

**Branch Meeting – Saturday
March 5, 2016 – 11:30 AM - Whittier
Elk’s Club**

Nina Revoyr, author of Southland and Wingshooters, will be our guest speaker on Saturday, March 5th. She was born in Japan to a Japanese mother and a Caucasian American father and grew up in Tokyo, Wisconsin, and Los Angeles. Her second novel, Southland was a Los Angeles Times bestseller and “Best Book of 2003”, a Book Sense 76 pick, an Edgar Award finalist, and the winner of the Ferro Grumley Award and the Lambda Literary Award. Nina’s fourth novel Wingshooters was published in 2011. It was a Booklist Editors Choice for 2011 and O: Oprah Magazine’s “Book to Watch For,” and has won an Indie Booksellers Choice and the Midwest Booksellers Choice Award.

Nina is executive vice president and chief operating officer of a large nonprofit organization that serves children affected by violence and poverty in Central and South Los Angeles. She has also been an Associate Faculty member at Antioch University and a Visiting Professor at Cornell University, Occidental College, and Pitzer College.

As you can see this is going to be an outstanding meeting, one you don’t want to miss. Nina will have books for sale and will gladly autograph them.

Lunch will be sliced roast beef with wild mushroom sauce, mixed green salad, 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). A Chef’s Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast is also available with advance notice. Enjoy table decorations provided by International Concerns.

Reservations for the Branch meeting are due by Wednesday, March 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 \$20.00. 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



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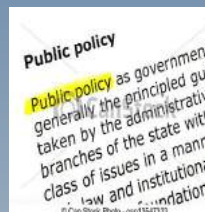
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<http://whittier-ca.aauw.net>

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please contact Sharon Heck,
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I just returned home from our February branch meeting where Fay Weber briefed us on AAUW's work to advance women's issues and remedy inequities facing women of all ages. We then had a brief discussion of our personal experiences as young women facing institutionalized discrimination. For example, Ginny Ball shared her story of the salary schedules when she was first hired as a teacher—pay was based on gender, marital status and how many children one had! And yet, today, employers can still base one's salary on what one was paid in a previous job. Women are typically at a disadvantage in this scenario. The bottom line is: WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO!

In March, we are going to hear from Nina Revoyr, author of *Southland* and *Wingshooters*. We are a branch of avid readers, so I encourage you to join us to learn more about Ms. Revoyr's writings.

Kaye D. Kidwell



New Member Orientation

The Positive Past Presidents invite all new and prospective members to an orientation meeting on Wednesday, March 16, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM at the home of Barbara Gile.

This is a social meeting to acquaint our newest members to long time members and with the Greater Whittier Area - AAUW functions and programs. Refreshments will be served.

The Gile residence is located at 14035 Eastridge Drive on the northeast corner of Eastridge and Vale Drive just one block from Mar Vista Road. Please RSVP (562) 693-7279 or barbaragile@me.com



MEMBERSHIP



Membership Reflections

We had a great turnout at our January Meet & Greet meeting. Forty-four people attended, including ten new women, one of whom had been a member in the past. An extra thank you to all of our members who attended and brought a dish to share.

Membership would like to reflect on our numbers for the past year. Last year at this time 1/15/15 we had 133 members + 28 Life Members = 161. This year as of 1/23/16 we have 123 Members + 25 Life Members = 148. We lost 12: 2 died; 1 developed Alzheimer's; 1 moved out of state (Hawaii); 1 man did not rejoin; 3 college students did not rejoin; and, a few others never responded to numerous phone call and emails. Sooooo....if the 10 women who were at the Meet & Greet join, we'll be closer to last year's numbers. **Remember it takes all of us to recruit new members.** Please invite new guests to our monthly luncheons and to our various enrichment groups. Who knows? It might be time to start a new outreach group for young professional women or stay-at-home moms.

In January, February and part of March we offer a reduced rate for people joining for the balance of the current fiscal year. From mid March through June, new members can pay the full membership and be members through June 2017.

At our February meeting we recognized our 30- and 40-year members. We will also be encouraging members to fill out the bright yellow membership questionnaire sheets for us to keep on file. If you do not have an AAUW magnetic nametag with your name on it, please contact Lynda Richardson at 562-943-1772 or lyndasue10@yahoo.com. As soon as we reach ten on the list, we can place the order and keep the price at \$8.50.

Susan Holliday
Lynda Richardson



MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

If you have already filled out and given us a membership questionnaire, THANK YOU. These come in very handy for many people trying to do the job of Branch Administration. If you haven't done one, we have provided a copy for you on the next page. Please fill it out and mail to either Susan Halliday or Lynda Richardson. You can also fill it out on line and email it to either of them at sbathalliday@yahoo.com or lyndasue10@yahoo.com.

PUBLIC POLICY

Jump in and Become an AAUW Advocate



Greater Whittier Area AAUW February newsletter outlined AAUW-CA its public policy priorities. After publication, the AAUW-CA announced that public policy committee will meet March 19 to determine and prioritize the Bills and Resolutions that need AAUW support. Legislative updates related to AAUW-CA policy will be included in the April newsletter.

Meanwhile, in 2015 AAUW-CA sponsored or co-sponsored three Equal Pay bills; one was passed and signed into Law by Governor Brown. SB 358 sponsored by Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D Santa Barbara) and co-sponsored by AAUW-CA and the Chamber of Commerce, clarifies employer defenses to pay discrimination claims and prohibits employers from discriminating or retaliating against employees who are involved in proceedings to enforce these protections. Many AAUW families attended the governor's signing.

The other two bills that would strengthen California Equal Pay Law, but were vetoed by the governor, are AB 1017 and AB 1354. The first would prohibit employers from asking about a potential hire's prior salary and the second requires contractors working in the state to comply with a pay nondiscrimination program. Both will be reintroduced this year, most likely with a number change.

If you wish to be an AAUW advocate, the following resources are accurate, quick and easy to use:

1. Connect@aauw.org Two-Minute Activist: Federal Legislative Priorities for Women and Families in the 114th Congress: AAUW National - receive urgent e-mail notifications to contact members of congress right in your inbox.
2. <http://www.aauw-ca.org> Bill Tracking AAUW California
3. Smartvoter.org - League of Women Voters provides automatic updates on legislation and resolutions giving both pros and cons and providing sound recommendations.
4. Votesmart.org - Project Vote Smart is a voter self-defense system, non-partisan and nonprofit group, spotlighting over 40,000 candidates and elected officials. You can check out voting records, backgrounds, issue positions, finances, evaluations and public statements.

RECYCLE AND BE CHARITABLE AT THE SAME TIME

Please start saving your used SMALL and MEDIUM sized medicine bottles, both prescription and “over the counter”. There is a huge need for them in Africa where people walk enormous distances from their villages to doctors and clinics and often have no container with which to bring home medication.

You can bring pill bottles (small and medium) to the April, May and June meeting. If you prefer, you can collect a bunch from friends and relatives and call Patricia Cuocco 562-698-6665 or patricia@fullerton.edu to arrange a pick up.

AAUW FUND – HONOR ROLL

Many thanks to our 37 branch members who made individual contributions to AAUW Fund. Our total this year, including the \$2.00 per member allotment, plus the \$1200 allocated from the Holiday Boutique was \$5670. These funds will be used for the many activities sponsored by AAUW including the Educational Opportunities Fund (Fellowships and Grants), Eleanor Roosevelt Fund (Publications), Legal Advocacy Fund, Public Policy Fund and Leadership Programs (such as NCCWSL).

Lupe Alfaro
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Diana Clark
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Sheryl Crockey
Patricia Cuocco
Ruth Currie
Patricia Dudley
Carole Duff

Pam Ehlers
Barbara Gile
Maura Greeley
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Sharon Heck
Lorayne Horka
Kathleen Hunt
Kaye Kidwell
Marian Locke
Kathy Luciano
Joyce Paul
Linda Pomeroy
Carole Restovich

Lynda Richardson
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Dolores Seidman
Sue Settlage
Deirdre Shatzen
Lavonne Sherman
Veralee Stewart
Bernice Tunick
Karen Walker
Brigitta Weger
Gwen Woirhaye



Myra Long Scholarship Fund

The quarterly meeting of the MLSF Directors was February 4 at 9 AM at First Friends Church Library. (The next meeting will be May 5, 2016.) If you are interested in finding out more about how the fund works, you are welcome to attend as a guest.

I received the following from Ralphs: “Your supporters (9 households) who shopped at Ralphs between 2015-09-01 and 2015-11-30 (Cycle 16, Qtr. 1) have contributed to your **\$57.02** total donation. Your organization will be receiving a Kroger check in this amount within 30 days from 2016-01-05 The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!” Well, that was painless, wasn’t it?

We will be obtaining our dates this month for the Pasadena Showcase House docent program. We raise \$40 for each four-hour shift worked and we try for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 10 AM to 1 PM Please bring your calendars to the March meeting to sign up.

This is the time of year for our “Non-Event.” Expenses for scholarships for Rio Hondo College graduates, the Math/Science Conference for eighth-grade girls, and sending ten girls to Tech Trek come from this fund. Please consider how much time and energy you will save by relaxing at home and give generously to MLSF.

Gwen Woirhaye, Chair
562-696-6405 gwen@woirhaye.com

MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE FOR 8TH GRADE GIRLS

What a beautiful day we had at Whittier College on Wednesday, January 27. We hosted 340 young women from 25 area middle schools and their advisors. These hand-chosen 8th graders were there to learn about possible Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) careers. Twenty women speakers in a great variety of STEM occupations presented three repeated workshops so that the girls could begin thinking and planning their high school classes.

Our branch supplied many volunteers to serve as greeters, workshop moderators, snack supervisors, registration helpers, a nurse, and other activities where needed. This was our 23rd Annual Conference, and it truly was a huge success. Many thanks to all the helpers, including those who stuffed packets a week prior to the day. Thanks also to Ellen Larson who contacted the schools last September and signed up our 25 participant schools. Ellen has done this for many years, and we wish her well with her health problems.

The evaluations for the conference were very positive. One student stated, "I enjoyed my visit to Whittier College. The speakers explained their jobs very well. I really enjoyed learning of many new things because it gave me an idea."

Thank you again to all who volunteered their time and energies to this wonderful conference for young women. This is what AAUW is striving to do, and your help is so necessary and so appreciated.

Sharon Heck, Math/Science Chair



Two Math/Science Day attendees assist Obstetrician/Gynecologist, Dr. Julia Willner, in a demonstration of how a baby is delivered.

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.

Barbara Gile
barbaragile@me.com

TECH TREK UPDATE



“A Rube Goldberg machine is a contraption, invention, device or apparatus that is deliberately over-engineered to perform a simple task in a complicated fashion, generally including a chain reaction”. The expression is named after American cartoonist and inventor Rube Goldberg (1883-1970).

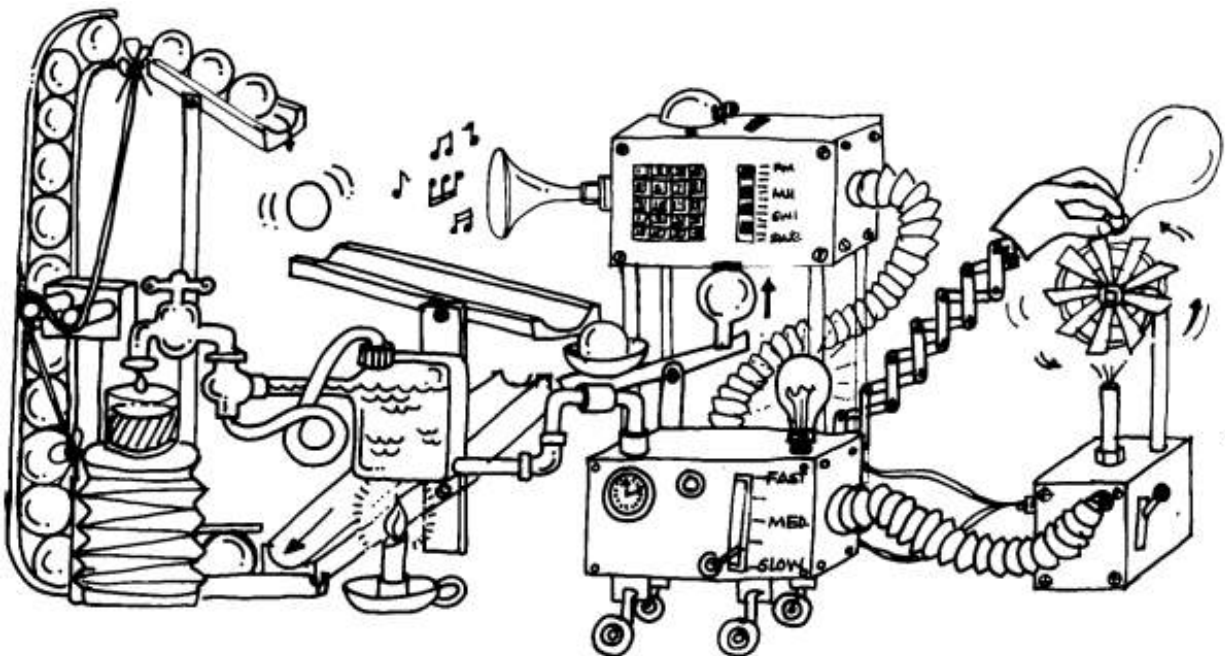
Source: Wikipedia

Please begin saving items to support the Rube Goldberg Machine project for camp. Collection drop off/pick up procedures will be in the May and June newsletters.

Needed items:

Cups	Marbles	Bouncy Balls
Tennis balls	Dominos	String
Rulers	Wind-up Toys	Rubber Bands
Balloons	Cardboard paper-towel holders	
Empty Tissue Boxes	PVC piping	Styrofoam
Newspapers	plank/pieces of wood	

This is **NOT** a complete list. Use your imagination...any odds and ends may be useful. Nicole Simmons, Director of the Whittier Camp, will be our April speaker. She will provide more information on this project and the activities being planned for the Whittier College Tech Trek camp.





SECTION INFORMATION

Morning Book

Please join us this month as we discuss *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr. The author's focus is on the interior lives of his two characters. Marie Laure is a blind 14-year-old French girl who flees to the countryside when her father disappears from Nazi-occupied Paris. Werner is a gadget-obsessed German orphan whose skills admit him to a brutal branch of Hitler Youth. This is a book you read for the beauty of the writing and for the way Doerr understands and cherishes the magical obsessions of childhood. Marie Laure and Werner are powerful examples of the way average people in trying times must decide daily between morality and survival.

We are meeting on Monday, March 28, at 10 AM, at Marian Locke's. Janice Geiger will facilitate our discussion, and Maura Greeley will provide refreshments.

Remaining books for the year:

June 6: *Wingshooters* (Nina Revoyr)

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

Directions to Marian's home: 15555 La Monde St., Hacienda Heights, 91745; 626-336-3430. Colima Rd. north to Hacienda Blvd.; left on Hacienda, left on Newton, left on Joan to La Monde; right on La Monde; 15555 is on corner with blue shutters.



INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

The International Concerns section will meet on March 15, 2016 at 10 AM in the home of Sharon Heck (6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier.) We will discuss *Great Decisions 2016*, Chapter Two "The Rise of Isis" led by Helen Jewell.

Car-pooling is encouraged. Please call Sharon at 562-698-0476 to RSVP and



First Friday

Date: March 4

Time: 6-8 PM

Host: Brenda and Peter Jahn

Directions to:

1339 N. Padonia Ave.

Whittier, CA 90603-1744

562-691-2419

From East:

Travel east on **Whittier Blvd**

- to 1st traffic light before Beach Blvd.

Left on **Macy Street**

- Proceed to 2nd stop sign

Right on **Janine Dr.**

- to the end

Left on **Solejar Dr.**

- to 2nd right turn

Right on **Villa Rita Dr.**

- to 1st left

Left on **Padonia Ave.**

- to the end of the cul-de-sac.

GARDENING

WELCOME SPRINGTIME AND EASTER

The next gardening section trip is to ROGER'S GARDENS on Monday, March 21. Meet at Ralph's parking lot on the corner of Colima and Whittier Blvd. at 9 AM and we will carpool to Corona Del Mar. We should be back in Whittier by noon or a bit earlier. RSVP to Ellen at cpeck4@earthlink.net or (562) 943-4679 by March 18.



MODERN TRENDS

Thursday, March 31, 2016, 7PM

Book: *Capital Dames: The Civil War and the Women of Washington, 1848-1868*

(*Bio/Non-fiction*) By Cokie Roberts

Place: Kristine Yeseta- 562-696-0226
13826 Walnut St; Whittier 90602
surfzena@earthlink.net

Treats: Kristine

Reviewer: Carol Shupek

Cokie Roberts takes a riveting look at Washington, D.C. and the experiences, influence, and contributions of its women during the Civil War Period of American history.

After the declaration of secession, many fascinating Southern women left the cities to grapple with questions of safety and sanitation in the capital. Brave women who risked their lives to enlist as nurses, supply organizers, relief workers, and journalists connected in Washington. Cokie Roberts chronicles these women's increasing independence, their political empowerment, their indispensable role in keeping the Union unified through the war, and in helping heal it once the fighting was done. Using newspaper articles, government records, and private letters and diaries, many never before published, she brings the war-torn capital into focus through the lives of these formidable women.

Please join us at Kristine's home for a lively discussion of *Capital Dames*. Everyone's opinions and thoughts help us to see from new perspectives and with greater understanding. Come. It won't be the same without you. Questions: Call Annette at 626-964-1843 or Kristine.

Next Modern Trends meeting is April 28 at Carol Shupek's home.

Book is *The Age of Dreaming* by Nina Revoyr



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH

CALENDAR – MARCH 2016

DAY	DATE	TIME	
Tuesday	1	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , Saint Matthias
Friday	4	6:00 PM	First Friday , Brenda & Peter Jahn, Whittier
Saturday	5	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , Elk's Club, Whittier
Thursday	10	TBA	Showgirls , Whittier Village Cinema
Tuesday	15	10:00 AM	International Concerns (The Rise of ISIS) Sharon Heck, Whittier
Wednesday	16	4:00 PM	New Member Orientation , Barbara Gile, Whittier
Monday	21	9:00 AM	Garden Club, Roger's Garden . Meet at Ralph's
Monday	28	10:00 AM	Morning Book , Marian Locke, Hacienda Hghts.
Thursday	31	7:00 PM	Modern Trends , Kristine Yeseta, Whittier

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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