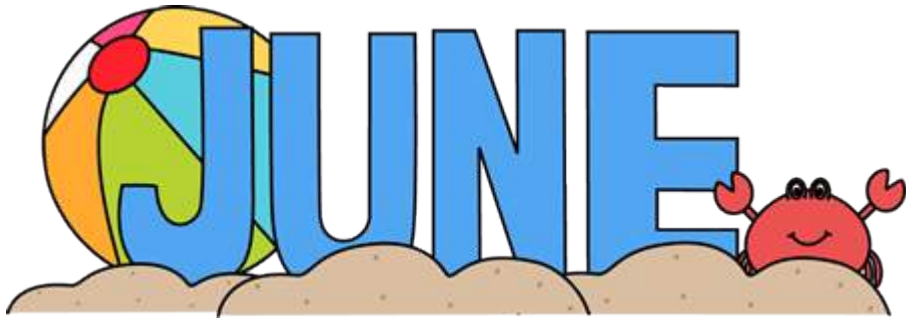




GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

<http://whittier-ca.aauw.net>



BRANCH MEETING:

Saturday, June 9, 2018
11:30 AM DoubleTree Hotel
7320 Greenleaf, Whittier
Boardroom, Ground Floor

Centerpieces provided by the
Mystery Mavens

At our June meeting, Carole Restovich will introduce the Myra Long Scholarship recipients. These women are either enrolled in a Community College or have already earned an AA degree. These women face challenges in continuing their education by family or work obligations. Each recipient has been accepted to a four-year college or university. The second part of the meeting will be the installation of the 2018-2019 Branch officers.

LUNCH CHOICES include dessert, coffee, iced tea, and water. No substitutions, deletions or special orders. The cost of lunch is \$25. Please select one of the following as part of your RSVP:

* **Chicken Cobb Salad:** Grilled Chicken, Chopped Greens, Hard-boiled Egg, Bacon, Tomatoes & Crumbled Bleu Cheese; Bleu Cheese & Balsamic Dressings at each table; Warm Rolls & Butter

• **Turkey Wrap:** Spinach Herb Tortilla filled with Smokey Turkey, Provolone Cheese, Avocado, Bacon, Lettuce and Tomatoes with Hacienda Ranch Dressing. Served with Homemade Kettle Potato Chips.

• **Portobello Cobb Salad:** Grilled Portobello, Chopped Greens, Hard-boiled Egg, Grilled Peppers, Tomato and Crumbled Bleu Cheese; Bleu Cheese and Balsamic dressings at each table; Warm Rolls and Butter.

***Beverages Only: \$4/Person** Unlimited coffee, iced tea & water from the beverage table

RESERVATION REQUIRED: Please RSVP with your menu choice by noon on Tuesday, June 5, to aauwsvp@gmail.com. If you do not have email, call Karen Walker at (562) 943-0966. Please try again if you do not receive a confirmation within 72 hours. If your reservation is late, your choices will be limited to the Chicken Cobb Salad or beverages only.



President's Message

As I end my second term as your president, I reflect on this eventful year. We have:

- enjoyed great Branch programs and section activities,
- dealt with changes at national AAUW,
- raised money for the Myra Long Scholarship Fund,
- awarded Myra Long scholarships for Tech Trek, College Women, the Math/Science Conference and the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders,
- celebrated two major anniversaries—the Math/Science Conference 25th Anniversary and Tech Trek's 20th anniversary
- welcomed amazing new Branch members who are contributing their talents and time to our programs and activities,
- amended our Branch bylaws (again),
- played a major role in supporting the Whittier and Irvine Tech Trek Camps,
- co-sponsored nonpartisan candidate forums with the League of Women Voters,
- had fun eating out at the Dining 4 \$\$\$\$ fundraisers
- and much, much more.

We also have consoled each other at the loss of colleagues who have contributed so much to AAUW and brought great joy to our lives. I hope that the work we continue to do for Greater Whittier Area AAUW brings honor to these dear friends.

Thank you all for your support, friendship and fellowship. I now pass the baton to Rozanne Child, who shares her incredible passion and energy as our 2018-19 president.

Kaye D. Kidwell



Our final fundraiser will be held at the Original Roadhouse Grill in Whittier on Wednesday, June 13, 11 AM to 10 PM. This casual steakhouse restaurant has always been a popular venue for us. There are great options including lunch combos, soup and salad duos and a Little Less Dinner menu. Just present your flyer so that 20% of your food and non-alcoholic beverages will be donated to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Enjoy those jukebox tunes and feel free to throw those peanut shells on the floor!

As this fundraiser year ends, I want to sincerely thank all of you who have supported these Dining 4 \$\$\$\$ events. Each dollar helps our important goals while giving us the perfect opportunity to enjoy good food and the company of others. Thank you so much!

Carole Duff

MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIPS



Five remarkable women from Rio Hondo Community College will benefit this fall from Myra Long Scholarships.

- **Bea Ba** will attend Cal State Northridge and study in the general area of Cinema and TV Arts with a specific major in Television Production (CTVA-TV). She has been interning and volunteering locally in the television field. Bea became a U.S. citizen in 2016. She spoke no English upon arriving here and works daily to improve her language skill. She hopes to become the first in her family to graduate from a four-year college.
- **Brenda Coronel** will enter UCLA this fall with a major in sociology. She is a single parent of a three year-old daughter who is her motivation to better their lives through education. Despite having endured a horrific automobile accident and an abusive personal relationship, Brenda has maintained good grades and is determined to succeed.
- **Yarisma Rocha** will enter USC this fall and major in Business Administration/Human Resources. She is a single mother who will become the first college graduate in her family. Yarisma's six-year-old daughter was diagnosed with leukemia at age 1. Despite the challenges of treatment at Children's Hospital for the next two years, Yarisma remained a dedicated student, knowing that one day her education would improve both her and her daughter's lives.
- **Natasha Rubalcava** will attend Whittier College and major in Social Work. Her instinct was always to help others, and her internships at Rio Hondo and volunteer work at juvenile hall have cemented her determination to help at-risk youth. Her ten-year-old daughter is proud of her mom, especially when Natasha makes straight A's.
- **Sophia Tortoledo** will enter Cal Poly Pomona with a major in sociology. Her childhood was a difficult one and as a result, she wants to one day, work with troubled youth. Despite life's many challenges, Sophia always made good grades and was proud that she graduated high school, walking down the aisle while nine months pregnant. Her son is now four years old, and they look forward to a more secure future through education.

The recipients of this year's scholarships will attend the June 9 luncheon and tell you a bit more about themselves. We can be proud that AAUW is helping such determined and accomplished young women. The scholarship committee composed of Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes, Helen Jewell and Carole Restovich was honored to be a part of the selection process

Carole Restovich



PUBLIC POLICY

June – the time for graduations, new beginnings and, of course, weddings. I’m willing to bet, that like you, when I think of weddings, I’m not picturing the bride as barely pubescent, and, even if I were, I might assume that was a third world problem. The percentages of marriage for girls under 18 in the third world is staggering. According to <https://www.icrw.org/child-marriage-facts-and-figures/> :

- One third of girls in the developing world are married before the age of 18 and one in nine are married before the age of 15.
- In 2012, 70 million women ages 20-24 around the world had been married before the age of 18.

That does not mean, however, that the problem does not exist in the US. I was shocked to discover that only one state in the country, Delaware, has outlawed marriage under the age of 18 and that only occurred in **May 2018**. According to the Pew Research Center, “Although child marriage is not very common in the U.S., it is legal in almost every state. Nearly every state technically prohibits people younger than 18 from marrying, but each of these jurisdictions has exceptions to these laws. In at least 36 states, for example, minors can marry with judicial consent. In 34 states, 16- and 17-year-olds can marry with their parents’ permission. Two states, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, allow 12- and 13-year-old girls respectively and 14-year-old boys to marry with parental and judicial permission. A few states have no minimum age for marriage with parental and/or judicial permission.

These marriages are almost exclusively young girls married off to older men. Sometimes these men have raped them; other times parents have religious or cultural beliefs that preclude anything other than marriage or child-rearing as a viable option for girls. While opposition to the practice is growing, some push-back comes from both likely and unlikely sources. For example, both the ACLU and most anti-reproductive choice organizations are opposed to laws forbidding teenagers to marry.

While we know from the research that early marriage and child-bearing are the greatest obstacles to educational achievement for women, even AAUW does not have a clear policy on the issue, and the most recent UN goals and objectives do not include anything on child-marriage.

This is one of those articles without an admonition to do something, except be aware and educate yourselves. I recommend the Frontline article, <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/in-fight-over-child-marriage-laws-states-resist-calls-for-a-total-ban/>, and the website, <http://www.unchainedatlast.org/laws-to-end-child-marriage/>. Both help with understanding a complex issue.

NOTE: I will, once again, be taking on the Public Policy role for 2018-19. I am requesting that you send me suggestions about public policy issues that you would like to see tackled. Also, if you would like to write a guest column on an issue near and dear to your heart, let me know.

Patricia Cuocco



AAUW FUND

THE YEAR IN REVIEW:

This year there have been many opportunities to inform our membership about the work that is done through AAUW Fund with newsletter articles, board reports, and announcements at Branch meetings. The September newsletter article highlighted programs such as Tech Savvy, Start Smart and Work Smart, the Legal Advocacy Fund, NCCWSL and the National Convention and fellowships. (Who can remember the words indicated by the letters NCCWSL?)

In October, eight members of our Branch attended the AAUW Fund Luncheon in Seal Beach at which we heard inspiring stories from six recipients of the fellowships granted by AAUW.

Members were encouraged to make end of the year donations individually to AAUW Fund with donation envelopes provided at our November luncheon. This resulted in nearly \$5,000 being donated by our members whose names were recognized in a future newsletter. (Members also donate \$2.00 each as part of their Branch dues.)

In February, Rozanne Child arranged for Donna Lilly, past AAUW CA President, to speak about “Start Smart”, another project supported by AAUW Fund. Rozanne also introduced the student from Whittier College, Piper Lowinger, who will attend NCCWSL with funding from the Myra Long Scholarship Fund .

Featured speaker at our April meeting was SabinaVajarca, recipient of the AAUW Career Development Grant, with arrangements finalized by Program VP, Earlyne Clemons. Her description of her escape from Bosnia and subsequent work in film at USC reminded us of the value of these grants from AAUW.

In April, the AAUW Named Gift Honoree, Ann Chambers, was presented at the Branch meeting, after being selected by committee, based on nominations from Branch members.

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) celebrated the ruling by the 9th District Court in April which ruled in favor of Aileen Rizo establishing that prior salary could not be used to determine future salary, a big win in the fight for gender equality in salaries. This is another example of how money donated to AAUW Fund is used.

And now AAUW is excited to announce 245 awards and \$3.8 million in funding for fellows and grantees in the 2018-19 award year! This exceptional group of recipients will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls.

For 130 years, AAUW has been a leading source of funding for graduate women, providing more than \$100 million in fellowships and grants to more than 12,000.

It has been my pleasure to serve as AAUW Fund Vice President this past year. As a 46-year member of AAUW, I am committed to the work done by this important organization for the advance of women and girls!

Dolores Seidman



TECH TREK

Bring Rube Goldberg donations to the **June Branch meeting**. We will have a vehicle parked on the upper level of the parking structure at the entrance to the hotel from 10:45 AM -11:45 AM. This year the project **will focus on physics**. Types of items to collect in varying sizes include wedges, spools, toy wheels, pieces of board such as tongue depressors or larger for inclined planes, springs, gears, switches, levers and other items you might find in a simple machine. Some other items may be useful such as dominos, rulers, balls of all different sizes, pvc piping, rubber bands, string and marbles. We will be collecting egg cartons, plastic containers and lids, paper toweling rolls, toilet paper rolls or wrapping paper rolls in a limited amount. (We overdid it last year in collecting these last items.)

Please separate items you save in bundles, individual bags, containers or rubber bands. This was very helpful last year. If you are unable to bring donations to the June meeting, contact Kaye Kidwell or Pat Dudley after that meeting to make other arrangements.

Tech Trek Camp will be held Sunday, June 24 to Saturday, June 30. **We invite all our Branch members to attend Visitation Day**. The date has not been determined. This is great opportunity for you to see how the Whittier Camp has evolved under new directorship and to meet members from other branches. Time and check-in location will be announced at the June meeting.

Good News: We recently heard from Monique Amaro, former Tech Trek Camper from GWA and Tech Trek counselor. You may remember we collected money to help her visit colleges during the summer of her junior year in high school. Monique is enrolled at Whittier College and on the softball team.

SECTION INFORMATION

International Concerns

Our International Concerns section will meet on Thursday, June 21 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 is "Turkey: A Partner in Crisis," Chapter 5 in the 2018 Great Decisions book. Sheila Hartfield will lead the discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Sharon Heck



Memories

The Wednesday, June 27th meeting of Memories will take place at the home of Gwen Woirhaye at 1:30 PM. The topic: *Sleepover Memories*. Sounds like fun possibilities, but if it doesn't interest you, you may always write on a topic of your choice. We invite anyone interested in writing and sharing her creation with a positive and encouraging audience to join us.

Directions to Gwen's house: Turn north on Friends from Beverly Blvd. just west of Painter to 5810 Friends. Park in the driveway or on the street. If parking on the street, be sure and pick up a temporary parking permit by the front gate. Phone: 562-533-2099

Carole Restovich

Show Girls

Show Girls has had a change in style. We are now incorporating the Dining for \$\$\$\$ eating experience. We have found the movies do not entice many of us, but the fun of getting together and sharing a meal is great, and we are supporting GWA AAUW at the same time.

When I find out the date for Dining for \$\$\$\$, I send a notice to all of the Show Girls on my list of the dining time. I make reservations for us as a group. We do not see movies at this time. We just eat and chat. Which is fun!

We have not changed our name, because we may go back to movies, if we get some movies that sound appealing.

If you would like to be on the Show Girls list and enjoy a dinner out with 'the girls,' please let me know. I will be happy to add you to the list.

Gen'nel Walters
562-943-5333

La Cuisine

HELLO EVERYONE! Save the Date!

Susan Sones and Jan Berry plan to restructure the La Cuisine interest group. The purpose of restructuring is to achieve greater participation from our AAUW members and to make the dining experience an enjoyable, interesting, and stimulating experience for more of our membership. La Cuisine is NOT a couples only group, and significant others do attend. And you don't need to be a great cook either.

The meeting will be at Susan's home, on Thursday, June 7, at 7 PM. Susan's address is 14945 Janine, Whittier, behind the Ralph's at Colima and Whittier Blvd. This will be a brainstorming session to develop alternative dining ideas and to plan the 2018-2019 year.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Questions? Call Susan (562-696-5200) or Jan (562-691-6859)

Jan Berry

First Friday

**OUR LAST FF FOR THIS YEAR
LET US MAKE IT A GREAT ONE!!**

Date: Friday, June 1

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Hostess: Judy and Stephen Flanders

Address: 12430 Floral - Whittier

Go East or West on Beverly to Pickering. At Pickering, turn north and follow Pickering to Floral. Turn Left on Floral to the address on the South side of the street.

The street is narrow and parking is limited. It is suggested to share rides to the house if possible.

First Friday is a great time to gather, have fun and get to know each other. Please bring an appetizer to share and your choice of beverage to drink (wine, beer, soda, water, tea, juice, etc.)

No RSVP necessary. See you there!

Morning Book

We are discussing *The Zookeeper's Wife*, by Diane Ackerman on Monday, June 4, at 10 AM. We meet at Judy Flanders' home, with Carole Duff providing refreshments. Carol Shupek will lead our discussion. Details can be found in May's bulletin notice.

This is an important meeting, as we will be voting on books to read and discuss next year. If you cannot attend, please email me your choices of six books from the list that was sent out, so that you have a say in the decisions made.

Our last meeting for the year is on Monday, July 23, and the book for discussion will be *The Girls of Atomic City*, by Denise Kieran. We will be meeting at Harriet Cornyn's with discussion led by Karen Walker. I will provide refreshments. I will send out a reminder closer to the meeting date.

Ann Topjon

Modern Trends in Literature

Modern Trends will meet Thursday, June 28, 7 PM, at the home of Myra Weiss. Gen'nel Walters is co-hostess and Marcia Orr will lead the discussion on *Lincoln in the Bardo*, a moving and original father-son story featuring none other than Abraham Lincoln, as well as an unforgettable cast of supporting characters, living and dead, historical and invented.

February 1862. The Civil War is less than one year old. The fighting has begun in earnest, and the nation realizes it is in for a long, bloody struggle. Meanwhile, President Lincoln's beloved eleven-year-old son, Willie, lies upstairs in the White House, gravely ill. In a matter of days, despite predictions of a recovery, Willie dies and is laid to rest in a Georgetown cemetery. "My poor boy, he was too good for this earth," the president says at the time. "God has called him home." Newspapers report that a grief-stricken Lincoln returns, alone, to the crypt several times to hold his boy's body.

From that seed of historical truth, George Saunders spins an unforgettable story of familial love and loss that breaks free of its realistic, historical framework into a supernatural realm both hilarious and terrifying. Willie Lincoln finds himself in a strange purgatory where ghosts mingle, gripe, commiserate, quarrel, and enact bizarre acts of penance. Within this transitional state—called, in the Tibetan tradition, the bardo—a monumental struggle erupts over young Willie's soul.

Lincoln in the Bardo is an astonishing feat of imagination and a bold step forward from one of the most important and influential writers of his generation. Formally daring, generous in spirit, deeply concerned with matters of the heart, it is a testament to fiction's ability to speak honestly and powerfully to the things that really matter to us. Saunders has invented a thrilling new form that deploys a kaleidoscopic, theatrical panorama of voices to ask a timeless, profound question: How do we live and love when we know that everything we love must end?

Directions: La Serna north from Whittier Blvd.; right on Janine one block; left on La Cima to 9725.

Gwen Woirhaye

Mystery Mavens

Mystery Mavens will not meet in June. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 19, at the Marie Callender's restaurant near Whittwood at 6:30 PM. Below is the list of books and meeting dates for the coming year:

September 19, 2018

SLIPKNOT by Linda Greenlaw

Reviewed by Jackie Brearley

November 21, 2018

HER ROYAL SPYNESS by Rhys Bowen

Reviewed by Gwen Woirhaye

January 16, 2019

DANGEROUS TO KNOW by Renee

Patrick

Reviewed by Jenifer MacLowry

March 19, 2019

FAMILY SKELETONS (A Torie O'Shea

Mystery) by Rett MacPherson

Reviewed by Sharon Heck

May 21, 2019

FOOL'S PUZZLE (A Benni Harper

Mystery) by Earlene Fowler

Reviewed by Harriet Cornyn

Sharon Heck





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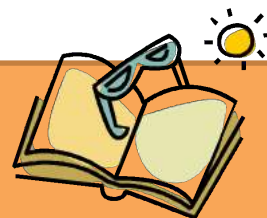
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GWA AAUW CALENDAR

JUNE 2018



DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	1	6:00 - 8:00 PM	First Friday , Judy and Stephen Flanders
Monday	4	10:00 AM	Morning Book , Judy Flanders
Tuesday	5	6:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Thursday	7	7:00 PM	La Cuisine , Susan Sones
Saturday	9	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , Doubletree Hotel
Wednesday	13	11 AM -10 PM	Dining for \$\$\$\$\$, Roadhouse Grill
Wednesday	13	TBD	Show Girls , Village Theaters, Uptown Whittier
Thursday	21	10:00 AM	International Concerns , Louise Holden
Wednesday	27	1:30 PM	Memories , Gwen Woirhaye
Thursday	28	7:00 PM	Modern Trends in Literature , Myra Weiss
Wednesday	9/19	6:30 PM	Mystery Mavens , Marie Callender's, La Serna Dr.

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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