangerous intimacy with their American neighbors, as Irem and Dylan fall in love. When Sinan finds himself entangled in a series of increasingly dangerous decisions, he will be pushed toward a final betrayal that will change everyone's lives forever. Powerful and beautifully written, Alan Drew's *Gardens of Water* marks the debut of a brilliant new American writer.

Please join us for discussion at Annette's home: 17863 Nearbank Dr. in Rowland Hts. 91748.

Directions: From Whittier Blvd. and Colima; go north on Colima, through the hills and pass both Hacienda Blvd. and Azusa Blvd. Turn right at Fullerton Rd. Turn right at Galatina St. (first street past Queen of Angels Cemetery) Turn right at Nearbank Dr. Drive about 10 houses up on the right side.

Questions: Call Annette at 626-964-1843 or 626-736-6650

dncnme@gmail.com

Next Modern Trends meeting is Feb.25, Thurs. at Marie Callendar's.



"When I grow up, I'm gonna be a leader.
Wanna follow me?"



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 _____

Major _____

College/University _____

Degree _____ Year _____

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College/University _____

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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

JANUARY 2016

DAY	DATE	TIME	
Friday	8	6:00 PM	Meet & Greet , Whittier Assistance League
Thursday	14	TBD	Showgirls , Whittier Village Cinema
Tuesday	19	10:00 AM	International Concerns , Ellen Larson's
Wednesday	20	1:30 PM	Memories , Carole Restovich's
Wednesday	20	6:00 PM	Math/Science Day Packet Assembly , Barbara Gile's
Wednesday	20	6:30 PM	Mystery Mavens , Marie Callendar's (La Serna)
Monday	25	10:00 AM	Morning Book , Gwen Woirhaye's
Wednesday	27	**7:30 AM	Math/Science Day Whittier College
Thursday	28	7:00 PM	Modern Trends , Annette Lauritzen's

**** Dolores Seidman will inform volunteers of report time**

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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