



BRANCH MEETING: Saturday, November 11, 2017
11:30 AM Doubletree Hotel
7320 Greenleaf, Whittier -- Boardrooms 1 and 2

PROGRAM: Our guest speakers are Sharon Herzberger, President of Whittier College and Teresa Dreyfuss, President of Río Hondo College. These wonderful women will be speaking to us about Diversity and Multiculturalism on Campus. Sharon D. Herzberger became Whittier College's 14th president in July 2005. During President Herzberger's tenure, the College has focused on student success and career exploration. A native of Taiwan, Ms. Dreyfuss first came to Rio Hondo College in 1987, and previously served as Interim Superintendent/President and Vice President, Finance and Business. She has also served as Chief Financial Officer, Controller/Business Manager, Business Manager, and Senior Accountant. Please join us for an interesting conversation with these amazing women responsible for the educational and professional development of hundreds of students in our community. It will be a great opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor, daughter or granddaughter interested in pursuing higher education or someone considering returning to school!

LUNCH CHOICES: All lunches include dessert, coffee, iced tea, and water. There can be no substitutions, deletions or special orders. The cost of lunch is \$25. Checks are to be made payable to Greater Whittier Area AAUW. Please select one of the following as part of your RSVP.

- **Tossed Cobb Salad**
- **Turkey Wrap**
- **Grilled Peppers and Portobello Mushroom Salad**

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, November 7.**

STANDING RESERVATIONS: If you'd like to have a standing reservation, please send email to aauwrsvp@gmail.com and 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.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this, I am thinking about the talented young women who spoke at the annual AAUW Fund Luncheon. Simply put, they are amazing. While their life stories differ, these women echo a common theme—their gratitude for the support they have received from AAUW. I am grateful to be part of an organization that supports hardworking, smart women to achieve their academic goals and to pursue careers that affect people's lives in profound and positive ways. This year, AAUW awarded \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants to 250 women throughout the United States, with 26 of these recipients studying or directing projects in California. Thank you to all of you who contribute to the AAUW Fund.

Kaye D. Kidwell, President



MATH SCIENCE CONFERENCE - HELP WANTED

The Math/Science Conference at Whittier College will be Wednesday, January 31, 2017. Sign-ups will begin at the November 11 Branch meeting for the following positions:

- Greeters who will meet school buses
- Moderators who will introduce the speakers in the classrooms
- Registration Workers—distribute packets to teachers
- Packet Stuffers on Wednesday, January 24 at 6:00 PM at the home of Barbara Gile

If you are unable to attend the November 11 Branch meeting, but wish to volunteer, please contact Dolores Seidman at deeseidman@gmail.com (preferred) or at 323-721-8230. Each year a large group of AAUW member volunteers really enjoy this activity!

MEMBERSHIP

AAUW challenges, takes action, welcomes and provides valuable information for females who strive to resolve social problems affecting women and girls. Our meetings are friendly, informative and productive with varied programs that reflect our mission.

We challenge each member to invite individuals who are eligible for membership.

November is the month to focus on our bountiful existence and blessings. AAUW has so much to offer. Now is the time to share the bounty and beauty that guide our meaningful activities. Find the perfect fit and invite a future member!

Soon we will share interesting biographies about our newest members.

Happy hunting.

Connie Bucey
Lovey Sherman. Membership Chairs

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

Save The Date! Wednesday, November 29

Have a great morning by starting with breakfast at IHOP! Not fond of early rising? Well, the corporate office at IHOP has been able to bend the rules just for us. This year, they are opening their doors to us all day! Now, you can have breakfast for lunch or breakfast for dinner! Of course, there are many traditional lunch and dinner items on their menu too. IHOP will be open to us from 7:30 AM to 9 PM on Wednesday, November 29. Mark your calendars, invite your family or friends and enjoy the IHOP experience. Remember 20 per cent of all food and beverage sales will be donated to our Myra Long Scholarship Fund.

PUBLIC POLICY

Sexual Assault Standards are Lowered

More and more women in the workplace are coming forward to expose the behavior of highly visible men, who, taking advantage of their position of influence, have assaulted and abused women simply because they thought they could. Appalling as it is, in many cases, people around them knew about the abuse but rather than condemn it, chose to condone, excuse or ignore ongoing reprehensible behavior.

It is, then, more perplexing that Title IX laws designed to protect victims of sexual assault at colleges and universities have been put in jeopardy by the lowering of requirements for schools charged with reporting and investigating sexual violence cases on campus.

Victims of sexual assaults in college campuses fear that the lower standards by the current Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos will discourage students from reporting assaults, create uncertainty for schools on how to follow the law and make campuses less safe.

The following is AAUW National's position and response to the Secretary of Education:

“Secretary Betsy DeVos’ decision to open up Title IX for changes represents a blatant intent to roll back protections for students. It is an action that is at direct odds with upholding the civil rights of all Americans.

Make no mistake: **Title IX remains the law of the land** and this announcement does not alter in any way schools’ responsibilities. DeVos’ speech noted many situations in which schools have failed to adhere to the law. The response to this challenge is to *enforce* Title IX *not* to undermine it. The Department is currently collecting comments on all of its regulations, and thousands of people have vocalized their support for Title IX, its regulations, and current guidance. Secretary DeVos can anticipate a continued call from survivors, students, and advocates for full enforcement of Title IX.

Now is also the time for schools to step up and demonstrate that they will do the right thing for their students even in the midst of potential rollbacks from the Department of Education. Considering that **89 percent of college campuses disclosed zero reported rapes last year** — despite the fact that we know incidents are far more frequent — we should move forward and build on past progress not walk back current protections.

The American Association of University Women stands with survivors and remains committed to protecting and defending Title IX, and to pursuing its vigorous enforcement. We must ensure our nation’s dedication to full and equal educational opportunities for all students. After all, students’ access to an education is on the line. Schools, and the Department of Education, owe it to them to uphold their civil rights, a promise today’s announcement fails to reaffirm.”

Kimberly Churches
CEO, AAUW National

Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes, Public Policy Co-Chair



AAUW FUND

It's that time of year. All our mailboxes are full of appeals for donations to worthy causes. At this time hopefully AAUW members will be reminded of what AAUW does nationally to advance our mission. These funds support such activities as Tech Savvy, Start Smart and Work Smart, Elect Her, the Legal Advocacy Fund, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), the AAUW National Convention and research. Former and future newsletter articles highlight these activities. (Complete details are available at aauw.org.)

We are all members of National AAUW so hopefully we will all give what we can to "our" organization. You can donate several ways. One is to go online to www.aauw.org. Click Members Services Data Base on the bottom of the left-hand side, enter your member number, password and complete the form. Our Branch number is 0124. The other is to use the envelopes that will be available on the tables at our November meeting for you to mail personally. Please make your tax-deductible donation by December 1, 2017 if possible. The AAUW year for these donations must be received before December 31 to be credited for this year.

What is the work done by AAUW worth to you?

Dolores Seidman, Chair, AAUW Fund

AAUW FUND FALL LUNCHEON

On Sunday, October 15, our Branch was well represented at the AAUW Fund Fall Luncheon in Seal Beach by our eight members who attended: Elizabeth Baca, Rozanne Child, Earlyne Clemons, Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes, Lucinda Halley, Sharon Heck, Kaye Kidwell, and Dolores Seidman. As one of our members commented, looking around the room at the nearly 100 attendees of members and fellowship recipients, "You see a lot of brightness, happiness, and joy!" This was truly a joyous occasion as we celebrated AAUW's fund-raising efforts that resulted in \$3.7 million dollars being awarded to 250 fellowship and grant recipients in the United States with 26 recipients studying or directing projects in California.

We were fortunate to hear from six of these recipients who were studying American Studies, Sociology, Biology, Engineering, and Urban Development. Luckily we had one of the Community Action Grant Recipients, Jessica Kubel, Director of the YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley, at our table as she received her grant from three endowments, including one established by the Whittier Branch years ago.

This is a highlight of the AAUW year, as we see the living proof of what is accomplished through our fund raising efforts and are able to meet and interact with these talented, extraordinary young women, many of whom have overcome many hardships to reach this level of achievement. The future is theirs, and AAUW has helped make this happen! And we are all a part of this through our contributions.

MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Please sign up for the Ralphs Community Awards Program to help us raise money for MLSF. Even if you registered in the past, Ralphs requires that participants sign up once a year. Seven (7) GWA-AAUW households are currently enrolled and have contributed to the \$49.17 we received for the period June 1, 2017 – August 31, 2017. Just think of how much we would receive if 50 GWA-AAUW households signed up! There are two easy ways to register: (1) online at www.ralphs.com or (2) by phone at **800-443-4438**. And remember, our anonymous angel will match every dollar we raise up to \$20,000.

Kaye D. Kidwell, MLSF Treasurer

MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE FOR 8TH GRADE GIRLS

We finally have the date for our Math/Science Conference for 8th Grade Girls. It will be at Whittier College on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. We will also be using the Shannon Center for our opening session.

As of this writing, twenty-five schools have signed on to participate. Each school will bring fourteen girls and one teacher, so we can handle twenty-six schools. The letter sent to them stated the schools would be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Several invited schools have not replied to my October 2 invitation. One lucky school needs to let me know they want to participate.

The speakers have been very good at replying to my invitations to speak, and we have fifteen firm replies. I expect to have all twenty speakers by the time you receive your newsletter.

The speaker list is sent to each school so each girl can choose five speakers they would like to hear. I then construct the classrooms.

Dolores Seidman has again agreed to gather volunteers for this event. We need lots of help, so contact Dolores if you are able to help.

I am excited about this STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) event, as it is so worthwhile for these talented young women. January will be here before we know it.

Sharon Heck, Chair

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Saturday, December 9, 2017 will be here before we know it. Our big fundraiser for the Greater Whittier Area Branch will be a modified boutique held at the Doubletree Hotel on Greenleaf in Whittier. We **are not** collecting white elephants. We will have a few things for sale, but they will be by invitation only.

The only silent auction items we would like would include large items such as the use of a vacation house for a getaway weekend. Baskets will not be included in the silent auction this year.

Our major activity will be the opportunity drawing. We need items of all types. Some suggestions include: gift cards, movie tickets, antique collectibles, wine, edibles, and small baskets containing a variety of items, Use your imagination, and if it is a collection of items, please give us a typed list of all contents. If you have a favorite restaurant where you eat often, ask them for a gift certificate for the boutique. I have a letter you can give them showing their gift is tax-deductible because we are a 501 (c)(3). I will bring some of the letters to our November 11 Branch meeting. Contact me if you need a letter before that date.

Please talk about donating items at your section meetings, but keep in mind that some of our members attend several section meetings. Do not make collecting items or a variety of items a burden for those women. If you do not attend a section, we will also appreciate your donated items.

Barbara Gile has agreed to collect the items at her home after Thanksgiving. Her address is 14035 Eastridge, Whittier. Call her before taking things to her home: 562-693-7279. If it is more convenient, items can be brought to my home. My address is 6032 Comstock, Whittier. Call before you come to my home: 562-698-0476. Remember, we will collect items after Thanksgiving.

This boutique will be a fun activity with a few surprises. Thank you for your donations to our one and only Branch fundraiser.

Sharon Heck, Chair

SECTION INFORMATION



Modern Trends in Literature

Modern Trends will meet Thursday, November 16, 7 PM, at the home of Carol Shupek. She also will provide refreshments with the assistance of Gen'nel Walters.

The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood

The Handmaid's Tale is a novel of such power that the reader will be unable to forget its images and its forecast. Set in the near future, it describes life in what was once the United States and is now called the Republic of Gilead, a monotheocracy that has reacted to social unrest and a sharply declining birthrate by reverting to, and going beyond, the repressive intolerance of the original Puritans. The regime takes the Book of Genesis absolutely at its word, with bizarre consequences for the women and men in its population. The story is told through the eyes of Offred, one of the unfortunate handmaids under the new social order. In condensed but eloquent prose, by turns cool-eyed, tender, despairing, passionate, and wry, she reveals to us the dark corners behind the establishment's calm facade, as certain tendencies now in existence are carried to their logical conclusions. *The Handmaid's Tale* is funny, unexpected, horrifying, and altogether convincing. It is at once scathing satire, dire warning, and a tour de force. It is Margaret Atwood at her best

Books remaining: *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: Hadley east from Painter, left on Southwind to 6204.

Carol Shupek
Gwen Woirhaye, Co-chairs

Morning Book

We are reading and discussing *It Can't Happen Here* by Sinclair Lewis this month. *It Can't Happen Here* is the only one of Sinclair Lewis's later novels to match the power of *Main Street*, *Babbitt*, and *Arrowsmith*. A cautionary tale about the fragility of democracy, it is an alarming, eerily timeless look at how fascism could take hold in America. Written during the Great Depression, when the country was largely oblivious to Hitler's aggression, it juxtaposes sharp political satire with the chillingly realistic rise of a president who becomes a dictator to save the nation from welfare cheats, sex, crime, and a liberal press. Called "a message to thinking Americans" by the *Springfield Republican* when it was published in 1935, *It Can't Happen Here* is a shockingly prescient novel that remains as fresh and contemporary as today's news. Please join us on Monday, November 27, at 10 AM, as Gwen Woirhaye leads us in discussion. The meeting is at Ann Topjon's, and Linda Harris will provide refreshments.

Directions to Ann 's house, 5654 Palm Ave., Whittier 90601: from Whittier Blvd., go north on Painter; left on Broadway; right on Palm. past Palm Park. The house is five houses up on the right past Floral and Dexter Middle School. 562-695-6185

I'm looking forward to seeing you!

Ann Topjon, Chair

Gardening

The month of November will be busy for the Gardening Section.

There are two events on the calendar. First... We are fortunate to have a tour of the Zen Garden of Karen Maezen Miller who spoke at our September Branch meeting. Ms. Miller described her Zen garden in *Paradise in Plain Sight: Lessons from a Zen Garden*.

On Thursday, November 9 we will car pool from Ralphs' parking lot on Whittier Blvd. and Colima at 10 AM. We will travel to have lunch at the Four Seasons Tea Room located at 75 N Baldwin Avenue, Sierra Madre (just north of the 210 Freeway and Sierra Madre Boulevard).

The tearoom luncheon is: \$17.50 to \$28.00 depending on selections plus tax and tip.

If you want to only tour the Zen Garden, meet the group there at 1 PM. The address is 397 N. Lima St., Sierra Madre.

The cost of the garden entry is \$5.00 (used for garden maintenance).

The size of our tour group is limited so please contact: Barbara Gile at 562- 693-7279 or barbaragile@me.com

The second event is a work session to make miniature gardens for holiday gifts.

We will meet on Monday, November 27 at 1 PM at the home of Barbara Gile, 14035 Eastridge, Whittier.

Directions: One block north of Mar Vista turn on Vale (the only way you can turn). 14035 Eastridge is the white house on the northeast corner of Eastridge and Vale. The garage will be open for those who find it difficult to maneuver the hill. Enter in the back door off of the driveway.

PLEASE RSVP for these events so we can plan accordingly!



International Concerns

International Concerns will meet on Thursday, November 16, 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: 562-947-6412.

The topic to be discussed will be *Latin America's Political Pendulum*, Chapter 6 in the Great Decisions book. Dolores Seidman will lead the discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

First Friday

Date: Friday, November 3

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Host: Barbara Gile

14035 Vale, Whittier

No RSVPs necessary

Directions: One block north of Mar Vista turn on Vale (the only way you can turn). 14035 Eastridge, Whittier, is the white house on the northeast corner of Eastridge and Vale. The garage will be open for those who find it difficult to maneuver the hill.

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, November 15 (**please note change of day due to Thanksgiving holiday**) at the home of Barbara Gile at 1:30 PM. The topic is *What I Am Grateful For*. Even though we write on this topic every November, it is intriguing to see how new items crop up on the gratitude list. Please join us and share your writing.

Directions of Barbara's home: From Mar Vista, turn north on Vale to Barbara's home on the northeast corner of Vale and Eastridge (14035 Eastridge.) Phone: 562-693-7279.



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

Mystery Mavens

Wednesday, November 15, 6:30 PM


Inspector Singh Investigates: a Most Peculiar Malaysian Murder by Shamini Flint

Reviewer - Jenifer MacLowry

Inspector Singh, a fat, slightly bumbling, but truly lovable detective, is in a bad mood. He's been sent from his home in Singapore to Kuala Lumpur to solve a murder that has him stumped. A famous Singaporean model is on death row for the murder of her ex-husband. She swears she didn't do it; he thinks she didn't do it; but she had the best motive -- he was taking her kids away from her. Inspector Singh must pull out all the stops to crack the crime and reunite a mother with her children. But the Malaysian police refuse to play ball.

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

Reservations - Sharon Heck: 562-698-0476
email: heck37@verizon.net



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



**Wednesday, November 29, 2017
From 7:30 am to 9:00 pm**



15344 Whittier Blvd., Whittier



IHOP agrees to donate 20% of all food and beverage sales (less tax) from purchases made by our organization. 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 this fundraising event.



Please NO soliciting on premises.



GWA – AAUW CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2017



DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	3	6:00 PM	First Friday , Barbara Gile, Whittier
Tuesday	7	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Whittier
Thursday	9	10:00 AM	Gardening , Zen Garden, Meet at Ralphs' parking lot
Saturday	11	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , DoubleTree Hotel, Whittier
Sunday	12	2:00 PM	LACIC , PIH
Wednesday	15	1:30 PM	Memories , Barbara Gile, Whittier
Wednesday	15	6:30 PM	Mystery Mavens , Marie Callender's, Library Room
Thursday	16	TBD	Show Girls
Thursday	16	10:00 AM	International Concerns , Louise Holden, Whittier
Thursday	16	7:00 PM	Modern Trends , Carol Shupek, Whittier
Monday	27	10:00 AM	Morning Book , Ann Topjon
Monday	27	1:00 PM	Gardening , Barbara Gile, Whittier
Wednesday	29	7:30 AM - 9 PM	Dining for \$\$\$\$, IHOP, 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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