



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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2020

**AND THE WINNER IS:
DOLORES SEIDMAN
FOR THE BEST SIX-
WORD STORY.**

SEE ARTICLE INSIDE

GWA-AAUW Branch ZOOM Meeting Saturday, September 12, 2020 10:30 AM (PLEASE NOTE TIME)

Welcome - Sharon Heck, President
Community Resources - Virginia Ball, Member
Budget Approval - Kay Clark, Treasurer
Branch Celebration of our 95th Charter Day- Vintage Video
AAUW Fund Named Gift Honorees 2019-2020 - Pauline Rogers, Chair
Sections Presentation - Ann Topjon, Chair

Ah, September is finally here, and we are still sheltering in-place. The September 12th meeting will be by ZOOM. An agenda and how to get into ZOOM will be sent to you on Friday, September 11. We have planned a lot of information and surprises for this short hour. Log in and see what is going on in the Whittier area, vintage pictures of our organization and activities in the sections for the future.

The usual reservations, lunch and hotel ambiance will now be your comfortable chair and familiar surroundings. There are some people who will even take their computer to a landscaped garden. Take joy in no traffic or parking; just join the meeting with ZOOM.

The meeting starts at 10:30 AM, however you can log in starting at 10 AM. This will give you time to socialize with friends and get to see the format. If you don't have the internet or have an old computer, you can call in by phone and **hear** the whole program. If you have family with whom you are comfortable (even if they insist on a mask) and they have a ZOOM set up, try to join us. There are adult children, grandchildren or neighbors who would love to show their ZOOM technology skills. Check out instructions for using ZOOM – later on in this newsletter.

All members will receive an email invitation to the ZOOM meeting. If you do not receive one, contact: Barbara Gile, Program Co-Vice President (562) 693-7279 or barbaragile@me.com
Cindy Birt, e-mail Coordinator cindybirt@roadrunner.com
Susan Halliday, ZOOM Hostess sbathalliday@yahoo.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This AAUW year has begun like no other in memory. The national AAUW has told us we must not have in person meetings for the remainder of 2020. This is a very wise decision due to our vulnerable age group, but it doesn't make it any easier that our fellowship with friends will be limited. We are going to hold virtual meetings on ZOOM. We have done so with our AAUW board meetings and with our Board Retreat on July 25, 2020.

At the retreat we adopted a budget to recommend to the membership, we heard from our program vice presidents concerning branch meetings in 2020-2021, and we heard many reports concerning our various projects. We will keep you informed as we receive information that puts many decisions out of our hands.

Our virtual September 12 branch meeting will be an exciting one. We will celebrate our 95th anniversary of the branch, the Named Gift Honorees will be announced, we will see a power point concerning our sections, we will vote on the branch budget for 2020-2021, and Ginny Ball will tell us what is happening around Whittier. Susan Halliday will be the ZOOM hostess for this meeting, and everyone will receive an invitation from Cindy Birt. The invitation will contain a link to click on so you can join the ZOOM meeting. If you need help connecting on ZOOM, let us know and we will have practice sessions. Susan's email address is: sbathalliday@yahoo.com. Mine is: heck37@verizon.net.

Many of our sections are meeting on ZOOM. Check out the information on sections in this newsletter. Virtual meetings do work, although I really do miss seeing friends in person. Maybe we will be able to gather sometime in 2021.

The Mission Statement of AAUW reads: To advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. We will continue our work to fulfill this statement in difficult circumstances. Members are receiving invitations to join webinars on various topics created by State and National AAUW. Webinars differ from ZOOM sessions in that you observe it on any computer. You are asked to register, and then they send you a link so you can join. They do not see you. I have joined webinars on social media, and on racism and they were very informative. We can have a wonderful, successful year in AAUW. Stay healthy and safe.

Sharon Heck, President



VERY SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

We are celebrating two very special, super-awesome birthdays in this edition. On August 18, 2020, we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. This is the amendment that gave women the right to vote. Always remember that it was a battle, hard fought for decades. Women were beaten and jailed and excoriated in their time. For a wonderful resource, be sure to check out the *Women's Suffrage Supplement* from the Santa Cruz County AAUW branch. Cindy Birt emailed it to all of us on 8-18-20.

Another terrific resource can be found at https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2019_vote_gazette_fnl.pdf. It contains a detailed history and mini-biographies of 100 suffragettes, articles on the influence of African-American and Native-American women on the movement, and a guide to state activities.



Another special birthday celebration is for US – the Greater Whittier Area branch of the American Association of University Women was chartered on September 30, 1925. Don't we look fabulous for our age?

Join us for a 95th anniversary celebration at our September 12, 2020 Branch Meeting on ZOOM.



AAUW FUND

Since we are starting the new organizational year at the Greater Whittier Area AAUW Branch, I thought it would be good to remind ourselves that the AAUW Action Fund supports AAUW's continuing goal of breaking through barriers for women and girls, and it does so through member activism and voter mobilization.

The AAUW Action Fund advances equity for women and girls through member activism and voter mobilization. Since 1881, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has been the nation's leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls.

An interesting fact is that the AAUW Action Fund has a Lobby Corps made up of volunteer members and college student interns, and the Corps gives the AAUW Action Fund a voice and a face on Capitol Hill. Because the Corps has worked hand in hand with lobby staff, AAUW has had a significant political impact on legislation concerning important issues for all of us in the areas of education and its affordability, civil rights, reproductive rights, economic security, voting access, pay equity, campus sexual harassment, and violence against women.

If your interest lies in public policy and effecting change, please visit <http://www.aauw.org> for more information.

Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes
AAUW Fund

YEARBOOK DIRECTORY OF BRANCH MEMBERS

The 2020-2021 Yearbooks will be available after the September Branch Meeting. Several members have volunteered to leave the books on front porches during daytime hours, with a sign-in sheet to show that you have received your copy. Care will be taken to ensure that the books are secure and do not fall into the hands of anyone other than members.

Cindy Birt will send an email blast when the books are available and provide names and addresses for pick-up locations. For members without email, the Board will make sure you are informed about how to get your book. A digital version will also be available from Patricia Cuocco patricia@fullerton.edu for any member who requests one.

If you would like to have your booklet insert mailed, please send a \$2 check to our treasurer, Kay Clark (11915 Inez St. #8, Whittier, CA 90605).

Patricia Cuocco and Susan Halliday
Yearbook Editors

VICTORY!

LAF Litigant Aileen Rizo Wins Her Case! Supreme Court Refuses to Hear Fresno School District Appeal

This is a victory not only for Aileen, but for millions of women in the United States. The Supreme Court decided on July 1, 2020 to leave in place a decision that employers cannot use past salary history to justify a pay disparity between male and female employees. This is especially significant for women because women's salaries are generally lower than their male counterparts.

Quote from Aileen: "Today women throughout our nation can celebrate a different kind of independence. **THE US SUPREME COURT HAS PERMITTED THE POSITIVE STANDING OF MY CASE TO REMAIN.** Freedom from prior wages allows the history of gender pay discrimination to be broken in the workplace. In 2012, I took up this fight for my daughters, understanding like never before that my choices to tolerate discrimination allows injustice to perpetuate. I quickly realized that so many other women had been in my shoes and that this journey was a fight for equality for us all. My heart pours over with gratitude for so many who supported me and my family. I hope this victory can inspire us to know that the world is malleable, that one person can make a difference, and that when we stand together change is possible.
[#equalpay"](#)

Here are some links:

<https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2020/07/02/us/politics/ap-us-supreme-court-equal-pay-act.html?searchResultPosition=9>

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/supreme-court-declines-hear-equal-pay-act-case-71575533>

<https://mobile.edweek.org/c.jsp?cid=25920011&item=http%3A%2F%2Fapi.edweek.org%2Fv1%2Fblog%2F55%2Findex.html%3Fuuid%3D80973>

This AAUW link explains the case but does not include this recent Victory.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/legal/laf/current-cases/yovino-v-rizo/>

Tobi Balma

HOW TO ZOOM

We will be doing our meetings with ZOOM for the foreseeable future. If you need help downloading ZOOM and logging in, please get with one of the ZOOM tutors who have volunteered to help.

On your computer, go to ZOOM.us and download a free copy. On your smart phone, download the ZOOM app. When you get an invitation to a meeting, click on the link provided and it will take to you the meeting.

If you are having Internet problems or don't have a computer, you can call this phone number listed on the ZOOM invitation under:

Dial by your location
+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

and you will be able to attend like a conference call. You will need the meeting ID and passcode. There won't be a video, but you can hear, and you can be heard.

If you want to practice before a meeting, please contact a helper.

Kay Clark for PC user 310-890-6510
Patricia Cuocco for MAC users 562-756-9509
Paula Ocampo for smartphone users 562-447-7483

Also:
Sharon Heck - 562-858-9253
Claire Koehler - 714-473-6184



PUBLIC POLICY

This timely article was provided by our AAUW-CA Public Policy mavens. The whole issue of racism and its systemic nature is both uncomfortable and absolutely necessary if AAUW members are to be true to the stated values of our organization. I'm sure there will be more to come during the year.

AAUW CA Strengthens Commitment to Increasing Equity for Black Women and Girls

Melissa Maceyko, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

In 2020, a widespread protest movement has emerged, clearly and loudly demanding greater racial equity through systemic change. This protest movement is in line with the core mission of AAUW: "To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, philanthropy and advocacy." How are these two aligned? AAUW's central mission statement implies a focus on ALL women and girls. To achieve this mission, we must demand greater equity for Black women and girls.

At the national level, AAUW has acknowledged that the organization has historically fallen short of this goal, as it has lacked diversity and inclusion in leadership, membership, and focus. AAUW has taken concrete steps to create organizational change, to better address its mission of serving all women.

Individual AAUW members can also take concrete steps to make sure that the inclusive mission of AAUW is made into a reality—here with a specific focus on racial equity for Black women and girls. One way this can be done is through white members learning about and engaging in anti-racism and white ally-ship.

Anti-racism is the active practice of calling out racism when it is encountered, which may include having uncomfortable conversations about race and racism in everyday life. Non-racism, the internal and often silent opposition to racism, is positive, but it is not enough to create necessary change. Related to anti-racism is white ally-ship. White allies are people who make the long-term commitments and efforts necessary to recognize their racially based privilege and who continually work in solidarity with oppressed groups engaged in institutional and political struggles for justice.

AAUW-CA will host a webinar on Racism on August 26. If you miss it, you can access it (and others) on the website: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-2021-webinars/>.

Thanks to Barbara Gile who provided this information on tracking your mail-in ballot. Tracking your vote-by-mail ballot—when it is mailed, received, and counted—has never been easier. The California Secretary of State is now offering **Where's My Ballot?**—a new way for voters to track and receive notifications on the status of their vote-by-mail ballot. Powered by BallotTrax, Where's My Ballot? lets voters know where their ballot is, and its status, every step of the way.

Sign-up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov to receive automatic email, SMS (text), or voice call notifications about your ballot.

Don't see your county on the list? You can see if your vote-by-mail ballot has been received and counted by logging into voterstatus.sos.ca.gov. Do this immediately to protect your ballot in November.

Do this now before you forget.

Patricia Cuocco
Public Policy, Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Means More

Welcome Back to a new and upward-learning-curve year in GWA-AAUW! The good news is we have more members renewing earlier this year than we have had in the past. Our membership is continuing to 'hold' at 136. Keep up the great work. Remember membership is a job for all of us. Talk about our branch and encourage those you know and those you meet to view our website (<http://whittier-ca.aauw.net>), newsletter, aauw.org (national), and aauw-ca.org (state).

I must admit it's exciting to get back into somewhat of a routine. During this coronavirus challenging time we want to be sure to keep in touch with our fellow members. For some members, a newsletter or personal phone call could really make a difference in how they feel. Why not pick up the phone or email someone you haven't seen or heard from in a while?

As you have most likely read in some of this month's articles, our branch meetings will be held on ZOOM. Please do plan to join us. I'm including several members and their contact information to assist you if you're having difficulty getting into a ZOOM branch meeting. An email will be sent by Cindy Birt a day prior to the branch meeting with the i.d. and password information. Branch meetings will begin at 10:30 AM and folks will be able to get on to ZOOM at 10 AM to have some casual chit-chat time with fellow members. Be sure to keep the following information for the branch meeting on September 12, if you need some assistance to get into the ZOOM meeting. Please see the ZOOM instructions in this newsletter. It has the names of volunteers who can assist you, if you need help.

We will be celebrating years of membership this year. To begin, this month we are celebrating five of our members who have recently reached their **50** years of AAUW membership. They now become Honorary Life AAUW Members and no longer have to pay annual dues. Congratulations to:

Carol J. Anderson, who has been a member since 7/1/1968

Dolores Seidman, who has been a member since 7/1/1970

Carol Shupek, who has been a member since 7/1/1970

Ann Topjon, who has been a member since 7/1/1968

Ruth White, who has been a member since 7/1/1970

Please congratulate the above listed women when you 'see' them. Each month we will celebrate a decade of membership. Be sure to look for and congratulate the women on their dedication to American Association of University Women.

In the fall of each year, we usually have the GWA-AAUW Year Books available at the branch meetings. See the article, earlier in this newsletter, about obtaining your yearbook.

Susan Halliday
Pauline Rogers

AAUW Membership Questionnaire

Please print or fill in w/ type all information.
Use the back of this sheet or additional paper if you need more space for your information.

Name: _____ Year joined AAUW _____
Last First

| <u>Colleges/Universities attended</u> | Year graduated | Degree received |
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| <u>Elected Offices held in AAUW</u> | Branch | Year |
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| <u>Committee Chair Positions</u> | Branch | Year/s |
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| <u>Section Chair Positions</u> | Branch | Year/s |
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| <u>Committee/Section Participation</u> | Name | Year/s |
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Projects for AAUW Completed

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Community (Activities that contribute to the community & promote/brand AAUW/promote the mission of AAUW)

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MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The 2020 Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF) nonevent fundraiser was a huge success. A total of 65 donors gave \$9,372. The donations ranged from \$22 to \$1,000.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the following donors:

Bobbie Albanese
Lupe Alfaro
Sara Ellen Anderson
Elizabeth Baca
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Dolores Seidman
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Lovey Sherman
Carol Shupek
Donna Smith
Patricia Stanley
Shirley A. Stewart
Dee Thorne
Ann Topjon
Sue Turco
Karen Van der Baan
Fay Weber
Myra Weiss
Ruth White
Gwen Woirhaye

YOUR DONATIONS FUND:

TECH TREK

MATH/SCIENCE DAY

SCHOLARSHIPS

NCCWSL

Thank you, again, from MSLF.

SOMETHINGS DO CHANGE!

Michelle Adam

July 20

The following list is of NINE things a woman couldn't do in 1971 – yes, the date is correct, 1971.

In 1971 a woman could not:

1. Get a Credit Card in her own name – it wasn't until 1974 that a law forced credit card companies to issue cards to women without their husband's signature.
2. Be guaranteed that they wouldn't be unceremoniously fired for the offense of getting pregnant – that changed with the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of *1978*!
3. Serve on a jury – It varied by state (Utah deemed women fit for jury duty way back in 1879), but the main reason women were kept out of jury pools was that they were considered the center of the home, which was their primary responsibility as caregivers. They were also thought to be too fragile to hear the grisly details of crimes and too sympathetic by nature to be able to remain objective about those accused of offenses. In 1961, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld a Florida law that exempted women from serving on juries. It wasn't until 1973 that women could serve on juries in all 50 states.
4. Fight on the front lines – admitted into military academies in 1976 it wasn't until 2013 that the military ban on women in combat was lifted. Prior to 1973 women were only allowed in the military as nurses or support staff.
5. Get an Ivy League education – Yale and Princeton didn't accept female students until 1969. Harvard didn't admit women until 1977 (when it merged with the all-female Radcliffe College). Brown (which merged with women's college Pembroke), Dartmouth and Columbia did not offer admission to women until 1971, 1972 and 1981, respectively. Other case-specific instances allowed some women to take certain classes at Ivy League institutions (such as Barnard women taking classes at Columbia), but, by and large, women in the '60s who harbored Ivy League dreams had to put them on hold.
6. Take legal action against workplace sexual harassment. Indeed, the first time a court recognized office sexual harassment as grounds for any legal action was in 1977!
7. Decide not to have sex if their husband wanted to – spousal rape wasn't criminalized in all 50 states until 1993. Read that again ... 1993.
8. Obtain health insurance at the same monetary rate as a man. Sex discrimination wasn't outlawed in health insurance until 2010 and today many, including sitting elected officials at the Federal level, feel women don't mind paying a little more. Again, that date was 2010.
9. The birth control pill: Issues like reproductive freedom and a woman's right to decide when and whether to have children were only just beginning to be openly discussed in the 1960s. In 1957, the FDA approved of the birth control pill but only for "severe menstrual distress." In 1960, the pill was approved for use as a contraceptive. Even so, the pill was illegal in some states and could be prescribed only to married women for purposes of family planning, and not all pharmacies stocked it. Some of those opposed said oral contraceptives were "immoral, promoted prostitution and were tantamount to abortion." It wasn't until several years later that birth control was approved for use by all women, regardless of marital status. In short, birth control meant a woman could complete her education, enter the work force and plan her own life.

Oh, and one more thing, prior to 1880 the age of consent for sex was set at 10 or 12 in more states, with the exception of Delaware – where it was 7 YEARS OLD!


Feminism is NOT just for other women.

KNOW your HERstory.

SIX-WORD STORY

Well that was fun! We had a great response to our Six-Word Story contest. As announced on Page 1, the winner is Dolores Seidman for her lovely submission: **Child seen through kitchen window. Hope.** Dolores will receive a \$50 Amazon Gift Card. Congratulations, Dolores.

STORY

What day is it? Meh. Cheers!
Pandemic Alert! 2020 Dissolved Into Chaos
Waiting for the cure and vaccine.
Dental appointment: reception area--parking lot!
Roots grey. Hair shaggy. Salon closed!
Save on lipstick.  Wear your mask.
ZOOM happy hour. Six glasses. Wine!
Retribution. Enola Gay. Mushroom cloud. Death.
New normal, or so they say.
Let's all eat cake...at home.
Eat, sleep, poop, and repeat daily.
At the altar. No groom. Tears.
Fever, cough, body aches, positive,uhoh!
Sneeze, cough, fever, home alone, quarantine.
Chills, body aches,temperature, isolation, desolation!
Knee surgery during COVID-19.
Six feet, mask, wash hands, repeat.
Six feet above, six feet below.
Eat-Read/TV-Eat-Sleep-Repeat
No iPhone facial recognition wearing mask
Establish social distancing with your refrigerator.
Simply see - who's smart or stupid!
Simply sums it up! No halfway.
Fruitful life. Happiness. Sadness, Memories galore.
Deepening depression. Uplifting music. Suicide prevented!
Family. Friends. Neighbors. Enemies. The End!
Fish tank, zoo, physical separation, isolation, boredom.
Physical separation. Confinement. Frustration. Isolation. Boredom.
Sweet, soothing music, swooping into serenity!
Family. Friends. Neighbors. Enemies. That's Life!
Pandemic imbroglio, many issues, love wins.
A mask, a laugh, no party.
Moments of darkness Suddenly lift - Hamilton!
Cement ceiling, women of color. Persistence
Wedding invitations, graduation celebrations, birthdays. Covidestruction.
Bichon,, backyard, alone, Coyotes. Sorrow
Granddaughter's Wedding: Covid Postponed, Schedule When?

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THE SPOTLIGHT



Are we having fun, yet? By my calculations, we have been sheltering in place for one-half the year. We've all learned new technologies, new coping mechanisms, revisited old, favorite books and discovered binge-worthy television series. Maybe some of us have learned new recipes, a new language, or discovered a new hobby. Some of us may need to discover locks for the refrigerator, pantry and liquor cabinets.

Some, like Susan and Doug Halliday are helping in the home-schooling of their grandkids. As most of you know, Susan was an elementary school teacher and principal. Doug was not. After a particularly trying morning of technology glitches and lessons, Doug was overheard telling Susan that he "never knew teachers worked so hard." No, Susan didn't kill him -- yet!

Many congratulations to Cindy and Dorwin Birt who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this summer. Quite the milestone. Did you know that Dorwin helps Cindy with her duties as "email blaster" and keeps our email list up to date?

Donna Smith wants us to know about "BIZOO/BIZOO" This is the greeting among friends now in Paris, instead of the formal "Bonjour comment allez vous?" "Bizoo" sounds like the air kisses on both cheeks and might be a healthy greeting in these distant times. She wants us to know that she misses everyone and everything, is more grateful than ever for this organization, and hopes to see us all soon.

Kelly Collazo began her first year as a new principal in August 2019 with a job offer on the Saturday before school started. With no time to clean out her classroom, she left everything for the new hire who replaced her. August 2020 has been no less dramatic. She started the school year with shingles on her face and in one eye. She hasn't missed a day getting her teachers, classified staff, students and parents ready for the challenges of the new year with mostly online classes. Kelly is grateful for prayers and good wishes. And please, take this as a reminder! If you haven't had your shingles vaccine yet, ask your doctor about it NOW. Shingles is very painful and can be very, very serious!

Have some extra time? ☺ Lynda Richardson suggests looking into Osher Lifelong Learning Institute otherwise known as Olli. It is a great opportunity for retired and semi-retired adults with a love of learning. Classes are held at California State University, Fullerton in the Ruby Gerontology Center. Membership registration and renewal is only available online through the OLLI website: <http://olli.fullerton.edu>, select JOIN/RENEW. For assistance call the OLLI office 657-2446 Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM. to 4 PM. Fall Semester including a parking permit, is \$150. Virtual classes begin September 8, 2020.

Don't forget to send me your SPOTLIGHT pieces anytime throughout the month. Email: patricia@fullerton.edu.

SECTION INFORMATION

Because of the uncertainty surrounding containment measures for COVID-19, scheduling section meetings will be difficult for the foreseeable future. We suggest that you keep in touch with your Section Chair for updated information.

MYSTERY MAVENS

Our Mystery Mavens section is a book group for those who love mystery fiction. We read five books each year, and those books are suggested by members and voted on at our May meeting each year. I have read all five books and enjoyed them all very much. The books and meeting dates for 2020-2021 are as follows:

September 16, 2020

The Man with a Load of Mischief by Martha Grimes

Reviewed by Gwen Woirhaye

November 18, 2020

Shakespeare's Landlord by Charlaine Harris

Reviewed by Linda Oberholtzer

January 20, 2021

Still Life by Louise Penny

Reviewed by Gen'nel Walters

March 17, 2021

Murder with Peacocks by Donna Andrews

Reviewed by Mandy Knight

May 19, 2021

Death on Demand by Carolyn Hart

Reviewed by Maurine Behrens

Mystery Mavens meets on the third Wednesday, every other month. We were meeting at Mimi's restaurant at 6:30 PM until the pandemic hit. Hopefully, we will be back at a restaurant before the end of 2021. We will now be meeting on ZOOM at 7 PM on each stated date. I will be sending you the invitation for the meeting, and you just click on a single link to join the meeting. Your computer must have a camera, and it is possible to use a cell phone. If you are new to the group, send me your email address. I will be happy to have a practice session with anyone interested. Heck37@verizon.net 562-698-0476 All are welcome.

Sharon Heck, Chair

FIRST FRIDAY

Well, friends, we had hoped to pick up First Friday again in September but, that doesn't look feasible at press time. We will hope for clearance for October but, as with all other activities, we need to wait for the all clear.

Everyone is invited to a home on the first Friday of each month. Bring significant others and/or guests who might be interested in AAUW.

Each unit brings preferred beverages plus an appetizer to share. Meetings are 6 to 8 PM. Watch this space for notification of our next First Friday gathering.

Gwen Woirhaye
gwen@woirhaye.com



LA CUISINE

Our next dinner will be Jewish, hosted by Myra and David Weiss and Judy and Steve Flanders. We had hoped that it would be in early October, but at this point we can't commit to a date. Those on the list of members of this section will be notified when it is scheduled.

La Cuisine is a group of those interested in food, researching, preparing, learning new techniques and ingredients, and enjoying dinner with friends. Usually two dinner parties a year are held in homes with ten to twelve participating at each home. For those who are not able to host or co-host, a substitutes list is maintained and those will be invited as there are openings. There will be one group dinner in which all substitutes are invited to participate.

Additionally, there will be one dinner at a restaurant for all who have signed up. If you would like to join this group, with or without a partner, please contact the chair.

Gwen Woirhaye
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MORNING BOOK

We are beginning this year by reading *The Library Book*, by Susan Orlean, March's selection from this past year when we didn't meet because of Covid-19. We will be meeting via ZOOM on Monday, September 28, at 10 AM. Linda Harris will lead our discussion, and the invitation to join will be sent a few days before the meeting.

On the morning of April 28, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. The fire was disastrous: it reached two thousand degrees and burned for more than seven hours. By the time it was extinguished, it had consumed four hundred thousand books and damaged seven hundred thousand more. Investigators descended on the scene, but more than thirty years later, the mystery remains: Did someone purposefully set fire to the library—and if so, who?

Weaving her lifelong love of books and reading into an investigation of the fire, Susan Orlean delivers a “delightful...reflection on the past, present, and future of libraries in America” (*New York* magazine) that manages to tell the broader story of libraries and librarians in a way that has never been done before.

In the “exquisitely written, consistently entertaining” (*The New York Times*) *The Library Book*, Orlean chronicles the LAPL fire and its aftermath to showcase the larger, crucial role that libraries play in our lives; delves into the evolution of libraries; brings each department of the library to vivid life; studies arson and attempts to burn a copy of a book herself; and reexamines the case of Harry Peak, the blond-haired actor long suspected of setting fire to the LAPL more than thirty years ago. We will be joined by a special guest who helped the Library in the aftermath of the fire.

Until further notice we will continue to meet via ZOOM. Please let me know in advance if you would like to join our discussions.

The other books we will be reading and discussing this year are as follows:

November 23 *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* (Kim Michele Richardson)

January 25 *The Dutch House* (Ann Patchett)

March 22 *In the Country of Women. A Memoir* (Susan Straight)

June 7 *The Jane Austen Society* (Natalie Jenner)

July 26 *The Splendid and the Vile* (Erik Larson)

Ann Topjon Chair 562-695-6185



INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Our International Concerns section is reading a book printed each year by the Foreign Policy Association titled “*Great Decisions*.” The book contains eight articles on a variety of topics, i.e., “Climate Change and the Global Order,” “India and Pakistan,” “Red Sea Security,” and five others. We read one article each month, and we have been meeting at the home of Louise Holden until the pandemic struck. Now we will be meeting on ZOOM.

Our meetings are on the third Thursday each month at 10 AM. On September 17, we will meet by ZOOM at 10 AM, and I will be sending you the ZOOM invitation. I will be happy to have a practice session with anyone who needs help connecting to a ZOOM meeting. Just let me know. Sharon Heck Heck37@verizon.net 562-698-0476

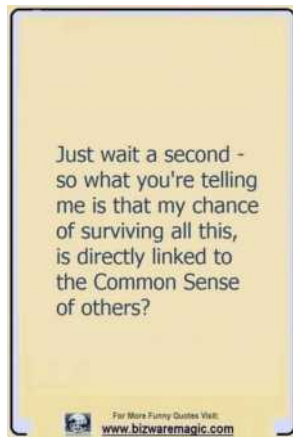
Our topic for the September meeting will be “The Philippines and the U.S.,” chapter 7 in *Great Decisions*. If you do not have the book, you might be able to access some information on the Foreign Policy Association website. www.fpa.org/great_decisions

Our discussion of chapter 7 was to have been led by Helen Jewell, but Helen does not have access to ZOOM. I will be leading the discussion in September. Everyone reads the material ahead of time, and we have a lively discussion around the topic. If you have other newspaper articles or materials, we are happy for you to share them. All are welcome to join us for International Concerns on Thursday, September 17, 10 AM. If you are new to us, send me your email so you will be included on the ZOOM invitation.

Sharon Heck, co-chair
Sheryl Crockey, co-chair

PROBLEMS KEVIN IS NEEDED

JUSTICE: THE TOPIC





**Greater Whittier Area-American Association of University Women
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM for YEAR 2020 - 2021**

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SEPTEMBER 2020

GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

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| Board Meeting | September 1 (Tuesday) | 7 PM ZOOM |
| Branch Meeting | September 12 (Saturday) | 10:30 AM ZOOM |
| Mystery Mavens | September 16 (Wednesday) | 6:30 PM ZOOM |
| International Concerns | September 17 (Thursday) | 10 AM ZOOM |
| Morning Book | September 28 (Monday) | 10 AM ZOOM |

CHECK WITH YOUR SECTION LEADERS FOR UPDATES AND ZOOM INVITATIONS



**NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE OUT IN
LATE SEPTEMBER FOR OCTOBER
2020.**

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.**

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