



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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2019**



“We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives...not looking for flaws, but for potential.”

– **Ellen Goodman**

There is no branch meeting in January because of our Math/Science conference (see article below). The next GWA-AAUW Branch meeting will be Saturday, February 9, 2019; 11:30 AM at the Doubletree Hotel in Whittier.

MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE FOR 8TH

G R A D E G I R L S

We will have 395 8th grade girls and teachers from 26 area Middle Schools at Whittier College on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. We have 40 of our members who have volunteered to help at the event or help with assembling packets. Thank you for your willingness to serve. Twenty women in STEM related careers will make three presentations in the workshops. *We could use a camera person to take pictures.* If you are a photographer who would like to rove the campus that day, please contact Dolores Seidman. deeseidman@gmail.com

After all the planning and work by members of our Branch, we look forward to another wonderful conference. It is so important for these 8th grade girls to begin looking ahead at career choices so they take the relevant classes in high school. Sometimes this event opens their eyes to new possibilities. I will see many of you at Whittier College on January 30.

Sharon Heck
Chair



President's Message

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



Greetings,

It's hard to believe the holidays are past and a New Year is upon us. I hope you had a joyful holiday season with family and friends. I am so thankful to be part of an amazing group. So much has happened this past year and so much to look forward to in 2019. A big shout out to all the Christmas elves and members for a successful Holiday Program and Boutique job well done! I received a check from Teri Medina for \$459.00 from **Really Great Stuff**

Fundraisers thanks to Maura Greeley, Karen Van der Baan, and Teri and of course all the shoppers.

Several board members and I met with Dr. Linda Oubré at Whittier College on December 4th. What a great meeting, Dr. Oubré was impressed with AAUW and the Greater Whittier Area Branch. She feels AAUW is a perfect fit in the areas of equity, inclusion, promoting women in leadership, and aligning our resources. I sent Dr. Oubré a membership application; she wants to encourage more of her staff to join AAUW. I plan to follow up with her. Whittier College is a College University partner of AAUW and opens doors to grants, and fellowships, leadership training, professional development and free membership for undergraduates at Whittier. We shared the number of branch members who attended or worked at Whittier College. Our branch commitment and ties to Whittier College will only continue to grow. We will be interviewing new candidates for NCCWSL in February of 2019.

In conclusion, I look forward to seeing you on Friday, January 11, at the Meet and Greet at the Assistance League, and of course our Math/Science Conference on Wednesday, January 30, at Whittier College.

I wish you and your family all the best in 2019.

Fondly,

Rozanne



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Treasurer for the Greater Whittier Area Branch of AAUW

January 2019-June 2019

Thanks for considering this opportunity!

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MEMBERSHIP

Invitation to Members

Members, it's time to invite friends and prospective members to our annual Meet and Greet Event. Our event is scheduled for January 11, 2019 from 6-8 pm at the Assistance League of Whittier. This would be your perfect opportunity to share the mission of Greater Whittier Area AAUW. You may meet new friends and prospective members while enjoying mouth watering refreshments.

Please reach out to your work associates, church members, businesses, medical professionals or others you feel can share in our goal of empowering women and girls and increasing diversity in our organization. Guests are free of charge. Members pay \$10, however the fee will be waived for members who donate of appetizers, desserts or beverages. If you need more information, call Connie Bucey 323-726-9591 or Lovey Sherman 213-309-5992.

Many thanks to members who signed up at the December meeting to provide refreshments. Call Lovey if you plan to attend or donate. Your participation is appreciated. Please plan to attend this fun and informative evening.

Lovey Sherman. Membership Co-Chair

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE UPDATE

Our December 1 Holiday Boutique and Branch Meeting went very well. Our receipts as of today total \$3187.50. Some of the Branch silver service that did not sell in the silent auction might be sold at future meetings. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the boutique and bought tickets and merchandise on the day. Many hands pitched in to prepare and to set up. All of you are greatly appreciated. We did very well for our only Branch fundraiser of the year. Thanks again to everyone.

Sharon Heck, Chair

AAUW FUND

Happy New Year to all of you! Hard to believe another year has passed and we are at the commencement of a new one.

I want to thank all those who donated to the AAUW Fund this past year and encourage your continued support. I just reviewed some new information coming in from National, and the diagram that has been newly initiated emphasizes the continued goals for the Fund. I will have copies of that chart available at the February meeting. National did express that donating to the Fund as a whole is their goal so that the money could be spent in areas that have the greatest need at the time. However, if you have specific items in the Fund, like Legal Advocacy, still feel free to donate to that item. Remember you can donate online by going to the AAUW website.

On another topic consider the new program for women **WORK SMART**. It can be located online as **Work Smart Online**. This one hour training assists women to negotiate for higher pay and to become better communicators. We know that women more than likely do not get paid as much as men. This program has various topics like pay gap facts and even negotiating tips. Thus a woman can customize the learning experience to meet her specific needs. Recently one woman commented to National that by using the techniques suggested in Work Smart she got a \$14,000 per year raise. Now that is some raise! Surely we all know some woman or maybe even ourselves who could benefit from this online course. And it is **free!** What is better than that? If you want to share this tool, go to AAUW's [new resource page](#) which will assist you to do just that, easily and effectively. It provides sample language, graphics, video and instructions so you can contribute compelling posts on social media in just a few clicks.

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

Title IX is a federal civil rights law in the United States of America that was passed as part of the [Education Amendments of 1972](#). This is Public Law No. 92-318, 86 Stat. 235 (June 23, 1972), codified at 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681–1688. It states: No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. ¹

Seems pretty simple and straightforward and for more than 40 years, it has helped ensure that girls and women have equal access to all educational programs, including sports. Title IX is one of the cornerstones of AAUW's policy positions

Right now, the Department of Education is waging nothing short of war on Title IX. The following is taken from the AAUW website and I urge you to visit the site, Take Action, and learn more. Letters to Congressional representatives and Letters to the Editor are also good ways of letting your opinion be known.

In September 2017, the Department of Education [rescinded](#) two important documents related to Title IX: the [2011 Dear Colleague Letter on Sexual Violence](#) and a [2014 Q&A on Title IX and Sexual Violence](#), which had provided much-needed clarification about what Title IX requires schools to do to prevent and address sex discrimination in educational programs.

Specifically, these documents gave critical guidance to schools about their legal obligations under Title IX to respond promptly and fairly to allegations of sexual assault and set forth guidelines for how to handle these allegations.

At the same time it withdrew these documents, the Department of Education issued a new interim guidance on Title IX. These rollbacks paved the way for the current attempt to further erode the protections of Title IX, announced in the November 2018 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

What Does This Mean for Women and Girls? *Make no mistake — the Department of Education's actions amount to a blatant rollback of strong and necessary protections for students, and particularly for student survivors of sexual assault. Specifically, the November 2018 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking would weaken Title IX's protections by narrowing the definition of sexual harassment to potentially exclude much of the abuse students experience and altering when schools will respond to reports of sexual harassment and violence. In addition, the rule would put in place school processes that make it harder for students to come forward and receive the support they need when they experience sexual harassment or assault. Title IX protects all students from discrimination — students of all genders, from kindergarten through college — and these expansive changes would put those protections at risk.*

AAUW stands with survivors and we remain 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 education is on the line.

Patricia Cuocco, Public Policy Chair

(Italics indicate wording from AAUW website)

DINING 4 \$\$\$\$

SAVE THE DATE! TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

LASCARI'S - 11 AM TO 9 PM

Happy New Year to all!

We begin 2019 with one of our favorite Dining 4 \$\$\$\$ venues, Lascari's Italian Restaurant. Located on Whittier Blvd. in Whittier, Lascari's has always welcomed us and has shown extreme generosity in supporting our organization. We, in turn, truly appreciate their generosity while enjoying the delicious Italian fare they prepare. Their pasta, soup, pizza and full dinner combos are just a few of the many entrees on their menu. Lascari's has always been a great family restaurant, so do not hesitate to invite your family and friends to our January fundraiser. You will find great food at great prices! Early bird dinner specials are also available to those who like to eat earlier. Lascari's is kind enough to donate 20% of the proceeds from take-out and delivery purchases as well as from dine-in meals. We look forward to your participation in supporting the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Enjoy!

Please clip and present the coupon at the end of the newsletter

Carole Duff



MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The MLSF Committee meets once per quarter to review our investments, make changes as needed to keep up with changing markets and decide upon budgets, anticipated income and expenses and fund-raising activities. Any member is welcome to come and observe the meeting, however since our space is limited, please let me know if you would like to attend (patricia@fullerton.edu).

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 5, at 9:30 AM at the First Friends Church in Whittier (13205 Philadelphia).

Market fluctuations have been the norm these last several months. The MLSF committee will provide a report to the Board, after our quarterly meeting, on the state of our portfolio and the implications therein.

Patricia Cuocco, Chair, MLSFC

SECTION INFORMATION

MYSTERY MAVENS

Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 6:30 PM

Design for Dying and *Dangerous to Know* by
Renee Patrick

Reviewer – Jenifer MacLowry

Los Angeles, 1937, Lillian Frost has traded dreams of stardom for security as a department store salesgirl, but even that stable job is endangered when she becomes a suspect in the murder of her former roommate, Ruby Carroll. Party girl Ruby died wearing a gown she stole from the wardrobe department at Paramount Pictures, domain of Edith Head. Edith has yet to win the first of her eight Academy Awards; right now she's barely hanging on to her job, and a scandal is the last thing she needs.

To clear Lillian's name and save Edith's career, the two women join forces. Unraveling the mystery pits them against a Hungarian princess on the lam, a hotshot director on the make, and a private investigator who's not on the level. All they have going for them are dogged determination, assists from the likes of Bob Hope and Barbara Stanwyck, and a killer sense of style. And in show business, that just might be enough.

The second book in the series begins in Los Angeles, 1938. *Dangerous to Know* beguilingly blends forgotten fact and fanciful fiction thanks to a real international scandal, in which the war clouds gathering over Europe cast a shadow on Hollywood, while keeping the delightful classic movie magic front and center.

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.

MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

Modern trends will meet January 24, 2019 at the home of Ann Chambers. Ann is the co-hostess and Carol Shupek is the reviewer. The book is *Before We Were Yours: A Novel*. Born into a world of wealth and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all. A loving daughter to her father, a US senator, with her own ambitious career as a lawyer and a handsome fiancé waiting for her in Baltimore. She has lived a charmed life.

But when Avery returns to Aiken to help her father weather a health crisis and a political attack, a chance encounter with May Crandall, an elderly woman she's never met before, leaves Avery deeply shaken. Avery's decision to learn more about May's life will take her on a journey through a hidden history of stolen children and illegal adoption. A journey that will reveal a secret that could lead to devastation...or redemption.

Ann Chambers is at 1032 Randall Ave, La Habra.
562-690-6150 (h). 562-201-4452 (c).

February 28th is the next meeting at Carol Shupek's house and the book is *Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder*.
Georgine Sweeney, 562-631-6698



MORNING BOOK

We will start this year by reading and discussing *Killers of the Flower Moon*, by David Grann. In the 1920s, the Osage found themselves in a unique position among Native American tribes. As other tribal lands were parceled out in an effort by the government to encourage dissolution and assimilation of both lands and culture, the Osage negotiated to maintain the mineral rights for their corner of Oklahoma, creating a kind of “underground reservation.” It proved a savvy move; soon countless oil rigs punctured the dusty landscape, making the Osage very rich. And that’s when they started dying.

You’d think the Osage Indian Reservation murders would have been a bigger story, one as familiar as the Lindbergh kidnapping or Bonnie and Clyde. It has everything, but scale: Execution-style shootings, poisonings, and exploding houses drove the body count to over two dozen, while private eyes and undercover operatives scoured the territory for clues. Even as legendary and infamous oil barons vied for the most lucrative leases, J. Edgar Hoover’s investigation – which he would leverage to enhance both the prestige and power of his fledgling FBI - began to overtake even the town’s most respected leaders. Most sobering, though, is how the tale is at once unsurprising and unbelievable, full of the arrogance, audacity, and inhumanity that continues to reverberate through today’s headlines.

The meeting will take place on Monday, January 28, at 10am, at Judy Flanders’ home, 12430 Floral Dr., Whittier 90601; 562-692-7930. Linda Harris will provide refreshments, and Ann Topjon will lead the discussion.

Directions to Judy’s home: From Whittier Blvd., north on Painter, west (left) on Beverly Blvd.; north (right) on Pickering (stoplight); west (left) on Floral Dr. 12430 is 5th house down on the left.

We look forward to being together and hope many of you will be able to come. For planning purposes, please let Judy and Linda know if you will be there!

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Our next International Concerns meeting will be on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 10:00 AM. We will be meeting at the home of Louise Holden, 16356 Prudencia Dr., 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. There are some good questions to consider at the back of the book. 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 first Memories meeting of the New Year will be held at the home of Carole Restovich on January 23 at 1:30 PM. The topic: “What 2018 Taught Me.” Maybe, it was something about your life, the world, your community or human nature. Come share your written ideas in a supportive atmosphere. We welcome all who want to write for family, for organizing thoughts or just for the fun of it!

Directions to Carole’s house: Drive south on Santa Gertrudes from Whittier Blvd., turn right onto Starbuck. Just behind Whittwood Mall, turn left on Portada. Carole’s house is the second on the right at 10413 Portada Dr. Phone: 562-787-0727.

Lunar New Year

The **Positive Past Presidents** of

Greater Whittier Area

American Association of University Women
invite you to join us in celebrating the

Year of the Pig Thursday, February 7, 2019

6 PM – Cost \$23

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Please RSVP to:

Barbara Gile 562-693-7279 or

barbaragile@me.com





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GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

| DATE (JANUARY) | TIME | EVENT | PLACE |
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| 11 | 6 PM – 8 PM | Membership Event Meet and Greet | Assistance League of Whittier |
| 15 | 11 AM – 9 PM | Dining for \$\$\$\$ | Lascari's, Whittier |
| 16 | 6:30 PM | Mystery Mavens | Marie Callendars, La Serna |
| 17 | 10 AM | International Concerns | Louise Holden's Home, Whittier |
| 23 | 1:30 PM | Memories | Carole Restovich's Home, Whittier |
| 24 | 7 PM | Modern Trends in Literature | Ann Chambers' home, La Habra |
| 28 | 10 AM | Morning Book | Judy Flanders' home, Whittier |
| 30 | 8:30 AM – 2 PM | Math/Science Day | Whittier College |
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