



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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BRANCH MEETING:
Saturday, November 10, 2018
11:30 AM DoubleTree Hotel
7320 Greenleaf, Whittier

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

Our program this month will be a three-part celebration of books! We are fortunate to have Bonnie Weber as our featured speaker. Many of us know Bonnie from her work at the Whittier Public Library as the Children's Librarian for 37 years before her retirement. Bonnie's presentation is called "I'd Rather be Reading" in which she will share tidbits about the delights of reading. Then she will talk about some trends in popular reading and do some short book reviews of a few new titles.

Following this will be "Table Talks" during which our members will exchange ideas about their favorite books and the impact they have had on their lives. These discussions will be facilitated by members from our three Branch book sections: Morning Book, Modern Trends, and Mystery Mavens.

Finally you are invited to "Bring One; Take One"—Bring a book in good condition and take one you would like. You can bring and exchange as many as you like; any not claimed will be donated to the Whittier Public Library. We hope to see you all there for a delightful book centered meeting!

Dolores Seidman, Program V.P.

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

**SAVE THE DATE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8
MIMI'S CAFÉ – 7 AM TO 10 PM**

Our November Dining 4 \$\$\$\$\$ event, and the last one for 2018, is coming very soon. While searching for our event, I learned that most full service restaurants prefer not to host fundraisers in November and December due to all the holidays they serve. **Mimi's Cafe** was happy to host us, providing we set an early date in November, so we did! Located in **The Whittwood Town Center**, Mimi's has always been a happy selection for a meal with family or friends. Their newer, ever changing menu provides lots of seasonal options for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Presenting your flyer ensures that 20% of your check (excluding alcoholic beverages) will go directly to our Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Relax and enjoy a meal at Mimi's! Your support is appreciated.

Carole Duff

Barbara Gile and DeDe Shatzen will be sharing hospitality responsibilities this year. **The cost is the same as last year \$25.00 (including drinks and dessert.)**

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. The November options are:

- Apple Walnut Salad: Field greens, grapes, candied walnuts, dried cranberries, & raspberry vinaigrette dressing served with tomato/basil soup
- Half Turkey Sandwich: Focaccia bread, basil aioli, apple wood smoked bacon, avocado, oven dried tomatoes and shredded lettuce served with tomato/basil soup
- Half Turkey Sandwich served with apple walnut salad
- **Drinks Only:** \$4/person from the beverage table: coffee, iced tea and water

RESERVATION REQUIRED: Please **RSVP with your menu choice by email to Barbara Gile at aauwrsvp@gmail.com**. If you do not have email, call Barbara at 562-693-7279. 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 6, 2018.**

STANDING RESERVATIONS: With the addition of the SOUP choice. *You may change your choice by Tuesday noon November 6th.* Without email, call Barbara.

President's Message

Mission: To advance equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy

Thanks to Patricia Cuocco for her outstanding presentation on the November 2018 California Ballot Proposition Analysis. She shared AAUW's position on four of the ballot measures. In addition, she provided a summary of each proposition, the fiscal impact, the arguments against, the arguments for, and most importantly the funding for and against each proposition. There were about 60 members and guests in attendance. What a great showing! Patricia will make her presentation available to anyone who is interested. Remember to vote by mail or vote at your local polling place on November 6th from 7AM – 8 PM.

I've contacted Dr. Linda Oubre, president of Whittier College, to set up a meeting to discuss how GWAAUW can work together with Whittier College to advance gender equity for women and girls. I'll keep you posted on the meeting and follow-up details.

Please join me on Sunday, November 11th at the LACIC meeting at (PIH) from 2 - 4 PM. The discussion-focused meeting will feature these issues/questions: 1. Branch Brags 2. Key issues you would like to discuss 3. How can we help? 4. What's your solution? Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have anything you would like me to bring up at the meeting. I welcome your thoughts and concerns.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Branch and our programs. Please keep me informed of any member or loved one who needs a message of support or well wishes. As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and remember to take time to enjoy your family and friends.

Fondly,

Rozanne

PUBLIC POLICY

Well, it is November, so politics and voting are on everyone's mind (or should be). In a country already divided about everything else, it is not surprising that there is an ideological divide between those concerned about the vote being adulterated by people voting fraudulently (i.e., having no legal right to vote) and the vote being suppressed by a group to help ensure that their candidate wins by making it hard or impossible for voters of a different ideology to exercise their right.

A little bit of research into the issue proved interesting. First, let us deal with Voter Fraud. This was such a concern that after the November 2016 election, the President formed a blue-ribbon committee to investigate the issue. The committee was disbanded in January 2018 after being unable to uncover evidence of fraud. Please look at the Brennan Center for Justice analysis, which lists a variety of research that finds little to no measurable voter fraud, including a Dartmouth analysis of the past election, which concluded that the upper limit on double voting in the 2012 election was 0.02%. The paper noted that the incident rate was likely much lower, given audits conducted by the researchers showed that "many, if not all, of these apparent double votes could be a result of measurement error." The Brennan Center also cites a 2014 study by the non-partisan Government Accountability Office, which reflected a literature review of the existing research on voter fraud, noted that the studies consistently found "few instances of in-person voter fraud."

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think-tank, issued a paper headlined saying voter fraud is real. That study claimed 1100 instances over 47 states. Let's assume they all happened in 2016 (they did not). If 123,000,000 million votes were cast, the fraud rate is 0.00000894 %. I've spent a good portion of my career doing research and analysis. That rate is known as a "rounding error" or "statistically insignificant".

On the other hand, the American Civil Liberties Union website states: Voting rights are under attack nationwide as states pass voter suppression laws. These laws lead to significant burdens for eligible voters trying to exercise their most fundamental constitutional right. Since 2008, states across the country have passed measures to make it harder for Americans—particularly black people, the elderly, students, and people with disabilities—to exercise their fundamental right to cast a ballot. These measures include cuts to early voting, voter ID laws, and purges of voter rolls.

The AAUW website has numerous articles on the harm that Voter ID and other suppression techniques do the minorities and the elderly. AAUW cites an Associated Press study that found 11 percent of voting-age Americans don't have ID. That's 21 million people! The numbers are scarier for the elderly and women: 18 percent of people over the age of 65 don't have a current ID, and only 66 percent of women voters have proof of citizenship that reflects their current name.

Our right to vote is sacred. Our foremothers were beaten and jailed fighting for it. We all know the horror stories associated with African-Americans trying to exercise their franchise in the South. We have to be vigilant and never permit political expediency to usurp our rights in the name of a virtually non-existent problem.

Patricia Cuocco, Public Policy Chair

YEARBOOK

If you paid for a Greater Whittier Area AAUW 2018-2019 yearbook to be mailed to you and have not received it, please contact Susan Halliday.

sbathalliday@yahoo.com

562-696-7395

AAUW FUND

Yesterday, Saturday, October 13, was my first time to attend the AAUW Fund Fall Luncheon in Seal Beach. I was amazed and truly pleased with the presentations given by the recipients of the Endowments Funding Fellowship and Grants. One standout recipient to me had received a Career Development Grant. This young woman's family had been farmers. However, she pursued a college degree that at first leaned towards the medical field then she discovered engineering. She was able to combine both areas of study when she discovered how engineering impacts the medical field. At one time she would be the only woman in a particular meeting room, but recently there was a meeting in which four woman engineers were present when the one and only man entered the room. His comment -- "Good job, ladies." We have come a long way, haven't we? Yet there is still a ways to go. Women are making an impact in the sciences these days, and our commitment to AAUW surely impacts them and women in all walks of life. If you want to hear more of these stories from the women receiving the funding we as AAUW members graciously give to support their studies in a variety of fields that will impact all of us, I suggest that you attend next year's AAUW Fund Fall Luncheon and hear their stories for yourselves!

AAUW is celebrating 130 years of giving Fellowships and Grants, which assist scholars and activists to overcome the obstacles to their desired goals in education and advancement. Recipients of such funding from AAUW have become leaders in government, business, arts, sciences, community activism and academia.

This academic year of 2018-2019, 250 woman and community projects serving woman and girls will receive \$3.9 million dollars from AAUW. That is just plain awesome! Obviously such a level of funding impacts women and their communities because it supports their present commitments and their future goals for their communities.

Worldwide, AAUW has contributed \$115 million dollars to more than 13,000 woman and projects from all 50 states of the U.S. and in more than 145 countries. Let's just keep on keeping on for the future of our world and ourselves!

Pauline Rogers
AAUW Fund V.P.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE NEEDS

Our AAUW Holiday Boutique will be held on the first Saturday in December, December 1, at the Doubletree Hotel on Greenleaf in Whittier. We will not be competing with the Whittier Parade as the parade is scheduled for December 8.

We would like donations of any size gift card from Sections or individuals. This will be in place of gift baskets we have asked for in recent years. There will be holiday items for sale and some other fun stuff. Check with me if you have possible sale contributions. There will be NO WHITE ELEPHANTS.

Please give your gift cards to Pat Dudley or me before Friday, November 23 so we can organize the activity for the Boutique. Any gift card in any amount will be greatly appreciated. Remember, the Boutique is the only fundraiser for the Branch this year. All of the other fundraisers we have benefit the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. This one is just for our GWAAUW Branch. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sharon Heck

heck37@verizon.net

562-698-0476

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MATH SCIENCE CONFERENCE

The Annual Math/Science Conference for Eighth Grade Girls will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at Whittier College. Every year volunteers from our Branch members assist in this event, which is one of the highlights of our year. Sign ups for volunteers will be taken at the November 10 meeting. Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

--Greeters who will meet school buses and lead students to their workshops after the Welcome Event (considerable walking involved)

--Moderators who will introduce the speakers in the classrooms

--Registration Workers

--Packet Stuffers- Will meet on Wednesday, January 23, at 6 PM at home of Barbara Gile

--As needed (this is most helpful!)

If you are unable to attend the November meeting, you can also volunteer by contacting me. (See below)

Dolores Seidman

Email: Deeseidman@gmail.com

Phone: (If you do not have email) 323-721-8230



SECTION INFORMATION

International Concerns

Our International Concerns section will meet on Thursday, November 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 *Global Health: Progress and Challenges*, Chapter 8 in the 2018 Great Decisions book. Fay Weber will lead the discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Sharon Heck



First Friday

November's First Friday will be a bit different this month. Barbara Gile has arranged a wine-tasting fundraiser event for the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Come and meet sommelier, Mario Matavesco, at the home of Barbara Gile, 14035 Eastridge, (northeast corner of Eastridge and Vale) in Whittier Friday, November 2, from 6 to 8 PM.

Admission is \$10 per person; \$15 per couple.

Non-alcoholic beverages will be available and Barbara's home is wheelchair accessible.

See the flyer on page eight for more information on this exciting fundraiser!

Mystery Mavens

Wednesday, November 21, 6:30 PM

Her Royal Spyness by Rhys Bowen

Reviewer - Gwen Woirhaye

My ridiculously long name is Lady Victoria Georgiana Charlotte Eugenie. Thirty-fourth in line for the throne, I am, as they say, flat broke. When my brother, Binky, cut off my meager allowance, I bolted from Scotland -- and my engagement to Fish face (I mean, Prince Siegfried) -- for London, where I have:

- a) built a fire in the hearth--entirely on my own, thank you very much
- b) fallen for an absolutely unsuitable Irish peer
- c) made a few quid housekeeping incognita, and
- d) been summoned by the Queen herself to spy on her playboy son.

Less than thrilled with this last bit, I'm wondering what to do when an arrogant Frenchman--who was trying to swipe our family estate! --winds up dead in my bathtub. Now, my new job is to clear my very long family name...

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

Sharon Heck



Morning Book

We welcome you to join us in reading and discussing *Little Fires Everywhere*, by Celeste Ng. "With brilliance and beauty, [the author] dissects a microcosm of American society just when we need to see it beneath the microscope: how do questions of race stack up against the comfort of privilege, and what role does that play in parenting? Is motherhood a bond forged by blood, or by love? And perhaps most importantly: do the faults of our past determine what we deserve in the future? Be ready to be wowed by Ng's writing -- and unsettled by the mirror held up to one's own beliefs." Jodi Picoult wrote the foregoing. Janice Geiger will facilitate our discussion of this lovely book. We are meeting on Monday, November 26, at 10 AM, at Ann Farmer's home, 6146 Southwind, Whittier. Dolores Seidman will provide refreshments. The book should provide us with a thought-provoking discussion. I hope to see many of you!

Directions to Ann's house: North on Painter to Hadley. East (right) on Hadley to Southwind; north (left) on Southwind up the hill. 6146 is on the right side of the street.

Ann Topjon, 562-695-6185

Modern Trends in Literature

Modern Trends will meet Thursday, November 15th at the home of Gwen Woirhaye. Janice Geiger is the co-hostess and the reviewer. The book is *Little Fires Everywhere*, a riveting story that traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives.

Gwen Woirhaye's address is 5810 Friends, Whittier. Her phone number is 562-696-6405. The January 14th selection is *Before We Were Yours: A Novel*.

Georgine Sweeney, 562-631-6698

Memories

The Wednesday, November 28th meeting of Memories will take place at the home of Ann Chambers at 1:30 PM. The topic is *What I am Grateful For*, or a topic of your own choice. Each year we remind ourselves (in print!) of the positive aspects of our lives. We write on a topic and then share that writing with others in the group. It's always a positive experience and keeps our writing skills sharp. Please join us! We usually meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Directions to Ann's house: Take Whittier Blvd. to Russell (diagonal from Whittwood Center). Follow Russell past Macy. Turn left (north) onto Randall to 1032 Randall. Ann's house is on the right. Questions: 562-787-0727.

Carole Restovich

Best Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is here, so our minds have turned
To what time has taught us, to what we've learned:

We often focus all our thought

On shiny things we've shopped and bought.

We take our pleasure in material things,
Forgetting the pleasure that friendship brings.

If a lot of our stuff just vanished today,

We'd see the foundation of each happy day

Is special relationships, constant and true,

And that's when our thoughts go directly to you.

We wish you a Thanksgiving you'll never forget,

Full of love and joy—your best one yet!

By Joanna Fuchs

Autumn

A touch of cold in the Autumn night –
I walked abroad,
And saw the ruddy moon lean over a hedge
Like a red-faced farmer.
I did not stop to speak, but nodded,
And round about were the wistful stars with
White faces like town children.

T.E. Hulme

R.I.P./New Phoenix

Come From Away, the Broadway musical about the small town of Gander, Newfoundland, (population 9000) that increased to 16,000 in a few hours when 37 airplanes were diverted there on September 11, 2001, is our chosen theatre experience for this year.

We have fifteen balcony tickets at the Ahmanson at \$50 each. First come first served, for a matinee Saturday, January 5, at 2 P.M. Please give cash or send checks to Gwen Woirhaye, 5810 Friends Ave., Whittier, 90601. We will arrange to have dinner in a restaurant after the show.

This New York Times Critics' Pick takes you into the heart of the remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them. Cultures clashed and nerves ran high, but uneasiness turned into trust, music soared into the night, and gratitude grew into enduring friendships.

Don't miss this breathtaking new musical written by Tony® nominees Irene Sankoff and David Hein and helmed by this year's Tony-winning Best Director, Christopher Ashley. Newsweek cheers, "It takes you to a place you never want to leave!"

On 9/11, the world stopped. On 9/12, their stories moved us all.

Other members of AAUW are welcome to join us.

Colleen Tan, Chair



NOVEMBER FIRST FRIDAY



\$10.00 per person

\$15.00. per couple

All wine, cheese, crackers, fruit
and hearty appetizers are provided.

November 2, 2018

6 to 8 PM

At the home of Barbara Gile
1403⁵ Eastridge Drive Whittier, CA
(located on the northeast corner
of Eastridge and Vale Drives)

MARIO MATAVESCO, my
neighbor is a sommelier and wants
to donate his expertise and wine
cellar as a fundraiser for the
Myra Long Scholarship Fund.

Join us for a

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Mimi's

Date:

Thursday - Nov. 8, 2018 7:00 am to 10:00 pm

Time:

Mimi's Cafe:

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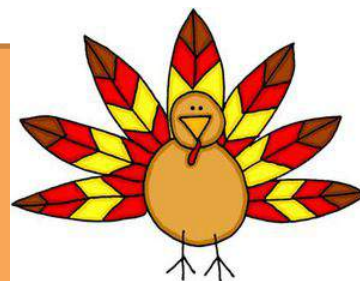
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GWA AAUW CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2018



DATE	TIME	EVENT
2	6:00 - 8:00 PM	First Friday , Barbara Gile
6	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
8	7 AM - 10 PM	Dining for \$\$\$\$\$, Mimi's Café, Whittwood
10	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , Doubletree Hotel
11	2 - 4 PM	LACIC , PIH, Whittier
15	10:00 AM	International Concerns , Louise Holden
15	7:00 PM	Modern Trends in Literature , Gwen Woirhaye
17	TBD	Show Girls , Mimi's Café, Whittwood
21	6:30 PM	Mystery Mavens , Marie Callender's, La Serna
26	10:00 AM	Morning Book , Ann Farmer

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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