



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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MARCH



**BRANCH MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017
11:30 AM
ELK'S CLUB, WHITTIER**

The speaker for the March 4, 2017 Branch Meeting will be AAUW Fund Fellow Christine Morrison. Christine is an American Fellowship recipient working toward her Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry at the California Institute of Technology. She studies how bacteria are able to make their own fertilizer. By learning how this is accomplished in the cell, she hopes to inspire alternative methods for producing human-made fertilizers that are more sustainable and better for the environment. She also aims to improve chemistry education in order to increase retention levels in STEM fields, especially among women.

Lunch will be sliced roast beef with wild mushroom sauce, mixed green salad, roasted potatoes, mixed winter vegetables, 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). Enjoy table decorations provided by International Concerns.

Reservations for the Branch meeting are due by March 1, 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. Your reservation will be confirmed. Cost of lunch is \$20.00.

We will be in the **Clubroom**. The entrance to the **Clubroom** is on the west side of the building. Enter the back parking lot, drive past the entrance to the Ballroom and go right at the end of the building. Look for the AAUW signs. Elks Lodge is located at 13620 Whittier Blvd., Whittier.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March is **Women's History Month**, a month that highlights the many contributions of women throughout history and in our lifetime. Today, more than ever, recognition of the achievements and contributions by women must not only be celebrated but women's issues must continue to be a priority in our country and around the world. Our AAUW charge is to advocate for issues of equity for women while thwarting attempts meant to silence or ignore our voices. Not fulfilling our charge would be to dishonor the women who went before us, women who struggled for equality—Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman, and Alice Paul. And, in our lifetime, we are fortunate to be represented by Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagan for the protection of long sought and won women's rights. All of these women past and present stood and continue to make the issue of woman rights, human rights.

I invite you, AAUW members, to be active in representing the voice of women and girls, if not at the national level, in our own communities. Let's continue to be architects of change on issues of equality in the workplace, schools, or wherever there are opportunities for the advancement of women.

Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes

"Equality of Rights under the Law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex (gender)."—President Jimmy Carter

Membership Report March 2017

We will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Barbara Pickard and Kathy Nighswonger at our luncheon meeting next month in March. Congratulations ladies! Both have been notified and are coming to this event. AAUW Headquarters is sending us citations to be presented at our meeting.

We have heard from Lucy Householder and her intent is to join our AAUW branch in March. She and others have said they are joining in March to take advantage of the economical membership fee. Karen and I are doing follow up on others who have expressed interest in joining.

Remember, all of us are recruiters for members of our branch! We appreciate all who have advocated and solicited new members.

Maura Greeley & Karen van der Baan

Membership Co-Chairs



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PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW sent this article:

You can respond to this appeal and to others by going to aauw.org and search for "Two Minute Activist." This will lead to a form that can be sent easily to your congressional representatives. Will you take Two Minutes?

Dolores Seidman, Public Policy Chair

Help AAUW fight back against threats to reproductive rights!

The 115th Congress has made clear that rolling back women's reproductive choice is one of their top priorities. AAUW members have made the protection of reproductive rights a policy principle since 1977. We won't let legislators turn back the clock on reproductive health!

AAUW supports the right of every woman to access safe, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services. **Tell your members of Congress that, as a constituent, you stand with AAUW in opposing all efforts to restrict women's access to these critical health services!**

The U.S. House and Senate have already undertaken several efforts to threaten women's health care access and autonomy, which means we must act quickly together. More harmful efforts are expected, including:

- Cutting funds to Planned Parenthood.
- Limiting abortion coverage for nearly all women.
- Enacting abortion bans that disregard the needs of women.

AAUW trusts that every woman has the ability to make her own informed choices regarding her reproductive life within the dictates of her own moral and religious beliefs. That's why we're asking members and supporters to speak out for reproductive choice as part of our "10 actions/100 days campaign." Tell your members of Congress we're watching and will hold them accountable; tell them to oppose these and *any* efforts to restrict women's access to reproductive health care.

GWA Members Participate in Women's March:

On January 21, 2017, at least [half a million people descended upon Washington, D.C.](#) to march for gender equality. Millions more joined in sister marches across the United States and around the world. [Never content to sit out](#) history, AAUW members were right there front and center. AAUW staff, members, and supporters marched to make their voices heard in our nation's capital and across the country. All came with the same goal: to proclaim that women's rights are human rights.

As a nonpartisan organization, AAUW marched to remind elected officials that women are watching and will make their voices heard on any action (or inaction) on women's issues.

Members of Greater Whittier Area Branch who participated in the local marches were Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes, Ann Chambers and Sheryl Crockey in Los Angeles, Lynda Richardson in Santa Ana, and Maura Greeley, Karen van der Baan, and Dolores Seidman in Pasadena.





Support us through AAUW Fund

You can...
Create change,
Advance equity,
Empower women and girls

Congratulations to Greater Whittier Area Branch of AAUW. We have donated **\$15,770.90 to the Fund for 2016**. This includes donations to the Fund, Tech Trek, and the Kathleen Doty Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch Honorary Fund. Your gifts to the Fund advance equity for women and girls, strengthen AAUW's role in the global community, respond to and eradicate the persistent challenges facing women and girls, leverage new opportunities and attract new audiences to our mission. With that said, the Whittier Branch has much to celebrate for a job well done.

The Myra Long Scholarship Fund Committee has just approved a request, which will be included in the 2017-2018 budget, to send a Whittier College Student to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland College Park in 2018. NCCWSL is an annual conference of college women sponsored by the Association which brings together women student campus leaders from around the country to network, civic engagement, advocacy, career balance, learn skills such as planning and life-

Rozanne Child
AAUW Fund Vice-President





Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC) News

February/March 2017

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Homelessness in Los Angeles County

A talk by

Phil Ansell, Director of Homeless Initiative

Sunday, March 12, 2017

2-4 p.m.

PIH—Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital

12401 Washington Boulevard, Whittier, CA 90602

Please encourage all branch members to attend.

Phil Ansell was appointed Director of the County's Homeless Initiative effective August 17, 2015, when he temporarily left his position as Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). During his 19 years with DPSS, Phil played a key role in the design and implementation of numerous programs and services for homeless families and individuals, including a key role in the development of the County's Homeless Prevention Initiative in 2005 -2006. Effective February 1, 2017, Phil was appointed the permanent director of the County's newly formed Office of Homelessness.

In his work on homelessness, and other major issues impacting low-income families and individuals, Phil has a long history of effective collaboration, both within and outside County Government. As AAUW California members and residents of Los Angeles County you won't want to miss this important meeting to find out what is being done to help the homeless in our county, and what we as AAUW members can do to help. Hope to see you at this most important meeting. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

Rozanne Child
Program Chair, AAUW CA Los Angeles County Interbranch Council

The LACIC refreshment plan:
Bring your own drink. Individuals are invited to bring snacks to share.

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GWA-AAUW OFFICER SLATE FOR 2017-18

2017-18 BOARD NOMINATIONS

If you think coming up with a slate of volunteers willing to do the hard work of branch administration isn't worse than putting together a jigsaw puzzle with missing pieces, just ask Kaye Kidwell. Thank you, Kaye, for doing yeoman's work in coming up with the following slate of officers for election to the **2017-18 GWA AAUW Board of Directors:**

- President: Kaye Kidwell
- President-elect: Rozanne Child
- Program Vice President: Earlyne Clemons
- Hospitality Vice Presidents: Karen Walker and DeDe Shatzen
- Membership Vice Presidents: Constance Bucey and Pauline Rogers
- AAUW Fund Vice President: Dolores Seidman
- Treasurer: Lucinda Halley
- Recording Secretary: Barbara Gile
- Corresponding Secretary: LaVonne (Lovey) Sherman
- Past President: Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes

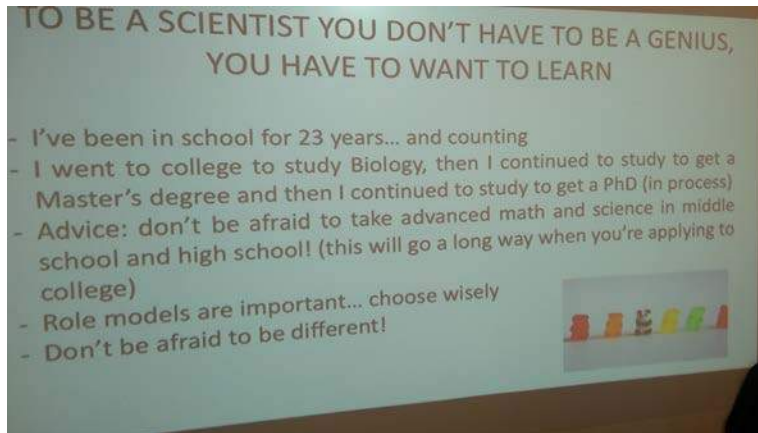
Myra Long Scholarship Fund Committee

- Chair: Patricia Cuocco
- Treasurer: Kaye Kidwell
- Secretary: Carole Restovich
- Director: Ann Chambers
- Director: Patricia Dudley
- Director: Susan Halliday
- Director: Sharon Heck
- Director Emeritus: Ellen Larson

Election of officers will take place at the annual meeting in April. At that time, whichever of the Appointed Board positions that have been filled will be announced. Please be aware that nominations from the floor for any elected position will be accepted. Please be sure that the person you are nominating is willing to serve.

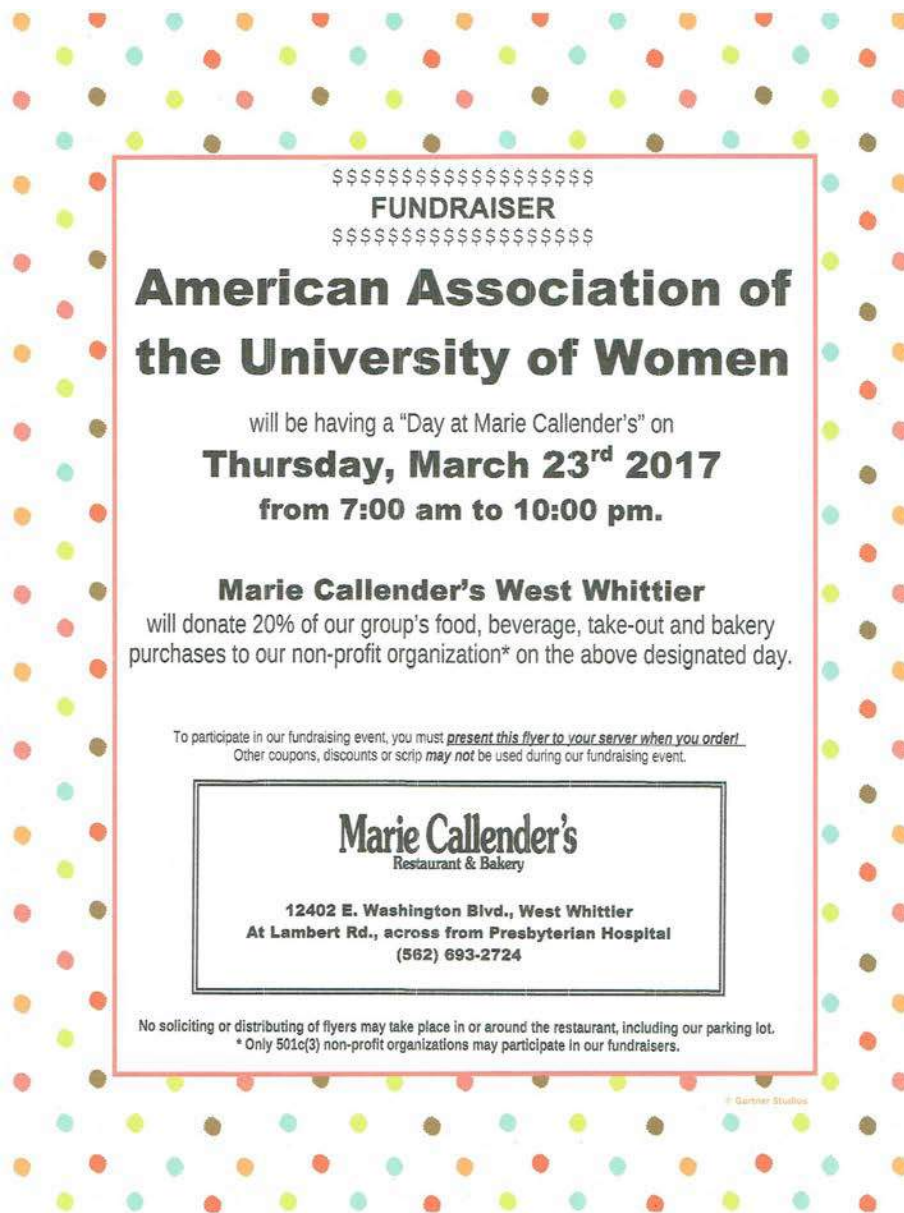
JUST ANOTHER FABULOUS AAUW SUCCESS!

MATH/SCIENCE DAY JANUARY 2017



Dining 4 \$\$\$\$\$ Save The Date

In the mood for some comfort food? Looking for a tasty breakfast, lunch or dinner? Craving your favorite kind of pie? Then our March fundraiser at Marie Callender's is a great place to be. It will be open to us from 7:00 am until 10 pm. 20% of all food, beverage, take-out and bakery purchases will be donated to our Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Join us on Thursday, March 23rd at the Marie Callender's across from PIH. **YOU MUST BRING THIS FLYER AND PRESENT IT WHEN YOU ORDER!**

A flyer for a fundraiser at Marie Callender's. The flyer has a white background with a red border and is surrounded by a pattern of colorful dots in shades of orange, teal, yellow, and brown. At the top, it says "\$" followed by "FUNDRAISER" and another line of "\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$". The main title is "American Association of the University of Women" in a large, bold, black font. Below that, it says "will be having a 'Day at Marie Callender's' on Thursday, March 23rd 2017 from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm." The next section is "Marie Callender's West Whittier" followed by "will donate 20% of our group's food, beverage, take-out and bakery purchases to our non-profit organization* on the above designated day." There is a line of small text: "To participate in our fundraising event, you must present this flyer to your server when you order! Other coupons, discounts or scrip may not be used during our fundraising event." Below this is a box containing the Marie Callender's logo and address: "Marie Callender's Restaurant & Bakery, 12402 E. Washington Blvd., West Whittier At Lambert Rd., across from Presbyterian Hospital (562) 693-2724". At the bottom, it says "No soliciting or distributing of flyers may take place in or around the restaurant, including our parking lot. * Only 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations may participate in our fundraisers." There is a small "© Garner Studios" logo in the bottom right corner of the flyer area.

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SECTION INFORMATION

Morning Book

We will be having a special meeting this month. We are reading *Telling the Bees*, by Peggy Hesketh, and the author has agreed to come to our discussion! One reviewer said this about the book: “The voice is so masterfully done, the mysteries of life and death so compellingly evoked. But best of all is the way [the novel] reminds us that even the quietest life will still hold its full measure of drama and passion.” She will tell us something about herself, the process of writing *Telling the Bees*, and answer any questions about it. She will also reveal a little about the novel she is working on now, and will give us a “sneak peak” from some of the text.

The meeting is on Monday, March 27, at 10AM, at Ann Farmer’s, 6146 Southwind Dr., Whittier; 562-698-2074. The co-hostess is Karen Walker. This will undoubtedly be a well attended meeting, so please let Ann Farmer and Karen Walker know if you are coming.

Directions to Ann’s home: North on Painter Ave. to Hadley; east (right) on Hadley to Southwind; north (left) on Southwind up the hill. 6146 is on the right side of the street.

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185



Modern Trends in Literature

March meeting is on the 23rd, 7 PM, at the home of Annette Lauritzen, 17863 Nearbank Dr., Rowland Heights.

Joyce Paul will lead discussion on *Homegoing*, by Yaa Gyasi.

The unforgettable New York Times best seller begins with the story of two half-sisters, separated by forces beyond their control: one sold into slavery, the other married to a British slaver. Written with tremendous sweep and power, *Homegoing* traces the generations of family who follow, as their destinies lead them through two continents and three hundred years of history, each life indelibly drawn, as the legacy of slavery is fully revealed in light of the present day.

Effia and Esi are born into different villages in eighteenth-century Ghana. Effia is married off to an Englishman and lives in comfort in the palatial rooms of Cape Coast Castle. Unbeknownst to Effia, her sister, Esi, is imprisoned beneath her in the castle’s dungeons, sold with thousands of others into the Gold Coast’s booming slave trade, and shipped off to America, where her children and grandchildren will be raised in slavery. One thread of *Homegoing* follows Effia’s descendants through centuries of warfare in Ghana, as the Fante and Asante nations wrestle with the slave trade and British colonization. The other thread follows Esi and her children into America. From the plantations of the South to the Civil War and the Great Migration, from the coal mines of Pratt City, Alabama, to the jazz clubs and dope houses of twentieth-century Harlem, right up through the present day, *Homegoing* makes history visceral, and captures, with singular and stunning immediacy, how the memory of captivity came to be inscribed in the soul of a nation.

Directions from Whittier: Colima Road to Albatross Ave., right to Saleroso Dr., right to Candela which turns right into Fallen Dr.; left on Agostino which turns into Nearbank; house is on the left.

From the east: Fullerton Road, west on Galatina, right on Nearbank; house is on the right.

Chair Carol Shupek 562-641-8888

Co-chair Gwen Woirhaye gwen@woirhaye.com

Mystery Mavens

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 6:30 PM

***Faceless Killers* by Henning Mankell**
Reviewer: Sharon Heck

It was a senselessly violent crime: on a cold night in a remote Swedish farmhouse, an elderly farmer is bludgeoned to death, and his wife is left to die with a noose around her neck. And as if this didn't present enough problems for the Ystad police inspector Kurt Wallander, the dying woman's last word is *foreign*, leaving police the one tangible clue they have—and in the process, the match that could inflame Sweden's already smoldering anti-immigrant sentiments.



Wallander quickly becomes obsessed with solving the crime before the already tense situation explodes, but soon comes to realize that it will require all his reserves of energy and dedication to solve.

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.

First Friday

Date: Friday, March 3, 2017

Time: 6-8PM

Host: Ann Topjon and Phil O'Brien

5654 Palm Avenue

Whittier

562-665-1724

Directions: From Whittier Blvd., go north on Painter Ave.; left on Broadway; right on Palm Ave., past Palm Park. The house is 5 houses up on the right past Floral Ave. and Dexter Middle School.

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.

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
icugwalters@aol.com
562-943-5333



International Concerns

The International Concerns section will meet at 10 AM on Thursday, March 16 at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. The topic to be discussed is "The Future of Europe: coping with crisis," Chapter 1 in our 2017 Great Decisions book. Louise Holden will lead the discussion. Note that the meetings are now on Thursday, because of parking on Comstock, which is a permit street.

Everyone is welcome to attend, but please phone Sharon to let her know at 562-698-0476. She wants to be sure she has enough parking passes. On Thursdays there is parking on both sides of Comstock and some space in the driveway. Hope to see you there.



Gardening

On Thursday, March 30, the Gardening Section will tour the Boddy house at Descanso Gardens in La Canada Flintridge. E. Manchester Boddy, the founder of Descanso Gardens, built the home in the 1930s. The home was the Pasadena Showcase House in 2007. Admission is \$6. What's blooming in March: tulips, irises, camellias, lilacs, daffodils and cherry trees.

Meet at 9:30 AM at the Ralph's parking lot on the corner of Whittier Blvd. and Colima Road, and we will carpool to La Canada Flintridge. RSVP to Shari Jacobson at 562-945-5300 or email at sljscobson86@gmail.com. Reservations are due by Tuesday, March 28. All members and friends are invited.



La Cuisine

Write Saturday, March 25, on your calendar for the next La Cuisine event. This will be a home-hosted dinner of delicious Greek food. The planning committee will send out recipes and assignments. Members will receive an official invitation from their home host.

DESIGN HOUSE

Barbara Gile and DeDe Shatzen are chairing our Design House participation this year. Shift reservations will be available on March 1st. Barbara and DeDe will have more information at the Branch Meeting on March 4th.



GWA – AAUW CALENDAR

MARCH 2017

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	3	6 PM – 8 PM	First Friday , Ann Topjon's Whittier
Saturday	4	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , Elk's Club, Whittier
Tuesday	7	7 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias, Whittier
Sunday	12	2 – 4 PM	LACIC , PIH, Whittier
Wednesday	15	6: 30 PM	Mystery Mavens , Marie Callender's La Serna, Whittier
Thursday	16	10 AM	International Concerns , Sharon Heck's, Whittier
Thursday	16	TBD	Show Girls
Thursday	23	7 PM	Modern Trends , Annette Lauritzen's, Rowland Hts
Saturday	25	TBA	La Cuisine , Location TBD
Monday	27	10 AM	Morning Book , Ann Farmer's, Whittier
Thursday	30	9:30 PM	Gardening/Descanso Gardens , Ralph's 9:30 AM

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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