



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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Program - December 1

Our special holiday program will feature

ON A LARK TRIO

Celtic and More...

BARBARA GERSHMAN

Hammered Dulcimer, Accordion

JILL CASSIDY

Irish Tinwhistle

TERRY GUCWA

Cello, Mandolin, Tenor Banjo



With seasonal music, and a sing-a-long featuring all attendees. Join us for a very special program that is sure to make your hearts sing!

BRANCH MEETING: Saturday, December 1, 2018
11 AM - DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton
7320 Greenleaf, Whittier

HOSPITALITY CHAIRPERSONS: Barbara Gile and DeDe Shatzen are sharing the responsibilities.

LOCATION: The meeting will be in the ballroom 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: The menu is a special festive meat entree. There will be a vegetarian option. All lunches include dessert, coffee, iced tea and water. There can be no substitutions, deletions or special orders. **The cost is \$30.00 (including drinks and dessert.) Drinks Only:** \$4/person from the beverage table: Coffee, iced tea and water

RESERVATION REQUIRED: This is important. Please RSVP by email to Barbara Gile at aauwrsvp@gmail.com. If you do not have email, call Barbara at 562-693-7279. Your reservation must be confirmed. Please try again if you don't receive a confirmation within 48 hours. **Reservations are due by noon on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.**

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

A fun-filled time is planned for everyone on Saturday, December 1, at our Branch Holiday Boutique. Everyone with a paid registration will receive a chance on a \$100 Visa prepaid card. We will have opportunity drawings for other gift cards and a silent auction of the Branch silver service pieces. There will also be a silent auction for a weekend stay in a mountain cabin. Items for sale will include many Christmas items, Gwen Woirhaye's soup mix, Ann Topjon's beautiful paper cuttings, holiday centerpieces by Shirley Stewart, and a few surprises.

We will open the boutique at 11 AM and continue to be open for a short time after lunch. We can still use donations of gift cards in any amount and other NEW items. Give the gift cards to Pat Dudley or Sharon Heck. Contact Sharon (562-698-0476) concerning items you might wish to donate. She has voice mail, so leave a message and she will return your call. This is the only Branch fundraiser for the year, so plan to shop and have some fun!

Sharon Heck

SILVER SALE

Back in the last century when the Whittier Branch of AAUW was founded, our members wore hats and gloves to the meetings. At that time our members invested in some beautiful silver pieces that were used to serve coffee and tea, petit fours and mints. Times have changed, and the present board of directors has voted to liquidate these beautiful examples of craftsmanship. If you would like to own a little piece of this history, now is the time to step forward and bid on a piece of AAUW silver. It will be on display at the Christmas boutique all polished and available for the season of giving.

Barbara Gile



President's Message

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

Holiday Greetings,

I wish you and your family the warmest of holiday wishes. We will get off to a festive start on December 1st at our holiday meeting featuring the **On a Lark Trio** and of course our **Holiday Boutique**.

As your president I want to keep you up to date on what's happening at the National, State, and local level.

1. Kim Churches, CEO of National AAUW, and Bakula Maniar, state financial literacy chair, encourage each of us to participate in **Work Smart Online** to help narrow the wage gap. It is a free, easy and engaging salary negotiation course to help women earn the pay they deserve. You can share **Work Smart Online** with family and others. By promoting this program, we can support AAUW's goal to train ten million women to negotiate their fair pay. I've started the course and will update you on my progress.
2. Go to aauw.org and click on **Work Smart Online** to register. If you have any difficulty accessing the course, email salary@aauw.org or call 800-326-2289.
3. Locally, I made a presentation to the United Nations Association on Sunday, November 4th, to help celebrate UN day in Whittier, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. I shared with them the great work our Branch does to support education and equity in our community, including the Myra Long Scholarship Fund, Las Distinguidas, Math/Science Conference at Whittier in January, local college scholarships, Tech Trek, and the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). They presented us a plaque that recognized the significance of the work done by our Branch that demonstrates our commitment to human rights for all.
4. Several members of the Board will be meeting with Dr. Linda Oubre, president of Whittier College, on December 4th to discuss how our Branch and the college can work together to further the mission of AAUW.

In conclusion, I hope to see you at the December 1st holiday meeting to celebrate the season, support the Branch, and just enjoy your friends.

Warmly,
Rozanne

President Greater Whittier Area Branch AAUW

Report from November Branch Meeting about Books

Following a stimulating talk by Bonnie Weber on "I'd Rather Be Reading" there were table talks led by facilitators Pat Dudley, Maurine Behrens, Sharon Heck, Marian Locke, Ann Topjon, Myra Weiss and Gwen Woirhaye. Members listed their favorite books, which are named on the following page. At the meeting, members also participated in a book exchange and many extra books were donated to the Whittier Library. There was lively participation by our members at this meeting!

Dolores Seidman, Program V.P.



A Gentleman in Moscow	Towles
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Carroll
And the Ladies of the Club (2)	Santmyer
Betsy Tacy Books (series)	Lovelace
Breakfast at Tiffany	Capote
Bring out the Bodies	Mantel
Clan of the Cave Bear	Auel
Dandelion Wine	Bradbury
Desiree	Selinko
Frankenstein	Shelly
Gone with the Wind	Mitchell
Hatchet	Paulsen
Jane Eyre	Bronte
Little Fires Everywhere	Ng
Little Women (3)	Alcott
Love is Eternal	Stone
Love You Forever	Munsch
My Brilliant Friend	Ferrante
My Name is Resolute	Turner
One Hundred Years of Solitude	Marquez
Rebecca	Du Maurier
Siddhartha	Hesse
Stranger in a Strange Land	Heinlein
The Agony and the Ecstasy	Stone
The Angle of Repose	Stegner
The Da Vinci Code	Brown
The Grapes of Wrath (2)	Steinbeck
The Great Gatsby	Fitzgerald
The Human Comedy	Saroyan
The Joy Luck Club	Tan

The Life of JFK	
The Little Princess	Burnett
The Lord of the Rings	Tolkien
The Pillars of the Earth (2)	Follet
The Source	Mitchner
The Thunderbolt House	Pease
The Woman Said Yes	West
To a God Unknown	Steinbeck
To Kill a Mockingbird (4)	Lee
Where the Red Fern Grows	Rawls
Winter of Our Discontent	Steinbeck
Witch World	Norton

AAUW FUND

Whew, it is the calm after the whirlwind of the midterm elections! Now we attempt to catch our collective breaths while we prepare for the coming Holidays and the New Year ahead.

It is that time of year when various organizations are asking for donations. Kindly **DO** remember the AAUW Fund. Our Association supports so many worthy causes such as Tech Savy, Elect Her (which really was of value in the recent election), the Legal Advocacy Fund, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), the AAUW National Convention, research, Start Smart and Work Smart. Kindly note details on any or all of these projects on aauw.org. We, ladies, are a mighty group who support the causes of women and girls. With that in mind, you can donate to furthering the work of AAUW in several ways: (a) go online to www.aauw.org. Click **Members Services Data Base** on the bottom at the left-hand side, enter your member number, password and complete the form. Our Branch number is **CA0124**.

Or (b) At our Branch meeting there will be envelopes available on the tables so that you can mail personally. Please make your tax-deductible donation by **December 1, 2018**, if possible. The AAUW year for these donations **MUST** be received before **December 31** to be credited for this present year.

This is a time to thank all of you for your welcomed support of AAUW and our Branch. And to wish all of you a **SAFE AND HEALTH-FILLED HOLIDAY SEASON and NEW YEAR.**

Pauline Rogers
AAUW Fund V.P.

Did you know your purchases could make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women when you do your holiday shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/95-4763492.

PUBLIC POLICY

In 1871, Alabama became the first state to rescind the right of husbands to beat their wives. Real attention to the issue didn't begin until the 1970s. I would guess that a significant percentage of us either experienced violence in our homes growing up, or know someone who did. Society considered "domestic violence" a private matter between husbands and wives. And since women had much fewer financial, education and employment opportunities they were far easier to ignore.

In 1994, after a three-year investigation by then Senator Joe Biden and the Judiciary Committee, Senator Biden introduced the First Violence Against Women Act. The law was passed in 1994 and among other things required a coordinated community response against violence, strengthened penalties against repeated sex offenders, created a rape shield law and allows victims to seek civil rights remedies for gender related crimes. For a full history of the act see http://www.ncdsv.org/images/OVW_HistoryVAWA.pdf The law was most recently reauthorized in 2013 and in 2018. It is currently funded through December 7 in the most recent stopgap-spending bill. It is time to put pressure on Congress to reauthorize this law.

It isn't like violence against women has decreased substantially. A brief look at the AAUW websites shows that rape and sexual offenses against women are underreported in college campuses. There are no official tallies of how many women are incarcerated because of trying to protect themselves from domestic violence. According to a 2014 article in *Bitch* magazine: "In California, a prison study found that [93 percent](#) of the women who had killed their significant others had been abused by them. That study found that 67 percent of those women reported that they had been attempting to protect themselves or their children when they wound up killing their partner. In New York State, [67 percent](#) of women sent to prison for killing someone close to them were abused by that person."

Women face new threats such as an increase in sex-trafficking which disproportionately impact women. In 2017 the World Health Organization estimated that 1 in 3 (35%) of women worldwide have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime. Significant in that report is that women with fewer educational opportunities are more likely to experience violence. This is not a surprise to any knowledgeable and committed AAUW member. Another threat is the rise of a particularly odious sub-culture of men – incels or involuntary celibates – blame women who do not want to date or have relations with them and believe that violence against these women is appropriate. Think this could not possibly be a real thing in this day and age? Think again. At least two mass shootings - Isla Vista California in 2014 and Toronto in 2018 – are the work of self-described incels. In fact, the murderer in Isla Vista is referred to by his incel followers as "The Supreme Gentleman."

It is not time to abandon the Violence Against Women Act nor is it time to weaken it in anyway. Threats and violence against woman are real and continuous with horrific results to them and to their children. Stay aware of the reauthorization activities and write your representatives.

Thanks to Sharon Heck for suggesting this month's topic. If you have an AAUW priority you would like me to explore, let me know.

Patricia Cuocco Public Policy Chair



MEMBERSHIP

Our thanks to the general membership for so warmly welcoming all new members at our last meeting. We sing praises of friendly, interesting and inspiring women when giving our membership pitch and we've kept our word. The mood at our meeting was upbeat and congenial. Your loyalty and commitment to our cause does not go unnoticed. We especially wish to acknowledge those members for helping with renewals and recruiting new members.

Membership News Alert...just a short note to let you know that the member enrollment period for 2018-19 has ended. On November 30, 2018 National will purge the names of all members who have not renewed. GWA-AAUW membership will reopen in March for 2019-20.

Here's the latest contact information for renewals and new members. Please add these names to your yearbook.

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MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE FOR 8TH GRADE GIRLS

We are on track to have another great Math/Science Conference on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at Whittier College. 366 young women and twenty-six advisors will gather for our opening session at the Shannon Center. They are then given a snack as they trek to the first of their three workshops. The participants will hear two speakers in each workshop. Some of our twenty speakers include: a veterinarian, a habitat restorer, an IT, a physical therapist, a medical technologist, an interior designer, a computer software engineer, a planetary geologist, an FBI agent, a mechanical engineer, an epidemiologist, and an obstetrician/gynecologist.

As of this writing, I have received four of the twenty-six lists of participating students. They each choose five of the twenty speakers that they would most like to hear. I create thirty workshops using their choices as much as possible. The lists are to be returned to me no later than November 30, so I will have time to complete the very time consuming task.

Many hands and feet are needed to make the conference a good one. Dolores Seidman is collecting the names of volunteers. We need moderators, greeters, and packet stuffers. Packets will be stuffed on Wednesday, January 23 at the home of Barbara Gile. Contact Dolores Seidman if you wish to volunteer in any way. deeseidman@gmail.com Please help make our 26th annual event a truly educational experience for these young women.

Sharon Heck,
Chair, Math/Science Conference for 8th Grade Girls

HELP WANTED!

We are looking for volunteers to help at the Math/Science Conference to be held for 8th grade girls on the morning of Wednesday, January 30, at 8:30 AM at Whittier College. Lunch is included.

1. Greeters who will meet school buses and lead students to the Shannon Center and later to the workshops
2. Moderators who will introduce the speakers in the classrooms
3. Registration Workers
4. Packet Stuffers (Wednesday, January 23, 6 PM at home of Barbara Gile)
5. As needed (always welcome!)

If you were unable to sign up at the November Branch meeting and would like to do so, you can at our December 1 meeting. Otherwise, you can contact me by email or phone. e-mail: deeseidman@gmail.com Phone: 323-721-8230

Dolores Seidman

REALLY GREAT STUFF FUNDRAISING EVENT

Top 5 Reasons to go to the Really Great Stuff Fundraising Event!

5. Free dinner and drinks
4. Good time to do early Christmas shopping
3. Free gift-wrapping
2. Lots of fun visiting with AAUW friends
1. **20% of purchases goes to AAUW**

At the December meeting, please wear or bring something you bought at previous Really Great Stuff fundraising events. It will be fun to show and tell!

See you on Thursday, December 6th!!!

4:30 to 7 PM

Thanks,

Maura Greeley and Karen van der Baan
Really Great Stuff Co-chairs

THE FINANCE CORNER

Close the Pay Gap! -- this is one of AAUW's prime directives. My answer to this challenge is one that I practiced through most of my career: Independent Contracting. In today's "gig economy," many young women could benefit by making this end run around entrenched corporate practices.

There are three pillars that make Independent Contracting highly successful. The first is personal initiative – advertising, networking, and producing a superior product. The second is utilizing the tax code's Schedule C to understand how to run a self-employment business. The third is equipping yourself for the market in which you wish to work.

It is this third pillar that I wish to address in this month's column. What equipment is necessary in today's world? For myself, it was an MBA degree, familiarity with a 10-key, and superior understanding of Excel spreadsheets. But for many young women just entering the workforce, the need might be for a complete set of mechanic's tools, or a loom and sewing machine, or a stenographer's steno writer.

Micro-loans to young independent contractors by organizations like The Heifer Project have proven very successful. The members of Greater Whittier Area AAUW might want to add this practice to our existing arsenal of awesome programs designed to help young women achieve not just mere pay equality but trailblazing paths to wealth for all of the next generation.

Lucinda Halley

SECTION INFORMATION

First Friday

Let's kick off the Holiday Season by coming to First Friday on December 7. It will be held at Gwen and Mahlon Woirhaye's, 5810 Friends, Whittier. Join old and new friends from 6 PM - 8 PM for a few hours of interesting conversation and yummy food. Please bring your beverage of choice and an appetizer to share.

Directions to Gwen's: North on Painter to Beverly Blvd.; left on Beverly to Friends; right on Friends to the address, at the top of the street. Parking passes are needed; they will be clipped to Gwen's gate. Be sure to put one on your vehicle's dashboard.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Jan Berry

Mystery Mavens

Mystery Mavens does not meet in December. Our next meeting will be Wednesday January 16, 2019 at the Marie Callender's near Whittwood, 6:30 PM. The book will be *Dangerous to Know* by Renee Patrick. It is strongly recommended that you read the first book in the series before our listed book. It is *Design for Dying* by the same author. Jenifer MacLowry will lead the discussion. If you have any questions, please call or email Sharon Heck. 562-698-0476 heck37@verizon.net

Sharon Heck



Gardening

The Wonders of Christmas boutique at Roger's Gardens.

The garden event has been scheduled for Saturday, December 8, at Roger's Gardens located at 2301 San Joaquin Rd., Corona del Mar, 949-640-5800; hours 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. We will be meeting at Ralphs (Colima and Whittier Blvd.) at 9 AM. Carpooling is available, or you can drive independently. Please contact DeDe Shatzen at 562-696-2910 or email (LSECRET@earthlink.net) to confirm.

We can shop *The Wonders of Christmas*, enjoy the holiday season and hear carolers dressed in early 1900 attire as we stroll round the garden. Roger's Gardens said, "Enjoy shopping this holiday season by listening to a quartet of Strolling Christmas Carolers as they perform throughout Roger's Gardens and the Farmhouse. Their repertoire includes your favorite standards and Sacred Christmas Carols combined with the holiday songs you have grown to love. The Carolers also mix in some spirited jazz arrangements and a bit of whimsy." The carolers will be strolling from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM.

If you would like to meet at the Farmhouse for lunch, please contact DeDe Shatzen by December 1 so that a table can be reserved. Lunch prices range from \$7 to \$34.

DeDe Shatzen

International Concerns

International Concerns does not have a formal meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 10 AM. We will be meeting at the home of Louise Holden, 16356 Prudencia, Whittier, CA 90603. If you need directions to her home, please call Louise. 562-947-6412

In January there will be a general discussion of the 2018 Great Decisions book, and everyone will participate. The 2019 Great Decisions books will be distributed. The cost of the book is \$23.40. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

Sharon Heck

Memories

The December meeting of Memories takes place **Monday, December 19 at noon** at the home of Helen Rahder. Helen once again has offered her lovely, historical home for this special holiday celebration. If you have a seasonal photo that you treasure, please bring it along with a written or oral presentation of its significance to you. Carpooling is recommended, since her home is in South Pasadena and parking is limited. Carole Restovich will be leaving from her home behind Whittwood at 11 AM and will gladly accommodate three passengers. Carole's phone: 562-787-0727. Hope to see you all there! (Please respond to this email if you are going, in order to give Helen an idea of attendance.)

Directions by freeway: 605 north to 210, west on 210 to Hill St., south (left) on Hill St. for about ¾ mile, just past Pasadena City College and Del Mar, to Rose Villa, turn left on Rose Villa, turn left on Rose Villa to 1582. PARK IN DRIVEWAY.

Rosemead: Take Rosemead north to California Blvd. (one block past Huntington Dr.), left on California, go about 3 miles to Hill St., right on Hill for three blocks to Rose Villa, turn right on Rose Villa to 1582. PARK IN DRIVEWAY. Helen's phone: 562-858-3110.

Carole Restovich

Morning Book

There will be no meeting this month. In January, we will read and discuss *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, by David Grann. Further information will be found in the January newsletter.

Happy Holidays to all!

Ann Topjon, Chair
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_____ General **\$103** _____ Student \$47

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Today's date _____

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_____ I want the yearbook mailed to me & will write a separate check to GWA-AAUW for \$2.

_____ I also want the AAUW binder that costs \$5 plus \$1.50 postage & will write a separate check for \$6.50.

*Required of all members. **New members must complete all information.**

Reminder: \$80 of your dues is tax deductible.

Please complete and mail your membership application and dues to:

AAUW, Whittier Branch Membership, P.O. Box 5333, Whittier, CA 90607-5333, or register online at aauw.org

GWA AAUW CALENDAR DECEMBER 2018



DATE	TIME	EVENT
7	6 PM - 8 PM	First Friday , Gwen and Mahlon Woirhaye
1	11:00 AM	Branch Meeting , Doubletree Hotel
4	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
6	4:30 - 7 PM	Really Great Stuff Boutique , Whittier
8	9:00 AM	Gardening , Roger's Gardens, Corona del Mar
19	12 Noon	Memories , Helen Rahder

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.

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