

GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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**SEPTEMBER
2021**



BRANCH MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 – 11:30 AM

Program Note: In-person meetings may be subject to change due to guidelines set by LACDPH (Los Angeles County Department of Public Health) and the decision of the GWA-AAUW Board.

It's September, the beginning of a new year in AAUW! This month we will be featuring Beverly Gray, woman of many talents! Beverly holds a doctorate in Contemporary American Fiction from UCLA. She has covered the entertainment industry for *The Hollywood Reporter* and leads screenwriting workshops for UCLA Extension's world-renowned [Writers' Programs](#). She has written about theatre and film in *Performing Arts* magazine, *Theatre Crafts*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and *The New York Times*. More recently, she has returned to teaching and journalism and has written several books. Her newest is the topic she will share with us.

Beverly is a prolific speaker who is comfortable talking both at home and abroad on topics ranging from the art of biography to the secrets of low-budget filmmaking. Her latest, most exciting project is [Seduced by Mrs. Robinson: How The Graduate Became the Touchstone of a Generation](#). Its publication in November 2017 coincided with the 50th anniversary of this landmark film, beloved by Baby Boomers for its unique perceptions of the time. For more information about Beverly Gray, please see the link below:
<https://beverlygray.com/>

As usual, we will be meeting at 11:30 AM on the second Saturday of the month for our Branch meetings which lands on September 11th this year. Our new president, Paula Ocampo, will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a short remembrance of 9/11 since this year marks the 20th anniversary of that fateful day. Then she will welcome back our members and present any business that needs our attention. Following that will be our speaker, Beverly Gray, who will speak from 30-45 minutes followed by a 15-minute Question/Answer session.

Whether or not we will meet in person will be determined at the August 31st Board Meeting. That information will then be disseminated via email on September 1st.

We are looking forward to another year with our fellow colleagues!

Respectfully submitted by:
Claire Koehler, AAUW VP Program
Ann Topjon, Program Committee Associate
Christine Heller, Program Committee Associate

AAUW HOSPITALITY BRANCH MEETING LOGISTICS

We have really been looking forward to gathering in person again this year. The plans below reflect an optimistic outlook but may have to be cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns. You will be notified by September 1 to confirm or cancel lunch, in which case we will meet on ZOOM

Time:

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Location:

Whittier Elks Lodge
13620 Whittier Blvd
Whittier, CA 90602

Arrival and Parking: use driveway off Barton Rd behind Elks Lodge, park at rear. We will be seated outdoors under the large white tent. Please wear masks on arrival and when not seated at your table. All attendees must be vaccinated.

Menu:

* Main entree: Champagne chicken with mashed potatoes, served with a garden salad

* Vegetarian entree: Pasta marinara, served with a garden salad

Entrees include choice of salad dressing, dinner rolls, butter, dessert, coffee, iced tea, water

Lunch cost: \$25/person

Drinks only: \$ 5/person and includes coffee, iced tea, and water

No substitutions, deletions, or special orders.

Please RSVP with your selection from one of the following:

- Main Entree - Chicken
- Vegetarian - Pasta Marinara
- Drinks only

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, September 7 to kayclark310@gmail.com, or, if you do not have email, call Kay Clark at (310) 890-6510.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am so happy to welcome everyone back to begin the 2021-2022 year with GWA-AAUW. I hope you have had a good summer break. By the end of June we had received the vaccine, stay-at-home orders had been lifted and many of us were able to travel a little and visit family. We are safer than before; however, there is currently an increasing trend in the Corona-19 delta virus. Currently, our ability to resume in-person branch meetings is uncertain. We have made plans for an in-person meeting in September, but it may have to be cancelled. You will be notified by September 1 whether the meeting will be in-person or by ZOOM.

A Day of Remembrance: Our next branch meeting will occur on September 11, 2021, the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. We cannot forget the tragedy of September 11, 2001. Following those events, "Americans came together to lift each other up, help communities heal and make our country stronger. September 11, the National Day of Service and Remembrance, pays tribute to those we lost. Since that day, millions have united to honor and commemorate September 11 through volunteer service (ssa.gov). Let this be a reminder in these new times of loss and division that we can pull together in common cause for the good of us all. One of the best ways to pull together is to exercise our right to vote. Please remember this during the upcoming California election on September 14, 2021, and do not neglect to vote.

June Meeting: At the June branch meeting, scholarships were presented to nine outstanding women, five from Rio Hondo College and four from California High School. Each scholar accepted her award with an inspirational story and much appreciation. Our scholarship program is gratifying for us and supports our mission as members of AAUW.

Sheryl Crockey and Barbara Gile installed the new officers for 2021-2022. I was pleased to be installed as president and announced a theme for this year, "Embracing One Another". In that spirit hopefully we can resume some in-person activities this year. However, even if we must continue remotely, I want to make sure we all feel connected and involved and support one another. I hope to encourage more participation in volunteering and will have a sign-up sheet at the meetings.

The new board met during the summer for an annual board retreat to plan for the coming year. Expect more great programs, membership outreach, and activities to further our mission. It is still uncertain whether many of our activities will be in-person again but stay flexible and we will keep you informed as conditions change. We did a great job last year staying connected remotely. If we need to meet on ZOOM again this year, consider inviting members who don't have computer access to join you in a small safe setting.

GWA-AAUW Business: The board reviewed and adopted two items for approval by membership. The first item is the 2021-2022 budget. The second item is a revision to the GWA-AAUW Standing Rules and Policies. The national dues were increased by AAUW last year and our standing rules need to reflect the change. You will receive a copy of the budget and revised standing rules for your review prior to the meeting. We will vote on both items at the September branch meeting.

AAUW News: AAUW board chair Julia Brown announced to members in July that CEO Kim Churches will step down this fall. The board and staff are sad to see Kim go but wish her well in her new role as president/CEO of the Washington Center. The board has a robust continuity plan in place and will meet to determine next steps shortly. Stay tuned for more information.

AAUW has announced a new Five-Star National Recognition Program for AAUW affiliates starting July 1, 2021. The Five-Star program is designed to help us focus on the AAUW mission and strategic plan. GWA-AAUW helped qualify AAUW California to earn Five-Star Recognition last year just doing what we always do including our scholarships and programs aligned to the national strategic plan. The board is reviewing the new plan and will keep you informed. Where it makes sense, we will roll out new activities and opportunities for members to participate.

Paula Ocampo, Branch President

AAUW Mission Statement - To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.



AAUW FUND

What is the AAUW Fund? As you know AAUW is a national organization with headquarters in Washington, DC. There are also state organizations and, of course our local branch, The Greater Whittier Area AAUW. The national organization solicits and uses the AAUW Fund for its many projects, which will be detailed in our monthly newsletter articles. Our branch, of course, solicits contributions for local projects such as Tech Trek, Math/Science Conference, Local Scholarships, etc. through the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. We support both these funds and encourage our members to do so.

In the past members were encouraged by National to donate to specific areas; at this time, they encourage donations to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110). This gives them the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to use the gift where it's needed most. But members can choose to donate to the fund they wish, which include The Education and Training Fund (4450), Economic Security Fund (4449), and Leadership Fund (4452). All contributions are fully tax-deductible and can be made directly online at aauw.org/contribute or by check through our branch. Just to make things more interesting (!) AAUW Fund operates on a calendar year basis from January 1-December 31 unlike the rest of AAUW which is on an academic calendar year from July 1-June 30. So, if you wish to make your donation for tax purposes, the deadline this year is December 30. I promise to remind you of that frequently!

Meanwhile, we can look forward to the following AAUW Fund events this year:

- October 23 & 30, and November 6- Hear from among the 37 Fellows and Grant Recipients throughout the state on 3 different dates on ZOOM. This will take the place of the usual AAUW Fund Luncheon held throughout California in person. Details to access coming soon! (There will be different speakers at each event.)
- November 13- Our GWA Branch Program will feature **AAUW Fellow Yvonne Chang**, of the American Film Institute.
- May 14—AAUW Named Gift Honoree(s) from our branch announced at our Branch Meeting.

Stay tuned for monthly newsletter articles about how your contributions to AAUW Fund are used!

Dolores Seidman,
AAUW Fund V.P.



PUBLIC POLICY

Our AAUW Mission Statement reads as follows: To advance equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. All of the statement is very important, but two words have great meaning for me, EQUITY and ADVOCACY.

Women have been fighting for equity all of lives for a very long time. There is a difference between equity and equality. Everyone could be given a regular two-wheel bicycle to ride and that would be equality. Instead, a senior person is given a large tricycle, a child is given a smaller bicycle, a tall man is given an extra-large bicycle, and a woman is given a regular bicycle; this is equity.

Equity in wages for women is a fight that AAUW champions with our elected officials and with employers. A research paper by AAUW examines how decades of systemic racism --including discriminatory employment practices, inadequate legal protections, and persistent stereotypes -- have contributed to a gender pay gap that remains far wider for women of color than for white women. It takes the typical black woman 19 months to be paid what the average white man takes home in 12 months. Black Women's Equal Pay Day was marked recently on August 3, 2021. Over a 40-year career, black women lose almost \$1 million to the wage gap.

The U.S. Congress should pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would update and strengthen the Equal Pay Act of 1963; the Pay Equity for All Act, which would prohibit employers from using salary history to set pay; and the Fair Pay Act, which would require employers to provide equal pay for jobs of equivalent value to help reduce the impact of occupational segregation. Policymakers and employers must take the lead in closing the wage gap.

This leads me to my second word: advocacy. Advocacy is to plead the cause of another. We can do this in a great many ways as we try to influence decision makers. Visiting our elected officials and creating a relationship with their staff, is the best way to show your strong interest in particular legislation. Writing letters or emails is another good way. Send letters to District offices, because mail in Washington DC is delayed to check for anthrax.

AAUW provides a very easy way for you to be an advocate. Go on the website at AAUW.org, go to Public Policy, and sign-up for the Two-minute Activist. You will be notified when you need to sign on to a letter to our senators, or your representative concerning a topic close to our mission statement such as the pay gap. This is very easy to do and is very quick. I urge everyone to stay informed concerning equity, and to be an advocate for public policy.

Sharon Heck
Guest Writer



THE FINANCIAL CORNER

At our September meeting we will be voting for the new Budget. If anyone has any questions about our finances, please feel free to contact me. I am happy to discuss them.

Just a reminder, any checks should be made payable to Greater Whittier Area AAUW or simply GWA AAUW. They can be mailed to my home address:

Kay Clark
11915 Inez St. #8
Whittier, CA 90605

Or to our PO Box:
Branch Treasurer
PO Box 5333
Whittier, CA 90607

Also, please sign up to support GWA AAUW when you shop at Amazon. Yes, there are some hoops to jump through, but the money we receive from Smile.Amazon.com does help! Here's the link to help you sign up:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-4763492>

Kay Clark
Treasurer

DINING FOR \$\$\$\$

Welcome back to our GWA AAUW 2021/2022 year! So many of us look forward to branch meetings and to, once again, spending time with our AAUW friends. One of our favorite fundraisers, Dining For \$\$\$\$, gives us the opportunity to reconnect with members we haven't seen for a long time. The best part is that we can enjoy each other's company over a tasty meal while supporting the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Family, neighbors and our many friends have enjoyed and participated in past events.

Currently, I am attempting to recruit restaurants for these fundraiser events while keeping in mind that many area restaurants have suffered financial losses during the Covid-19 pandemic and may not be able to participate yet. At this writing, I have not set up a fundraiser schedule but am committed to coordinating as many dates as possible for the future. Since a dining schedule will not appear in the yearbook this year, please look for updates in future newsletters or special emails.

We are grateful to those of you who have continued to support our participating fundraiser restaurants throughout the pandemic. We look forward to having them join us in our Myra Long Scholarship efforts soon.

Carole Duff



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

2021-2022 The Year of M & M's

We begin our tenure in membership with a theme borrowed from the State Board calling it “The Year of M & M’s,” which stands for Marketing and Membership. Sorry to disappoint you if you thought we were giving out candy, but we encourage you to assist us with the following goals:

1. Working Age Recruitment –
Let’s investigate methods to attract a younger population.
2. Retirement Age Recruitment –
Develop strategies to engage those approaching retirement age.
3. University and Organization Collaboration –
Provide a program to expose more college students to AAUW.
4. Social Media Workshop –
Use of social media platforms to engage different populations with relevant messaging.

AAUW Membership continues to hold strong in Greater Whittier Area. Thank you to all members for renewing online or by mail and updating your membership questionnaire in a timely fashion. Our treasurer Kay Clark sent out invoices in June. Karen van der Baan and I have been making friendly reminder phone calls throughout July. Our current membership is 123 and 15 left to renew.

This year we again will host our favorite shopping holiday fundraiser event at Really Great Stuff in Whittier on Wednesday, December 1. Look for more information to come in future newsletters but do get the date on your calendar and remind your friends.

As we return to in person meetings and wearing your fabulous AAUW Name Tag, we will give you the opportunity to order one. Some of you signed up long ago, pre COVID-19 days. Now newer members have expressed an interest in ordering one. Look for the sign-up sheet on the clipboard at our membership table or contact Lynda Richardson. If you would prefer a lanyard style around your neck rather than the magnetic style attached to your blouse, please let us know.

Karen van der Baan and Lynda Richardson
Membership Vice-Presidents

2020-2021 GWA-AAUW Membership Questionnaire

Please print or fill in with text. Use the back of this paper if you need more space information.

Name: _____
Last First

Year joined AAUW _____

College/Universities attended

Years

Degree received

Elected Offices held in AAUW

Branch

Year (approximate is ok)

_____ continue on
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Appointed Offices held

Branch

Year (approximate is ok)

_____ continue on
_____ back of paper

Committee / Section Chair Positions

Branch

Year (approximate ok)

_____ continue on
_____ back of paper

Committee / Section Chair Participation

Branch

Year (approximate is ok)

_____ continue on
_____ back of paper

Projects for AAUW Worked on/Completed

_____ continue on
_____ back of paper

Community Activities (Clubs, Volunteering, etc)

Organization

Year (s) (approximate is ok)

_____ continue on
_____ back of paper

What would you like to see at branch meetings or at sections? What areas are of interest to you?



**Greater Whittier Area-American Association of University Women
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM for YEAR 2021-2022**

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 \$106	<input type="checkbox"/> Dual \$24
{National Dues \$62 + State Dues \$20 + Branch Dues \$24 = \$106 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, cost \$6 + (if mailed, postage \$5 = \$11)		

**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 _____

College/University _____

Degree _____ Year _____ Major _____

College/University _____

Degree _____ Year _____ Major _____

College/University _____

HOW TO ZOOM

Should health requirements call for our returning to ZOOM meeting, here are some instructions. 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 users 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

SEPTEMBER MISCELLANY

September is National Save Your Photos Month as well as National Self Improvement Month (we could all use a little of that). It is also National Childhood Obesity Awareness month (a very serious problem) and National Italian Cheese Month (try a little Auricchio Provolone from Claro's; you'll thank me).



THE SPOTLIGHT



Life is a circle of birth, milestones, and death, and we celebrate and grieve accordingly. For those of us in GWA-AAUW, there seems to have been more than the usual amount of loss, though that could just be pandemic pessimism talking.

This year saw the loss of members Helen Boltinghouse, Kathy Luciano, Rosemary Yetter. This summer Pauline Roger's husband passed away. Pauline was notified at the Board Retreat and comforted by our AAUW sisters.

Brent Berry, husband of Jan Berry, passed away after many months of declining health on August 9. Brent was a "party animal" so Jan hosted an open house on July 10 to allow folks to visit with him, raise a glass and toast his life. GWA-AAUW owes Brent a great debt. He acted as one of our two financial managers for the Myra Long Scholarship Fund and helped us achieve the level of success we are now enjoying. Brent will be buried with military honors on September 23 at 11AM at Riverside National Cemetery.

On Thursday, August 18, many of us received a beautiful testament to the love between Susan and Doug Halliday as Susan related how Doug spent his last day on earth listening to music and surrounded by the love of his family. Doug had fought metastatic pancreatic cancer with grace and dignity and suffered two strokes. He left the hospital to go on Hospice Care and passed peacefully at home.

On to the milestone part of the circle. Member Carla Lowinger reports that her daughter Piper, who was our first NCCSWSL awardee while a student at Whittier College, is now studying for her law school exams in Florida. Good Luck, Piper. We know you will do well.

Patricia Cuocco has completed her move to Minden, NV. Her new address will be in the upcoming yearbook. At the same time her house was filled with moving boxes, she and Dennis made room in their new home and hearts for a one-year-old British Cream Golden Retriever named Bentley. Patricia's beloved Becket, who attended many GWA walks and such, passed away last November.

The Whittier Public Library Foundation announced an upcoming VIRTUAL event, Booktoberfest, on October 7. Tickets include Curbside pickup of tasty bites and brews from local restaurants and breweries, a commemorative beer goblet and the ability to participate in a Silent Auction. Proceeds benefit the Central Library Renovation. Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.whittierplf.org/booktoberfest>. And individuals can become sponsors at <http://www.whittierplf.org/booktoberfest-sponsorship>.

GWA-AAUW extends sincere wishes to all our "kids" for a successful and healthy school year.

Patricia Cuocco
Editor

SECTION INFORMATION

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

MYSTERY MAVENS

Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 6:00 PM

Girl Waits with Gun by Amy Stewart

Reviewer – Sharon Heck



“When Constance Kopp and her sisters suffer a run-in with a ruthless, powerful crook, Constance leaves her quiet country life to team up with the local sheriff and exact justice. As a war of bricks, bullets, and threats ensues, Constance realizes that this racketeer’s history may be more damning than she thought, but now that she’s on the case he won’t get away. Quick-witted and full of madcap escapades *Girl Waits with Gun* is a story of one woman rallying the courage to stand up for and grow into herself – with a little help from sisters and sheriffs along the way.”

We will meet in a large private room at Mimi’s restaurant at Whittwood, 6:00 PM, September 15. We expect that all attendees will be vaccinated and feeling well. Masks should be worn by all.

Reservations - Sharon Heck: 562-698-0476 email – S.Heck4peace@gmail.com

Here is our list of books for 2021-2022.

September 15, 2021

Girl Waits with Gun by Amy Stewart reviewed by Sharon Heck

November 17, 2021

A Morbid Taste for Bones by Ellis Peters reviewed by Brigitta Weger

January 19, 2022

The Secret of the Old Clock by Carolyn Keene reviewed by Mandy Knight

March 16, 2022

Murder at the Palace by Margaret Dumas reviewed by Jackie Brearley

May 18, 2022

The Shaman Sings by James D. Doss reviewed by Gwen Woirhay

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, and we read one article each month.

Our meetings are on the third Thursday each month at 10 AM. On September 16 we will meet by ZOOM at 10 AM, and I will be sending you the ZOOM invitation. If we decide to meet in person, you will be notified by email. Our topic for the September 16 meeting will be “The Two Koreas,” chapter 6 in the 2021 *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.

Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes will be leading the discussion on September 16. Everyone reads the material ahead of time, and we have a lively discussion around the topic. If you have newspaper articles or materials, we are happy for you to share them. All are welcome to join us for International Concerns. If you are new to us, send me your email so you will be included on the ZOOM invitation. S.Heck4peace@gmail.com 562-698-0476.

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



FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday will resume on September 3, 6 to 8 PM, at the home of Judi and Bob Henderson, 5657 Citrus Ave., corner of Floral Drive. All members and guests are welcome. Please bring your choice of beverage and an hors d'oeuvres to share and enjoy a couple of hours of visiting with old friends and making new ones. Visiting will take place mostly outside. Guests are expected to show the courtesy of being vaccinated and wearing a mask when practical.

We still need volunteers to host November 5, March 4, May 6, July 1, and August 5.

Gwen Woirhaye, Chair
gwen@woirhaye.com



MORNING BOOK

Welcome to a new year of reading and discussing wonderful books! We start the year with *The Four Winds*, by Kristin Hannah, a portrait of America and the American Dream, as seen through the eyes of an indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice define a generation. Texas 1921 - the land is bountiful, and America is on the brink of an optimistic era. But for Elsa Wolcott, deemed too old to marry in a time when marriage was a woman's only option, the future seems bleak. Until one night she meets Rafe Martinelli and decides to change her life. She marries a man she barely knows. By 1934, the world has changed. Drought has devastated the Great Plains and many are out of work. Crops fail, water dries up and the earth cracks open. The Martinelli farm is dying including Elsa's marriage. Elsa has to decide whether to fight for the land or leave it behind and go west with her children. This story brings life to the Great Depression and the people who lived through it. The question is what could this book say differently than *The Grapes of Wrath*? Please join us in our discussion, led by Nadine Wilcox, on Monday, September 27, at 10 AM.

As of this writing, I am still on the fence as to whether or not we should gather in person with the rampaging Delta variant. I think we need to wait closer to the time of meeting to make this decision. If you want to join the discussion and don't regularly get my emails, please let me know and I can send you information on our decision. If we DO meet in person, I will host the meeting and provide refreshments. We will try to accommodate those who have been joining us remotely this past year. My address is 5654 Palm Ave., Whittier.

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185



MEMORIES

The September meeting of Memories will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 1:30 PM at the home of Gwen Woirhaye. All members who are looking for a writing outlet are invited to attend. We write to preserve family memories, to organize our thoughts, and to experience the sheer joy and freedom of writing. Our selections are read before an accepting and appreciative audience. The topic for September is "What I Learned About Myself During the Pandemic." Did you develop new passions, fears, hobbies? A new way to look at the world, friendship, family? As always, you may write on a subject of your choice. We welcome everyone.

Gwen's home: 5810 Friends Ave., north of Beverly Blvd. Phone: 562-533-2099

Carole Restovich

Modern Trends

The next Modern Trends will meet on September 23, 2021, at 7 PM. The book will be *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. The discussion leader is Nadine Wilcox, and the hostess is Myra Weiss whose address is 9725 La Cima Dr., Whittier, CA 90603. From Whittier Blvd., go North on La Serna Dr., right on Janine, and left on La Cima Dr. Myra will send a ZOOM link before the meeting for those who need it. The meeting will be on ZOOM and in-person at the same time.

If you're not vaccinated, please stay on the ZOOM meeting. Those coming in person, please wear a mask, wash your hands, and stay on ZOOM should you feel ill. Looking forward to a great Fall/Spring session of Modern Trends! Myra is at 562-896-2270 if you have any questions.

October 28th we will meet to discuss *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. The discussion leader is Kristine Yseta and the hostess Gen'nel Walters.

November 18th will be *Born of Crime*, by Trevor Noah. The discussion leader is Georgine Sweeney.

January 27th will be *The Light of Days* by Judy Batalion. Myra Weiss will be the discussion leader.

February 23rd will be *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline. Janice Geiger is the discussion leader.

March 27th we will discuss *The Miniaturist*, by Jessie Burton. Gwen Woirhaye is the discussion leader.

April 28th will be *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn. The discussion leader is Gen'nel Walters

May 26th we will discuss *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride.

June 27th will be *The Paper Daughters of Chinatown* by Heather Moore. The discussion leader will be Carol Anderson on ZOOM.

Questions? Call Georgine Sweeney at 562-631-6698.

La Cuisine

I am hoping we can hold our (planned for two years ago) Jewish dinner on October 30 at the homes of Myra and David Weiss and Judy and Steve Flanders. Once we feel comfortable meeting in small groups indoors, we will plan the rest of the year. We normally have five dinners per year, one in a restaurant, one outdoors with all regular and substitute participants included, and three in small groups in homes. Hostesses for a given dinner meet to plan and then distribute recipes to guests, and expenses are then shared equally among those participating. For anyone who would like to join us, please contact me and I will add you to the list. This section has been meeting for over forty years and includes couples and singles.

Gwen Woirhaye, Chair
gwen@woirhaye.com



SEPTEMBER 2021
GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

Board Meeting	August 31 (Tuesday)	7 PM	ZOOM (replaces 9/7 mtg)
First Friday	September 3 (Friday)	6 PM – 8 PM	Judi and Bob Henderson, Whittier
Branch Meeting	September 11 (Saturday)	11:30 AM	Elks Club, Whittier *
Mystery Mavens	September 15 (Wednesday)	6PM	Mimi’s Whittier
International Concerns	September 16 (Thursday)	10 AM	ZOOM
Memories	September 22 (Wednesday)	1:30 PM	Gwen Woirhaye, Whittier
Modern Trends	September 23 (Thursday)	7 PM	Myra Weiss, Whittier
Morning Book	September 27 (Monday)	10 AM	Ann Topjon, Whittier or ZOOM

CHECK WITH YOUR SECTION LEADERS FOR UPDATES AND ZOOM INVITATIONS

* Unless changed at the 8/31 Board Meeting. Check for E-Mail Updates



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