



October Happenings

BRANCH MEETING: Saturday, October 14, 2017
11:30 AM DoubleTree Hotel
7320 Greenleaf, Whittier -- Boardrooms 1 and 2

PROGRAM: Kimo Furumoto, Rio Hondo Symphony Conductor and Music Director

Table Decorations provided by Modern Trends in Literature

HOSPITALITY CHAIRPERSONS: Karen Walker and DeDe Shatzen will be sharing the responsibilities.

DeDe will be accepting October reservations.

LOCATION: The meeting will be in Boardrooms 1 and 2 on the ground level of the DoubleTree Hotel. Ample free parking is located in the structure and in the outdoor parking lot surrounding the hotel. The hotel (formerly the Radisson) is 7320 Greenleaf between Penn and Mar Vista.

LUNCH CHOICES: Please select one of the following as part of your RSVP. All lunches include dessert, coffee, iced tea, and water. There can be no substitutions, deletions or special orders. October's choices are:

- **Chicken Caesar Salad:** Fresh Romaine tossed with Parmesan Cheese, Garlic Croutons and topped with Grilled Chicken. Caesar and Balsamic dressings at each table.
- **Italian Wrap:** Spinach and Herb Tortilla filled with Sliced Salami, Provolone Cheese, Shredded Lettuce, Tomatoes, Olives, Pepperoncini, Tomato and Italian Vinaigrette. Served with homemade Kettle Potato Chips.
- **Grilled Veggie 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 **RSVP with your menu choice by email to DeDe Shatzen at aauwrsvp@gmail.com**. If you do not have email, call DeDe at 310-617-7768. 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 on Tuesday, October 10.**

STANDING RESERVATIONS: If you'd like to have a standing reservation, please email Dede by noon October 10, and also indicate which you'd prefer: a salad, sandwich or vegetarian meal as a default choice. *You may change your choice in any month by Tuesday noon before each meeting.* If you're without email, call DeDe at 310-617-7768.

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 “Greater Whittier Area AAUW” (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: Our October program will feature Kimo Furumoto, Rio Hondo Symphony conductor and music director. The basis of his talk will be *Wonder Women: A Talk on Women Composers*. Kimo Furumoto is widely known for his innovative concert programming. He conducts four concerts yearly at Whittier High School Vic Lopez Auditorium. *Wonder Women - A Tribute to the Great Women Composers: Fanny Mendelssohn, Williametta Spencer and Amy Beach* will take place on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 3 PM Whittier High School. Kimo Furumoto brings exciting programs of live symphonic music to our community.



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

We got our 2017-18 year off to a great start at our September Branch meeting!

Author Karen Maezen Miller’s presentation both excited and calmed me. In the seasons of our lives, we sometimes hear from people who speak to our inner beings. I thank Ms. Maezen for sharing the peace that she feels. After the meeting, I overheard some members of the Gardening Section planning to visit Ms. Miller’s beautiful Sierra Madre garden. I think there will be a big turnout for that trip. I also was pleased that we could honor three women who have been AAUW members for 50 years: Janice Geiger, Barbara Pickard and Linda Pomeroy. Someone said that they all joined AAUW when they were in kindergarten!

At our October Branch meeting, the program will feature Kimo Furumoto, Conductor of the Rio Hondo Symphony Orchestra. He will speak about **Wonder Women** (i.e., women composers.) We are in for a real treat.

Dining 4 \$\$\$\$\$

**Save the Date! Wednesday, October 18
11 AM to 9 PM**

Perhaps our new members would like to know a bit about our Dining 4 \$\$\$\$\$ events. These events are dining opportunities with a special purpose. The purpose is to raise money for our Myra Long Scholarship Fund. It’s painless!

When heading to the restaurant, all you need to do is take along the Dining 4 \$\$\$\$\$ flyer included in your newsletter. Flyers will also be available at our Branch meetings. You will present the flyer to your server when you order. This year, every restaurant has pledged to donate 20% of the proceeds from each bill to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. It is an easy way to contribute to a fund that helps us accomplish so much.

This month we are excited to again be supported by a favorite restaurant of ours, El Cholo Mexican Restaurant in La Habra. Invite your family and friends to a truly delicious meal. Remember, each paying customer will need his or her own flyer in order for us to receive that 20%. Mark your calendars! You’ll have a great time!

Carol Duff, Chair

PUBLIC POLICY

DREAMS DESTROYED

If you are shaking your head and wondering just what kind of a country, a society, we have become, you are not alone. The vast majority of us, regardless of political persuasion, do not subscribe to a philosophy that punishes children for the actions of their parents. Nor do most of us believe that functioning, tax-paying members of our society, students striving to be that and especially young people who are serving or have served in the military should have their lives upended.

AAUW's position on the president's rescinding of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is clear and unequivocal: **“The President's decision to end DACA is both morally and fiscally irresponsible and Congress must take action. Tell Congress we must protect Dreamers and pass the Dream Act today!”**

AAUW is joined in its opposition to rescinding DACA by myriad government and business leaders from across the political spectrum – from Paul Ryan and John McCain to just about every Democratic legislator and from industry leaders such as Tim Cook, CEO of Apple, Satya Nadella, CEO of Microsoft and J.P. Morgan Chase CEO, Jamie Dimon who stated: **“When people come here to learn, work hard and give back to their communities, we should allow them to stay in the United States.”** In fact, the president's two business industry councils disbanded in protest of the action.

The fix to this situation lies with Congress, and AAUW is urging members to call their congressional representatives and urge passage of The Dream Act, a bi-partisan, bicameral bill that would offer many, including DACA recipients, protection from deportation while allowing them to continue access to education or work and contribute to our society. Our higher education system and our economy are stronger because of the contributions of DACA recipients.

Visit the AAUW website, <http://www.aauw.org>, click on ISSUES and then on Take Action. The application will assist you in getting to the appropriate legislators. It is also perfectly fine to call key legislators in other states, such as the Speaker of the House, the Senate Majority Leaders or anyone you feel can have an influence.

These young people are our friends and neighbors, our colleagues and our own children's and grandchildren's friends and playmates. Please don't sit idly by while their lives are in turmoil and their futures endangered.

Patricia Cuocco, Co-Chair, Public Policy



AAUW FUND

Last year many local AAUW members became aware of the Aileen Rizo case that was supported by the Legal Advocacy Fund under the AAUW Fund. Some of our Branch members attended a luncheon at Cal Poly Pomona to hear the plaintiff and were extremely moved by the injustice she suffered. There has been a recent development which is described in the article below taken from the AAUW.Org website. Be sure to note the action taken on August 29, 2017, which is described at the end.

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Fund Chair

Rizo v. Fresno County Office of Education



LAF Plaintiff Aileen Rizo

On April 27, 2017, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit handed down an unfavorable decision in Aileen Rizo's case. The court held that using prior salary alone to calculate current wages can be permissible under the Equal Pay Act as a "factor other than sex" if the defendant shows that its use of prior salary was reasonable and effectuated a business policy.

Rizo argued that using prior salary alone to calculate current wages perpetuates existing pay disparities and undermines the legislative intent of the Equal Pay Act, which is to address pay inequity based on sex.

This unfavorable ruling magnified the need for strong state and federal legislation that eliminates the practice of using prior salary alone to calculate current wages.

The case was remanded back to district court to determine if the business reasons presented by the defendant are reasonable given their stated purpose. AAUW joined an [amicus brief](#) in support of Rizo's petition for rehearing en banc — in front of all the judges of a court rather than only a selected panel — and urged the Ninth Circuit to reconsider. On August 29, 2017, the Ninth Circuit granted a [petition](#) for rehearing en banc.

AAUW continues to support Rizo through our [legal case-support program](#) as her case moves through various stages of the judicial system. Despite the complexity of the judicial process, the policy behind the process is AAUW's focus. AAUW's paramount concern for Rizo and others is achieving pay equity.





MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Congratulations! Fifty-year certificates, pins and floral bouquets were awarded to three loyal members -- Janice Geiger, Barbara Pickard and Linda Pomeroy at our September Branch meeting.

*Star light star bright, let's create a galaxy that's out of sight
Find a friend, smile and warmly invite*

We have a myriad of interesting sessions. Surely, sharing all of these wonderful opportunities that our energetic members find so interesting and invigorating, we can find women who will join and enjoy our "stardust."

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, November 15 from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM for SHOPPING & DINING at Really Great Stuff Boutique. This will be a fun and easy fundraiser for our Branch.

Connie Bucey
Lovey Sherman, Membership Co-Chairs

RALPHS SHOPPING DOLLARS

Please see the note below from Ralphs. You MUST re-register in order to have your shopping dollars count towards Ralphs contributions to the MLSF fund. As you can see, you can also ask your relatives and friend to participate by following the registration instructions. THANK YOU!

Patricia Cuocco

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of Ralphs. With your help and the support of your members, family and friends, Ralphs is proud to report that we are committed to giving \$2 Million during the next 12 months through our Community Contributions Program.

Our new program year begins on September 1, 2017. Your organization is still active and will remain active in the program. Your supporters, however, will continue donating only through August 31, 2016.

***Participants can start registering for the new term on September 1st 2017.** To ensure your organization continues to receive the benefits of the program, your supporters will need to register and/or re-register as quickly as possible on or after that date at www.ralphs.com .*

Please pass the following information on to all your supporters, family and friends who would like to participate:

Participants are required to register for the new term online at www.ralphs.com or by calling us at 800-443-4438 starting September 1, 2017. Even if your participants registered as recently as June, July or August 2017, they are required to register again beginning September 1st.

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

SECTION INFORMATION



Modern Trends in Literature

Modern Trends will meet Thursday, October 26, 7 PM, at the home of Kristine Yeseta, who will also provide refreshments.

A Gentleman in Moscow, Towles: He can't leave his hotel. You won't want to. From the New York Times bestselling author of *Rules of Civility*—a transporting novel about a man who is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside a luxury hotel.

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

“And the intrigue! ... [*A Gentleman in Moscow*] is laced with sparkling threads (they will tie up) and tokens (they will matter): special keys, secret compartments, gold coins, vials of coveted liquid, old-fashioned pistols, duels and scars, hidden assignations (discreet and smoky), stolen passports, a ruby necklace, mysterious letters on elegant hotel stationery... a luscious stage set, backdrop for a downright Casablanca-like drama.” —The San Francisco Chronicle

Books remaining: *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*

Directions: College to Walnut (between Mar Vista and La Cuarta); turn east to 13826.

Chair: Carol Shupek
Co-chair: Gwen Woirhaye



Morning Book

We are not meeting this month. Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 27, at 10 AM where we will discuss *It Can't Happen Here*, by Sinclair Lewis. Full information will be in next month's bulletin.

The remaining books for the year:

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)

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185

Mystery Mavens

Mystery Mavens will not meet in October. Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 15 at Marie Callender's (Whittier Blvd. at LaSerna.) The book for the November meeting is *Inspector Singh Investigates: a Most Peculiar Malaysian Murder* by Shamini Flint.

Sharon Heck, Chair

First Friday

Date: Friday, October 6, 2017
Time: 6 - 8 PM
Hosts: Dolores and Glenn Gonzalez-Hayes
8722 Seranata, Whittier
(H) 562-943-6880 (C) 562-237-4466

Directions: From Whittier Blvd, north on Colima to Youngwood, then east to 8722 Seranata

From Mar Vista, south on Colima to Youngwood then east to 8722 Seranata

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

The next meeting of Memories will take place Wednesday, October 25 at the home of Gwen Woirhaye at 1:30 PM. Our writing topic that month is *There's Still Some Kid Left in Me*. Come share your written thoughts among a fun and accepting group. All are welcome.

Directions to Gwen's home: Take Painter north to Beverly Blvd., turn left and then right to 5810 Friends at the top of the hill. Park in driveway or take a parking permit available near fence at front of house. Phone: 562-696-6405.



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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R.I.P. Again

R.I.P. Again meets Tuesday, October 24, 10 AM, at the home of Barbara Gile, to work on *The Flowering of Friendship*. Please bring your script or let Gwen know if you need her to print one for you. 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

International Concerns

Our International Concerns section will meet Thursday, October 19 at 10 AM. We will be meeting at the home of Louise Holden, 16356 Prudencia, Whittier. If you need directions to her home, please call Louise at 562-947-6412.

The topic to be discussed will be *Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan*, Chapter 7 in the *Great Decisions* book. Helen Jewell will lead the discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING & DINING
AT
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WHITTIER 90605

Christmas items available!

*Complimentary Dinner, Drinks & Dessert
while you shop!*

**Wednesday November 15th
4:30 PM to 8:30 PM**

*AFTER TAX, 20% OF SALES COMES BACK TO
AAUW!!!*

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY
TO THIS GREAT EVENT!

*STAY AS LONG AS YOU WOULD LIKE!
FREE GIFT WRAP!*

*Includes Clothing, Jewelry, Accessories,
Home Decor, Handbags, Mirrors, Art Prints,
Unique Furniture and more.*



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

Dining 4 \$\$\$\$\$


**Wednesday, October 18, 2017
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.



GWA – AAUW CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2017



| DAY | DATE | TIME | EVENT |
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| Friday | 6 | 6:00 PM | First Friday , Dolores & Glenn Gonzalez-Hayes, Whittier |
| Tuesday | 3 | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Whittier |
| Saturday | 14 | 11:30 AM | Branch Meeting , DoubleTree Hotel, Whittier |
| Wednesday | 18 | 11 AM - 9 PM | Dining for \$\$\$\$, El Cholo, La Habra |
| Thursday | 19 | TBD | Show Girls |
| Thursday | 19 | 10:00 AM | International Concerns , Louise Holden, Whittier |
| Tuesday | 24 | 10:00 PM | R.I.P. Again , Barbara Gile, Whittier |
| Wednesday | 25 | 1:30 PM | Memories , Gwen Woirhaye, Whittier |
| Thursday | 26 | 7:00 PM | Modern Trends , Kristine Yeseta, 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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