



# GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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**Oh, it's a long long while  
From May to December  
But the days grow short  
When you reach September**

**- Maxwell Anderson**

## **Branch Meeting – Saturday September 10, 2016 – 11:30 AM Whittier Elk's Club**

This month we welcome Donna Mertens, State President of AAUW. Donna was named Woman of Distinction in 2013 and received the Soroptomist International Honor award in 2012. As State President, Donna develops, implements and oversees all AAUW activities in the state, and serves as the primary liaison to state, region, national and external communities.

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

Reservations for the Branch meeting are due by Wednesday, September 7, noon. Please send an email to DeDe Shatzen at [aauwsvp@gmail.com](mailto:aauwsvp@gmail.com) (alternate email: [Lsecret@earthlink.net](mailto: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. Elk's Lodge is located at 13620 Whittier Blvd., Whittier.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We're back! Summer is passing us by quickly, and a new AAUW program year begins. I am excited for what is in store for us and ready for an active term with important work that moves AAUW's mission forward. I am honored to be an AAUW member and more so to be part of the Greater Whittier Area (GWA) AAUW branch. For years, our branch has excelled in its commitment to helping girls and women access educational development in the areas of math and science, areas once not widely open to women.

Our goal this year is to continue with our important work and recommit to a productive year of keeping women's issues at the forefront through projects and activities we undertake. Our GWA AAUW history demonstrates commitment to organizational mission by annually sending girls to our weeklong college Tech Trek camp, Math & Science Conference and awarding scholarships to women graduating from community college and going on to a four-year university. At GWA AAUW, we also support the work of local organizations serving the needs of our community and annually honoring local women of excellence who have dedicated their lives to serving others.

I thank each of you, our members, for the choice you make each year in continuing to be a part of AAUW, actively participating in AAUW activities, volunteering when a call goes out for help and through your financial support as we undertake projects that develop and generate equity for girls and women. Together, we move forward AAUW's mission, that of...

*Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

## GWA-AAUW SUPPORTS LOCAL LIBRARIES



Did you know that when a member in good standing passes away, GWA makes a \$50 donation in her name to her local public library? The funds are used to purchase books in a subject area of special interest to our member.

In Whittier, our donations go through the Hodge Foundation of the Whittier Public Library. Marian Hodge was a past president of the Greater Whittier Area branch (1935-36), Superintendent of the Whittier Union High School District, avid reader and Friend of the Library. Upon her passing in 1996, she bequeathed \$200,000 to the Foundation named for her.

The terms of the endowment provide for the Board to reflect various segments of the community. GWA-AAUW has a permanent seat on the Board. Our current representative is Dr. Lorayne Horka.

In 2016, donations honoring deceased members Beth Greulich, Ruth Miller, Phyllis Thompson and Lucille Howe were made to Hodge. A donation honoring Charlotte Eiser was made to the Montebello Public Library.



# PUBLIC POLICY

## Voter Guides

The AAUW Action Fund voter guides provide nonpartisan information about candidates' positions on issues like equal pay, education, campaign finance, and reproductive rights. Candidates' positions on the issues are determined using their voting records, public statements, and campaign position papers, as well as information posted by trusted sources on the Internet. All campaigns are contacted via e-mail in advance of publication.

AAUW Action Fund voter guides are provided as a public service and are not intended to be an endorsement of any candidate or political party. No AAUW policy position is implied by the descriptions of these issues.

AAUW has not provided Voter Guides for any of the California election candidates, but has done so for President and Vice-President. Google "AAUW Action Fund Voter Guides" to access the information online.

Dolores Seidman, Public Policy Chair



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (LACIC)

The LACIC is a coordinating council of the 14 LA County AAUW Branches. Its focus is on public policy issues of particular import to the region. LACIC meets the second Sunday of September, November, January, March and May (unless otherwise noted) and each meeting features a speaker on an important topic.

GWA-AAUW is fortunate that the meetings are held at PIH here in Whittier, from 2 PM to 4 PM. This gives us a unique opportunity to take advantage of the programs, which are generally free of charge.

The September 11, 2016 program will provide a non-partisan review of the 18 state propositions we'll see on our November ballots. Our speaker is Nancy Mahr, Director of AAUW CA and Co-Chair of AAUW CA's Public Policy Committee. She's also past-president of the Los Angeles County League of Women Voters.

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# AAUW Fund News

## One AAUW, One Mission, One Fund

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in 241 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and non-profit organizations in the 2016-17 academic year.

Due to the longstanding generous contributions of AAUW members across the U.S., a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities -- breaking through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

The generosity of California AAUW members is unsurpassed! As of the second quarter, ending June 30, AAUW CA members and branches have donated \$1,324,749.22 to the AAUW Fund and the various programs it supports. We can't thank you enough!

AAUW is stressing unrestricted donations to the AAUW Fund, which means they can use your donations where it's needed most. This year we will learn about all the AAUW Programs, and you can decide where you would like your tax-deductible donations to go. The AAUW Fund advances AAUW's mission by sustaining all our programs and activities. Your unrestricted gift to the AAUW Fund helps programs that advance equity for women and girls, strengthen AAUW's role in the global community, respond to eradicate the persistent challenges facing women and girls, leverage new opportunities and attract new audiences to our mission.

I would like to leave you with this quote by Jo Harberson, long time member of AAUW. "It an exciting time to be an AAUW member." I think you'll agree that AAUW is a prober of possibilities – an organization through which we can break through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Rozanne Child  
Fund Vice President

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SOUTHERN  
CALIFORNIA AAUW  
FUND LUNCHEON**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

**12 NOON**

**SEAL BEACH**



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# MEMBERSHIP

We would like to introduce ourselves as the new membership co-chairs, Maura Greely and Karen van der Baan.

We are excited about our role in recruiting new members to the AAUW! It is a big responsibility. Working with all of you to make this a successful year in increasing membership is our goal. There are big shoes to fill after two great years with Susan Halliday and Lynda Richardson.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the September Meeting. We hope you can bring a friend, prospective member and ideas to help our membership blossom and grow! That is our theme this year.

We are looking forward to implementing a program of Big Sisters for new members this year. The purposes of this program are to help them become acquainted with the programs of AAUW and meet fellow members.



The annual Meet and Greet will be held on January 13th at the Assistance League Facility.

If you have not renewed your membership, it is not too late. This looks to be a wonderful and exciting year for all!

Maura Greely and Karen van der Baan – Co-Chairs



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Our Membership Fundraiser last year at Really Great Stuff on Whittier Blvd was so successful that we are doing it AGAIN.

Thursday, December 1, 2016 – Details to follow!

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## DON'T BE CONFUSED

### ***KNOW THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BRANCH AND THE MLSFC AND WHERE AAUW FUND FITS IN***

You hear these terms all of the time – GWA; the Branch; GWA-AAUW, Myra Long; MLSF; and AAUW Fund. Are you confused? How does it all fit together? Let's do the easy stuff first; GWA-AAUW and the Branch are one and the same. We used to be known as the Whittier Branch, but with the closing of some local branches and the absorption of their members, we became *Greater Whittier Area Branch* or GWA-AAUW.



Here's where it gets complicated:

- AAUW national had, and still has, a fund raising arm called the Education Fund, which provided fellowships and grants. That is now renamed AAUW Fund which does the grant, fellowship, research and advocacy for the national organization. GWA members have always supported AAUW Fund and continue to do so. That work is central to our national missions and goals.
- Prior to 1999, members expressed a desire to raise funds for investment and use the interest to fund **local projects**: Tech Trek, Math/Science Day and Local Scholarships. (Note: interest rates at that time were high enough to make the goal feasible.) The funds raised were placed in the Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF).
- In 1999, the MLSF received an IRS designation as a 501(c) 3, but it did not incorporate.
- The MLSF Directors invested and managed the funds. Over time, interest rates dropped, making prudent investments and further yearly fund raising (e.g., our GWA-AAUW non-event fund raiser) a necessity.
- In 2012, the MLSF incorporated in the State of California as a 501(c) 3 organization and absorbed the Greater Whittier Area Branch within it. The corporate name was changed to GWA-AAUW and the Myra Long Scholarship Fund became the Myra Long Scholarship Fund Committee. In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, it is the responsibility of the elected directors of the MLSC – all of whom are directors of the GWA-AAUW Board – to manage the investment funds, separate from the funds used to manage the branch, and to keep the entire Board fully apprised of the MLSC financial status.

If you have any questions about the relationships, overlaps or simply who does what, do not hesitate to ask GWA-AAUW President Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes or Myra Long Scholarship Fund Chairwoman, Patricia Cuocco. Either will get you the answers.

## DINING FOR \$\$\$\$

Carole Duff has arranged a wonderful year of Dining for \$\$\$\$ opportunities. They are listed in the yearbook. The flyer that you will need to present to the restaurant to ensure that the branch gets credit will be printed in the appropriate monthly newsletter. Make sure to stop by the Corner Bakery in Whittier on Thursday, September 15 between 11:30 AM and 4 PM. The flyer is the last page of the newsletter. Flyers will also be available at the Branch meeting on September 10.

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# MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We received this during the summer and wanted to share it with all of our members.



SPECIAL THANK YOU!!!

Thank you AAUW for the scholarship you awarded me at your June meeting. After the meeting, one of you handed me \$100 to use for extra school costs. In the excitement, I didn't get your name. You are my anonymous angel.

All of you AAUW ladies are helping me continue my dreams through your generosity. Now as I leave my comfortable place at Rio Hondo and head to the big university at CSU Long Beach, your confidence in me makes all the difference. Thank you so much!!!

Dianka Lohay, MLSF Scholarship Recipient

## **Important Notice for Ralph's Shoppers whose cards are registered to support MLSF**

The new program year begins on September 1, 2016.

**Participants can start registering for the new term on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.** To ensure our organization continues to receive the benefits of the program, you will need to register and/or re-register as quickly as possible on or after that date at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com).

Participants are required to register for the new term online at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) or by calling 800-443-4438 starting September 1, 2016. Even if you registered as recently as June, July or August 2016, **YOU MUST** register again beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEW THIS YEAR!!** As of September 1, 2016 the Scan Bar letters are no longer valid. The Scan Bar letters will no longer work at the register which makes this a great time for all your participants to create an online account or re-enroll at their online account. While online, it's a wonderful opportunity to learn about all the savings we offer.

For your convenience, step-by-step website registration instructions can be found at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com), click on Community, click on Community Contributions, click on **Enroll Now!** If you don't have computer access, please call 1-800-443-4438 for assistance.



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# RULES FOR SUBMITTING NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Your newsletter articles are very welcome and important for keeping our members up to date on GWA-AAUW activities. As you can probably guess, the creation of a newsletter is time-consuming and detail oriented. The manner in which articles are submitted can help or hinder the process enormously, so I am asking for your help.

**For the future, PLEASE adhere STRICTLY to the following:**

1. Articles are due by the close of business, 5 PM, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month, August through May. A few late articles can delay putting the whole thing together and can mean our members don't get timely information.
2. All articles **MUST** be in a Word Document, in Times New Roman font and 12 point type and in **BLACK**.
3. **DO NOT** submit article text in an email. **WHY?** Because all email systems (some more than others) introduce some "weirdness" (a technical term) when you cut and paste the text into **WORD**. For example, quotes can become numbers; random paragraphs appear; formats do not port and fonts change. So, even if your article is two sentences long, submit it as a **WORD** document attached to your email
4. When submitting an article, **PLEASE** title the **ARTICLE WITH THE SUBJECT** (e.g. Memories, AAUW Fund, etc.) and make sure to do the same for the email you send. Having 20 emails and 20 attachments all named "Newsletter Article" makes organization very difficult.
5. Forget that there is a TAB key on your keyboard. Tape over it, ignore it – I do not care. Just do not use it - **EVER**. If you need to create a column or line up numbers or have a list of items or whatever in your document, use the appropriate indent or column tools in Word. If you don't know how to do that, call me and I'll walk you through it. Or, just type the information in the document and put instructions about formatting in the email. Using the TAB key creates a mess you cannot even believe unless you have ever tried to fix it.
6. Some conventions:
  - a. Time 5 PM not 5:00 PM. Spell out days of the week and months of the years.
  - b. Random Capitalization drives Sane people Crazy. I hold on to sanity by a **VERY** thin thread, so please watch what you capitalize.
  - c. Names of books and should be italicized and underlined.
  - d. If you quote, attribute. Since our articles are short, in general it is best to keep the attribution in the body of the text, rather than in a footnote.
  - e. Despite recent changes to the NY Times style sheet, sentences do not end in prepositions nor are infinitives ever split – at least not in the AAUW Newsletter.
  - f. Avoid contractions whenever possible.
  - g. Do **NOT** indent the first word of paragraphs.
7. Feel free to call me (562-698-6665 or 562-756-9509) or email [patricia@fullerton.edu](mailto:patricia@fullerton.edu) with any questions.

THANK YOU!!!!!!!

Patricia Cuocco, Newsletter Editor







## SECTION INFORMATION

### Morning Book

Welcome to a new year of reading and discussion in the morning! Our first meeting will be at 10 AM on Monday, September 26, and Janice Geiger will lead us in discussing Julian Barnes' *The Noise of Time*, dedicated to the Russian composer, Dmitri Shostakovich. A reviewer states, "Barnes elegantly guides us through the trajectory of Shostakovich's career, at the same time illuminating the tumultuous evolution of the Soviet Union. The result is both a stunning portrait of a relentlessly fascinating man and a brilliant exploration of the meaning of art and its place in society." I hope you will be able to join us. Our hostess will be Gwen Woirhaye and Georgine Sweeney will provide refreshments.

Directions to Gwen's house: 5810 Friends Ave., Whittier 90601; 562-696-6405

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. Parking permits will be available.

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185

### R.I.P. Again

The Reading, Interpretation, Performance section will meet Wednesday, September 14, 2 PM, at the home of Barbara Gile, 14035 Eastridge Dr.

Please bring something to share about FRIENDSHIP, either by you or someone else. Directions: Mar Vista east of Painter Ave. to Vale, north one block; house is on the northeast corner.

Further information:

Chair Colleen Tan 562-698-4934

Co-chair Gwen Woirhaye [gwen@woirhaye.com](mailto:gwen@woirhaye.com)



### Memories

Memories will meet at the home of Ann Chambers on September 28 at 1:30 PM. The writing topic: "Words Mean so Much." Our topics are wide open so you may interpret them in many ways. Maybe those special words are in the form of a poem. Perhaps it is the power of prayer or the kindness of words spoken in times of joy or sadness. There may have been words that changed your life. Or you may write on another topic all together. Come share your written ideas with an accepting audience. We write for clarity of thought, for reflection, for family history and for just plain fun. All are welcome.

**Directions to Ann's house:** Whittier Blvd. east to Whittwood Center. Left (diagonal) on Russell. One block past Macy (elementary school), turn left on Randall Ave. House on the right 1032 Randall Ave. Phone 562-690-6150.



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## Modern Trends in Literature

Our evening book discussion section will meet Thursday, September 22, 7 PM, at the home of Annette Lauritzen, 17863 Nearbank Dr., Rowland Heights. Trish Carlson will lead discussion on *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Even if you have not read the book, you may enjoy the discussion and be inspired to read it!

Co-hostess is Carol K. Anderson.

Directions: Colima Road; right on Albatross Rd.; right on Saleroso Dr.; left on Candela Dr.; right on Fallen Dr.; left one block on Contador Dr.; left on Nearbank to number 9759.

OR: Fullerton Rd to Galatina St. (Just south of Queen of Heaven Cemetery); west on Galatina to Nearbank Dr.; right to number 9759.

Remaining books for the year: *Burial Rights*, *Telling the Bees*, *Ghost Bride*, *La Rose*, *Homegoing*, *Me Before You*, *The Kitchen House*, *Everyone Brave is Forgiven*.

Chair: Carol Shupek 562-945-4931

Co-chair: Gwen Woirhaye

## Mystery Mavens

Wednesday, September 21, 5:30 PM

We will start our year of mysteries with *The Inspector and Mrs. Jeffries* by Emily Brightwell. Gwen Woirhaye will review.

As Inspector Witherspoon's dedicated housekeeper, Mrs. Jeffries keeps things running smoothly and is quite clever at putting Witherspoon on the right track in case after case. In fact, Mrs. Jeffries' polished detective skills prove once again that behind every great man, there's a great woman.

Please join us as we picnic at my patio and backyard. Take Whittier Blvd. to Santa Gertrudes. Go south to the second stoplight (between Thai Table and Whittwood Branch Library). Turn right on Starbuck Street. Take the first left on Portada Drive. My house is the third from the corner on the right: 10421 Portada Drive, 562 943-0728.

Other books selected for 2016-2017 are:

November 16, *Edge of Evil* by J. A. Jance

January 18, *The Body in the Belfrey* by Katherine Hall Page

March 15, *Faceless Killers* by Henning Mankell

May 17, *Bellfield Hall* or *The Deductions of Miss Dido Kent* by Anna Dean

Carol K. Anderson, chair



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## First Friday

Date: September 1

Time: 6 – 8 PM

Hosts: Carol and John Shupek

6204 Southwind Dr.  
Whittier  
562-641-8888



Directions:

From Whittier Blvd., go north on Painter to Hadley, turn right (east) on Hadley to Southwind Drive, go left (north) on Southwind to number, 6204, on right (east) side of the street near the crest of the hill. There is parking in the driveway for anyone with mobility issues or there is plenty of parking on the street.

### September is National Hunger Action Awareness Month

Take action on ending hunger in America

Click Daily – for Free

<http://thehungersite.greatergood.com/ClickToGive/th/home?1>

Check out:

<http://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/campaigns/hunger-action-month.html>

## GARDENING

***EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ENJOY THIS END OF SUMMER ISLAND GET AWAY***

The Gardening Section is going on a trip to Catalina Island on Thursday, September 22. The ship departs from Long Beach from 6 AM to 1 PM, and returns to Long Beach 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The round trip is \$65. Members, friends and family are all invited to attend.

Activities to enjoy on Catalina Island:

- Wrigley Gardens \$5, plus tram \$1
- Fifty-minute Island Tour \$16
- Tour of Casino
- Harbor Cruise
- Window shopping

We will meet at Ralph's parking lot on the corner of Whittier Blvd. and Colima at 7AM, car pool to Long Beach and take the 9 AM boat ride to Catalina.

At present, there are 6 members going on this trip. If you have any questions, please call. Make your reservations to Ellen Peck by September 6th. You may phone me at 562-943-4679 or email me at [cpeck4@earthlink.net](mailto:cpeck4@earthlink.net).



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## DINING FOR \$\$\$\$



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THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
11:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**



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# GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH

## CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 2016

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	1	6 – 8:00 PM	<b>First Friday</b> , Carol and John Shupek's, Whittier
Tuesday	6	7 PM	<b>Board Meeting</b> , St. Matthias Church, Whittier
Thursday	8	TBD	<b>Showgirls</b> , Village Cinema, Whittier
Saturday	10	11:30 AM	<b>Branch Meeting</b> , Elk's Club, Whittier
Sunday	11	2 PM	<b>LACIC</b> , PIH, Whittier
Wednesday	14	2 PM	<b>R.I.P. AGAIN</b> , Barbara Gile's, Whittier
Thursday	15	11:30 AM – 4 PM	<b>Dining for \$\$\$\$</b> , Corner Bakery, Whittier
Wednesday	21	5:30 PM	<b>Mystery Mavens</b> , Carol Anderson's, East Whittier
Thursday	22	7:00 AM	<b>Gardening</b> , Boat Trip to Catalina (carpool meet at Ralph's Whittier & Colima)
Thursday	22	7 PM	<b>Modern Trends</b> , Annette Lauritzen, Rowland Hts.
Monday	26	10 AM	<b>Morning Book</b> , Gwen Woirhaye's, Whittier
Wednesday	28	1:30 PM	<b>Memories</b> , Carol J. Anderson's, East Whittier

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