



# GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER



As is our practice, there will be NO Branch meeting in January. This month, we concentrate on our Math/Science Day and on our Meet and Greet Membership Event.

### MEET AND GREET:

Friday, January 13  
6 -8 PM  
Assistance League Facility  
6339 Greenleaf  
Whittier

Meet and Greet is a great opportunity to recruit new members. Guests can see the camaraderie of members and hear of the wonderful things AAUW does locally, statewide and nationally. The more attending the merrier!

Thank you to the people who have signed up to bring an appetizer, dessert or beverage. If anyone else would like to enhance our menu with an extra "goodie", please do so.

Admission:  
\$10.00 for members.  
Free for members who bring food contributions.  
Guests are free.

Any Questions or to RSVP, please contact:  
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Don't forget to use our  
Branch Website!  
<http://whittier-ca.aauw.net>

*For comments or questions  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

New Year's resolutions, who needs them? Women do. At AAUW we promote women's issues, education, career, equality and breaking down *gender* barriers. And, what is at the center of moving forward these important issues, accomplishing our goals and fulfilling our mission you ask, our action and our BRAIN!

So, for 2017 I have one resolution, yes, only one and I owe it to myself—maintaining a healthy brain. Because recently my mother became a resident of an assisted living facility that specializes in memory loss, I began to develop a keener understanding of the importance of a healthy brain. I discovered that as women, we have yet another foe that discriminates against our gender, it is called Alzheimer's. Every 66 seconds a new brain develops Alzheimer's and two out of those three brains belong to women. 60% of people caring for someone with Alzheimer's and dementia, usually an elderly parent, are women; I am one of them.

And because Alzheimer's begins up to 20 years before diagnosis and usually not diagnosed until women are in their *sixties*, I am already behind on my 2017 New Year's resolution. So, my New Year's resolution includes maintaining my physical health, exercise, a healthy diet, cognitive activities, and social engagement, activities that promote a healthy brain. I am grateful for the stimulus AAUW offers me and for each of you intelligent and thoughtful women. You help me and my brain stay healthy!

Have a Healthy and Happy 2017!

*Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes*



## Really Great Stuff Event

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Really Great Stuff Event.

The members and their guests enjoyed shopping, visiting and partaking in the food and liquid refreshment provided by Teri Medina. Teri was very helpful and co-operative throughout the planning and execution of the event. She donated a large basket for our Christmas Boutique. The profit for AAUW for the evening was \$400.95.

Remember this lovely store for your shopping this year. If you get a chance to visit Really Great Stuff, please thank Teri for her generosity.

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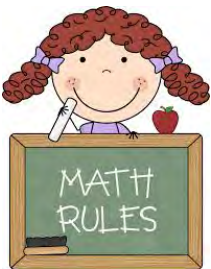
## MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE FOR 8TH GRADE GIRLS

Everything is going smoothly for our 24th Annual Math/Science Conference on January 25 at Whittier College.

I have received the list of student attendees from all 26 Middle Schools. Helen Jewell is helping me compile the tally of how many times each speaker has been chosen. I use this to determine the room size needed for that speaker. Helen is also writing the name of each attendee on the small ticket envelopes. Dolores Seidman is recruiting volunteers for January 25 and for the packet party at Barbara Gile's house on January 19. Contact Dolores by email if you wish to volunteer [deeseidman@gmail.com](mailto:deeseidman@gmail.com).

Patricia Cuocco has contacted the food service at Whittier College regarding snacks for the girls, and the luncheon. Kaye Kidwell and I will be working together on the ticket envelopes for each girl and advisor, after I have assigned each attendee to three workshops. We have seven new speakers in our list of 20, so I will be gathering the information to give Kaye for the brochure/program. Some of our job descriptions need revising and I will be working on that. I'm sure everything will come together for another successful conference.

Sharon Heck, Chair



## PUBLIC POLICY

### WOMEN'S MARCH ON SATURDAY JANUARY 21, 2017

The AAUW CA website gives complete information on the Women's March to be held on Saturday, January 21 in Washington, DC and in many cities throughout the U.S. including Los Angeles and Pasadena. It will be held in Los Angeles from 9 AM to 4 PM from Pershing Square to City Hall and back. The one in Pasadena will be at 9 AM at City Hall, and those who wish can then proceed via the Gold Line to Los Angeles. Below is their mission statement:

**OUR MISSION:** We stand together in solidarity for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families — recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country. In the spirit of democracy and honoring the champions of human rights, dignity, and justice who have come before us, we join in diversity to show our presence in numbers too great to ignore. We stand together, recognizing that defending the most marginalized among us is defending all of us. We support the advocacy movements that reflect our multiple and intersecting identities. We call on all defenders of human rights to join us. This march is the first step towards unifying our communities, grounded in new relationships, to create change from the grassroots level up. We work peacefully while recognizing there is no true peace without justice and equity for all.

-----For further information go to [www.womensmarchla.org](http://www.womensmarchla.org) or call 310-200-0124.

Submitted by Dolores Seidman, Public Policy Chair



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## We Honor Ours

### AAUW Fund Named Gift Honoree Nomination Form

Each year our branch recognizes member(s) who provide leadership and contribute to the success of the programs and goals of the branch. These members are the ambassadors who promote the mission of AAUW. In addition to an individual, a group or an organization that enhanced the mission of AAUW may be nominated.

Nominee:

Leadership:

Participation in Branch Activities:

Community Activities as related to AAUW:

What makes this candidate an outstanding member of GWA-AAUW?

Nominated by:

Nomination forms are due to Rozanne Child 200 S. Winchester Ave. Alhambra, CA 91801 by **January 8, 2017** or you may bring them to the Meet and Greet on **January 13**. A list of previous honorees can be found on pages 23-25 in the Year Book. Thank you!

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## BOUTIQUE REPORT



A special shout-out to all who helped make the Boutique a success. We raised \$2900 to help with branch expenses and AAUW Fund donations.

If you donated items, contributed towards a basket, or asked local merchants for donations, you truly helped.

Thanks to Ellen Peck for a lovely program to complement the shopping and to DeDe Shatzen, who in addition to elf duties and along with Karen Walker, made all the Elk Club arrangements and made sure it all worked. Has anyone ever seen those two ladies sit down for lunch during a meeting?

And, of course, thanks to our elves who make the magic happen with behind-the-scenes work throughout the year: Pat Dudley, Ann

Chambers, Maura Greeley, Sharon Heck, DeDe Shatzen, Diana Clark, Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes and Patricia Cuocco.



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

January 10<sup>th</sup> at Lascari's. January is the perfect month to enjoy a bowl of hot minestrone soup at Lascari's. Of course, it's always a good time for pasta or pizza.

As always, the funds from Dining for \$\$\$\$ support our Myra Long Scholarship Fund.

The good news this month is that you don't even have to eat out. The offer is good on Take-Out or Delivery, as well as Dining-In.

Please see the flyer later on in the newsletter and remember to take a flyer for each person in your party.

## JANUARY IS NATIONAL "WHAT" MONTH?

In January, we honor two activities that are likely of particular interest to AAUW women – both involve giving and we are very good at that. The first involves lending a helping hand to other woman – National Mentor Month.



The second is a little more personal but so important if you are able to do it – National Blood Donor Month.





**Greater Whittier Area  
American Association of University  
Women**

**Invites you to join our**

**Meet & Greet  
Bring a friend or guest!**

**Friday January 13th, 2017  
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.*

**Guests free of charge  
\$10.00 for current members & spouses**

**For more information  
or to RSVP  
Call Maura Greeley 562-692-3919 or  
Karen van der Baan 562-695-0048**

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# SECTION INFORMATION



## Morning Book



We start the new year out by reading and discussing *La Rose*, by Louise Erdrich. The premise of the book is provocative. A man goes deer hunting and accidentally shoots and kills his neighbor's son; so consumed by guilt and sorrow, the man and his wife agree to give their son, LaRose, to the distraught neighbor to raise. It was their penance, as both Catholics and Ojibwe. From this shocking and painful beginning, Louise Erdrich spins an amazing, complex tale of love, family, and obligation.

The meeting will be on Monday, January 23, at 10AM at Carol K. Anderson's, 10421 Portada Dr., Whittier. The co-hostess is Carole Duff. We have no discussion leader this month. I will provide some background information, reviews, etc., but would like to ask each of you to bring a question or two for discussion.

Directions to Carol's house: From Whittier Blvd., go south on Santa Gertrudes (east side of Whittwood Center). At the second light (Starbuck St.) turn right. Drive one block and turn left on Portada Drive. The house is white with grey trim and is the third house on the right. 10421 Portada Drive; 562 943-0728.

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185

## Memories

Memories will meet at the home of Carole Restovich, **January 18** (note change of date due to *Math/Science Day on January 25*) at 1:30 PM. The topic is "Lessons Learned in 2016." The election season alone provided much fodder for writing. Of course, more personal events usually inspire us. Take any approach you like and come read your offering in front of an appreciative and accepting audience. All are welcome.

Directions to Carole's home: north on Painter (from Whittier Blvd.), east on Philadelphia, left on first street of homes behind Whittier College to 7008 Bryn Mawr Way; 696-0296.

## Modern Trends in Literature

"One evening, my father asked me if I would like to become a ghost bride..."

Part 19th century novel, part magical journey to the Chinese world of the dead, Yangsze Choo's debut novel *The Ghost Bride* is a startlingly original historical fantasy infused with Chinese folklore, romantic intrigue, and unexpected supernatural twists. Reminiscent of Lisa See's *Peony in Love* and Neil Gaiman's *Neverwhere*, *The Ghost Bride* is a wondrous coming-of-age story from a remarkable new voice in fiction.

Modern Trends meets Thursday, January 26, at the Oriental Chinese Restaurant, 2380 W Whittier Blvd, La Habra, 6 PM for dinner followed by discussion led by Kristine Yeseta.

Remaining books for the year are: February – *La Rose*; March – *Homegoing*; April – *Me Before You*; May – *The Kitchen House*; June – *Everyone Brave is Forgiven*.

Co-chairs:

Carol Shupek 562-641-8888

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





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## Mystery Mavens

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 6:30 PM

***The Body in the Belfry* by Katherine Hall Page**  
**Reviewer: Maurine Behrens**

There was no question that the body in the church belfry was Cindy Shepherd and that she was very dead. The kitchen knife sticking out of her young body left no doubt. Faith Sibley, the minister's wife who found poor Cindy, quickly learned that there was no shortage of people who might have been tempted to do Cindy in: childhood enemies, jilted lovers, and angry victims of Cindy's vicious tongue. It seemed a shame to Faith to let the police pin the crime on Cindy's fiancé just because he lacked an alibi...or a better way to break the engagement.

But ex-New Yorker Faith had a lot to learn about murder in Massachusetts. Digging up seedy little secrets in a quiet New England village can make the natives a bit nervous...and turn the lady from the big city into just another small town statistic.

We will 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.



## 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

International Concerns will meet on Thursday, January 19, 2017, 10 AM at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. The topic will be "Cuba and the U.S." which is the final chapter in our Great Decisions 2016 book. Louise Holden and Sheryl Crockey will lead the discussion. The Great Decisions 2017 books will be available for a cost of \$22.00.

Everyone is welcome to attend the International Concerns meetings. If you need more information, call Sharon Heck, 562-698-0476, or Sheryl Crockey, 714-514-3220. Comstock Ave. is a permit-parking street, and parking permits will be available. There is

## PPP Positive Past Presidents

### **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR OUR LUNAR NEW YEAR DINNER**

Join the PPP's in celebrating the Lunar New Year (Year of the Rooster) on Wednesday, February 7, 2017 at the Silver Palace Restaurant: 15326 Whittier Blvd., Whittier at 6 PM. Cost is \$22.00


This is always a fun evening you won't want to miss. RVSP to Cindy Birt on 562 697-7520. Reservations are a must.

**NO "WALK-INS", PLEASE!**

Shirley Stewart, Chair







Join Lascari's Italian Restaurant  
and support the ...

**Greater Whittier Area  
American Association of University Women**

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

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017  
From 11:00 am to 9:00 pm**

EST. 1970  
**Lascari's**  
ITALIAN

**16255 Whittier Blvd., Whittier**

**Dine-in, Take-out or Delivery  
(562) 943-1113**

Lascari's will contribute 20% of the proceeds to support the  
**Myra Long Scholarship Fund.**

To participate in this fundraiser, **present this flyer to your server  
when you order!**

Please No soliciting on premises.

## GWA – AAUW CALENDAR

### JANUARY 2017

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday	8		<b>Named Gift Nomination Forms Due *</b>
Tuesday	10	11 AM – 9 PM	<b>Dining for \$\$\$\$</b> , Lascari’s Restaurant, Whittier
Friday	13	6 – 8 PM	<b>Meet and Greet</b> , Assistance League, Whittier
Wednesday	18	1:30 PM	<b>Memories</b> , Carole Restovich’s, Whittier
Wednesday	18	6 – 8 PM	<b>Mystery Mavens</b> , Marie Callender’s La Serna, Whittier
Thursday	19	10 AM	<b>International Concerns</b> , Sharon Heck’s, Whittier
Thursday	19	TBD	<b>Show Girls</b>
Thursday	19	6 PM	<b>Math/Science Day Packet Assembly</b> , Barbara Gile’s, Whittier
Monday	23	10 AM	<b>Morning Book</b> , Carol Anderson’s, Whittier
Wednesday	25	7 AM – 2 PM	<b>Math/Science Day</b> , Whittier College, Whittier
Thursday	26	6 PM	<b>Modern Trends</b> , Oriental Restaurant, La Habra

\* May be brought to Meet and Greet on 1/13 but please let Rozanne Child know you are doing so and whom you are nominating.

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> of every month to [patricia@fullerton.edu](mailto:patricia@fullerton.edu)

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