



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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

Branch Meeting
Saturday, April 13, 2019
11:30 AM – DoubleTree Hotel
7320 Greenleaf, Whittier

Lunch choices: include dessert, coffee, iced tea, and water. No substitutions, deletions or special orders. **The cost of lunch is only \$20.** Please select one of the following as part of your RSVP:

- **Tossed Cobb Salad:** Grilled Chicken Breast, Chopped Greens, Hard Boiled Egg, Bacon, Tomatoes and Crumbled Bleu Cheese. Ranch and Balsamic dressings at each table.
- **Turkey Wrap:** Spinach and Herb Tortilla filled with Smoked Turkey, Provolone Cheese, Avocado, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomatoes and Hacienda Ranch dressing. Served with homemade Kettle Potato Chips.
- **Vegetarian Option of the Wrap**

Reservations are required: Please RSVP with your menu choice by noon on Tuesday, April 9, to aauwrsvp@gmail.com. If you do not have email, call Barbara Gile at 562-693-7279. Please try again if you do not receive a confirmation within 48 hours.

Modern Trends in Literature will be doing the table decorations.

LAS DISTINGUIDAS AAUW FUND HONOREE

The program for April will be celebratory honoring our Las Distinguidas Award women and announcing our AAUW Fund Honoree (formerly Named Gift Honoree). Greater Whittier Area AAUW established the Las Distinguidas Award 53 years ago to be given to exceptional women who have made significant and noteworthy contributions in our community in one or more areas of business, education, the arts, community service, politics, and the professions.

This year letters were sent to 35 different organizations explaining the Las Distinguidas Award and inviting them to nominate a candidate. We received many nominations for women who have contributed immeasurably to our community. Our committee has met, reviewed, and selected three amazing women to be given the award this year.

You won't want to miss the April meeting when our Las Distinguidas women and our AAUW Fund Named Gift Honoree are celebrated.

DeDe Shatzen, Susan Halliday, Co-Chairs
Christine Heller, Claire Koehler, Carole Restovich, Members

President's Message

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

National News

Yovino v. Rizo (Formerly Rizo v. Fresno County Office of Education) **Aileen Rizo's fight for fair pay continues.**

On August 30, 2018, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools filed a petition for appeal with the Supreme Court of the United States to challenge the decision reached by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which found in favor of Aileen holding that using prior salary alone, as a "factor other than sex," or in combination with other factors cannot justify a wage differential under the Equal Pay Act. On February 25, 2019, the Supreme Court vacated and remanded the Ninth Circuit's decision, which means that they determined that the Ninth Circuit's decision was flawed and must be sent back to the appellate court for additional review. The Court arrived at this conclusion without reviewing the merits of the equal pay case, focusing solely on the second issue presented before the Court, which was whether a federal court could count the vote of a judge who dies before the decision is issued. This was relevant because the judge who authored the Ninth Circuit decision died on March 29, 2018, although the vote was taken and opinion authored prior to his death. AAUW has been fighting for Aileen and others by advocating for pay equity and fairness in compensation and benefits as a means to achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women. We will continue to support her case through our legal case support program.

State News

The 2019 AAUW California Annual Meeting will be held at Handlery Hotel, San Diego, April 6, 2019. The mission of your California State Board is to facilitate California branches in meeting the vision and mission of AAUW by providing programs, education, and resources. Based on feedback from branch presidents and others, the state has three priorities, "Expanding Branch Connections and Communications," "Reinforcing Public Policy Advocacy and Education" and "Strengthening Branch Infrastructure." All this information will be shared with the attendees at the morning business meeting. In addition, candidates for the 2019-2021 term will be introduced. Branches that have been selected for recognition for outstanding mission-based programs will also be introduced.

Branch News

Piper Lowinger spoke at our March 9, 2019 meeting about her experience at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). She shared with us how that experience gave her insight to her potential as a leader. We will hear more from Piper about her plans to implement what she learned at Whittier College this year and next. In addition, Karen Romero, our new NCCWSL candidate, was introduced at the meeting. The two of them will be such a positive influence at Whittier College in the future.

Thanks to all the Greater Whittier Area Branch members who attended the LACIC meeting, *Bridging the Generation Gap*, Sunday, March 10, 2019. Much was shared on the lessons we can learn from each generation, including the importance of follow-up with persons and programs that we support. Our own Karen Romero, was on the panel representing Gen Z. She expressed thanks for receiving the NCCWSL Grant. She learned about AAUW's mission and now she can encourage young members such as herself to join and support AAUW.

Several members from our Branch will be attending the Annual Meeting in San Diego on April 6, 2019. A big "shout-out" and congratulations goes to **Sharon Heck**, as our Branch will receive recognition for our Math/Science Conference at the general meeting as an outstanding mission-based program. More information to follow.

Rozanne
President Greater Whittier Area Branch AAUW

PUBLIC POLICY

The following article was prepared by AAUW-CA in honor of Equal Pay Day, April 2, 2019 and sent to us by Ginny Hatfield, a member of the State Public Policy Committee and of the Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC). Equal Pay Day is the symbolic date on which women's earnings catch up to men's earnings from the prior year.



Imagine an America Without a Pay Gap

It is common knowledge that a woman in the United States makes 80 cents per dollar made by a man of similar qualifications. The pay gap is worse for women of color. In an era when women make up nearly 50% of the workforce, this pay gap burdens individual family finances and the economy. A recent study estimated the impact on society if the pay gap were corrected.

How would closing the pay gap be expected to impact families?

- 60% of working women and 66% single working mothers would see an increase in their pay
- Poverty rates for working women would drop by half from 8% to 3.8%
- Poverty rates for single working mothers would drop from 28.9% to 14.5%

How would the US economy benefit?

- Closing the pay gap would increase gross domestic product an estimated \$500 million, roughly 2.6% of the GDP of our entire nation
- The increase in women's earnings would be roughly 16 times what federal and state governments spent in 2015 for temporary assistance to needy families

The pay gap adversely impacts American families. Closing it would raise many out of poverty and reduce the need for public assistance. The question to ask our elected officials is not whether we as a society can afford to pay men and women the same income for the same work. The question is, how can we afford not to?

Archana Maniar Source: *The Impact of Equal Pay on Poverty and the Economy 2017*,
Institute of Women's Policy Research

By the way, April 2 is the date for an average of all women. The situation is far worse for our sisters of color. Equal Pay Day for Black Women does not occur until August 22 and for Latina Women until November 20. Please stay aware; support appropriate legislation and consider writing to your representatives and local media.

Patricia Cuocco
Public Policy Chair

AAUW FUND

You know those days when nothing seems to go according to plan. Well, here I am! The computer has been down and I am in the position of listening to the “gurus” on how to fix it. I have pulled this cord and tested that “thingy” to the point where I am quite certain I am living in the wrong age! Math and science were never my expertise. I am a Humanities kind of gal. My thoughts right about now after a full day of trying to get this computer back running again are “Why me, God?” So now I am ordering up some computer “angels” preferably ones who can guide me in very simplistic ways. For example: “Put the yellow cord in the yellow hole.” At that point the computer switches on and says sweetly, ”Good Day, Pauline. Let’s get started on that article you plan to write. And by the way, how do you want your coffee?”

After this experience I am so behind AAUW emphasizing math and science for girls and women. And how about a class or two for we technically-challenged mature ladies! Technology being the way of things these days certainly we “Grandmothers” want to keep up with the grandchildren.

In early April the State AAUW conference will be presented. We will be learning about how to encourage younger women to participate in AAUW through the Young Women’s Task Force. We here in our Branch have a golden opportunity with Whittier College and Rio Hondo College to reach out to the young women on these campuses and let them know what AAUW has available for them. START SMART and WORK SMART are ideal programs for the college student women. And this is exactly where some of your thoughtful donations to the AAUW FUND go. Let’s keep encouraging young women to be a force to be reckoned with in our world!

Pauline Rogers
AAUW Fund VP

SAVE THE DATE!

DINING 4 \$\$\$\$\$ - SILVER PALACE

TUESDAY APRIL 16

11:30 AM to 3 PM and 4:30 PM to 9:30 PM



Silver Palace Restaurant has been a Whittier favorite for many years. Owner, Bob, has brought delicious, authentic Chinese food to Whittier while supporting Greater Whittier Area AAUW on many occasions. We’ve all looked forward to the annual Chinese New Year dinners he has hosted for us, made with love and care.

This year, he again generously supports the Myra Long Scholarship Fund by hosting a DINING FOR \$\$\$\$\$ event on Tuesday, April 16. Bob will donate 20% of the proceeds from the food and non-alcoholic beverages we purchase. All donations go directly to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Do be aware of the lunch and dinner hours containing a break in between them. Take-out orders will be honored when our flyer is presented to the cashier. Support us and enjoy a wonderful meal!

Carole Duff

BRANCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The election of GWA AAUW officers and directors will be held at our Saturday, April 13, Branch meeting. We still need a nominee for President-Elect. Please consider serving the Branch in this important position.

In addition to this slate of nominees, members may be nominated from the floor before the election. If there are no nominations from the floor, the slate of officers and directors listed below will be elected. The installation of the 2019-2020 board will be held at the June 8th Branch meeting. If you have any questions, please call Kaye Kidwell at 562-902-8207.

President	Rozanne Child
President-Elect	
AAUW Fund Vice President	Pauline Rogers
Hospitality Vice Presidents	Lovey Sherman & Paula Ocampo
Membership Vice President	Susan Halliday
Program Vice President	Dolores Seidman
Corresponding Secretary	Maura Greeley
Recording Secretary	Mandy Knight
Treasurer	Kay Clark
Public Policy Chair	Patricia Cuocco

Myra Long Scholarship Fund Directors:	
Chair	Patricia Cuocco
Secretary	Carole Restovich
Treasurer	Kaye Kidwell
Director	Ann Chambers
Director	Patricia Dudley
Director	Susan Halliday
Director	Sharon Heck

Smile.Amazon Rewards Program

Please consider signing up to support GWA AAUW when you shop at Amazon. The money we receive from [Smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) does help! Here's the link to help you sign up: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-4763492> Also, feel free to pass this information on to your family and friends. Thanks!

Kay Clark, Treasurer



SECTION INFORMATION

First Friday Social Event

The First Friday social event will be on Friday, April 5. It will be held at the home of Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes and Glenn Hayes. 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 their home are listed below:

8722 Seranata Dr
Whittier, CA. 90603
562-237-4466

Directions: East on Mar Vista past Colima;
continue on Mar Vista to the end of the street.
Just before the gated community,
turn right on Cerquita, turn right on Seranata

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

International Concerns

Our next International Concerns meeting will be on Thursday, April 18, at 10:00 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 April we will be discussing the 2019 Great Decisions book. Chapter 2 on “The Middle East: Regional Disorder” will be the topic, and the discussion will be lead by Paula Ocampo. We will also see a video preview of the topic for May, “Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?” All are welcome to attend the meeting.

Sharon Heck



Morning Book

We do not meet in April. The next meeting will be Monday, June 3. We will read and discuss *A Wrinkle in Time*, Madeleine L'Engle's 1963 Newberry Award winning story. Complete information will be found in the May newsletter. We will finish the year by meeting on Monday, July 22, to discuss *The Thirteenth Tale*, by Diane Sutterfield.

Ann Topjon, Chair
562-695-6185

Mystery Mavens

Mystery Mavens does not meet in April. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15, at the Marie Callenders near Whittwood, 6:30 PM. The book will be *Fool's Puzzle: A Benni Harper Mystery* by Earlene Fowler. Harriet Cornyn will lead the discussion. If you have any questions, please call or email Sharon Heck. 562-698-0476 heck37@verizon.net

Sharon Heck

Memories

The Wednesday, April 24, Memories meeting will take place at the home of Barbara Gile at 1:30 PM. The topic is *Memorable Classmates*, a writing subject sure to reveal some interesting character studies. Surely there is someone who stands out in your elementary or high school memory. Come share your written thoughts with a supportive audience.

Barbara's home: 14035 Eastridge, which is one block north of Mar Vista at the northeast corner of Eastridge and Vale. Phone: 562-693-7279.

Carole Restovich

AAUW

Spring and Mother's Day Event

at

REALLY GREAT STUFF BOUTIQUE

14402 Whittier Blvd.

Whittier 90605



Gift items available

for Mother's Day

Great Summer & Travel Clothing in stock as well!

20% OF ALL SALES GOES TO AAUW

*Complimentary sandwiches, salads, drinks & dessert
are available while you shop*

Thursday April 25th

4:00 to 7:00 PM

**PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY
TO THIS GREAT EVENT**





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DINING 4 \$\$\$\$ EVENT

Tuesday April 16, 2019

11:30am - 3:00pm, 4:30 - 9:30pm

Silver Palace

15326 Whittier Blvd., Whittier

Dine-in or Take-out

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Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women

MEMBERSHIP for 2018 – 2019

*Title: Mrs.____ Ms.____ Miss____ None____ Other____ * **If all YOUR information is the same as in the yearbook, just print your name & “ INFORMATION SAME AS LAST YEAR” across the application.**

*Last Name _____

*First Name _____ *Middle Initial _____

Spouse's Name _____

*Street Address _____ *City _____

*Zip Code _____

*Home Phone (_____) _____

*Work Phone (_____) _____ *Cellphone (_____) _____

*Email address _____

Degree _____ Year _____

Major _____

College/University _____

AAUW Membership Type (please check one) Annual Dues: **Make checks payable to: Greater Whittier Area AAUW**

_____ General **\$103** _____ Student \$47

_____ Life Member \$44 _____ Dual \$24

Do you have a sponsor? If so, who is it? _____

Today's date _____

A separate check is required for the following:

_____ 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 APRIL 2019



DATE	TIME	EVENT
2	All Day	Equal Pay Day
2	7:00 PM	Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
5	6 PM - 8 PM	First Friday , Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes and Glenn
13	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting , DoubleTree Hotel, Whittier
16	11:30 AM - 3:00 PM 4:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Dining 4 \$\$\$\$\$, The Silver Palace
16	TBD	Showgirls , Silver Palace
18	10:00 AM	International Concerns , Louise Holden
24	1:30 PM	Memories , Barbara Gile
25	4:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Really Great Stuff , Whittier

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

Newsletter Editor – Christine Heller



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