



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER

BRANCH MEETING
Saturday, December 10
10:30 AM
Elks Club, Whittier

We won't have SNOW in Whittier, but we will have a SPARKLING Holiday Boutique at our December 10th meeting. Enjoy treasures and gifts as you shop for family and friends. (You might even find something extra special for yourself). The Boutique will open at 10:30 AM and take a hiatus between noon and the end of the program. The Boutique will then reopen. See the article on the boutique later on in the newsletter.

The program will feature the award-winning Downey High School Jazz Quartet. Tables will be festively decorated by the Gardening Section. So, on December 10th enjoy the beginning of the Holiday Season with AAUW.

Lunch will be braised beef tips, mixed green salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert, coffee, tea and water. Also offered are the following: Vegetable Pasta Florentine, Fettuccine Alfredo, Chef's Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast and grilled Portobello mushroom sandwich with potato salad (advance notice required).

Reservations for the Branch meeting are due by Wednesday, December 7, noon. Please send an email to DeDe Shatzen at aauwrsvp@gmail.com (alternate email: 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.

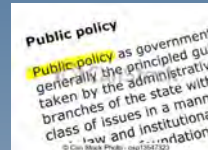


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After a surprising November are you ready for December? December tends to be stressful, filled with many Holiday Season activities, including community and family commitments. To prepare for this month, I have taken refuge and gained a new perspective in writings* co-authored by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Though these men come from different parts of the world and hold different belief systems, they have something in common—their life work. Their life focus has not been towards self but rather toward service and the well being of others. Both have experienced personal and inward struggles that are beyond painful. Yet, their vision has remained outward. And, in the course of their life journey, they have found the “possibility of joy, not in spite of pain, human weaknesses and loss, but because of it.”

If you are like me, I tend to become obsessed with minute details readying for the holidays, surely always leaving me exhausted and depleted. In preparation for our own organizational December activities, let's find joy in our time together, looking outward to why we are part of AAUW—being the voice that advances equity for women and girls.

Happy Holidays!

Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes

**The Book of Joy, Lasting Happiness In A Changing World*, His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu with Douglas Abrams, Avery an imprint of Penguin Random House, NY.

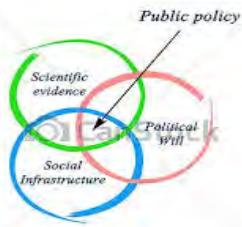


IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS Eat Pie! Raise Money for GWA AAUW

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.



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PUBLIC POLICY

Below is the official press release from AAUW's Vice President for Government Relations and Advocacy, Lisa Maatz:

American Association of University Women Reacts to Election Day Results

Donald J. Trump Wins Presidency while GOP Holds On To Congress

WASHINGTON DC—Voters made history November 8 by electing political outsider Donald J. Trump to the White House. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) intends to approach our work with both the new administration and Congress with our mission in mind. After this hyper-partisan election year, AAUW's nonpartisan leadership and research-based advocacy is needed now more than ever.

“It is now, after an election, that the real work begins,” said Lisa Maatz, the vice president of government relations and advocacy. “AAUW will find common ground with the Trump administration and the new Congress on issues that are important to women and working families. Women want progress on issues that affect them, and AAUW intends to be a fair critic and a valued ally. Most importantly, in true AAUW fashion, we will not hesitate to speak truth to power.”

Election 2016 touched on many issues that affect women and families at every level: local, state, and federal. We still face congressional gridlock over the Paycheck Fairness Act, resulting in more states taking matters into their own hands to work toward equal pay. Students are still waiting for real action on college affordability and high student debt, and they expect a continued commitment to combating campus sexual assault. Working families are still looking for good jobs with paid family and medical leave and other workplace equity policies. And Americans still don't have the basic necessity of a full Supreme Court.

“Candidates must now work to deliver on their promises,” stressed Maatz. “Women voters expect our newly elected officials to work together on solutions. AAUW believes democracy demands work every day of the year, and hyper-partisan rhetoric only damages the chances for reasonable consensus. Women voters are watching. We've laid out our priorities, and we will hold each and every candidate accountable.”

Submitted by Dolores Seidman
Public Policy Chair



AAUW Fund News

Want to Have the Biggest Impact? Give to the AAUW Fund

The unrestricted AAUW Fund bolsters existing AAUW programs that help women in our communities, schools, workplaces, and leadership positions. Unrestricted gifts offer AAUW the dexterity to invest in growing successful programs to reach more people. Additionally, the fund enables AAUW to react quickly to new challenges facing women and girls so that we can generate the research, programs, and advocacy initiatives needed to overcome those challenges.

Traditionally, AAUW members have supported their favorite causes by restricting their gifts to specific programs. Today, technological advances facilitate closer ties among members across the country and better programmatic collaboration. Every AAUW program and initiative is interconnected – research reports go hand in hand with our on-campus programming. Tech Trek camps, national and state policy work, and more – and those connections in turn create new women leaders and AAUW members. All these crucial efforts require unrestricted funding to operate.

With the exception of our fellowship and grants program, which is entirely supported by restricted gifts, more than 60 percent of AAUW's annual program expenses draw from the AAUW Fund. Because AAUW fellowships and grants are paid for entirely by the interest generated from the many restricted endowments that are dedicated to support this program, the funding for fellowships and grants will last in perpetuity. All other AAUW programs and projects rely on new money each year from the AAUW Fund. Giving to the AAUW Fund creates opportunities to help sustain and grow the projects and programs with the greatest need.

Three ways you can donate to the Fund:

1. Donate online at www.aauw.org. Click Member Services Data Base on the bottom of the left hand side, enter your member number, password and complete the form. If you do this, please let me know so our branch will get credit for it. Our branch number is 0124.
2. At the December meeting you may use the envelopes on the table to mail in your donation to AAUW.
3. At the December meeting you may give me your check and I will mail it for you.

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Please make your tax-deductible donation by December 1, 2016 and no later than December 15th to be credited for your taxes in 2016.

Thanks so much for your continued support of AAUW. AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

MEMBERSHIP



MEET AND GREET
January 13th
6:00 to 8:00PM
Assistance League of Whittier
6339 Greenleaf
Whittier

Time to bring all friends, neighbors, relatives, women you meet on the street and anyone else you can think of to join us. It is an opportunity for them to find out all the great things the AAUW is doing for women and our branch's special projects and activities. If each member could bring one prospective member, we would have a full house! The more women we expose to the wonders of AAUW, the more members we will create.

It is also a time to socialize, to enjoy each other's company and some very good food and beverages. Looking forward to seeing everyone and their special guests!

At the December meeting there will be a sign up for members to bring an appetizer, food or beverage to the Meet and Greet.

Admission:
\$10.00 for members.
Free for members who brings a food contribution.
Guests are free.

Any questions or to RSVP, please contact:
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Membership Co-chairs

**REALLY GREAT STUFF
SHOPPING EVENT ON
THURSDAY –
DECEMBER 1st**

**SEE THE FLYER – in a
separate email**





HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



It's time to prepare for the Boutique. The elves are working our bells off to get everything ready so that your experience will be wonderful. We need your help. Remember, this is the only fundraiser that the Branch holds for the purpose of supporting the Branch administrative expenses. You know – the luncheons and program, managing the branch taking on special opportunities. We use the proceeds from the boutique to bridge the gap between what our dues bring in and what managing the branch actually costs (a wider gap than you might imagine) and, if our boutique is successful, we contribute to AAUW Fund for national priorities. All this – and you get to shop in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere with your friends.

What can you do? Glad you asked!

- We need finished and wrapped baskets suitable for silent auction – such as those containing gourmet foods, liquor, bath and beauty products and other interesting things. We are asking members or groups of members (sections, etc.) to contribute a basket. Please include a list of what is in the basket and the item's retail value. Provide a second copy of the list to Pat Dudley when you bring the basket to her home by November 30th. Pat lives at 15718 Lindskog Drive in Whittier (Street behind SPROUT's). Call her at 562-947-4269 or her cell 562-447-6389. Her email is kpdudley2002@yahoo.com
- We need Opportunity Drawing and other silent auction items. Interesting things like a stay at your vacation home or timeshare, some special service or event, tickets to theaters or events in the area, **gift cards from local merchants or restaurants**, wine or liquor. These items should be dropped off at Maura Greeley's. Maura lives at 4704 Canyon Rim Drive. Her phone number is 562-692-3919 and her email is greeleym@aol.com.
- We need items for the retail store – no white elephants or used clothing or housewares. Here, we are looking for fine jewelry or good costume jewelry; handmade arts and crafts and collectibles; new leather goods; gourmet food items like cookies and soup mixes. These items go to DeDe Shatzen. DeDe lives at 6021 Comstock Av.; Whittier. Her numbers are H) 562-696-2910 or (C) 310-617-7768. Her email is Lsecret@earthlink.net

If you have items in multiple categories – pick whichever home is most accessible to you and we elves will work it out.

PLEASE – don't hesitate to ask the merchants you patronize to donate. We will provide tax receipts to anyone who wants one (members or merchants). Most are happy to do this for loyal customers and know that the return on their investment is a good one. Also, Patricia Cuocco - patricia@fullerton.edu - has a generic letter that you can customize if you want to give a request letter to a business.

Any questions, call any one of us.
Patricia Cuocco
562-756-9509





AAUW Math/Science Conference for 8th Grade Girls

The list of 20 speakers for the Math/Science Conference is in the hands of the 26 school contacts as of Monday, November 14. They have until Wednesday, December 7 to return their Excel spreadsheets to me, listing the names of the girls attending and each young woman's 5 choices of speakers. I assign workshop spots using the returned spreadsheets in the order I receive them. This encourages the advisors to get them to me early.

Our speaker list includes medical doctors, a nurse practitioner, women in computer fields, a physical therapist, FBI agent, psychologist, chemists, ecologists, an engineer who worked on the Harry Potter exhibit at Universal, and others. The young women will have an opportunity to hear about some wonderful careers.

Dolores Seidman is collecting volunteers for the day, Wednesday, January 25, 2017. Please email her if you are willing to help deeseidman@gmail.com. It is a morning commitment, and you are invited to join us for lunch on the Whittier College campus.

Some changes will happen this year as our opening session will be in the Shannon Center, and we will be able to use the Science Building for the first time in years. Unfortunately, the Shannon Center will be nearly filled with the students and their advisors, so the volunteers will have standing room only if they want to join in the 9:15 to 9:40 AM opening. Some of the workshops might have a few empty seats, but I won't know that until later.

Our 24th Annual Math/Science Conference for 8th Grade Girls will be another wonderful Greater Whittier Area AAUW event. Please help if you can by donating your time, or by donating to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund, which supports this and other projects.

Sharon Heck, Chair

SAVE THE DATE

A delicious Italian lunch or dinner awaits you at Lascari's Italian Restaurant on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 when we have our first DINING 4 \$\$\$\$ fundraiser of the new year. It is a perfect time to relax after the holiday rush and gather with family or friends for a great meal. Mark your 2017 calendars! Flyers will be available at our Christmas meeting and, also, in your January Newsletter. Remember to bring a flyer along for each paying member of your group. As always, all proceeds from these events go to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund for Tech-Trek, Scholarships and Math-Science Day.





SECTION INFORMATION

Morning Book

We will not be meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on January 23 when we will discuss *La Rose*, by Louise Erdrich. Detailed information will be in January's bulletin.

The books for the rest of the year are: *Telling the Bees*, by Peggy Hesketh, and she will join us that morning for discussion; *Secrets of a Charmed Life*, by Susan Meissner; and *Being Mortal*, by Atul Gawande.

Happy Holidays to all.

Ann Topjon, Chair



Modern Trends in Literature

We do not meet in December. Remaining books for the year are: January– *Ghost Bride*, February– *La Rose*, March– Homegoing, April– *Me Before You*, May– *The Kitchen House*, June– *Everyone Brave is Forgiven*.

Carol Shupek, Co-Chair, cshupek@yahoo.com
Gwen Woirhaye, Co-Chair, gwen@woirhaye.com

GARDENING SECTION

The December Gardening Section will be a potluck luncheon and planning meeting on December 12 at the home of Ellen Peck. Sign-ups for the potluck will be emailed to members in early December. For now, save December 12th for the Gardening Section.

Ellen Peck, Chair



The New Phoenix

Eleven members celebrated the section's fifth anniversary at a luncheon at the Silver Palace Restaurant on Nov. 7. With great conversation and camaraderie they planned outings for the sixth year and beyond.

Colleen Tan is the originator of the group with help from Peggy Kiefer and Carole Restovich through the years. Single women are invited to join our outings, which occur every two or three months.

First Friday

FIRST FRIDAY

Date: Friday, December 2, 2016
Time: 6 – 8 PM
Host: Gwen and Mahlon Woirhaye
5801 Friends Ave., Whittier
562-696-6405



Directions: From Whittier Blvd, north on Painter to Beverly Blvd. Left (west) one block to Friends Ave. Right (north) one block to last house on the right. Parking Permits will be clipped to the gate. If stairs are a problem, pull up into the driveway and come around by the lighted path.

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

Memories

Please note that the December meeting of Memories will take place on **December 14 at 12 noon** at the home of Helen Rahder who will once again serve a buffet lunch in her lovely, historical home. In celebration of the season we will share a Christmas memory, an ornament of special meaning, a seasonal tradition that your family enjoys or a holiday photo that you treasure. Since Helen lives in Pasadena, you may wish to carpool.

Directions: Freeway: 605 north to 210, west on 210 to Hill St. (about 12 miles), south (left) on Hill St. for about ¾ mile, just past Pasadena City College and Del Mar, to Rose Villa, turn left on Rose Villa to 1582. **PARK IN DRIVEWAY.**

Rosemead: Take Rosemead north to California Blvd. (one block past Huntington Dr.), left on California, go about 3 miles to Hill St., right on Hill for three blocks to Rose Villa, turn right to 1582. **PARK IN DRIVEWAY.**

Questions? Call Carole Restovich at 562-696-0296.

Show Girls

We go to the movies the third Thursday of the month. It is not always possible to know the movie or theater at Newsletter time. I send an email to each Show Girl member with the information. We would love to have you join us. Email or phone me for the monthly gathering information. Thank you.

Gen'nel Walters
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562-943-5333



International Concerns

We have a very different and exciting program planned for our Thursday, December 15 meeting. We will arrive at Sharon Heck's home at 11:00 AM, sandwich in hand, ready to watch a feature length film. **BEFORE THE FLOOD** is a Leonardo Di Caprio narrated and hosted movie about the history of climate change and the future. Everyone is invited to join us, and there will be salad and beverage provided. Sharon's address is 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Parking permits will be available as it is a permit only street. Parking is on both sides of the street on Thursdays.

Because of the parking problems we have changed our meeting day to the third Thursday each month. Our meeting in January will be on the 19th, and we will be discussing Cuba, the final article in the 2016 Great Decisions book. In January the 2017 books will be available for sale at \$22.00.

Plan to come and see a very interesting movie on Thursday, December 15. Call Sharon if you have questions. 562-698-0476. Don't forget your sandwich!

GWA – AAUW CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2016

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	1	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Shopping Event , Really Great Stuff, Whittier
Friday	2	6 – 8:00 PM	First Friday , Gwen Woirhaye's's, Whittier
Tuesday	6	7 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Church, Whittier
Saturday	10	10:30 AM	Holiday Boutique & Branch Meeting , Elk's Club, Whittier
Monday	12	TBD	Gardening , Ellen Peck's, Whittier
Wednesday	14	Noon	Memories , Helen Rahder's, Pasadena
Thursday	15	10:00 AM	International Concerns , Sharon Heck's, Whittier
Thursday	15	TBD	Showgirls

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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