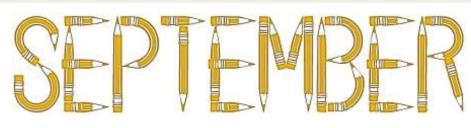
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GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER



BRANCH MEETING: NEW LOCATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 11:30 A.M. DOUBLETREE BY HILTON 7320 GREENLEAF AVE., UPTOWN WHITTIER BOARDROOMS 1 & 2, GROUND FLOOR



Table Decorations provided by the Memories Section

NEW HOSPITALITY CHAIRPERSONS: Well, not exactly new. Karen Walker and DeDe Shatzen will be sharing the responsibilities and exchanging positions at the helm so that the transition is smooth. Karen will be accepting September reservations. Please notice the other changes below.

NEW LOCATION: Our new meeting location will be in Boardrooms 1 & 2 on the ground level of the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel (Ballroom C in December and May). Ample free parking is located in the structure and in the outdoor parking lot surrounding the hotel.

LUNCH CHOICES: Lunch will consist of three choices most months, and you'll need to select one as part of your RSVP: a salad, a sandwich or a vegetarian option. All lunches include dessert, coffee, tea, and water. (Reviews by our tasters were excellent!) There can be no substitutions, deletions or special orders. September's choices are:

- **Tossed Cobb Salad**: Grilled Chicken Breast, Chopped Greens, Hard Boiled Egg, Bacon, Tomatoes and Crumbled Bleu Cheese. Ranch and Balsamic dressings at each table.
- **Turkey Wrap**: Spinach and Herb Tortilla filled with Smoked Turkey, Provolone Cheese, Avocado, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomatoes and Hacienda Ranch dressing. Served with homemade Kettle Potato Chips.
- **Grilled Veggie Italian Wrap:** Grilled Squash and Eggplant, Provolone Cheese, Shredded Lettuce, Olives, Pepperoncini, Tomatoes and Italian vinaigrette wrapped in a Spinach and Herb Tortilla. Served with homemade Kettle Potato Chips.

RESERVATION REQUIRED: Please <u>RSVP with your menu choice</u> by email to Karen Walker at <u>aauwrsvp@gmail.com</u>. If you do not have email, call Karen at (562) 943-0966. Your reservation will be confirmed. Please try again if you don't receive a confirmation within 48 hours. Reservations and menu choices are due by noon Tuesday, September 5.

STANDING RESERVATIONS: If you'd like to have a standing reservation, please email Karen by September 5 and also indicate which you'd prefer: a salad, sandwich or vegetarian meal as a general rule. *You may change your choice in any month by Tuesday noon before each meeting*. If you're without email, call Karen at (562) 943-0966.

COST AND PAYMENT: The cost for lunch (and room rental) per person is \$25, payable at the meeting by cash or by check made out to "<u>Greater Whittier Area AAUW</u>" (the only payee that the bank will accept – no abbreviations, please). We'd deeply appreciate it if you could come with exact change or with a pre-written check to avoid congestion at the door – though we appreciate MOST your presence, no matter what!

PROGRAM

MEET THE AUTHOR will be the program for our Saturday, September 9, 2017, Branch meeting. Come hear Karen Maezen Miller. She writes about spirituality in everyday life. Her latest book is *Paradise in Plain Sight: Lessons from a Zen Garden* (New World Library, May, 2014). She also wrote *Hand Wash Cold: Care Instructions for an Ordinary Life* (New World Library, 2010) and *Momma Zen: Walking the Crooked Path of Motherhood* (Shambhala, 2006). Her writing is also included in several anthologies. She speaks to community groups, schools, churches and conferences -- any group that wants to be transported to a realm of calm assurance and infinite patience. She leads retreats around the country. Karen is a wife and mother as well as a Zen Buddhist priest at the Hazy Moon Zen Center in Los Angeles, California. She lives in Sierra Madre, California with her husband and daughter, where they have a century-old Japanese garden in their backyard. Her books will be available for sale and signing at the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am so jazzed about this coming year for our Branch. We got off to a fun and encouraging start at the June meeting with the installation of officers. The theme was PURSES – my favorite accessories. Pat Dudley served as installing officer and PURSEsonally scripted the ceremony. She explained the PURSEscribed duties and responsibilities of each officer, noting that their jobs will require PURSEsistence in meeting the challenges PURSEsented to them. With PURSEserverance and PURSEspiration, the officers will use their individual PURSEsonalities and PURSEspectives to PURSEsue the Mission of AAUW and the Goals of GWA-AAUW.

During the summer, I had the opportunity to attend two AAUW-California Board meetings: one for leadership training and the other with Kim Churches, the new national CEO. Much of the discussion at both meetings focused on Tech Trek since the national office is returning financial administration of the ten California camps to AAUW-California's Special Projects Fund. We now are working diligently to insure a smooth transition.

See you in September.

Kaye D. Kidwell, President



PUBLIC POLICY

At the National Level:

This last summer President Elect Rozanne Child and I attended the 2017 AAUW National Convention in Washington DC. The conference included 2 1/2 days of informative workshops such as *Financial Best Practices for AAUW State and Branch Leadership, Global Progress and Equality for Women, Building Self-Esteem for Girls, Navigating Difficult Conversations, How Washington Works and much more.* Conference participants also had an opportunity to visit legislators from their home districts on Lobby Day to meet them, share with them AAUW's mission, work, issues and policy focus. We championed AAUW's research *Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans,* supporting women in higher education, and in advance of the 45th anniversary of Title IX, asking for adequate funding and support for the Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Education for stronger enforcement of Title IX, particularly in the area of equal pay.

One of the highlights of the conference was hearing and meeting Associate Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the final dinner's guest speaker. Associate Justice Sotomayor provided insights on the workings of the Supreme Court, working with her fellow justices, their willingness to work together and maintaining mutual respect—even when working on the most challenging of cases, often holding opposing legal views and opinions.

At the State Level:

The AAUW-California board has modified their mission statement as follows:

AAUW-California facilitates California branches in meeting the vision and mission of AAUW by providing programs, education, and resources.

The change in the mission statement will more clearly capture the purpose and work of AAUW-California, which is to support the branches. The new mission will guide the California board and state committees in their planning, much of which took place last month at the July Leadership Day in Sacramento.

GWA-AAUW looks forward to the continued support of both the national and state AAUW umbrella organizations in assisting our Branch in reaching our local policy goals.

Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes

Los Angeles County Inter-Branch Council (LACIC)

The first meeting of the 2017-18 year will be Sunday, September 10, at Whittier Presbyterian Hospital (PIH Health), from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. in Conference Room F (Basement Level). There will be very special guest speakers – YOU!

The meeting's topic is "Branch Information XChange", and all of us are invited to share ideas about our branches, their shortcomings, their successes, and our plans for the future. This is a great opportunity for us to learn from each other! You don't need to prepare a formal presentation. Just come and share your excitement about what your Branch is all about.

Patricia Cuocco

AAUW FUND

What is the AAUW Fund? The beginning of the year is a good time to explain this important part of AAUW to new members and "old timers" alike. AAUW is a national organization to which our local Branch belongs. Its general fund provides unrestricted gifts which are used where and when they are most needed. Long-time members will remember the time when it used to be called "EF" or the "Educational Foundation" which basically funded our fellowship program. Now it has a broader use to support our mission-based programs and advocacy efforts.

It includes such programs such as Tech Savvy, Start Smart and Work Smart, Elect Her, the Legal Advocacy Fund, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) and the National Convention, as well as the fellowship program that supports women studying for advanced degrees, as well as those applying for local grants. Information about these projects is given at our national website: aauw.org. Future Branch newsletter articles will highlight some of these programs.

At the same time our GWA-AAUW Branch has its own fundraising system, handled through the Myra Long Scholarship Fund, which funds such important local activities as Tech Trek, the Math Science Conference, and Local Scholarships.

The AAUW Fund is supported by our local membership contribution of \$2.00 each as part of our dues structure. This is only a small amount so we encourage our members to make individual tax-deductible contributions. You will be hearing more about that! And, in the past additional money has been donated from the profits of the Christmas boutique.

We hope you will read more on the website about the projects that are funded and will choose to make a contribution before the end of the year in order to support our national organization.

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Fund Director

SAVE THE DATE!

AAUW Fund Fall Luncheon- Sunday, October 15, 12:00-3:00 P.M. Old Ranch Country Club, Seal Beach, \$40 per person. Meet the Funds Fellow we support in California!

AAUW-CA has set the date for their **SPECIAL VOTE** regarding the non-profit classification of AAUW-CA. They need ALL MEMBERS to cast their votes. There was a technical mistake when bylaws were drawn up in 2008, which needs correction for the state to be in compliance with California corporate code, IRS regulations, and status as an affiliate of AAUW. The vote and the process are explained on the state website at: <u>http://www.aauw-ca.org/your-vote-is-needed/</u>. Be sure to read the explanation and be ready to vote between Sept 10 and Oct. 1. Please read the material NOW, as the period for questions and discussion will close Sept. 9. Questions can be sent to the state Governance Committee chair, Sue Cochran (also a branch member).

MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2017 Non-Event Fundraiser Honor Roll

Thank you, one and all! Our 2017 non-event fundraiser was a phenomenal success. We are grateful to all of you who gave so generously. We received \$11,145 from 75 donors. Donations ranged from \$10 to \$2,550. All of the proceeds helped to support our Local Scholarship, Math/Science and Tech Trek programs. We (1) awarded \$8,000 in scholarships to three women graduating from Rio Hondo Community College to help them continue their educations at Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State San Bernardino and Whittier College, (2) hosted 340 eighth grade girls from 27 middle schools at our 24th annual Math/Science Conference and (3) awarded scholarships to twelve eighth grades girls from three middle schools to attend the week-long Tech Trek Camp at Whittier College. Thank you for helping us continue this important work.

Sara Ellen Anderson Beverly Ball Virginia Ball Maurine Behrens Jan Berry Rosemary Bertone Cindy Birt Virginia Boles Jacqueline Brearley Constance Bucey

Jan Cecola Ann Chambers Rozanne Child Kelly Collazo Harriet Cornyn Sheryl Crockey

Patricia Cuocco Carole Duff Diana Erickson Ann Farmer Peggy Fretz Janice Geiger Barbara Gile Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes Maura Greeley Mary Jo Haller Lucinda Halley Susan Halliday Sheila Hartfield Eleanor Hauger Sharon Heck Christine Heller Naomi Hill Louise Holden Lorayne Horka-Gervais

Brenda Jahn Roberta Jessup Kaye Kidwell Peggy Kiefer Mary H. Knight Judith Kraft

Mary Lee Lacy Annette Lauritzen Jeanne Lavagnino Marian Locke Bruce E. Long Kathryn Luciano Stefanie V. Miller Mary Ellen Mead Joyce Paul



Linda Pomeroy Nancy Ramos Yvette Rawlinson Carole Restovich Lynda Richardson P.M. Rogers Dolores Seidman Deidre Shatzen Lovey Sherman

Carol Shupek Donna Smith Jill Smith Patricia Stanley Shirley Stewart Nancy Stiefeling

Colleen Tan Ann Topjon Sue Turco Karen van der Baan Gen'nel Walters Fay Weber Myra Weiss Beth Camarco Wheeler Ruth White Gwen Woirhaye

THE FINANCIAL CORNER



Greetings! As we began our new fiscal year on July 1, I am reaching out to each of you to share with you how our Branch did in the year just ended.

I am happy to report that we ended the year with a small surplus. We achieved this surplus by several means. First, our December Boutique fundraiser brought in a profit after paying the associated expenses and contributing \$500 to AAUW FUND in Washington DC. Second, your dues make a difference in keeping our Branch healthy and vital. Finally, our expenses for the year were less than what we thought we would spend when the year began.

The money that we all have contributed has gone to many worthy causes -- AAUW Fund, Las Distinguidas, and our Branch President attending the National AAUW Convention to name a few. I think we can be proud of our financial contributions to our mission of "Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research."

Now that the year is ended and the books are closed, I will give our financial records to a knowledgeable third party for a financial review. The financial records include reconciled bank statements, bank deposit slips and matching deposit records, and check vouchers with receipts that support every check that has been written. After that review, the statements of our financial activity for the year will be sent to our tax preparer, an IRS Enrolled Agent, in order that we meet our tax-filing deadline of November 15, 2017.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. I love to talk finance and I am especially pleased when someone is curious about the financial workings of our Branch.

Thank you for letting me be your treasurer for the year just past and for entrusting me with the job for this year as well!

Lucinda Halley GWA-AAUW Branch Treasurer

DINING 4 \$\$\$\$ SAVE THE DATE!



To kick off our first restaurant fundraiser for the 2017/2018 year, we present California Grill. A true Uptown favorite of our members, California Grill once again steps up to support our Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Our fundraiser will be on Thursday, September 21st, from 7 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. GWA-AAUW receives 20% of the proceeds from your purchases, so we look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to pass a few flyers out to your neighbors or friends!



Modern Trends in Literature

Our first meeting is Thursday, September 28, 7 P.M., at the home of Carol Shupek. She will also provide refreshments. The book for September is *Killers of the Flower Moon*, by David Grann. Gen'nel Walters will review.

From New Yorker staff writer David Grann, #1 New York Times best-selling author of *The Lost City of Z*, comes a twisting, haunting true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history. In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, they rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. Her relatives were shot and poisoned. It was just the beginning, as more and more members of the tribe began to die under mysterious circumstances.

In this last remnant of the Wild West—where oilmen like J. P. Getty made their fortunes and where desperadoes like Al Spencer, the "Phantom Terror," roamed—many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll climbed to more than twenty-four, the FBI took up the case. It was one of the organization's first major homicide investigations, and the bureau badly bungled the case. In desperation, the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including one of the only American Indian agents in the bureau. The agents infiltrated the region, struggling to adopt the latest techniques of detection. Together with the Osage they began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

In *Killers of the Flower Moon*, David Grann revisits a shocking series of crimes in which dozens of people were murdered in cold blood. Based on years of research and startling new evidence, the book is a masterpiece of narrative nonfiction, as each step in the investigation reveals a series of sinister secrets and reversals. But more than that, it is a searing indictment of the callousness and prejudice toward American Indians that allowed the murderers to operate with impunity for so long. *Killers of the Flower Moon* is utterly compelling, but also emotionally devastating.

Directions: Hadley Street east from Painter Ave.; left on Southwind Dr. to 6204.

Remaining books: A Gentleman in Moscow; The Handmaid's Tale; Hillbilly Elegy; The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane; A Man Called Ove; Lincoln in the Bardo; Hidden Figures; The Bad Ass Librarians of Timbuktu

Chair: Carol Shupek Co-chair: Gwen Woirhaye

MORNING BOOK

We are starting the year off by reading *Missing, Presumed* by Susie Steiner. The author, a former journalist, shows a diverse crew of Brits coming to terms with both a murder and their own imperfect lives. Unhappy at midlife, Detective Sergeant Manon Bradshaw of the Cambridgeshire Major Incident Team faces down a complicated case involving an upper-class family and a lower-class young man in a novel that's audaciously full of real women's voices.

You might come to *Missing*, *Presumed* for the police procedural; you'll stay for the layered, authentic characters. Described in an NPR review as a "cozy noir" that "shows how women lose in a male centric society."

We are meeting on Monday, September 25, at 10 A.M. at Ann Farmer's house. Linda Harris will be our discussion leader, and Dolores Seidman will provide refreshments.

Directions to Ann's house: 6146 Southwind Dr., Whittier 90601; (562) 698-2074. 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.

The following are the books we will be reading this year:

November 27: *It Can't Happen Here* (Sinclair Lewis) January 22: *Orhan's Inheritance* (Aline Ohanesian) March 26: *A Man Called Ove* (Fredrik Backman) June 4: *The Zookeeper's Wife* (Diane Ackerman) July 23: *The Girls of Atomic City* (Denise Kieran)

Hope to see all of you there!

MYSTERY MAVENS

Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 6:30 P.M.

The Last Kashmiri Rose by Barbara Cleverly Reviewer: Georgine Sweeney

In a land of saffron sunsets and blazing summer heat, an Englishwoman has been found dead, her wrists slit, her body floating in a bathtub of blood and water. But is it suicide or murder? The case falls to Scotland Yard inspector Joe Sandilands, who survived the horror of the Western Front and has endured six sultry months in English-ruled Calcutta. Sandilands is ordered to investigate, and soon discovers that there have been other mysterious deaths, harkening sinister ties to the present case. Now, as the sovereignty of Britain is in decline and an insurgent India is on the rise, Sandilands must navigate the treacherous corridors of political decorum to bring a cunning killer to justice...knowing the next victim is already marked to die.

We will meet at Marie Callender's restaurant at 9829 S. La Serna Dr., Whittier (near Whittier Blvd.) at 6:30 P.M. in the Library Room.

Reservations - Jenifer MacLowery - (562) 691-4745; email: jenimac@mac.com



FIRST FRIDAY

Date: September 1, 2017 Time: 6 - 8 P.M. Host: 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 plenty of parking on the street.

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

Memories will meet at the home of Carole Restovich on Wednesday, September 27, at 1:30 P.M. There is a choice of topics since we skipped the August meeting. One possible topic: *An Unusual or Exotic Place I Have Visited*. Another is *What Sustains Me (when things get tough)*. Hope to see you there to catch up on our lives and, of course, to share our writings.

Directions to Carole's house: East on Philadelphia from Painter. Right on Bryn Mawr Way (first street of homes behind Whittier College) to 7008 Bryn Mawr. Phone: (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 icugwalters@aol.com (562) 943-5333

R.I.P. AGAIN

Reading, Interpretation, Performance will meet Thursday, September 7, 7:30 P.M. for a jolly performance of *Pirates of Penzance* by Shakespeare Orange County at the Grove Theater, 12762 Main St., Garden Grove. This event is open to all members and guests. If you did not make a reservation but would like to attend, contact Gwen Woirhaye to see if she can get more tickets. The cost is \$12.

Next rehearsal meeting for *The Flowering of Friendship* is Tuesday, October 24, 10 A.M. at the home of Barbara Gile. Please make every effort to be there if you are in the cast.

RIP Again!

Colleen Tan, Chair

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Our International Concerns section will meet on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 10 A.M. We will be meeting at the home of Louise Holden, 16356 Prudencia Dr., Whittier, CA 90603. If you need directions to her home, please call Louise. (562) 947-6412



DINING 4 \$\$\$\$ Thursday, September 21, 2017 7:00 am - 10:00 pm

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SHARON HECK ATTENDS BILL SIGNING BY GOVERNOR BROWN

On Wednesday, July 26, 2017 Sharon Heck attended the signing of the Clean Air Bill (AB 617) by Governor Jerry Brown. The bill had been introduced by Assemblywoman Christina Garcia. The signing event was held at a youth center in her home territory of Bell Gardens. Assemblywoman Garcia spoke at an AAUW Los Angeles County Inter-branch Council (LACIC) meeting in recent years and was highly regarded by those in attendance. Sharon attended the invitational signing event as a representative of the Lutheran Office of Public Policy-CA (LOPP). Many leaders of the state government were in attendance and gave brief speeches before the signing.



GWA – AAUW CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2017

DAY DATE TIME **EVENT** First Friday, Carol & John Shupek, Whittier 1 Friday 6:00 PM 5 Tuesday 7:00 PM Board Meeting, St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Whittier 7 Thursday R.I.P. Again, Shakespeare Orange County, Garden Grove 7:30 PM 9 11:30 AM Branch Meeting, DoubleTree Hotel, Whittier Saturday 2:00 PM LACIC, PIH, Health, Whittier Sunday 10 Mystery Mayens, Marie Callender's, La Serna Dr. Whittier Wednesday 20 6:30 PM Thursday 21 TBD **Show Girls** Thursday 21 10:00 AM International Concerns, Louise Holden, Whittier Thursday 21 7:00 AM - 11:00 PM **Dining for \$\$\$\$**, California Grill, Whittier 10:00 AM Morning Book, Ann Farmer, Whittier Monday 25 Wednesday 27 1:30 PM Memories, Carole Restovich, Whittier Thursday 28 7:00 PM Modern Trends, Carol Shupek, Whittier

Please consult our style sheet and follow it when preparing your newsletter article. It will save me a great deal of time and work. If you do not have a style sheet, please let me know and I 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 christineheller@earthlink.net

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