



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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**FEBRUARY
2020**

**BRANCH MEETING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8,
2020
DOUBLETREE HOTEL 11:30
AM
WHITTIER**

Our first program of 2020 is a very special one. We are not only having a past recipient of an AAUW Fund Fellowship, but one who is teaching here at Whittier College as a Visiting Assistant Professor of English, **Bethany Wong**. With degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Edinburgh and her Ph.D. from the University of California at Santa Barbara, she focused her research on questions of gendered authorship, performance and play.

Her talk, "The Privilege of Play: Educating Women Past and Present," will focus on what early novels can teach us about women and education. She will propose play as the benchmark for appreciating the important work women have done in the past, are doing in the present and will do in the future. Play is often a privilege rather than a right. She will use the character of Fanny Price in Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park* to expand on this concept. Come hear how this relates to how University women cannot advance in their fields without organizations such as AAUW to offer them the time and resources to succeed. Come find out how "to play is to succeed!"

--Dolores Seidman, Program V.P.



The cost of lunch is \$25 (including drinks and dessert). No substitutions, deletions, or special orders. Please RSVP with your selection from one of the following:

- Half Turkey Sandwich⁽¹⁾ & Tomato Soup
- Half Turkey Sandwich⁽¹⁾ & Apple Walnut Salad⁽²⁾
- Tomato Soup & Apple Walnut Salad⁽²⁾ - Vegetarian Option
- Drinks only: \$ 5/person and includes coffee, iced tea, and water

(1) Half Turkey Club Sandwich includes: focaccia bread, basil aioli, apple wood smoked bacon, avocado, oven dried tomatoes, and shredded lettuce

(2) Apple Walnut Salad includes; field greens, grapes, candied walnuts, apples, feta cheese, dried cranberries, & raspberry vinaigrette dressing

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, February 4 to pocampo@aol.com or, if you do not have email, call Paula at 562-447-7483.

Please try again if you do not receive a confirmation within 48 hours.

Paula Ocampo, Hospitality VP

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Greetings! The Holiday Season is over and it's time to gear up for the New Year. We just had a very successful Meet and Greet on Friday, January 10, 2020 at the Assistance League in Whittier with over 21 invited guests and 5 new members. It was an exciting meeting, including a Women's Suffrage Quiz, overview of AAUW, music by Mr. Richardson, good food and wine. A big thanks to Susan Halliday, Pauline Rogers, and Lynda Richardson for all their hard work in planning this outstanding event.

Branch –

The materials seeking two candidates for The National Conference for College Women Students Leaders (NCCWSL) were given to Karen Romero for distribution to the Whittier College students in December. The essay and applications are due January 23, 2020 and the interviews will be held the week of February 10-14, 2020.

Tech Trek Nomination Forms were sent to Graves Middle School and East Whittier Middle School in December. Nomination forms were e-mailed to Rozanne Child by January 16, 2020. Applications may be given to students on January 17, 2020 who have been nominated upon receipt of nominations by Tech Trek Branch Coordinator. Completed applications will be picked up at the school office by the Tech Trek Coordinator on February 13, 2020. Interviews will be held sometime between March 5-18th at the school sites. We are planning on sending 8 girls to Tech Trek this summer.

It's time to nominate branch members for leadership positions for next year. As President-Elect, Sharon Heck will step up to be our President. Several board members wish to continue in their current positions. But that doesn't mean you can't run for those positions. Wouldn't it be fun if we had campaigns for the election? Oh, by the way, campaign donations will be limited to \$1.00. Please send your nominations to Rozanne Child at rchild44@gmail.com. If you are nominating someone, please check with them first. You might be receiving a call from the nominating committee. In the meantime, think of your ideas, interests, talents, and what you could contribute to our branch. Consider saying, "Yes," and be part of our great team leading the Greater Whittier Area Branch in 2020-21. Check the list below. Thank you.

1. President-Elect open
2. Program Vice-President open
3. Hospitality Vice-President - Paula Ocampo
4. Membership Vice-Presidents – Susan Halliday – Pauline Rogers
5. Public Policy – Patricia Cuocco
6. Treasurer – Kay Clark
7. AAUW Fund Vice-President open
8. Recording Secretary – Mandy Knight
9. Corresponding Secretary open

Warm Regards,
Rozanne Child, President Greater Whittier Area AAUW



PUBLIC POLICY

Do a Google search on, “Violence Against Women” and you will get over 500,000,000 hits. Does that sound insane? Why? Violence against Women whether sexual or nonsexual exists in every culture, cuts across race, religion and socio-economic status. It impacts virtually every industry in one way or another, as evidenced by the recent spotlight on the entertainment industry.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO, November 2017) it is a MAJOR public health problem. WHO particularly hones in on intimate partner violence, which they claim is the most prevalent, and they state that 30% of women who have been in a relationship report that they have experienced some form of physical and/or sexual violence by their intimate partner in their lifetime. Globally, as many as 38% of murders of women are committed by a male intimate partner. There is enough data out there for hundreds of scholarly books and articles dealing with every aspect of this scourge, and ample evidence to suggest that the causes are myriad but have much to do with the still extant notion that women are property or the fear of women on the part of poorly-educated males who themselves lack upward social mobility.

Today, I want to concentrate on our US policies on violence against women. In 1994 Senators Biden (D- MD) and Hatch (R-UT) co-authored the Violence Against Women Act. It had broad bi-partisan support and passed easily. The act was reauthorized in 2000 and 2005. In 2010, its reauthorization was opposed by conservatives because of protection of same-sex domestic partners; however it passed.

The Government shutdown of 2018-2019 caused the act to expire without reauthorization. The House of Representatives passed a bill reauthorizing VAWA in April 2019 and includes new provisions protecting [transgender](#) victims and banning individuals convicted of domestic abuse from purchasing [firearms](#). It does not include provisions against Female Genital Mutilation, nor does it include measures to deter so-called “honor” killings, sex-trafficking or forced child-marriages (though there are other laws that can be used to prosecute those offenses).

While Senators Feinstein (D-CA) and Ernst (R-IA) have been seeking a bi-partisan solution for months, one has not been reached. The major sticking point seems to be “the boyfriend loophole,” i.e., husbands convicted of domestic abuse are prohibited from gun-ownership, boyfriends are not. The National Rifle Association does not want to close the “boyfriend loophole.” They are lobbying hard against it, making it difficult for many senators who get many millions of dollars from them to oppose them

In the interest of “just the facts,” I will keep my editorial comments to myself.

Patricia Cuocco
Public Policy Chair



AAUW FUND

Well, Ladies, we have come to the “sweetest” month of the year. Is this not the month of Valentine’s Day? It is also the month of Presidents’ Day and even the month with an extra day (29th) included! My goodness, it is Leap Year already!

Recently I read in MISSION & ACTION, an AAUW newsletter, that women not only receive lower wages in the workplace but that also affects their retirements. Women collect nearly 80% of what men receive in Social Security benefits. Women’s pension incomes are only 76% of that of men. And the overall retirement income for women is only 70% of the men. We certainly need to make better inroads on those statistics. That is one of the reasons we support AAUW. Included in our support is the further education of the younger women of today to increase women’s inroads toward equality in the future. We have been at this for a long, long, while so we are experts at moving the boundaries that seek to hold us inside limits not of our design. Bravo, Ladies, let us continue to keep on keeping on!

Are you aware that contributing to the Greatest Need Funds is the best place for your contribution to AAUW? The main reason being that such funds as the Legal Advocacy Fund and Fellowships & Grants are fully supported well into the future. By sending your AAUW donation to the Greatest Need Fund you allow AAUW to secure national coverage of our work in such publications as the New York Times and the Washington Post as well as CNN and other such major news outlets. And the added benefit is that such donations to the Greatest Need Fund furthers the advocacy work of AAUW such as responding to critical timely issues such as attacks on Title IX, #MeToo and other pertinent issues. The unrestricted support donations allow for flexibility in tackling the many challenges that we, as women, face today.

Have a “honey” of a month ahead. Personally, I prefer mine in chocolate! ❤️

Pauline Rogers
AAUW Fund VP



MEMBERSHIP

What a fantastic Meet & Greet we had on January 10, 2020! A huge thank you to the many members who invited guests, answered questions from potential members on line, etc. We had well over 60 people in attendance with the number of guests actually outnumbering the members! Lynda Richardson's thought-provoking 20 questions contest spurred numerous conversations about women in history. The winning table enjoyed prizes provided by Pauline Rogers.

Thank you to everyone for making the event such an amazing success: the lovely acoustic guitar music played so professionally by Daniel Richardson which definitely set the mood for the event; Doug Halliday for providing the professional wine pouring.

It was such a delight to meet and introduce Linda Eaton, president of Assistance League of Whittier, to our members and guests. Assistance League has been so accommodating the past 5 years by letting GWA-AAUW rent their beautiful facility. A special thanks for all the folks doing the heavy lifting: DeDe Shatzen, Doug Halliday, Daniel Richardson, Lynda Richardson, Mandy Knight, Pauline Rogers, Paula Ocampo, and to Kathy (DeeDee's neighbor). There were 7 folks who joined at the Meet & Greet meeting, with the promise of others to join soon.

We all are responsible for growing membership to continue to support women and girls in our community, and you've done an outstanding job. Thank you for making January's Meet & Greet so successful.

Please meet and welcome our newest members:

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THE SPOTLIGHT



As promised, our new column highlighting member milestones is here. It's the SPOTLIGHT!

...Joyce Paul, after her move to Rancho Cucamonga, has remained a dual member of our branch. In addition, she became a member of the OUR AAUW Branch (Ontario, Upland, Rancho) where she now serves as President. Congratulations, Joyce.

...Karen Van der Baan is thrilled to be a grandmother for the first time with the birth of her granddaughter Emmeline Sky Dominguez, born on New Year's Eve. Great timing, Emmeline. You get to be a tax deduction!

...Kelly Collazo got a call last August from the District Superintendent of her school district offering her a principal's position starting in ONE WEEK! She said, "YES!" Extra points, Kelly, for having your old classroom ready for the incoming fourth graders and their new teacher.

...Vicki Marshall fell and fractured her hip on January 11, 2020. She is healing remarkably well according to her daughter, Geri. Keep on getting better, Vicki.

...Patricia Cuocco's husband Dennis got his long-awaited kidney transplant on December 21, 2019. BEST. CHRISTMAS. PRESENT. EVER!

...Marcia Orr passed away on December 27, 2019 from complications of a stroke the week prior. She was 87 and had not been ill. In fact, we enjoyed Marcia's company at our October meeting. Marcia, you will be missed.

Throughout the month, as you learn about things, send me an email – patricia@fullerton.edu. Don't worry about format or making it into a Word doc. I will keep items in a file and publish them. The only thing you **MUST concern yourself with is getting permission to share the information from the person involved (or family)**. This is very important, since we are not in the business of violating anyone's privacy.

Patricia Cuocco, Newsletter Editor



DINING FOR \$\$\$\$

Tuesday February, 18

Delicious Italian food at great prices await you when you participate in our Dining For \$\$\$\$ fundraiser this month. **Lascari's Italian Restaurant** always proves to be one of the most popular restaurants on our fundraiser list. The restaurant is located at 16255 Whittier Blvd. in Whittier.

You will find their menu to be filled with an array of wonderful choices. For those of you who enjoy an early dinner, their early bird specials (seating before 5 PM) are an exceptional value. Lascari's donation to our scholarship fund includes take-out and delivery as well as dine-in purchases. Flyers for this event are above.

Don't forget to present your flyer so that 20% of your bill goes directly to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Come join us at Lascari's, a wonderful family restaurant!

Carole Duff



LACIC IS THROWING A TEA PARTY AND YOU'RE INVITED!



Sunday, March 8th, 2020 (International Women's Day)

LACIC Centennial Tea

Women's City Club of Pasadena

160 N Oakland Avenue, Pasadena 91101

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

(free parking is accessed off Madison)

womenscityclubofpasadena.com

We're celebrating the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment –

Constitutionally guaranteeing women the right to vote - and inviting your branch members to join us. If possible, come dressed in appropriate suffragist costume; but by all means do wear a hat. Nan Johnson, the woman who lead the charge for producing the suffragist float, *Years of Hope, Years of Courage*, will be our guest speaker.

Reservations for the High Tea are on a first come, first served basis. Cost is \$30 per person and checks should be made payable to:

LACIC

c/o Ginny Hatfield, 11579 Hesby Street, Valley Village, CA 91601



REPLY REQUESTED BY MARCH 4

Own a Piece of “HERSTORY”



The San Fernando Valley AAUW Branch is hosting an opportunity drawing to raise funds for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), the premier leadership training for college age women.

The quilt shown above, which is hand crafted by one of our members, will be presented to the lucky ticket holder on **Sunday, March 8th**, 2020 at the Los Angeles County Interbranch Council Centennial Tea. Tickets are available by contacting **Jan Livingston at 818-439-0831** or may be purchased at the event; asking price is \$1 per ticket or \$6 for \$5. Winning ticket holder need not be present to win.

The quilt depicts 12 suffragists – some famous, some not so well known – who helped to fight for a woman’s right to vote.

We hope you’ll take a chance to own a piece of “Herstory,” and join us as LACIC celebrates the Centennial year of the passage of the 19th amendment.

Centennial Tea

2 – 4 pm

Women’s City Club of Pasadena

160 N Oakland Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101

(free parking adjacent accessed off Madison)

SECTION INFORMATION

FIRST FRIDAY



First Friday (2/7/2020) will be at the home of Fay and Jack Weber, 2089 Skyline Drive, La Habra Heights. The party is from 6 to 8 PM. Come, bring a significant other, a friend or prospective member and have a good time chatting and enjoying appetizers and desserts.

Bring what YOU (and your guests) want to drink, a dish to share, and a party spirit!

Directions: Whittier Blvd to Harbor, north to left on Old Fullerton Road. Follow to end of Fullerton Road and beginning of Skyline Drive at East Road.

OR: 60 freeway to Fullerton Road; turn right on Old Fullerton Road and follow to end. House is on the Northwest corner of East Road and Skyline Drive.

Gwen Woirhaye, Chair
gwen@woirhaye.com

LA CUISINE

La Cuisine is a group of people who enjoy cooking and exploring food.

The February 29 dinner will be at the home of Fay and Jack Weber, 2089 Skyline Drive, La Habra Heights.

All members of the group are invited to this group dinner.

If you are not currently a member of La Cuisine and would like to try it out, please contact the chair.

Gwen Woirhaye, Chair
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INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Our next International Concerns meeting will be on Thursday, February 20, 2020 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 February we will be discussing the 2020 *Great Decisions* book. Chapter 1 - "Climate Change and the Global Order" will be the topic. The video for Chapter 2 - "India and Pakistan" - will be shown.

The 2020 books were distributed at our January meeting. If you were not present, contact me and I will see that you receive your book. The cost is \$24. My phone # is: 562-698-0476.



All branch members are welcome to attend the meeting.
Sharon Heck

MYSTERY MAVENS

Mystery Mavens does not meet in February. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at Mimi's, Whittwood, 6:30 PM. The book will be *A Pedigree to Die For* by Laurien Berenson. Maurine Behrens will lead the discussion. If you have any questions, please call or email Sharon Heck. 562-698-0476 heck37@verizon.net
Sharon Heck

The final book of the year will be reviewed on May 20, 2020.
Poison Pen: A Forensic Handwriting Mystery by Sheila Lowe



MORNING BOOK

There is no meeting this month. We will read and discuss *The Library Book*, by Susan Orlean, on Monday, March 23. Look for further information in March's bulletin. I am still looking for a co-hostess for this meeting at Marian Locke's. Please let me know if you can help.

The books for the rest of the year are:

June 1: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, by Betty Smith

July 27: *Small Great Things*, by Jodi Picoult

Happy reading!

Ann Topjon , Chair 562-695-6185

MEMORIES

Memories' February meeting will take place at the home of Carole Restovich on February 26 at 1:30 PM. The writing topic is a broad one, "Secrets." Perhaps the secret is a big one you've kept or divulged. What is the difference between secrecy and privacy?

We are a welcoming group who enjoy writing and listening to each other's written thoughts. All are welcome. Carole's address: 10413 Portada Dr. (behind Whittwood Mall or Center as it is now called). Phone: 562-787-0727

MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

Modern Trends meets February 27th, 2020 at 7 PM at the home of Georgine Sweeney. The hostess is Georgine. Georgine's address is 16411 Pasada Drive, Whittier. Her number is: 562-631-6698. Janice Geiger is the reviewer. We will be reading *Where the Crawdads Sing* by D. Owens.

Where the Crawdads Sing is about two timelines that intertwine. The first timeline describes the life and adventures of a young girl named Kya as she grows up isolated. The second timeline is the murder investigation of Chase Andrews.

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 2020:

March 26th: *The Third Twin* by Ken Follett

May 28th: *The Red Notebook* by Antoine Laurain

FEBRUARY FACTS

February is National Heart Month. Check out your heart health, your blood pressure and all other cardiological issues. We want you to be with us for a long, long time.

The **month** is named for the Latin word februum which means purification. Together with January, it was the last of the **months** added to the Roman calendar.

The largest American sporting event of the year, the Super Bowl, is held in **February**.

**There is always in February some one day, at least, when one
smells the yet distant, but surely coming, summer.**

Gertrude Jekyll



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:	<input type="checkbox"/> Paid Life Member \$44	<input type="checkbox"/> Student \$38.81
	<input type="checkbox"/> General \$103	<input type="checkbox"/> Dual \$24
{National Dues \$59 + State Dues \$20 + Branch Dues \$24 = \$103 TOTAL} REMINDER \$80 of YOUR DUES IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE		
To order the following items, please include/add the following to your check: <input type="checkbox"/> I want the yearbook insert mailed to me - \$2 <input type="checkbox"/> I want the AAUW binder at the cost of \$5 + postage \$1.50 = \$6.50 \$8.50k for BOTH		

If all your information is the same as in the yearbook, just print your name and write "INFORMATION SAME AS LAST YEAR" across the application.

*Fill in starred items to update your information. New members must complete ALL information.

Today's Date: _____

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

Your Title: Mrs. _____ Ms. _____ Miss _____ Other _____

*Last Name _____ *First Name _____ *Middle Initial _____

Spouse's Name _____

*Address _____ *City _____ *Zip _____

*Home Phone _____ *Cell Phone _____

*Work Phone _____ *Email address _____

Degree _____ Year _____ Major _____

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FEBRUARY 2020

GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
4	7 PM	Board Meeting	St. Matthias Church, Whittier
7	6 PM – 8 PM	First Friday	Fay & Jack Weber, La Habra Hts.
8	11:30 AM	Branch Meeting	Doubletree Hotel, Whittier
18	11 AM – 9 PM	Dining for \$\$\$\$	Lascari's, Whittier
20	10 AM	International Concerns	Louise Holden, Whittier
26	1:30 PM	Memories	Carol Restovich, Whittier
27	7 PM	Modern Trends in Literature	Georgine Sweeney, Whittier
29	TBA	La Cuisine	Fay & Jack Weber, La Habra Hts.

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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