



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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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 Salad Option: Grilled Peppers and Portobello Mushrooms, Chopped Greens, Egg, Tomatoes and Crumbled Bleu Cheese with Choice of Ranch or Balsamic Dressing

Reservations are required: Please RSVP with your menu choice by noon on Tuesday, May 7, to barbaragile@me.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.

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



“Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.”

This month’s program will feature Emily Teipe, Ph.D. Professor of Women’s Studies at Fullerton College Department of History. Dr. Teipe, author of several books on women’s history, widely versed on all aspects of Women’s Studies, will speak on the EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT. Many of us remember when the Constitutional Amendment was passed by Congress on March 22, 1972 and sent to the states for ratification. But how many of us know how many states needed to ratify it in order to pass, how many states have ratified it and what is the current status of the ERA? Is there a movement afoot to attempt to still ratify it? Is anything being done? Can we be involved? Come and find out the answers to those questions and others about this important aspect of women’s history.

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

AAUW Applauds House Passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. — American Association of University Women (AAUW) Chief Executive Officer Kim Churches issued the following statement following the bipartisan passage (242–187) of the [Paycheck Fairness Act \(H.R. 7\)](#) in the House of Representatives today.

“By passing this important bill, the House of Representatives has demonstrated its commitment to the economic security of American women and their families. We know there is a pay gap for all women, at every age, in every part of the country, and in nearly every industry. The gap has closed by less than a nickel in the 21st century, and it's obvious that something needs to be done to ensure families can thrive.

The Equal Pay Act of 1963 was a powerful first step, but the law has been weakened over time as the workforce demography has changed. We need new tools to fight discriminatory pay practices, and we need effective incentives and assistance to help employers comply with the law. The Paycheck Fairness Act provides these tools by closing loopholes in the Equal Pay Act and putting new protections in place for the benefit of all American workers. Its passage is long overdue.

AAUW commends Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) for her leadership on this bill for over 20 years. We urge the Senate to follow the House's lead and act now to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. We can't wait any longer for equal pay.”

State News

At the AAUW California Annual Meeting in San Diego, April 6, 2019, a Leadership Development Toolkit was introduced. The contents include the following and will be shared with our board:

1. Leadership Talent Pipeline Process; A Proven Approach
2. Board Structure Requirements and Branch Design
3. Leader Essentials: Understanding the Leadership Skills Needed
4. Identifying Leaders: Who are the Emerging Leaders?
5. Developing Leaders through Mentoring
6. Preventing Burn-out and Preparing for Leader Succession
7. Diversity Thoughts for Leaders
8. Resources for Leadership Development

Branch News

April was definitely a cause for celebration for our Branch! Congratulations go out to Colleen Tan and Christine Heller for being selected as our **Branch Named Gift Honorees for 2019**. Congratulations to Sharon Heck who received a special award from the State of California for our mission-based Math/Science Conference at the Annual Meeting in San Diego. Please check out the report by Dolores Seidman for more details. In addition, congratulations to our Las Distinguidas Award winners Deborah Garza, nominated by PIH Health Volunteer Service Department, Ruri “Peanuts” Pierre, nominated by SOLA (Special Olympics Los Angeles Lion's Club,) and Kaye Kidwell, nominated by the Greater Whittier Area Branch of AAUW. The Las Distinguidas Award recognizes exceptional women who have made significant and noteworthy contributions in one or more areas of business, the arts, education, community service, politics, and the professions.

AAUW CALIFORNIA STATE ANNUAL MEETING -- 2019

Branch members Kay Clark, Pauline Rogers and Dolores Seidman represented the Greater Whittier Area Branch at the AAUW CA Annual Meeting in San Diego on April 6. Unfortunately, Rozanne Child's illness prevented her from attending. We were also joined by our dual member Joyce Paul, who represented her AAUW Branch (Ontario, Upland, and Rancho) where she is President-Elect.

One of the best reasons for attending these state meetings is getting to know other AAUW members from throughout the state, as well as to put a face to the name of our state officers. The exchange of information, both formally and informally is invaluable.

The day began with a business meeting in which each state officer reported on her activities throughout the year. The goal was to increase communication with the branch officers and members and to listen to them, as evidenced by the huge rabbit ears they wore as they reported! (What a sight!)

At the end of that session, awards were presented to four branches for outstanding programs. Dolores Seidman was pleased to accept the award for our Branch for the Annual Math/Science Conference for 8th Grade Girls. In her remarks she gave credit to Sharon Heck for being the chair of this event and to the over 40 Branch volunteers who assisted.

The Membership Panel next featured information from Donna Lilly about the AAUW College Relationships, especially the work done through Start Smart (for students) and Work Smart (for staff members). Our own LACIC Chair Susan Negrete introduced the Young Women's Task Force, and the leader of this group, Camille Veneracion (who was a former dorm mom at Whittier College Tech Trek) explained this program to involve more younger women.

During lunch we heard from Julia Brown, AAUW National Board Chair, whose talk was titled "AAUW: This is Your Moment" highlighting ways we can grow. She emphasized the need to contribute to AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund in order to maintain our financial solvency.

After lunch the three Speech Trek finalists gave their talks, with the winner being Dominique Ruedaflores from Ramona Convent sponsored by the Poway/Penasquitos Branch.

The meeting ended with the Leadership Panel, which distributed a Leadership Development Toolkit offering many ideas we can implement in the future.

Dolores Seidman

MEMBERSHIP

Renew your membership online!

GWAAUW is participating in AAUW's Membership Payment Program (MPP), an online dues processing opportunity. You can renew online at the National AAUW website. Our treasurer Kay Clark will be sending email invoices to all members through National. If you have already paid, please ignore this reminder.

Join our group as we continue our work and commitment for the advancement of women.

Connie Bucey and Lovey Sherman
Co-Chairs



PUBLIC POLICY

Once again, Virginia (Ginny) Hatfield from the San Fernando Branch and AAUW--Public Policy Liaison has provided a Public Policy piece that I feel is important enough to share with the GWA--AAUW Branch. Besides, we could use some positive news.

For the past eight years, Mt. St. Mary's University in Los Angeles, (the only all-women's higher educational institution in the area), has published a report assessing the status of women and girls in the state of California. It is an impressive document, and I would encourage members to log on to: www.msmu.edu/media/website/content-assets/msmuedu/home/status-of-women-and-girls-in-california/documents/RSWG-2019-ReportFull.pdf and review the findings – they may surprise you.

This year's report entitled, *Intersections: Identity, Access and Equity* “celebrates the gains women have made and the challenges they continue to confront in areas like economic well-being, health and wellness, workforce factors and safety.” It presents an overview of how women of different races and ethnicities are faring in California. The following bills passed during the last legislative session were significant in making strides toward greater equity for California's women and girls. You may recognize some of them.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Mandates a baseline representation of female identified persons on the board of directors of each publicly held corporation whose principal executive offices are in California. (SENATE BILL 826, JACKSON)

DISCLOSURE OF SALARY HISTORY: Prohibits employers from seeking salary history information and making a subsequent salary determination for applicants, thereby improving pay equity. (ASSEMBLY BILL 168, EGGMAN)

LACTATION ACCOMMODATION: Requires employers to designate an area close to the workspace — excluding bathrooms — for employees who wish to express breast milk. (ASSEMBLY BILL 1976, LIMÓN)

MARRIAGE AND DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP: MINORS. Ensures additional levels of protection before a youth may marry or establish a domestic partnership by 1) providing information about their rights of termination and dissolution directly to children and 2) requiring involved parties to participate in premarital counseling. (SENATE BILL 273, HILL)

EXTORTION: Expands the crime of extortion to include consideration of sexual conduct or images of intimate body parts. (SENATE BILL 500, LEYVA)

CALWORKS MODIFICATIONS: Authorizes domestic violence survivors who are recipients of California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) benefits to be eligible for CalWORKs homeless assistance. (ASSEMBLY BILL 557, RUBIO)

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS' RESTROOMS: Requires public schools serving students in grades six to 12 that meet the 40 percent pupil poverty threshold required to operate a federal Title I school wide program to always stock at least 50 percent of the school's restrooms with no-cost feminine hygiene products. (ASSEMBLY BILL 10, GARCIA)

*Above material referenced from Mt. St. Mary's University annual *The Status of Women and Girls in CA 2019*

Patricia Cuocco
Public Policy Chair

SAVE THE DATE!
Dining 4\$\$\$\$\$ - Panera Bread
Tuesday, May 21
4 PM to 8 PM

See pages 7 and 8 for details and flyer!



AAUW FUND

In the world of AAUW, the court case of Aileen Rizo sounds like the same old, same old because it is a fight for Fair Pay. Now where have we heard this before? It is the 21st century and women still have to fight for gender equity. How odd that that is not a foregone conclusion! Anyway, earlier this year the Supreme Court determined that the Ninth Circuit's previous decision in favor of Aileen Rizo was flawed because a judge on the Ninth Circuit Court died prior to issuing the decision in favor of Ms. Rizo. Mind you, this judge voted and issued his opinion one month prior to his death, which was, however, before the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court was later issued. Thus the Supreme Court bypassed the real issue at hand, that of fair pay, and focused on a secondary issue, that being the death of a member of the Ninth Circuit Court! This case is with the Fresno County of Schools in which Ms. Rizo has more seniority, more education and more experience than a male colleague but still is paid less. For just these types of reasons, AAUW favors Federal legislation like the *Paycheck Fairness Act*.

This act will assist in closing the gender pay-gap and promote economic security for women throughout our country. Just such an issue and others like this is what we in AAUW are all about. And Ms. Rizo is working here in California to strengthen the state's equal pay legislation. Not only just that, AAUW has created a Gender Pay-Gap interactive resource map state by state. Members can go online and check out how their state measures up to other states in the United States. It is important for women to learn to negotiate for salary improvement, and that can be accomplished through another AAUW tool, the Work Smart program that is also online. AAUW is out there on the front lines for women and girls because of your generous donations. Let's keep that going!

Pauline Rogers
AAUW Fund VP

SECTION INFORMATION

First Friday Social Event

The First Friday social event will be on May 3. It will be held at the home of Ann Topjon and Phil O'Brien. 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.

5654 Palm, Whittier, 562-695-6195

Head **West** on **Beverly Blvd.** past **Magnolia**.

Just after **Magnolia**, turn **left onto Floral**.

Continue on Floral to Palm. Turn **right onto Palm** and continue to the address.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

First Friday Information

The schedule of hosts for First Friday parties is being set up for next year. January 3, March 6 and June 5 are currently available. If we have hosts for July 3 and August 7, 2020, we will reinstate summer dates.

To host First Friday, you need to provide your home from 6 to 8 PM, plates, glasses and utensils. It is nice to offer coffee. Guests bring whatever they wish to drink and an appetizer or dessert to share. I encourage people who have not come to a First Friday event to join us Friday, May 3. Please contact me to volunteer to host for future dates.

Gwen Woirhaye
gwen@woirhaye.com

Mystery Mavens

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 PM

Fool's Puzzle by Earlene Fowler - A Benni
Harper Mystery

Reviewer – Harriet Cornyn

Benni's leaving the Harper Ranch behind—and with it her memories of her husband, who died in a car accident. She's moving to the California town of San Celina for a fresh start and an exciting new job as the director of the local folk-art museum. But while setting up an exhibition of handmade quilts, Benni stumbles upon the body of a statuesque and sexy artist who has been brutally stabbed—and spots her own cousin, Rita, fleeing the crime scene. Until she can get a handle on Rita's connection to the killing, Benni's steering clear of stony-faced Police Chief Gabe Ortiz, who thinks this short sassy cowgirl should stick to her quilts, leave detecting to the cops, and join him for dinner. But Benni's got designs of her own—and as she pieces together clues about the museum murder, she begins to see an alarming pattern of family secrets, small-town lies—and the shocking truth about the night her husband died....

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. We will be voting on the five books we will read in 2019-20, so send your nominations to me as soon as possible at the address below. Please include a short description of the book.

Reservations - Sharon Heck: 562-698-0476
email - heck37@verizon.net

Morning Book

I hope you will join us in reading and discussing the Newberry Award book *A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeleine L'Engle. We are meeting on Monday, June 3, at 10 AM at Ann Topjon's. She will provide refreshments as well as lead the discussion. A reader described the book as follows: "This was the pivotal book of my early adolescence and is still a touchstone for me as an adult. No other book has had such a profound effect on my thinking, personality, spirituality, and character. I should clarify that I didn't then and don't now share her Christian interpretation of the universe which many people consider to be the essence of this book and much of her writing. For me, this book reminded me to say yes to life, to accept responsibility, to be brave even when frightened, not to make decisions based on fear, and to accept people as they are. The lessons that I learned from this book have seen me through some very difficult episodes. She gave me the strength to do what was right even when that action was dangerous. I found this book when I was 12. I will be 59 next month and I still read it once or twice a year. I am convinced that it is partly responsible for my still being here."

Directions to Ann's house: 5654 Palm, Whittier 90601, 562-695-6185

From Whittier Blvd., go north on Painter; left on Broadway; right on Palm, past Palm Park. The house is 5 houses up on the right, past Floral and Dexter Middle School.

Ann Topjon, Chair
562-695-6185

Monday Morning Walkers

Do you need a great way to start your week? Join our revival of the GWA – AAUW walking group! We will meet at 9 AM on Mondays for the month of May (except Memorial Day 5/27). This month we will meet at La Mirada Creek Park. The parking lot is located on Santa Gertrudes between Imperial and Leffingwell. I hope to see you there for an hour of exercise and conversation!

If you have questions or need more information contact

Ann Chambers chambersann6@msn.com
562-690-6150



Modern Trends in Literature

Modern trends will meet Thursday, May 16 at 7 PM at the home of Dolores Seidman. Myra is the co-hostess, and the reviewer is Gen'nel. The book is *The House of Broken Angels*.

The quintessential story of what it means to be the first generation to live two lives across one border, *The House of Broken Angels* is Pulitzer Prize finalist Luis Alberto Urrea's unforgettable portrait of the De La Cruz family as they celebrate the lives of two of their most beloved members over the course of one raucous and bittersweet weekend.

Dolores's address is 254 Bloom Dr., Monterey Park. Her phone number is 213-706-4771 (cell) 323-721-8230 (home).

Go west on Beverly Blvd. to Wilcox in Montebello. (Chase Bank on corner). Turn right on Wilcox, proceed underneath the Pomona Fwy to Coral View (past Elder Park/Gym). Turn right on Coral View and go 3 blocks to Bloom. Turn right on Bloom to 3rd house on the right--254. You are there!

The May meeting is the last one of this year until September, and we will vote for new books.

Georgine Sweeney, 562-631-6698

Memories

The Wednesday, May 22 Memories meeting will be held at the home of Carole Restovich at 1:30 PM. The topic should prove to be thought provoking: "What I Would Tell My Younger Self." Would I tell little me not to worry, have more fun, get serious, take another course in life? We would love to have you join us and read your words of wisdom or whimsy on the subject. No need to be a great writer. Just be willing to share in a very supportive and fun group. Hope to see you there.

Directions to Carole's house: South on Santa Gertrudes from Whittier Blvd., right on Starbuck just behind Whittwood Mall, and left on Portada just past the YMCA to 10413 Portada Phone: 562-787-0727.

Carole Restovich

International Concerns

Our next International Concerns meeting will be on Thursday, May 16 at 10 AM. We will be meeting at the home of Louise Holden, 16356 Prudencia, Whittier, 90603. If you need directions to her home, please call Louise. 562-947-6412

In May we will be discussing the 2019 Great Decisions book. Chapter 3 -- "Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?" will be the topic, and the discussion will be lead by Fay Weber. We will also see a video preview of the topic for June, "The Rise of Populism in Europe." All are welcome to attend the meeting.

Sharon Heck



SAVE THE DATE!

**Dining 4\$\$\$\$\$ - Panera Bread
Tuesday, May 21**

4 PM to 8 PM

Happy May Everyone! I am happy to report that our local Panera Bread has now made fundraising available to us. Panera has been on our wish list for several years. Located in the Whittwood Town Center, it is well known for its clean, tasty food. Their soups, salads, sandwiches and sweet bakery treats make a wonderful meal. Please note that Panera's corporate offices have assigned their fundraiser hours from 4 PM until 8 PM. We hope you can make time for a visit and support the **Myra Long Scholarship Fund**.

Carole Duff



HELP SUPPORT

GREATER WHITTIER AREA - AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

WHERE 15620 Whittwood Lane, Whittier, CA 90603

WHEN Tue, May 21st

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

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Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women

MEMBERSHIP for 2019 – 2020

*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 MAY 2019



| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
|------|-------------|--|
| 3 | 6 PM - 8 PM | First Friday , Ann Topjon & Phil O'Brien |
| 6 | 8:00 AM | Monday Morning Walkers , La Mirada Creek Park |
| 7 | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting , St. Matthias Episcopal Church |
| 11 | 11:30 AM | Branch Meeting , DoubleTree Hotel, Whittier |
| 15 | 6:30 PM | Mystery Mavens , Marie Callender's, La Serna |
| 16 | 10:00 AM | International Concerns , Louise Holden |
| 16 | 7:00 PM | Modern Trends in Literature , Dolores Seidman |
| 21 | 4 PM - 8 PM | Dining 4 \$\$\$\$\$, Panera, Whittwood |
| 21 | TBD | Showgirls , Panera, Whittwood |
| 22 | 1:30 PM | Memories , Carole Restovich |

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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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