

**NOVEMBER
2021**



**BRANCH MEETING – ELK’S CLUB
NOVEMBER 13, 2021 – 11:30 AM**

“Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.” George Bernard Shaw

This quote is well suited to the times we are now living, and especially to the career field from which our next speaker is coming. After all, many of our most creative ideas that bring about change come from films we have seen, and our November speaker is bound to inspire progress with her vision and imagination. Yvonne Zhang is an AAUW International Fellowship recipient from 2020-21. She is a filmmaker, and currently Directing Fellow at the American Film Institute Conservatory in Los Angeles. (Please see an additional article about Yvonne Zhang on page 4.) We hope you will be able to attend this very special presentation!

With the idea of change in mind, our Branch meeting is going hybrid on November 13 and will begin at 11:30AM. Those who wish to attend in person may do so, and those who want to attend via ZOOM may also participate. Lunch will be served prior to our speaker’s presentation. (Please see the Hospitality section in this newsletter for venue address, menu choices, parking information and more.)

Those attending via ZOOM will receive a link from Cindy Birt. Our technical wizard, Nadine Wilcox, will ensure that all members will be able to see and hear the program. Remember to wear your name badge if attending in person. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you at The Elks Lodge or via ZOOM as possible!

Claire Koehler AAUW VP Program Director
Ann Topjon, Program Committee Associate
Christine Heller, Program Committee Associate

NOVEMBER MISCELLANY

November is National Indian Heritage Month; It is also National Adoption Month and, of course, National Gratitude Month.

Since November is also National Family Stories Month, why not make a point of telling some stories at your Thanksgiving Dinner, and, if possible record them for the young ones to have in the future.



HOSPITALITY

Join us for lunch together at the branch meeting on November 13, 2021. We will adhere to all required LA County safety measures including wearing of masks on arrival and when not seated at your table eating. All attendees must be vaccinated and show proof of vaccination. We will also provide a broadcast on zoom for those that must stay at home. A zoom link will be emailed as usual the week prior to the meeting.

Location: Whittier Elks Lodge; 13620 Whittier Blvd; Whittier, CA 90602

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Arrival and Parking: use driveway off Barton Rd behind Elks Lodge, park at rear. We will be seated in the banquet room.

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 (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 or Vegetarian Pasta Marinara or 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, November 9 to kayclark310@gmail.com, or if you do not have email, call Kay Clark at (310) 890-6510.

Remember to wear your name badge if attending in person. Thank you.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Good news! Starting in November we will be meeting in-person for the first time in 20 months. We have been living with Covid-19 for almost 2 years and now with vaccinations many are venturing out into the world again with accepted safety protocols. Some still feel safer at home and that is OK, so we will also broadcast the meeting via Zoom. (Please see the hospitality section for all the details.) I want to encourage all members to join either in-person or at-home to enjoy the great programs we have planned by Program VP Claire Koehler and the program committee.

At the October branch meeting we had a visit from the Whittier Public Library Director, Paymaneh Maghsoudi, who spoke about the Whittier Library renovations due to be completed in 2022. Our own member Sue Settlage added her insight as member of the Whittier Public Library Foundation board. She announced that the WPLF still needs donors to provide additional amenities to the newly renovated library. Claire Koehler then introduced another great speaker, Charlotte Libov, who spoke on her book *Fight Back: How to Beat the Coronavirus* and conducted an interesting and informative Q&A session afterward.

Thank you to those of you who responded the Volunteer Sign Up! There are still many open opportunities to volunteer and be more involved in branch activities; we need you. Get your name on the list of volunteers to read the branch minutes, help greet at in-person meetings, contribute your computer tech savvy, or assist branch officers and committees with various tasks.

AAUW has announced Gloria L. Blackwell as the new Chief Executive Officer of the organization, effective October 18, 2021. Gloria currently serves as AAUW's Executive Vice President and Chief Program Officer and has extensive experience leading within the organization. Many of you may know her already if you have joined some of the online webinars offered by AAUW. Please join me in welcoming Gloria as AAUW CEO.

AAUW California has announced a goal for Marketing & Membership that is "big and audacious". The State organization is working toward the goal of raising the visibility of AAUW California and increasing membership. Our Membership VPs Karen Van der Baan and Lynda Richardson will be coordinating for our branch the four workgroups that have been targeted: Working Age Recruitment, Retirement Age Recruitment, University and Organization Collaboration and Social Media Content. This effort should also increase our visibility and effectiveness for fund raising.

Paula Ocampo, GWA-AAUW Branch President

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

Presidents Theme - Embracing one another, we work together to carry out the AAUW Mission, we appreciate the gift of each other's companionship and encourage all members to participate and feel included and welcome.

NOVEMBER 13 BRANCH MEETING SPEAKER

Yvonne Zhang, AAUW Fund International Fellowship Winner

We are fortunate to have as our speaker for our November 13th branch meeting, Yvonne Zhang, a recipient of the AAUW Fund International Fellowship for 2020-21.

Yvonne is an artist and filmmaker based in Los Angeles and Glasgow, Scotland. She is currently a Directing Fellow at the American Film Institute Conservatory, having received funding and support from Fulbright, BAFTA Los Angeles, American Association for University Women, P.E.O. International and AFI.

Yvonne was raised by a fiery single mother in a post-industrial, working-class district of London made up primarily of immigrant communities. Her work focuses on the diasporic experience, exploring the ways in which race and migration shape identity, belonging and power. Her goal is to create modern myths and folktales for immigrants, often combining live action and animation to tread the line between social realism, visual poetry, and dream logic.

Yvonne's work finds hope in our often alienating, fractured and globalized world in fleeting moments of human connection. She believes there to be power and grace in the smallest acts of care—and it is this belief that forms the foundation of her stories.

She holds a Foundation in Fine Art from Central St. Martins School of Art and Design, and a bachelor's degree in English Literature from the University of Edinburgh. She has exhibited at several film festivals and has won numerous prizes and awards.

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Fund V.P.

HOW TO DONATE TO AAUW FUND

Those who wish to donate in time to have a tax deduction for 2021 can do so in one of 3 ways:

1. Go to aauw.org and click on the "Donate" button to pay by credit card. This is the fastest and easiest method. You can designate which program you wish to support.
2. Write a check payable to AAUW for the amount you wish to donate. You can designate the program in memo line.
9110-AAUW Greatest Needs Fund; 4449- Economic Security Fund; 4450- Education and Training Fund; 4452- Leadership Fund; 4451- Governance and Sustainability Fund
Mail your check to AAUW/ PO Box 98045/Washington, DC 20090-8045 by December 15.
3. Write a check payable to AAUW and give or mail it to Kay Clark, Branch Treasurer, 11915 Inez St. #8, Whittier, CA 90605 including your designation in the Memo Line. Since checks need to clear AAUW by December 31, be sure Kay has the check by December 15. Earlier is better!

Contact AAUW Fund V.P. Dolores Seidman with any questions. deeseidman@gmail.com.

AAUW FUND

Each year AAUW selects outstanding scholars and activists to receive Fellowships and Grants. You may have been able to attend one or more of the AAUW Fund Events that were held by Zoom on October 23 or 30 to hear some of the 37 winners from California this year. You may still have time to register for the one on November 7 by going to our October Newsletter or to aauw.org. Our speaker this month, Yvonne Zhang, was one of the recipients of the International Fellowship for 2020-21.

We hear about the different kinds of fellowships and grants that are awarded, but perhaps you are not aware of the specific requirements and amounts that are available. Below is the information. Most of the deadlines are in November or December—so think ahead for next year to notify those you know who may be eligible, or for our own members who may seek a grant. Complete details are available at aauw.org. This is a summary of what is available each year:

American Fellowships: \$6,000-30,000 (Deadline November 1)

Given for those completing their dissertation or doing post-doctoral research.

Career Development Grants: \$2,000-\$12,000 (Deadline November 15)

Those with a BA or BS who wish to advance or change careers. Primarily given to women of color.

Community Action Grants: \$3,000-\$10,000 (Deadline December 1)

Given to individuals, AAUW branches or community-based non-profits that promote education and equity to encourage girls to select physical science or engineering courses. (Long Beach AAUW Branch won this award last year.)

International Fellowships: \$18,000-\$30,000 (Deadline November 15)

Given to full time students in U.S. for women who are not U.S. Citizens or permanent residents.

International Project Grants:-: \$5,000-\$7,000 (Deadline November 1)

For International Fellows who have returned home to their native countries.

Research Publication Grants in Engineering, Medicine and Science: \$10,000-\$35,000 (Deadline Dec. 1)

For women with Ph.Ds. in these fields.

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Fund V.P.

The DIGITAL YEARBOOKS are here.

Send an email to Patricia Cuocco (patricia@fullerton.edu) to receive a copy and be on the list for the quarterly digital revisions

PUBLIC POLICY

Our Public Policy article this month comes courtesy of Kathi Harper, Co-Chair of Public Policy at AAUW-CA:

Abortion Justice

Although the constitutionally guaranteed right to an abortion has been systematically under attack for decades, it is currently in danger of disappearing altogether. As AAUW National recently noted, “Every person should have the ability to make their own informed decisions regarding their reproductive life. It is beyond time for abortion to be secured legally, funded fully, and equitably available for all who need it, when they need it, without shame or stigma.” With the recent refusal of the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene in the onerous Texas case, it is clear that we can no longer count on the courts to protect this critical right. Congress must pass the Women’s Health Protection Act. Watch for Action Alerts from National, use them to keep pressure on your representatives, and sign-up now for the 2-Minute Activist if you haven’t already done so by clicking here <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>.

Be sure to let us know if members from your branch participated in the Rally for Abortion Justice on October 2nd, along with Beach Cities, Palos Verdes, San Fernando Valley, Pasadena, Alameda, Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista, Los Altos-Mt. View, San Jose and Morgan Hill, and send pictures if you have them to publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org.

Legislative Updates

Our last five priority bills that were awaiting the Governor’s signature have been acted on, here are the results:

SB 62 (requires fair pay, instead of “by the piece” payment, for garment workers) **SIGNED**
AB 367 (free menstrual products must be provided in girls/women’s bathrooms in schools) **SIGNED**
AB 887 (allows domestic violence restraining orders to be filed electronically) **SIGNED**
AB 123 (increases paid family leave benefits to 65 – 75% of regular pay) **VETOED**
AB 1074 (requires hotel and janitorial workers who have lost their jobs due the pandemic to be prioritized for hiring as businesses reopen) **VETOED**

Economic Equity

October 21st is Latina Equal Pay Day – the day Latina women, who are paid just 57 cents to every white male’s dollar, finally catch up from the previous year. To help raise awareness, our coalition partner Stronger California is hosting a Latina Equal Pay Day & Essential Women Workers Virtual Summit. If you are interested in joining to learn more and hear from iconic civil rights leader Dolores Huerta as well as California’s First Partner Jennifer Newsom, click here [register](#) to register.

Thank you, Kathi. GWA members, please note the request to let State know if you participated in the October 2 rally and send along any pictures.

If you have a particular public policy question, let me know and I will address it. Should you have an interest in a particular topic and want to write about, send me you article.

Patricia Cuocco, Public Policy Chair

DINING FOR \$\$\$\$

Due to fewer restaurants participating in fundraiser events and the upcoming holiday season, we will not be having a fundraiser event this month. Our next Dining For \$\$\$\$ event will be in January. Details will be included in the January newsletter which will be published in late December. Wishing you all a lovely Thanksgiving and a truly wonderful holiday season!

Remember to patronize those establishments that have been so generous to us in the past!

Carole Duff

THE HODGE FOUNDATION

The members of the Greater Whittier Area AAUW honor our members who have passed away by donating \$50 to the Hodge Foundation of the Whittier Public Library, or to the local library of members who do not reside in Whittier. Since most of our members do reside in Whittier, we wanted to share more information about the Hodge Foundation and about recent donations.

The mission of the Hodge Foundation as explained by the Whittier Public Library is that “it is a public endowment fund whose income is dedicated to supplementing the library’s budget for books and other printed materials.

The Hodge Foundation was created in 1966 by Marian Hodge in honor of her late husband, Vernon. Both Marian and Vernon Hodge were educators. In 1941 she was appointed superintendent of the Whittier Union High School district, the first woman to head a school district in California.

A memorial donation to the ‘The Hodge’ has become a popular way to pay lasting tribute to a loved one. If the Donation is \$50 or more, the library may buy a book in a field of the donor’s choosing. The book is added to the collection with a bookplate bearing the name of the person being honored.”

The Whittier Library purchases, with consultation with the members families, books that correspond with the members interests. The Greater Whittier AAUW has the pleasure of honoring the following members:

Shirley Campbell

Margaret Truman’s Murder on the Metro: A Capital Crimes Novel by Margaret Truman

Murder on Capitol Hill: A Capital Crimes Novel by Margaret Truman

Kathy Luciano

The Chamber by John Grisham

The Client by John Grisham

Joan Nay

Beating the Odds: Winning Strategies of Women in STEM by Patty Rowland Burke

Work Together Anywhere: A Handbook on Working Remotely — Successfully — for Individuals, Teams, and

Managers by Kirsten Janene-Nelson

Rosemary Yetter

The Complete Illustrated Guide to Beading & Making Jewellery: A Practical Visual Handbook of

Traditional and Contemporary Techniques, including 175 Creative Projects Shown Step by Step by Ann Kay and Lucinda Ganderton

The Bead Jewellery Bible: The Complete Guide to Making Your Own Beach Jewellery by Dorothy Wood.

Helen Boltinghouse

Eyewitness Companion: Opera by Liddy Lindsay

Opera A to Z, A Beginner’s Guide to Opera by Liddy Lindsay



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Congratulations to our Ten-Year Anniversary Members

This month we would like to begin our recognition of faithful members of AAUW GWA beginning with ten years of membership. Thank you for your service to our branch and your continued support. We hope to see you in person at our November branch meeting.

- Patricia Cuocco
- Carole Duff
- Christine Heller
- Christine Sullivan

New Members

We are very happy to welcome Margo Reeg and Brenda Carrillo as our new members and Judith and Bob Henderson as returning members. Please add their personal information to your Yearbook (they have already been included in the digital version).

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margolwv@gmail.com

Big Sisters

Brenda Carrillo's Big Sister is Karen van der Baan.
Margo Reeg's Big Sister is Ann Topjon.

New members have Big Sisters to help them with any questions they may have about our organization and to feel welcome in our group. Membership will have a table at monthly meetings. New members and their Big Sisters or anyone who would like to join us is welcome.

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Upcoming Events to Remember:

Really Great Stuff Holiday Shopping Event (please see flyer on page 17)

14402 Whittier Blvd.
Wednesday, December 1
Thursday, December 2
Friday, December 3
12 to 6 each day

Our annual fundraiser is coming soon at Really Great Stuff in Whittier. With COVID conditions and limited indoor space to shop the owner Terri has been so kind to extend our event for three days: December 1, 2, and 3, from 12:00 -6:00pm. There is parking on the street and in the rear. Please remember to tell the store that you and your friends are from AAUW so that 20% of your purchase comes back to our organization. Just think! You have three days to shop for all those holiday gifts, travel outfits, jewelry, handbags, and a special treat for yourself.

Meet and Greet

January 21, 2022
6 to 8
Whittier Assistance League
6639 Greenleaf Ave
Whittier

Mark your calendar for our Annual Meet and Greet evening set for Friday, January 21 at the Assistance League of Whittier. The time will be 6:00-8:00pm. This is an excellent way to recruit new potential members in a casual setting with appetizers, desserts, and refreshments. We encourage you to mix and mingle with new guests. There will be a brief presentation on the mission of AAUW and the organization's important work for women and girls. Current members will be asked to sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert beginning at our November branch meeting or contact Lynda Richardson or Karen van der Baan.

Lynda Richardson and Karen van der Baan
Membership Vice Presidents





**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 _____

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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?

THE SPOTLIGHT



Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone. I hope you all get to spend the day surrounded by the love of family and friends.

We know Sharon Heck as defying convention and limitations, not so much for defying the odds. And yet, when Sharon attended an International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) Conference at the end of September in Branson, MO with her sister and two college roommates (also IFYE alumni) she not only had great fun, but also was super lucky. Sharon won BOTH large raffles after buying a minimum of raffle tickets for each. The first was a beautiful handmade quilt (see the picture), and the second was free registration for next year's Conference in Illinois. The drawings followed the Saturday night banquet, and the person drawing the ticket said, "OH MY!" after drawing her name a second time. The odds had to have been huge, since many tickets were sold for each prize.

Lynda Richardson and her husband, Daniel, are on a trip to Ireland. They are visiting such places as Galway, Killarney, Dingle Peninsula and Cliffs of Mohr. Sounds fabulous! Safe travels.

Fay Weber was honored at a recent meeting of Graduate Women USA where she has served as President for the past six years. Dolores Gonzalez Hayes, Advocacy Convener will remain in her current position for the next three years. *Christine Heller serves as Education Working Group Convener for the group which has replaced the IFUW to which AAUW belonged for many years.*

Members Diana Clark and Patricia Cuocco who have both moved to Northern Nevada, attended the Abortion Justice Rally in Carson City (see Patricia's sign below). Both were impressed by the number of young women there and both were somewhat depressed by the number of women "of a certain age" who still have the need to take to the streets after 50 years of fighting for bodily autonomy for women. Probably the sign that struck them the most said, "Texas will not force a 12-year-old to wear a mask, but it will force her to have a baby."

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, November 17, 2021, 6:00 PM

A Morbid Taste for Bones by Ellis Peters

Reviewer – Brigitta Weger

“This novel features an amateur sleuth, the twelfth-century Benedictine monk Brother Cadfael. Unrivaled in contemporary crime writing for both sagacity and grace, Cadfael, a former Crusader and man of the world, has settled into the monastic life as an accomplished herbalist whose lively intelligence and keen powers of observation help him solve an array of crimes in the town of Shrewsbury, England. *A Morbid Taste for Bones*, the first Brother Cadfael mystery (1977) unfolds around his abbey’s mission to recover an obscure relic, the bones of St. Winifred. Someone is willing to kill to keep the relic where it is, and Brother Cadfael must set some clever traps to eventually get all the bones--and bodies—into the right places.”

We will meet in a large private room at Mimi’s restaurant at Whittwood, 6:00 PM, November 17. 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.

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 Woirhaye

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 10AM. On Thursday, November 18, 10 AM, we will meet at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Our topic for the November 18 meeting will be "The End of Globalization?" chapter 8 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

Nadine Wilcox will be leading the discussion on November 18. 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. You must be vaccinated and wear a mask. Please RSVP to Sharon as her street has permit parking. Daily permits will be available, and three cars can park in the driveway.
S.Heck4peace@gmail.com 562-698-0476

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



FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday, November 5, 6-8 PM, will be at the home of Barbara Gile, 14035 Eastridge, Whittier. Bring guests, beverage of choice, and an appetizer to share. It is expected that all members and their guests are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 AND are careful to mask in public places to reduce danger to other attendees.

Directions: Mar Vista to Vale, north one block to Eastridge. House is on the northeast corner.

Still needed are hosts for January 7, July 1, and August 5.

Gwen Woirhaye, Chair
gwen@woirhaye.com



MORNING BOOK

Join us this month as we read and discuss ***The Women in Black***, by Madeleine St John. Set in the 1950s during the holiday rush, this novel focuses on four saleswomen, uniformed in professional garb of stylish black, who staff Ladies Dresses at Goode's Department Store in Sydney, Australia. The women are glamorous Magda, a Slovenian émigré who runs the high-end gowns department; Patty, who longs for a child and a revived marriage; Fay, who dreams of marriage; and Lisa, the shy teen whose life is changed by these women. This pitch-perfect comedy of manners is set during a pivotal era when Sydney is on the cusp of modern promise, and it is a testament to the timeless importance of female friendship. Susan Coll of the NYT Book Review wrote, "Laced with a fierce intelligence that captures the limited options for women and postwar xenophobia views, it's also a love letter to department stores of yore." Hilary Mantel calls this "the book I most often give as a gift to cheer people up," and Maureen Corrigan included it in her NPR Fresh Air report on books that offer solace in troubled times. Gwen Woirhaye will lead our discussion.

We will meet on Monday, November 22, at 10AM. As chairman, I have decided that we will close out this year by meeting once again via Zoom as there are still members not comfortable meeting in groups. The link to Zoom will be sent out the weekend prior to the 22nd. Hopefully, by our next meeting in January, most of the worry will be behind us, we will all have had the opportunity to receive the booster and can once again enjoy each other's company in person!

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185



MEMORIES

The November Memories meeting will take place November 17 (please note change because of the Thanksgiving holiday) at 1:30 PM at the home of Ann Chambers. This is the time of year when we write about "Gratitude," especially significant in times of difficulty. If you are inspired to write on a different topic, please do so and come share your thoughts with a welcoming group of writers. Questions? Call Carole Restovich at 562-787-0727.

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

Carole Restovich, Chair

MODERN TRENDS

On November 18 (Thursday) we will discuss *Born a Crime*, by Trevor Noah. The discussion leader is Georgine Sweeney. It will be at Kristine Yeseta's house. She will also provide refreshments. Her number is 310-344-0097(cell) or 562-696-0226 (home). Kristine's address is 13826 Walnut St. (1 block south of Mar Vista and College.)

If you're not vaccinated, or should you feel ill, please participate via ZOOM. Those coming in person, please wear a mask, wash, and sanitize your hands. We are looking forward to a great Fall/Spring session of Modern Trends! An email will go out with the ZOOM link beforehand. If you have any questions, call Kristine Yeseta at 562-696-0226.

January 27 will be *The Light of Days* by Judy Batalion. Myra Weiss will be the discussion leader. February 23 will be *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline. Janice Biby is the discussion leader. March 27 we will discuss *The Miniaturist*, by Jessie Burton. Gwen Woirhaye is the discussion leader.

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

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

June 27 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

The long-awaited Jewish dinner will take place at the homes of Myra and David Weiss and Judy and Steve Flanders on Saturday evening, November 13.

People registered for La Cuisine are invited. Anyone wishing to become part of this group may contact the chair. It is expected that all participants are fully vaccinated and habitually mask in public places.

Gwen Woirhaye, chair
gwen@woirhaye.com



Happy Holidays

GWA-AAUW 2021 Holiday Event

New expanded time for shopping!

Wednesday December 1st

Thursday December 2nd

Friday December 3rd

Open 12:00 - 6:00

Teri Medina's

Really Great Stuff

14402 Whittier Blvd.

213-503-8362

Christmas Gift selection!

Handbags, Jewelry, Shoes, Wallets and more!

***During the above days GWA-AAUW
will receive 20% of purchase price
made by members and their friends.***

Be sure to mention AAUW!

Desserts and Coffee will be available.

Call Karen van der Baan 562-695-0048 for further information



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NOVEMBER 2021
GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

First Friday	November 5 (Friday)	6 PM – 8 PM	
Board Meeting	November 2 (Tuesday)	7 PM	ZOOM
Branch Meeting	November 13 (Saturday)	11:30 AM	Elks' Club, Whittier & ZOOM
La Cuisine	November 13 (Saturday)	6 PM	Weiss and Flanders homes, Whittier
Mystery Mavens	November 17 (Wednesday)	6 PM	Mimi's Restaurant Whittier
International Concerns	November 18 (Thursday)	10 AM	Sharon Heck, Whittier
Modern Trends	November 18 (Thursday)	7 PM	Kristine Yeseta, Whittier
Morning Book	November 22 (Monday)	10 AM	ZOOM
Memories	November 17 (Wednesday)	1:30 PM	Ann Chambers, La Habra

CHECK WITH YOUR SECTION LEADERS FOR UPDATES AND ZOOM INVITATIONS



**NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE OUT
IN LATE NOVEMBER FOR
DECEMBER 2021.**

Please consult our style sheet and follow it when preparing your newsletter article. It will save 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 do not send articles in Google Docs.**

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