

GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2019

BRANCH MEETING

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9 - DOUBLETREE HOTEL 11:30 AM

The Holiday Season will come early this year to GWA AAUW as we have our festive program on November 9. (There will not be a branch meeting in December.) Our program will feature the New Century Singers of Whittier, a chorus that began about 55 years ago that features multi-generational women who love to sing and serve the community. Their local performances help raise funds to support their scholarship fund for community college and 4-year colleges and universities.

Come, get into the holiday spirit, hear some beautiful music, have a special luncheon, gather with your friends, and help support the work of our branch.

Our Branch Holiday Boutique is on Saturday, November 9. We moved it from December because so many activities fell on our December date last year. We will have holiday items for sale, the opportunity drawings, silent auction items, and other surprises. Arrive by 11:00 to shop for the most wonderful items.

We still need donations of gift cards and certificates, and this is strictly optional this year. Please give any gift cards or donated items to me, Sharon Heck, or to Pat Dudley.

The favorite items for the opportunity drawings are chocolate, wine, books, and gift cards. We need other new sellable items and silent auction items of value that you might wish to donate. Please contact me about such donations. I will be happy to pick up items from your homes if it would help. 562-698-0476.

Everyone paying to attend this event will be given one chance on a \$100 gift card. Invite your friends and family to attend this fun event which is a fundraiser for the branch. The New Century Singers will bring us some wonderful entertainment. Start your holiday season with our AAUW Holiday Boutique.

Dolores Seidman, Program and Sharon Heck, Boutique



We have planned a special three course menu for our holiday luncheon. The price of lunch is \$30. A small portion of the price will go towards our Holiday Boutique; each lunch includes a ticket for the door prize of \$100 gift card.

Please RSVP with your selection from one of the following:

No substitutions, deletions, or special orders.

- Pan Roasted Chicken Breast:
 - Green salad with cucumber, tomatoes and carrots
 - Boneless breast of chicken with lemon white wine caper sauce; oven roasted potatoes, seasonal fresh vegetables
 - Freshly baked bread, and ranch or vinaigrette dressing
 - Desert
- Vegetarian option includes Grilled Portobello Mushroom in lieu of Chicken,
- Drinks only; \$10/person and includes coffee, iced tea and water and ticket for the door prize

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and a reservation made and not cancelled by the deadline MUST be paid. Please RSVP with your menu choice by noon on Tuesday, November 5 to pocampo@aol.com or, if you do not have email, call Paula Ocampo at 562-447-7483. Please try again if you do not receive a confirmation within 48 hours.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Branch

Our Tech Trek reservations for eight girls to attend the Whittier camp this summer have been submitted to Susan Negrete, State Tech Trek Coordinator. A letter has been sent to the principals at East Whitter Middle School, Graves Middle School and the Superintendents of East Whittier City School District and South Whittier School District. And all have agreed to participate in Tech Trek this year. The school interviews will take place in March. A big thanks to the members and the Myra Long Scholarship Fund for sponsoring eight girls this year.

We will be kicking off the Holiday Season with our Holiday Boutique and New Century Singers on Saturday, November 9, 2019. Please see the information in the Newsletter about the Holiday Boutique by Sharon Heck. In addition, you will have an opportunity to shop for holiday gifts for family and friends at the Really Great Stuff Fundraiser on November 19, 2019 from 4-7. Dinner is provided and 20% of the proceeds go to the branch. What a fun way to get together with your AAUW friends!

State

Making a planned gift to AAUW is an easy way to make a real impact and leave an enduring legacy that will benefit AAUW long into the future. Planned gifts—or bequests—are gifts that you designate in your will, estate, or trust. To learn more call AAUW's planned giving office at 877-357-5587.

Benefits of Planned Giving

- Planned gifts afford you flexibility to provide for your family and support AAUW.
- Certain planned gifts may reduce estate or capital gains taxes.
- Planned gifts need not affect your cash flow during your lifetime.
- Certain types of planned gifts allow you to support AAUW while also providing income for the rest of your life—or a fixed income for a loved one.
- The joy of knowing that your legacy gift will sustain AAUW's programs for years to come is the ultimate benefit!

Join the Legacy Circle today and make a real impact in the fight for fair pay, education and training, women's leadership opportunities, and economic security. There is no minimum gift requirement to join the Legacy Circle, and it's a great way to ensure that your wishes will be honored now and in the future. As this Holiday Season begins take time to enjoy your family and friends. I wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving.

Rozanne Child President Greater Whittier Area AAUW



Yearbook Corrections:

Maurine Behrens- <u>maurinebehrens@gmail.com</u> (No. between her first and last name)

Belen Duarte-Sousa- bmdmaya@aol.com

Please report additional changes to Patricia Cuocco, patricia@fullerton.edu or 562-756-9509.

AAUW FUND

Once again Thanksgiving is almost upon us. Time to think about what we are thankful for and even why we are thankful. As for myself I am thankful to participate in an organization that supports women and girls. Sometimes it feels like we are almost the forgotten sex. However, fortunately for us we live in a country where we can have a voice and we can make a difference. For that and more I am thankful too.

One of the AAUW sponsored bills before the state of California legislature is SB 171 which will require employers with 100 or more employees to submit a pay data report containing wage information to the Department of Fair Employment and Housing. Hopefully this bill will enable employers to be more aware of gender pay disparities, as well as providing a clearer record of such inequities.

Another bill, AB381, requiring college campuses to provide outreach programming on intimate partner and dating violence has been passed and signed. You can track legislative bills on the AAUW California website, then go to Advocacy and click on Bill Tracking.

Legislative proposals are just one of the ways your donations to the AAUW Fund works for women and girls. At one time I received a fellowship to study and work with legislators to propose bills advocating the interests of the Child Development organization to which I belonged. It takes research, finding the legislators willing to propose a bill of your choice and it then means following the bill through its processes, which also includes continued contact with interested persons, and promoting that bill all the way to the Governor's desk. That process really takes much time, effort and planning. Obviously, as you can see, advocating and promoting legislation has to have the funds behind it to do the job. And thus, you are aware of where some of your membership and additional donations go in our AAUW. Thanks for your continued support.

Pauline Rogers AAUW Fund VP



MEMBERSHIP



WHAT'S NEW for MEMBERSHIP?

Look for the Membership Table at each branch meeting to see our GWA-AAUW longevity list of members. In September we listed members with 10-19 years membership and in October we listed those members with 20-29 years of membership. Check out which members have 30-39 years of membership at our November branch meeting. You can also pick up your 2019-2020 Yearbook Directory.

Please pick up a pamphlet or two from the membership table to give to a friend or neighbor. We look forward to your bringing a potential new member to our **Friday**, **January 10'** evening branch meeting. It's a special branch evening devoted to sharing information to new or potential members. This 6-8 PM evening meeting will be at the Assistance League, 6339 Greenleaf Ave. in uptown Whittier.

As promised in the September Newsletter, we want to keep you apprised of your access to some great discounts and special services exclusively offered to members. Please see five more special offers below: TNT Vacations, and car rentals, (Hertz, dollar car rental, Thrifty car rental), and Office Depot/Max.

TNT Vacations

With more than 900 destinations in Mexico, Hawaii, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, and the U.S. as well as more airlines and thousands of more hotels to choose from, your trip will be more enjoyable with the ease planning it. With your exclusive **AAUW** 5%-member discount and "Price Match Plus" you're guaranteed to have the most cost-efficient trip, or we'll match it! All-in-One Travel Protection allows you to change or cancel your reservation, with no fees, and full monetary return. For more information <u>click here</u> or call 1-800-282-0276 and use promo code "AAUW" for your **5%** member discount!

Hertz is proud to provide car rental savings to AAUW.

Benefits Include:

- Everyday savings of up to 25% off when reserving with your organization's CDP# 2170009 for either business or leisure travel.
- Bonus savings when combining promotional coupons with your CDP# letting you save even MORE!
- Receive complimentary membership in the award-winning loyalty program, Hertz Gold Plus Rewards®.

To make a reservation or call 1-800-654-2200.

Dollar and Thrifty

Save 7% off base rates at participating locations with Dollar Car Rental and Thrifty Car Rental! To reserve with Dollar Car Rental or call 1-800-800-4000 and use CD# 3063922. To reserve with Thrifty Car Rental call 1-800-847-4389 and use CDP# 306392.

Office Depot and Office Max

AAUW Members can save up to 80% on over 93,000 products at Office Depot/OfficeMax. Great for your printing, cleaning and office needs. Shop online or in any Office Depot or OfficeMax store. Enjoy FREE next-day delivery on online orders over \$50! Go to AAUW.org (Benefits of Membership) to shop online or print off a FREE Store Purchasing Card.

Susan Halliday & Pauline Rogers, Membership Co-Chairs.

PUBLIC POLICY

With so much news and drama coming out of Washington, it is easy to forget to watch developments at the State level. We should not forget that many gains and losses for women and girls happen in State Legislatures. California's legislative session has just ended and AAUW-CA Public Policy Liaison, Ginny Hatfield of San Fernando Branch, shared this analysis from Magaly Zagal (AAUW-CA Legislative Advocate) of bills that will become law, for which AAUW provided advocacy and research support.

- **AB 9** Extends the time for filing harassment and discrimination claims under California's Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) from 2 to 3 years, allowing survivors additional time to seek redress.
- **AB 51** Prohibits an employer from requiring an employee to waive any right for a labor code violation as a condition of employment, continued employment or receipt of employment benefits.
- **AB 59** Directs county elections officials to consider a vote center location on a public or private university with the intent to increase youth voter turnout.
- **AB 170** Closes a gap in the law to ensure that employers do not resort to subcontractor agreements for purposes of avoiding liability for sexual harassment claims.
- **AB 218** Increases the civil statute of limitations period for commencement of a sexual assault cause of action. This will give sexual assault survivors sufficient time to access civil remedies.
- **AB 381** Ensures that prevention and bystander intervention outreach on dating violence information is made available to incoming students during orientation.
- **AB 543** Ensures that all 9th through 12th grade students receive a written policy on sexual harassment information during orientation. AAUW's report "Schools Are Still Underreporting Sexual Harassment and Assault" was critical in helping support the legislative analyses for AB 543.
- **AB 749** Prohibits the use of "no rehire" clauses in settlement agreements that broadly restrict future employment opportunities for workers settling a sexual harassment or other claims.
- **AB 809** Mandates that public postsecondary institutions provide notice to students to ensure that pregnant and student parents are aware of their Title IX rights.
- **AB 922** Allows a woman providing human oocytes for research to be compensated for her time, discomfort, and inconvenience in the same manner as other research subjects.
- SB 24 Increases access to reproductive health services for students at public universities and colleges by providing medication abortion at student health centers.
- **SB 142** Requires employers to have a written lactation policy and lactation spaces that meet minimum requirements for lactating workers. While existing law requires employers to provide parents with the time and space to express breastmilk, SB 142 places specific guidelines to ensure that parents are sufficiently protected in the workplace.

Patricia Cuocco Public Policy Chair







GREATER WHITTIER AREA AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN P.O. BOX 5333 WHITTIER, CA 90607-5333



September 1, 2019

Dear Merchant:

The Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women is a group of more than 140 members based in Whittier since 1925. Our non-profit organization is part of the National American Association of University Women and the California American Association of University Women. Our members reside in many communities, including Whittier, La Habra, Brea, Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights, La Mirada, Alhambra, Montebello and Monterey Park.

We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, and our Internal Revenue Service EIN number is 95-4763492. We hold an annual fundraiser in November, and our goal is to raise money for our many projects. Our organization's goal is to break down barriers for women and girls through education, advocacy, and research. This year, our Holiday Boutique will be on Saturday, November 9, at the Doubletree by Hilton in Whittier.

We are hoping that you will help support our fundraising efforts with a gift card, donated item, or a gift basket. Your donation will be tax deductible.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 5333, Whittier, CA 90607-5333.

Sincerely,

Sharon Heck, Boutique Chair

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Greater Whittier Area Branch AAUW

562-902-8207

Kayclark310@gmail.com (Kay Clark, Treasurer)

MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE FOR EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS

We have the date for the Math/Science Conference for 8th Grade Girls. It will be Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at Whittier College. I have contacted the schools to collect our 360 girls. We do it on a first come, first served basis. Each school may send up to 14 girls, and when it is full, that's it. I had 18 positive responses by the end of the first day I sent the email to our list of school contacts. Within a week all 26 school spots were full. This event is very popular and respected by all those who have attended in the past, and this will be our 27th year. I will be contacting possible speakers very soon. Dolores Seidman will be collecting volunteers, so consider giving a bit of your time. It is a great day for the students and for us.

Sharon Heck Math/Science Coordinator







VOLUNTEERS FOR MATH SCIENCE CONFERENCE NEEDED

It's time again to plan for our inspiring Math Science Conference for 8th grade girls on the campus of Whittier College. The Conference will be on Wednesday January 29, 2020 under the able leadership of Sharon Heck.

Since we are not having a December branch meeting, we will take sign-ups for volunteers at our November 9 meeting or via e-mail. Volunteers are needed for the following categories:

- 1. Greeters who will meet school buses and lead students to registration point.
- 2. Moderators who will introduce the speakers in the classrooms.
- 3. Registration Workers (just a few)
- 4. Packet Stuffers (on Wednesday, January 22 at 6:00 PM at home of Barbara Gile.)
- 5. As Needed (always welcome)

Check your calendars and plan to sign up at the meeting or via e-mail giving your name, e-mail address and assignment preference to Dolores Seidman at deeseidman@gmail.com. Thank you.

DINING FOR SSSS -

Thursday, November 14



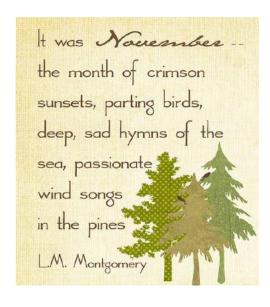
Silver Palace Restaurant - Whittier

Every time I enter Silver Palace, I think of AAUW member, Colleen Tan. Our beloved Colleen found a soft spot in her heart for this iconic Whittier Chinese restaurant. We are happy to continue the tradition of going there and manager/owner, Bob, continues to generously support our organization by hosting a fundraiser event.

Our fundraiser will be held on **Thursday, November 14 from 11:30AM – 3:00PM for lunch**. Doors will be closed for a short break and will reopen from **4:30PM – 9:30PM for dinner**. We hope you will support this nostalgic event with a meal at the restaurant or by stopping there to pick up your take-out order. Either way, 20% of your bill will be donated to The Myra Long Scholarship Fund when you present your flyer to your server or at the register. Flyers can be found near the end of this newsletter. Please join us!

Carole Duff

NOVEMBER MISCELLANY



November is...

National Alzheimer's Disease Month and National Medical Science Liaison (MSL) Awareness & Appreciation Month as well as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

SECTION INFORMATION

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First Friday in November will be held on the 1st at Barbara Gile's home, 14036 Eastridge Dr. All are welcome, including guests. Just bring what you wish to drink plus an appetizer or dessert to share, gather from 6 to 8 PM and enjoy casual socializing.

Directions: Mar Vista to Vale (5th left east of Painter if you are traveling east), north one block to corner of Eastridge and Vale. If you are traveling west on Mar Vista, Vale is the 3rd right beyond Michigan Ave.

Gwen Woirhaye, chair gwen@woirhaye.com

Monday Morning Walkers

We will be walking around uptown Whittier for the month of November. Meet at Central Park at 9:00 AM and start your week with an hour of exercise with friends. Hope to see you there!





INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Our next International Concerns meeting will be on Thursday, November 21, 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 November we will be discussing the 2019 <u>Great Decisions</u> book. Chapter 8 - "State of the State Department and Diplomacy" will be the topic, and the discussion will be led by Maurine Behrens.

Orders have been taken by Sharon Heck for the 2020 edition of <u>Great Decisions</u>. If you have not placed your order, please call Sharon right away at 562-698-0476. The cost is approximately \$23.00 as we are ordering with another group, so we qualify for a discount.

All are welcome to attend the meeting. Sharon Heck

MYSTERY MAVENS

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. Churchill's Secretary: A Maggie Hope Mystery by Susan Elia MacNeal

Reviewed by Brigitta Weger

London, 1940. Winston Churchill has just been sworn in, war rages across the Channel, and the threat of a Blitz looms larger by the day. But none of this deters Maggie Hope. She graduated at the top of her college class and possesses all the skills of the finest minds in British intelligence, but her gender qualifies her only to be the newest typist at No. 10 Downing Street. Her indefatigable spirit and remarkable gifts for code breaking, though, rival those of even the highest men in government, and Maggie finds that working for the prime minister affords her a level of clearance she could never have imagined – and opportunities she will not let pass. In troubled, deadly times, with air-raid sirens sending multitudes underground, access to the War Rooms also exposes Maggie to the machinations of a menacing faction determined to do whatever it takes to change the course of history.

We will meet at Mimi's Restaurant at 15436 E. Whittier Blvd, Whittier (in Whittwood) at 6:30 PM. **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW LOCATION.**

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

Books for 2019-2020

January 15, 2020 <u>The Railway Detective</u> by Edward Marston Reviewed by Gwen Woirhaye

March 18, 2020

<u>A Pedigree to Die For</u> by Laurien Berenson
Reviewed by Maurine Behrens

May 20, 2020

Poison Pen: A Forensic Handwriting Mystery by Sheila Lowe

Reviewed by Linda Oberholtzer

MIEMORIES

The Wednesday, November 20, meeting of Memories takes place at the home of Ann Chambers at 1:30 PM. Please note that we are meeting a week earlier due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Speaking of which, our topic will be "What I am Thankful For." Despite the fact that we write on this topic every year, it is amazing and wonderful that we find new reasons each year for an "attitude of gratitude." Come join us!

Directions to Ann's home: Whittier Blvd. to Russell (the diagonal from Whittwood Center). Follow Russell past the stop sign at Macy St. Turn left (north) on Randall. Ann's house will be on the right at 1032 Randall, La Habra.



Modern Trends in Literature

Modern Trends meets November 21, 2019 at 7 PM at the home of Ann Chambers. The hostess is also Ann. Her address is 1032 Randall Ave., Whittier. Her number is: 562-201-4452. Ann is the reviewer. We will be reading *The Silent Patient*, by A. Michaelides.

The Silent Patient is a shocking psychological thriller of a woman's act of violence against her husband - and of the therapist obsessed with uncovering her motive.

If you have any questions call Georgine Sweeney at 562-631-6698. We are looking for hostesses for March and May. We are looking for reviewers for March and May.

Books for 2019-2020:

January 23: A Woman of Valor by Allan Topol

February 27: Where the Crawdads Sing by D. Owens

March 26: The Third Twin by Ken Follett

May 28: The Red Notebook by Antoine Laurain











Greater Whittier Area-American Association of University Women MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM for YEAR _____

Please fill out completely and mail with check made payable to: Greater Whittier Area AAUW Mail/give your check to: Branch Treasurer GWA-AAUW, P.O. Box 5333, Whittier, CA 90607-5333

ANNUAL DUES Please choose Membership type:	☐ Paid Life Member \$44	☐ Student \$38.81
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NOVEMBER 2019

GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
1	6 PM - 8 PM	First Friday	Barbara Giles, Whittier
5	7 PM - 8 PM	Board Meeting	St. Matthias, Whittier
9	11:00 AM – 2 PM	Branch Meeting/Holiday Boutique	Doubletree, Whittier
14	11:30 AM -3 PM;	Dining for \$\$\$\$	Silver Palace, Whittier
	4 PM – 9 PM		
19	4 PM - 7 PM	Shopping Event / Branch / Fund Raiser	Really Great Stuff, Whittier
20	1:30 PM	Memories	Ann Chambers, La Habra
20	6:30 PM	Mystery Mavens	Mimi's, Whittier
21	10 AM	International Concerns	Louise Holden, Whittier
21	7 PM	Modern Trends	Ann Chambers, La Habra
4, 11,	9 AM	Monday Morning Walkers	Central Park, Whittier
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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 give the article a descriptive name, not merely "newsletter article," and use that name in the subject line of the email.

Please send articles by email on or before the 15th of every month to patricia@fullerton.edu

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