



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY



BRANCH MEETING: Saturday, February 10, 2018
11:30 AM Doubletree Hotel
7320 Greenleaf, Whittier
Boardroom, Ground Floor

Table Decorations by the Gardening Section

We are honored to have Donna Lilly as our guest speaker at the February Branch meeting. She will be speaking about the **Start Smart Program**, which is designed to empower women with the skills and confidence to successfully negotiate their salary and benefit packages as they enter the job market.

Donna Lilly has served as California State President and currently serves as Co-Chair of AAUW College/University Relations on the national level and recruits campuses as AAUW partners.

This is a meeting you do not want to miss!

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
- Portobello Cobb Salad

RESERVATION REQUIRED: Please **RSVP with your menu choice by February 6 to Karen Walker** at aauwrsvp@gmail.com. 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 on Tuesday, February 6.**

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

I had the privilege of representing GWA AAUW at Ellen Larson's memorial service in January. I am grateful for that opportunity. When I sat down at the computer to write my eulogy, the words flowed easily. The difficult part was limiting my remarks to five minutes. The reason – Ellen was such a remarkable woman. She was smart, accomplished, strong, generous, determined, persistent and humble.

I write about Ellen here because she epitomized AAUW women. She was many women rolled into one. So, here's to Ellen and here's to all of the AAUW women who do so much for so many.

Just last year alone, AAUW:

- Awarded \$3.7 million to women and community projects (and that doesn't include local scholarships and projects funded by branches like GWA AAUW),
- Held science, technology, engineering and math programs in 35 states (including the ten Tech Trek Camps in California),
- Celebrated 100 years of awarding international fellowships to more than 3,600 women representing more than 140 countries,
- Trained 17,000 women to negotiate their salaries through Start Smart and Work Smart workshops, and
- Sent more than 170,000 messages to lawmakers about public policy issues.

These accomplishments are just the tip of the iceberg. Let's continue on!

Kaye D. Kidwell, President

PUBLIC POLICY

This month, I thought I would share with our members a couple of pieces of information. The first is AAUW National's position on H.R. 4508. The second is information from AAUW California addressing Tax Reform.

H.R. 4508

The U.S. House of Representatives proposed a reauthorization of the Higher Education Act that would make college more expensive, more hostile, and ultimately further out of reach for many potential students. H.R. 4508 is a raw deal for all students and, in particular, it threatens women's access to a safe and affordable education.

Where Does AAUW Stand on Tax Reform?

You may be asked about AAUW's stand on the recently passed tax reform. AAUW has not made a public policy statement on the reform measure yet. However, AAUW signed on to a letter opposing elements of the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act." In this, AAUW joined 92 organizations dedicated to advancing the health, economic security and opportunity of women and families and eradicating their barriers to success. The letter expressed opposition to the tax proposal stating that it threatens the economic security of women and families by impacting the Affordable Care Act (ACA), eliminating critical tax benefits for countless families, decimating state and local revenues, and undermining the funding for programs that are essential to the wellbeing of people and communities across the United States and to our country's economy.

So, if you are asked, you can state that AAUW has serious concerns with the tax reform bill's impact on the lives of women and children.

Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes, Co-Chair

AAUW FUND

Each calendar year (January-December), AAUW Members are asked to donate to AAUW Fund which supports our mission based national programs such as The Legal Advocacy Fund, The Fellowships, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, the National Convention, etc. Many thanks to the following Branch members who made a donation to further our objectives for the 2017 calendar year.

Lupe Alfaro
Elizabeth Baca
Janice Biby
Helen Boltinghouse
Rozanne Child
Earlene Clemons
Sheryl Crockey
Ruth Currie
Patricia Dudley
Carole Duff
Barbara Gile
Lucinda Halley
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Brenda Jahn
Helen Jewell
Kaye Kidwell
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Lynda Richardson
Dolores Seidman
Sue Settlege
Lavonne Sherman
Carol Shupek
Colleen Tan
Ann Topjon
Karen Van der Baan
Karen Walker
Gwen Woirhaye

Special thanks to Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes who funded a dinner at her home in order to raise money for AAUW Fund. Many of her guests who are not members of our Branch also made contributions.

Dolores Seidman, Chair

Dining 4 \$\$\$\$\$ Saturday, February 24, 2018 Ruby's Diner

If you delight in old-school type soda fountains and 50's decor, you'll find our February fundraiser to be a lot of fun. Ruby's Diner, located in Whittwood Town Center, is a place the whole family will want to try. There are great breakfast options as well as a complete lunch and dinner menu. Yummy burgers, ice cream sodas, sundaes, malts and shakes are waiting for you. Bring the kids and the grandkids for a fun Saturday adventure. You'll be supporting our Myra Long Scholarship Fund and enjoying every moment of it. Your flyer can be shared with others as well. Enjoy!

Carole Duff, Chair

International Concerns

International Concerns will meet on Thursday, February 15, 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 *The Waning of Pax Americana?* -- Chapter 1 in the *Great Decisions* book. Helen Jewell will lead the discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Sharon Heck, Chair

SECTION INFORMATION

First Friday

First Friday is a great time to gather, have fun and get to know one another!

Date: Friday, February 2, 2018

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Host: Linda Pomeroy, 1620 Cedarcrest, Brea

Take Whittier Blvd. east until it ends on Puente; left on Puente to Northwood (stop sign); right on Northwood to Poinsettia (first street on the left); left on Poinsettia to Oakcrest; right on Oakcrest to Cedarcrest; left on Cedarcrest to 1620 (second to last house on the right)

Please bring an appetizer to share and your choice of beverage to drink. No RSVP necessary. See you there!

Morning Book

We will not meet this month. The following books will complete our year:

March 26: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

June 4: *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman

July 23: *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kieran

Please refer to next month's newsletter for complete information about March's meeting.

We met in January to discuss *Orhan's Inheritance* by Aline Ohanesian, a novel about the Armenian genocide by the Turks during World War I. The book is the Whittier Reads book for 2018 with several events scheduled during the month of April, including an author's talk and dinner on Saturday, April 14. Films, an historical background talk by a noted scholar in the field, a musical and dance program, and a trip to the Apostolic Armenian Church and genocide memorial are some of the other events to be held during April. Further information can be found at Whittier Public Library

Ann Topjon, Chair

Memories

The February meeting of Memories will be at the home of Gwen Woirhaye on Wednesday, February 28 at 1:30 PM. The topic is a rather serious one this time: "Politics, a Time of Division." Everyone is invited to share their written ideas on this issue, which was number one among the voted-upon topics by members for 2018. Of course, you may always write on a topic of your own choosing if you are tired of the political scene.

Directions to Gwen's house: Take Painter north to Beverly Blvd., left on Beverly, right on Friends to the top of the hill to 5810 Friends. You may park at the top of the driveway or on the street. Please note that those who park on the street need to pick up a parking permit at the front of the house and display it in their car. 562-696-6405.

Carole Restovich, Chair

Lunar New Year

The Positive Past Presidents
of the
Greater Whittier Area
American Association of University Women
invite you
to join us in celebrating the Year of the Dog
Tuesday, February 13 at 6 PM – Cost \$23
Silver Palace Restaurant
15326 Whittier Blvd. Whittier
Please RSVP to:
Barbara Gile 562-693-7279 or
barbaragile@me.com

Gardening

In February, the Gardening Section will go to Descanso Gardens. Date and details will be sent later.

Ellen Peck, Chair

Modern Trends in Literature

The February meeting of Modern Trends will be held at Marie Callender's Restaurant (La Serna) on Thursday, February 22, 6:30 PM for dinner. Book is *Hidden Figures*, by Margot Lee Shetterly.

Before John Glenn orbited Earth or Neil Armstrong walked on the Moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as human computers used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets and astronauts into space.

Among these problem-solvers was a group of exceptionally talented African American women, some of the brightest minds of their generation. Originally relegated to teaching math in the South's segregated public schools, they were called into service during the labor shortages of World War II, when America's aeronautics industry was in dire need of anyone who had the right stuff. Suddenly, these overlooked math whizzes had a shot at jobs worthy of their skills, and they answered Uncle Sam's call, moving to Hampton, Virginia, and entering the fascinating, high-energy world of the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory.

Even as Virginia's Jim Crow laws required them to be segregated from their white counterparts, the women of Langley's all-black west computing group helped America achieve one of the things it desired most: a decisive victory over the Soviet Union in the Cold War, and complete domination of the heavens.

Starting in World War II and moving through to the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Space Race, *Hidden Figures* follows the interwoven accounts of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, four African American women who participated in some of NASA's greatest successes. It chronicles their careers over nearly three decades as they faced challenges, forged alliances, and used their intellect to change their own lives and their country's future.

Since nobody volunteered to host or to lead discussion, we will meet at Marie Callender's restaurant and chat about the book. **Please bring your calendar and be prepared to fill the additional holes in our schedule.**

Remaining books for this year: *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*; *A Man Called Ove*; *Lincoln in the Bardo*; *The Bad Ass Librarians of Timbuktu*

Carol Shupeck, Chair
Gwen Woirhaye, Co-chair

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 showgirl member with the information. We would love to have you join us. Email or phone me for the monthly gathering information -- 562-943-5333, ICUWalters@aol.com. Thank you.

Gen'nel Walters, Chair



La Cuisine

On Saturday, February 24, the La Cuisine group dinner will be at the Assistance League. The dinner will be about \$30 per person depending on the number of participants. Dinner will begin at 6 PM. Please RSVP to Ellen Peck as soon as possible so we can complete plans for the evening. The March La Cuisine dinner will be at the homes of Dolores Gonzales-Hayes and Barbara Gile. Thank you for offering to host.

Ellen Peck, Chair

RUBY'S



RUBY'S DINER
10109 Whittwood Lane
(in the Whittwood Mall)
(562) 947-RUBY (7829)

Come dine at Ruby's and 20% of all food and non-alcoholic beverage sales

Goes to
Greater Whittier Area - AAUW
Sat., February 24, 2018
7am - 10pm
All Day! Good on to go Orders
Not valid with any other offer or discount

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!!
(Don't forget to bring this flyer with you!)
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GWA – AAUW CALENDAR

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DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	2	6:00 - 8:00 PM	First Friday , Linda Pomeroy
Tuesday	6	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Saturday	10	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , Doubletree Hotel
Tuesday	13	6:00 PM	PPP , Silver Palace Restaurant
Thursday	15	10:00 AM	International Concerns , Louise Holden
Thursday	15	TBD	Showgirls , Village Theater, Uptown Whittier
Thursday	22	6:30 PM	Modern Trends in Literature , Marie Callender's, La Serna
Saturday	24	7:00 AM - 10:00 PM	Dining for \$\$\$\$\$, Ruby's Diner, Whittwood
Saturday	24	6:00 PM	La Cuisine , Assistance League Clubhouse, Whittier
Wednesday	28	1:30 PM	Memories , Gwen Woirhaye

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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