



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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BRANCH MEETING
Saturday, October 8
11:30 AM
Elks Club, Whittier

This month, our Public Policy Chair, Dolores Seidman, assisted by Patricia Cuocco, will give a non-partisan overview of the 17 propositions that will be on the November ballot. We are beginning to see and hear ads about some of these already. What are the facts? What will each proposition do? What is the fiscal impact? What groups are supporting or opposing them? Who is financing each one? Come and find out. There will be a visual presentation and printed materials from the League of Women Voters, et. al., to take home for further study and to share with friends and family. Be an informed voter!

Lunch will be Teriyaki chicken breast, mixed green salad, rice, stir-fried vegetables, 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. Each month two sandwich entrees will be offered; they will vary each month. Some months will have no sandwich entrees offered. **Sandwich entrees for October lunch:** Grilled Portobello sandwich with potato salad and Albacore tuna salad sandwich with potato salad (advance notice required). Enjoy table decorations provided by Modern Trends in Literature.

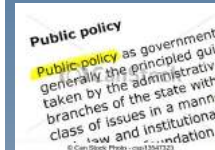
Reservations for the Branch meeting are due by Wednesday, October 5, at noon. Please send an email to DeDe Shatzen at aauwsvp@gmail.com (alternate email: Lsecret@earthlink.net). If you are without email, call DeDe at 310-617-7768. Look for the AAUW signs. Elk's Lodge is located at 13620 Whittier Blvd., Whittier.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Some time back we were asked to share our passion. So, I thought I would share mine with you. My passion has been helping develop sound leadership within those organizations with which I have been involved. In fact, while my graduate work was in Public Administration, my emphasis was in Leadership.

Throughout history we have read about great leaders and identified those deemed to be good or bad. However, *leadership* is an entirely different thing. For me leadership is not someONE leading, while others follow. No, effective leadership never creates followers. Ronald Heifetz in his book, Leadership Without Easy Answers, writes that effective leadership is helping in the development of those around you to achieve specific useful outcomes. "Social useful outcomes" normally do not happen by accident but rather through the "adaptive" work of the individuals involved in commonly sought outcomes--often at a personal cost. Why? Because many times leaders will be faced with the choice of putting self-interests aside rather than, as Heifetz puts it, "suppressing others' perspectives." We risk our personal biases—when and if we have the courage to face them—for that of the common good.

Not surprisingly, the result of the group's effort is that of an orchestra that while playing different instruments (skill sets and experience), all are playing one same beautiful musical piece. Vacuums are minimized and output is greater. So then, to me leadership is about bringing others along, inclusive of those in need of development and those already highly skilled, to achieve *a common goal* and fulfill *a mission*.

Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes

Eat Pie! Raise Money for GWA AAUW



The Branch is raising funds by selling Marie Callender's pie vouchers. The vouchers make great gifts and are handy when you are planning desserts for holiday dinners or last minute brunches. They are an easy and delicious way to support Greater Whittier Area AAUW and are being made available to members at a great value:

1. We are selling each voucher for \$12. The value of each voucher is \$14.50.
2. Vouchers are used to purchase any of Marie Callender's traditional pies, such as pumpkin, apple, French apple, razzleberry, cherry and baked peach.
3. If you choose to purchase a more expensive pie with the voucher, you simply pay the difference (remember, your voucher is worth \$14.50).
4. The vouchers have no expiration date!
5. The vouchers are redeemable **only** at the following nearby Marie Callender's Restaurants:
 - a. West Whittier (across from PIH)
 - b. La Habra (Whittier Blvd., between Euclid and Harbor)
 - c. Puente Hills East Mall (Albatross Road near Costco)

Purchase your vouchers at the branch meetings from Lucinda Halley, Treasurer, or call Kaye Kidwell, 562-902-8207.

GWA- AAUW 2016/17 BUDGET

The annual budget was approved by the GWA-AAUW Board on September 6, 2016 and adopted by the general membership at the monthly meeting on September 10, 2016. *Footnote A = Payments to St. Matthias for 2015/16 and 2016/17; B = National Convention in 2017, State Convention was in 2016.*

2016-17 BUDGET

INCOME

Contributions for Newsletter	\$35.00
Fundraiser (boutique)	\$2,500.00
Interest Income	0
Membership Branch (Meet & Greet)	\$250.00
Membership Dues	\$3,360.00
Yearbook Advertising & Sales	\$150.00
Transfer from/(to) Reserve	\$2,986.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	\$9,281.00

EXPENSES

AAUW Fund Branch Contribution (to Nat'l)	\$280.00
Annual Fund Assessment (to State)	\$60.00
Bank Fees	0
Community Contributions (A)	\$300.00
National Convention (B)	\$3,000.00
State Convention (B)	0
Fundraising Expenses (Boutique)	\$250.00
Insurance (paid to State)	\$650.00
LACIC Assessment	\$41.00
Las Distinguidas	\$400.00
Leadership Training & Development	\$120.00
Memorials	\$150.00
Miscellaneous (brochures, stationery)	\$400.00
Newsletter (printing and postage)	\$300.00
Officers	
Officers: President	\$150.00
Officers: Corresponding Secretary	\$40.00
Officers: Historian	\$100.00
Officers: Membership (branch expenses)	\$800.00
Officers: Program	\$1,250.00
Officers: Recording Secretary	\$20.00
Officers: Treasurer	\$50.00
Public Information/Marketing	\$20.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$200.00
Yearbook	\$700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,281.00



PUBLIC POLICY AAUW POSITIONS

At our October 8 Branch Meeting, Patricia Cuocco and I will make a presentation on the 17 Ballot Propositions that will be on the November 8 California Ballot. AAUW CA has taken a position on 5 of these measures that are relevant to our issues. Nancy Mahr, Co-Chair of the Public Policy Committee of AAUW CA, details them below in excerpts from an article in [California Perspective](#).

SUPPORT 51 (Statute): Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for K-12 school construction and modernization, funds for community college buildings, funds for facilities for charter schools and technical education programs. SUPPORT: adequate and equitable funding for high quality public education for all students.

SUPPORT 52 (Statute and Constitutional Amendment): Requires two-thirds vote of Legislature to amend a current law that imposes fees on hospitals; fees are used to obtain federal matching funds for Medi-Cal. It directs fees and matching funds to uncompensated care provided by hospitals and to children's health coverage. It eliminates the law's ending date. SUPPORT: guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society; increased access to quality, affordable health care.

SUPPORT 55 (Constitutional Amendment): Extends the Prop. 30 (passed by voters in 2012) income tax on high earners through 2030 – currently set to expire in 2019. This will generate \$8–11 billion per year to be used for public schools and community colleges, health care for low-income families, and local public safety. The public can track expenditures at www.trackprop30.ca.gov. This does not add new taxes, but continues taxes already in place. SUPPORT: support for a strong system of public education; access to quality, affordable health care; guarantee of equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society. AAUW supported Prop 30 in 2012.

SUPPORT: 58 (Statute): Amends 1998's Prop. 227 (which requires children in public schools to be taught in English) to allow public school students who speak limited English to be taught for a defined period of time in languages other than English. Districts using this option must develop an accountability plan and involve a parent advisory committee. Parents may opt out of the program. SUPPORT: support for a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity and diversity

OPPOSE 53 (Constitutional Amendment): Requires statewide voter approval before state may issue bonds of over \$2 billion to finance a single project. Prohibits dividing projects into segments to avoid public vote. Includes clause that if other bond measures on the ballot conflict with this measure, and both that measure and this measure pass but this measure gets more votes, then the other measure is null and void ("poison pill clause"). OPPOSE: the "poison pill" clause could nullify Proposition 51, which AAUW is supporting.

Dolores Seidman, Public Policy Chair

AAUW Fund News

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. Here is a list of the awards. We will be hearing from some of the Fellows or Grant recipients at the **AAUW Fund Fall Luncheon at the Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach on Sunday, October 23, 2016. Register online at www.aauw-ca.org/FallFundLuncheon.**

American Fellowships: *Who may apply:* Women pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks.

Funding: \$6,000–\$30,000

Career Development Grants: *Who may apply:* Women pursuing a certificate or degree to advance their careers, change careers, or reenter the workforce and whose bachelor's degree was received at least five years before the award period.

Funding: \$2,000–\$12,000

Community Action Grants: *Who may apply:* Individuals, AAUW branches and states, and nonprofit organizations to fund innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls.

Funding: One-year grant, \$2,000-\$7,000; Two-year grant, \$5,000-\$10,000

International Fellowships: *Who may apply:* Women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the United States who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Funding: \$18,000–\$30,000

Opens: August 1

Deadline: December 1

International Project Grants: *Who may apply:* Alumnae of AAUW's International Fellowships program who are living in their home countries and pursuing community-based projects to improve the social advancement and economic empowerment of women and girls.

Funding: \$5,000–\$7,000

Selected Professions Fellowships: *Who may apply:* Women pursuing full-time study in a master's or professional degree program in which women are under-represented, including STEM, law, business, and medicine.

Funding: \$5,000–\$18,000

Opens: August 1

Deadline: January 10

Rozanne Child
AAUW Fund Chair

MEMBERSHIP



We have initiated a Big Sister Program this year. Two tables were reserved at the September meeting for new members and their Big Sisters. This was a successful opportunity for getting acquainted with each other and the Whittier Branch. For the next few months we will continue the practice of having tables reserved for the Big and Little Sisters.

We were happy to welcome: Debbie Chin, Helen Jewell, Ruth Kadota, Pauline Rodgers and Susan West. Big Sisters introduced them: Maura Greeley, Sharon Heck, Dolores Seidman, Ellen Peck and Susan Halliday. At future meetings we will welcome new members Elizabeth Baca, Mandy Knight, Charlotte Lunsford, Patricia Stanley and Amy Vineyard. Big Sisters Earlyne Clemons, Lynda Richardson, Connie Bucey, Barbara Gile and Karen van der Baan will be introducing these new members.

Tables were set so the new members were able to peruse the information about the interest groups of the Whittier Branch and other AAUW activities and programs.

We are looking forward to welcoming more new members through the year. Remember the Elevator Pitch. It may just take a few words of encouragement and information to bring someone to a meeting as a guest or new member. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Maura Greeley and Karen van der Baan - Co-Chairs



Thursday, December 1 - Fund Raiser at Really Great Stuff (Whittier)

Friday, January 13 - Meet and Greet at the Assistance League Facility (Whittier)

MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Myra Long Scholarship Fund Committee met on August 2, 2016 to discuss plans for the 2016/17 year. We determined that we can send 12 girls to Tech Trek in summer 2017.



The committee invited Brent Berry to discuss one of our investments and to give us advice on whether we should make any changes. Brent advises that we should stay the course for the time being.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 1 at 9:30 AM at First Friends Church in Whittier. Any branch member may attend the committee meeting.

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 1st 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.

Participants are required to register for the new term online at 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 1st.

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 Ralph's offers.

For your convenience, step-by-step website registration instructions can be found at www.ralphs.com, click on "Community", then click on "Community Contributions," and finally, click on "Enroll Now." If you don't have computer access, please call 1-800-443-4438 for assistance.



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



I am the first one to complain when I see Christmas decorations in October. However, we really do need to let you know what we are planning for the Holiday Boutique at our December 10th Branch Meeting.

This year, we are asking for donations of baskets that are already made up, wrapped and ready to go. Each basket should have a typed list of items in the basket with their retail value, as well as the total retail value of the basket. Please provide an extra copy of this list to one of the Boutique Elves. Anyone or group can donate a basket. If you decide to donate as a Section, please be sensitive to the fact that many of our members belong to more than one section.

We are also asking that you actively solicit merchants with whom you do business for baskets, items or gift cards. Gift cards from restaurants, recreational facilities and specialty markets are particular favorites. We are also soliciting hand-made arts and crafts; fine art; jewelry; wine and liquor; specialty baked goods or cooking mixes, antique/collectibles, etc. We are NOT collecting white elephants, faux jewelry or used housewares.

As we did last year, we will have silent auction items, direct sale items and many items (all valued at \$30 or more) in our opportunity drawings. In order to save yourself time and cramped writing hands, bring lots of your pre-made address stickers. (We all get those in the mail from various charities.)

Proceeds from the boutique help administer the branch and a portion goes to AAUW Fund. So, save the date, invite friends and come prepared for Christmas shopping.

Boutique Elves are: Ann Chambers, Diana Clark, Patricia Cuocco, Pat Dudley, Maura Greeley, Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes, Sharon Heck and DeDe Shatzen. We also have a very special Elf-in-Training, Zoe Collazo, who will be at the luncheon to assist.

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



I would be willing to bet that not one single person reading this can say that they have no one in their lives who has not been impacted by this disease.

Here are some resources you might find helpful:

<http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-awareness-month>

<http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/>

<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dpcp/resources/features/breastcancerawareness/>

Be Brave! Have the talk with the women in your lives about self-examination and mammograms.



SECTION INFORMATION

Morning Book

This section will not meet this month. Look for the announcement of our November 28 meeting in next month's newsletter.

The books we are reading this year:

November 28: *The Summer Before the War* (Helen Simonson)

January 23: *La Rose* (Louise Erdrich)

March 27: *Telling the Bees* (Peggy Hesketh)

June 5: *Secrets of a Charmed Life* (Susan Meissner)

July 24: *Being Mortal* (Atul Gawande)

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185

LA CUISINE PLANNING MEETING

The planning meeting for La Cuisine is on Thursday, October 6 at 5:30 at the home of Ellen Peck. 8156 Stoneridge Drive, Whittier. Email cpeck4@earthlink.net. Phone number 562-943-4679.

Regulars, substitutes and others wishing to be part of La Cuisine are invited to attend.



R.I.P. Again

R.I.P. Again meets Thursday, October 20, 10 AM, at the home of Barbara Gile. We are working on a project on Friendship. All interested are welcome to join us.

Directions: Mar Vista to Vale, north to corner of Eastridge, 14035 Eastridge. Come up the driveway and enter the back door.

Co-chairs: Colleen Tan, 562-698-4934

Gwen Woirhaye, gwen@woirhaye.com



Memories

The October 26 (Wednesday) meeting of Memories will be held at the home of Carole Restovich at 1:30 PM. The topic is "Reunions: School /Family." Surely everyone has a tale of a riotous or subdued family reunion or of a disappointing or exhilarating high school reunion.

Come share your written experiences with a fun group. We write for ourselves, for family history or for the sheer act of creating. Everyone is invited.

Carole's home: 7008 Bryn Mawr Way, directly behind Whittier College. Phone: 562-696-0296.

Modern Trends in Literature

Modern Trends in Literature will meet on Thursday, October 27, 7 PM, at the home of Kristine Yeseta, who will also provide refreshments. The book for October is *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent.

A brilliant literary debut, inspired by a true story: the final days of a young woman accused of murder in Iceland in 1829.

Set against Iceland's stark landscape, Hannah Kent brings to vivid life the story of Agnes, who, charged with the brutal murder of her former master, is sent to an isolated farm to await execution.

Horried at the prospect of housing a convicted murderer, the family at first avoids Agnes. Only Tóti, a priest Agnes has mysteriously chosen to be her spiritual guardian, seeks to understand her. But as Agnes's death looms, the farmer's wife and their daughters learn there is another side to the sensational story they've heard.

Riveting and rich with lyricism, BURIAL RITES evokes a dramatic existence in a distant time and place, and asks the question: How can one woman hope to endure when her life depends upon the stories told by others?

Directions to Kristine's home: Painter or College Avenue to Walnut, east to 13826.

Co-chairs Carol Shupek, 562-641-8888; cshupek@yahoo.com

Gwen Woirhaye 562-696-6405; gwen@woirhaye.com



GARDENING

Look for further information on date and time later in the month

Fall is in the air, so Halloween can't be far away. This month the Gardening Section adventure is a trip to Descanso Gardens for their special Light-Up Pumpkins night program. The date and time will be determined and sent later. We will meet at Ralph's parking lot and carpool to Descanso Gardens. This is a great program for your children or grandchildren. If you have never been to a Gardening Section adventure and this trip sparks your interests, please join us for Light-Up Pumpkins.

Ellen Peck



INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

The next meeting of the International Concerns section will be on Tuesday, October 18, 10 AM. The meeting will be held at the home of Sharon Heck, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. The topic will be Chapter 7 in *Great Decisions*, "Climate geopolitics: The road to Paris and beyond." Sharon Heck will lead the discussion.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday at Sharon Heck's home. Everyone is welcome to attend, but because of permit parking on Comstock, please call Sharon on 562-698-0476 so she can explain the parking restrictions. She does have a driveway for some parking.

First Friday

Date: Friday, October 7, 2016

Time: 6 – 8 PM

Host: Linda Pomeroy
1620 N. Cedarcrest Dr., Brea
714-401-3112



Directions: From Whittier Blvd, East until it dead-ends on Puente, left on Puente to North Woods. Right on North Woods to Poinsettia (one small block); left on Poinsettia to Oakcrest; right on Oakcrest to Cedarcrest; left on Cedarcrest to #1620.

First Friday is a most enjoyable social time. All members are invited and we welcome singles, couples and friends. Please bring an appetizer to share and your choice of drink.

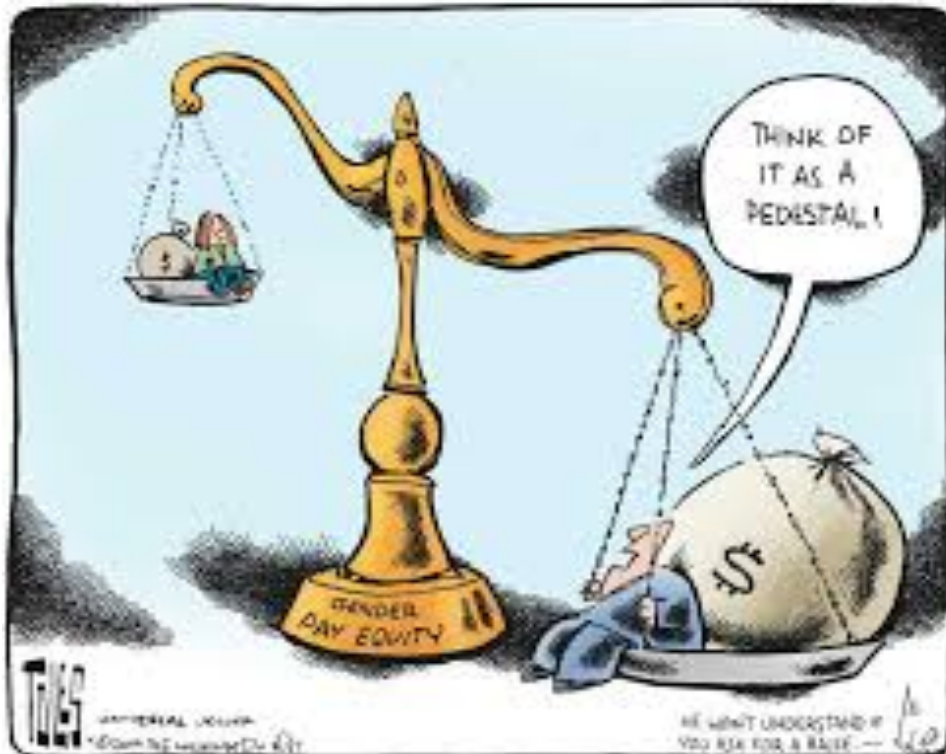
POSITIVE PAST PRESIDENTS – PPP

We will be meeting on Tuesday, October 25 at 6 PM at Marie Callender's on La Serna in the library.

We will be making plans for this branch year. Please let me know by Saturday, October 23 if you are coming.

Thanks,

Shirley Stewart
PPP Section Chair
562-944-4556
Shirleyscreations305@gmail.com



DINING FOR \$\$\$\$

El Cholo Mexican Restaurant
is proud to support
Greater Whittier Area
**American Association of
University Women**

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

**Wednesday, October 12, 2016
from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm**

**El Cholo Mexican Restaurant
840 E. Whittier Blvd., La Habra**

20% of our group's food, beverage, and take-out purchases will be donated to our organization on the date designated above. Proceeds from this event will support the Myra Long Scholarship Fund.

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

Please NO soliciting on premises.

GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH

CALENDAR – OCTOBER 2016

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	4	7 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Church, Whittier
Thursday	6	5:30 PM	La Cuisine Planning Meeting , Ellen Peck's, Whittier
Friday	7	6 – 8:00 PM	First Friday , Linda Pomeroy's, Brea
Saturday	8	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , Elk's Club, Whittier
Wednesday	12	11 AM – 9 PM	Dining for \$\$\$\$, El Cholo, La Habra
Thursday	20	10 AM	R.I.P. AGAIN , Barbara Gile's, Whittier
Thursday	20	TBD	Showgirls , Whittier Village Cinema
Sunday	23	12 PM	So. Cal AAUW Fund Lunch , Old Ranch Country Club, Seal Beach
Tuesday	25	6 PM	Positive Past Presidents , Marie Calendar's (La Serna), Whittier
Wednesday	26	1:30 PM	Memories , Carole Restovich's, Whittier
Thursday	27	7 PM	Modern Trends , Kristine Yseta, Whittier
TBD	TBD	TBD AM	Gardening , Trip to Descanso Gardens, La Canada-Flintridge, Meet at Ralphs (Whittier & Colima)

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 submissions must be in WORD documents as attachments to emails. Please create the document within WORD itself rather than cutting and pasting into WORD. Please DO NOT use TABS. Please, do not type the articles 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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