

**DECEMBER  
2021**



## **BRANCH MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 2021 – 11:30 AM ELK’S CLUB – WHITTIER**

*“Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death.”*

- Albert Einstein

***Our December meeting is a celebration!*** We are celebrating stories from our own members, wise ones all, to learn from various perspectives about what these past 20 months of isolation from one another has meant, what we have learned, and what we will do to continue living our best lives, pandemic be damned!

The meeting is also a Thanksgiving of sorts. We want to show thanks for the opportunity to be together, something we used to take for granted! To help inject a celebratory air into the proceedings, Jauhar Basrai will be playing classical and jazz music for us on his keyboard.

Jauhar is a 29-year-old native Californian who grew up in Diamond Bar playing classical music from the time he was a child. He studied Computer Science in college, graduating from UC Irvine in 2014, but he still enjoys tickling the ivories, especially in the jazz vein. Some of his current favorites in the genre are Justin Kauflin, David Binney, and Miro Sprague, that is, when he is not busy climbing, working out puzzles, or contemplating “effective altruism,” which is doing the best for others with the resources available. Please see the HOSPITALITY article on the next page.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**January:** Since we will not have a January newsletter, we want to give you a heads-up for our January program, which is the usual Meet and Greet at the Whittier Assistance League in Whittier on January 21 from 6:00PM-8:00PM. All members are encouraged to bring a guest (hopefully a potential future AAUW member) and an appetizer of your choice. We would like to limit the number of desserts, since we usually have more than enough of those and too few appetizers. If you have a choice between a dessert and an appetizer, *think appetizer!*

**February:** For our February Program, we will embark on an adventure! We will be meeting at the Whittier Art Gallery at 8035 Painter Avenue: Whittier CA 90602-8710. Vicki Schramm will be our host, giving us a talk on Ida O’Keeffe (Georgia O’Keeffe’s talented sister). She will present us with one of her paintings and explain O’Keeffe’s unique connection to the Whittier area. Our meeting time may be adjusted, so look for an email for further information.

Claire Koehler, VP Program Director; Ann Topjon, Program Committee Member; Christine Heller, Program Committee Member

# HOSPITALITY

Join us for our holiday lunch at the branch meeting on December 11, 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. If you already showed your vaccination card to Kay Clark, you do not have to show it again.

**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 in the banquet room.

**Menu:**

\* Main entree: Holiday entrée\*, 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 – Holiday entrée\*
- Vegetarian - Pasta marinara
- Drinks only

\*Chef Frankie is still planning the holiday entrée; we will notify the details by email well before the luncheon.

**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, December 7 to [kayclark310@gmail.com](mailto:kayclark310@gmail.com), or if you do not have email, call Kay Clark at (310) 890-6510.

Remember to wear your name badge. Thank you!



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It was wonderful to see so many of our members live and in-person at the November branch meeting. We had a delicious meal at the Whittier Elks Lodge and the tables were decorated beautifully by Mystery Mavens. Everyone that attended wore masks and brought their proof of vaccination. Kay Clark is keeping track so if you already showed your card to Kay, you don't need to bring it again at future meetings. Our speaker was AAUW International Fellow Yvonne Zhang a student at AFI, the American Film Institute. Besides being interesting, her story was so moving and was a heartfelt example of how an AAUW Fellowship can really make difference in someone's life.

I look forward to seeing more of you at our December branch meeting at the Whittier Elks Lodge. Things are getting back to the new normal, in person with safety measures.

I am sorry we had to cancel the hybrid Zoom branch meeting on Saturday. We had technical audio problems with the sound system in the hall. Hopefully, we can sort them out for future meetings. We will notify everyone when we are again able to have a Zoom meeting.

Volunteering is catching on. We had 3 additional volunteers to read the minutes this month: Belen Duarte-Sousa, Carol Johnson, and Susan Halliday, thanks to you all. I hope to have three new volunteers for the December meeting – Please contact me, [pocampo@aol.com](mailto:pocampo@aol.com).

We have a new opportunity to advance the AAUW mission and connect with more of our members. AAUW is focusing on an initiative to further our awareness, understanding and participation in a new DEI program for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. All the branches nationwide are creating a new role for DEI activities and programs. I will be appointing a DEI Coordinator to connect with AAUW California DEI committee and bring the program ideas back to our branch. Contact me if you are interested in being DEI coordinator or serving on the DEI committee.

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.

Paula Ocampo



**REMEMBER  
REALLY GREAT STUFF  
EVENT 12/1, 12/2 & 12/3**

**REMEMBER MEET AND  
GREET – JANUARY 21, 2022!**

# AAUW FUND

## AAUW FUND

Inspired by hearing from AAUW Fund Fellow Yvonne Zhang at our November Branch Meeting, I undertook some research into former Fellows who have achieved prominence in their fields after receiving this award. We all know of probably the most famous former fellow, Scientist Marie Curie. But there are many others so here are just a few:

### **Tererai Trent**

Tererai Trent, Ph.D., is one of today's most internationally recognized voices for women's education and empowerment. Distinguished as Oprah Winfrey's "All-Time Favorite Guest," Trent is a scholar, humanitarian, motivational speaker, educator, author, and founder of Tererai Trent International, whose mission is to provide quality education in rural Africa. She received a 2001–02 AAUW International Fellowship.

### **Faith Ringgold**

Faith Ringgold, internationally renowned artist, educator, and social activist, has used her art to draw attention to racism and gender inequality. She is best known for her story quilts — painted narratives on fabric. Her work has been exhibited all over the world and in the permanent collections of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Museum of Modern Art. She received the 1976–77 AAUW Creative Arts Award, given in conjunction with the National Endowment for the Arts.

### **Melissa Harris-Perry**

Melissa Harris-Perry is an award-winning author, expert news commentator and professor of politics and international affairs at Wake Forest University. Her books have earned national acclaim, including the 2005 W.E.B. DuBois Book Award and the Best Book Award from the Race and Ethnic Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. Harris-Perry was a 2001–02 AAUW American Fellow.

Stay tuned. There are many others.

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Fund V.P.

### **REMINDER:**

**December 31 is the deadline for contributions to AAUW Fund for tax deduction for 2021. Payment should be made by December 15 to insure credit. Donations can be made on-line at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) or by sending check to AAUW, PO Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045. AAUW CA Board members have pledged matching funds from California donors this year.**

# PUBLIC POLICY

## Status of the Equal Rights Amendment

***"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."***

That is it! That is the full text of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution. Part of the reason for the lack of passage is that many Americans think that equality of the sexes is already guaranteed in the Constitution. It is NOT. Whatever progress has been made on gender equality in our country is a hodgepodge of federal and state legislation, any of which can be overturned without the full protection a constitutional amendment provides.

Let me provide a brief overview of how the process towards true equality has played out.

- It's been **101 years** since the 19th Amendment granted women the right to vote.
- It's been **98 years** since the Equal Rights Amendment was first introduced in Congress.
- It's been **49 years** since the ERA was passed by Congress.
- And it's been more than **one year** since the ERA was ratified by the required 38 states.

The ERA is still not part of the Constitution because of an ambiguous and legally questionable deadline imposed at the beginning of the process, per the League of Women Voters. However, on March 17, 2021, the House of Representatives voted, with bipartisan support, to remove the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. This critical resolution moved to the Senate and is awaiting approval.

Even though the Constitution does not give any power to the Executive Branch during the amendment process, the Trump Administration improperly weighed in on the merits of what is still pending congressional action. That is why the ERA Coalition and others are petitioning the Biden Administration to undue this overreach.

AAUW is clearly and forcefully behind efforts to move the ERA to a constitutional amendment. The action you can take is to call or write your Senators about the importance of this issue. Letters to the Editor and taking action to sign petitions are all good ideas. We really cannot wait another century for true equality.

Patricia Cuocco  
Public Policy Chair



## DINING FOR \$\$\$\$

### The Original Roadhouse Grill – Whittier January 20, 2022,

Happy Holidays to all! December is always a joyous, busy month. Then, January will be just around the corner sooner than we think. It will be a wonderful time to savor those holiday memories while relaxing among family or friends with no cooking involved. Our first fundraiser of 2022 is on January 20, at The **Original Roadhouse Grill** and might be just the venue for you. It is a casual steakhouse restaurant offering both lunch and dinner ranging from steaks and seafood, to hamburgers, entree salads and more.

We have been fortunate to have this restaurant support the Whittier community throughout the pandemic, and we are so appreciative of their willingness to once again donate 20% of your restaurant bill to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund when you present our flyer. Flyers can be found at the end of this newsletter.

As you have probably experienced, many restaurants are currently suffering staffing shortages. The Original Roadhouse Grill does take reservations so you might consider making a reservation for optimal service. Enjoy your meal and have a happy, healthy new year!

Carole Duff



## DECEMBER & JANUARY MISCELLANY

December is National Aids Awareness Month; January is National Glaucoma Awareness month – a good reminder to schedule your next eye exam.

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

- *Anne Bradstreet*

So many different religious and the non-religious people celebrate holidays and traditions of some kind in December. Whatever you, your family and friends celebrate, enjoy and be joyous. Celebrate the harmony, even if it is temporary. Revel in the wishes for Peace on Earth and goodwill towards all. Join in the generosity and the gratefulness. Celebrate the death and rebirth of the light. LIVE, LAUGH and LOVE!



## MEMBERSHIP

Two very important events are coming up soon. Member support is so important to make both events successful. The first one brings financial support to the branch. The second one brings the most important thing – members which are the heart and soul of our organization. Attending and bringing potentials member with you is invaluable! These events are: **Really Great Stuff Holiday Shopping** and **Meet and Greet**

### **Really Great Stuff Holiday Shopping Event**

14402 Whittier Blvd.; Whittier

**Wednesday, December 1**

**Thursday, December 2**

**Friday, December 3**

12 PM to 6 PM each day

Please come and help make the most \$\$\$\$ ever for GWA-AAUW from this event!!!

Our annual fundraiser is coming soon at Really Great Stuff in Whittier. With COVID conditions and limited indoor space to shop the event has been extended to three days. There is parking on the street and in the rear. Please remember to tell the store that you and your friends are part of the AAUW event so that 20% of your purchase comes back to our organization. It is a great opportunity to shop for all those holiday gifts, travel outfits, jewelry, handbags, and a special treat for yourself.

### **Meet and Greet**

Assistance League

6639 Greenleaf; Whittier

**January 21**

6 PM to 8 PM

Looking forward to this great event where we can visit, eat, drink, and recruit new members! Mark your calendar for our Annual Meet and Greet evening set for Friday, January 21 at the Assistance League of Whittier. This is an excellent way to recruit potential members in a casual setting. We encourage you to mix and mingle with our 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.

Sign up at the December branch meeting or contact Lynda Richardson (562-715-5514) or Karen van der Baan (562-695-0048). To make a reservation for yourself and guests, please contact Kay Clark (310-890-6510) or [kayclark310@gmail.com](mailto:kayclark310@gmail.com).

The most important component of this evening is inviting women to attend so they can meet current members, learn about our wonderful programs for members and most importantly, the many ways AAUW helps women and girls of all ages on a local, statewide, and national level.

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## (MEMBERSHIP, Continued)

### Membership Recognition

Congratulations to our Twenty-Year Anniversary Member Dorothy Carras who will receive a certificate recognizing her years with AAUW at the December meeting. Thank you for your service to our branch and your continued support.

We would also like to acknowledge members with 11 through 19 years of service:

19 years	Joyce Paul
18 years	Georgine Sweeney
17 years	Beverly Ball, Judith Flanders
16 years	Elizabeth Ellis, Shirley A Stewart
14 years	Lynda Richardson, Sue Settlage
13 years	Kelly Collazo, Carol Restovich, Cherie Trapani, Brigitta Weger
12 years	Patricia Dudley, Sheryl Crockey
11 years	Maura Greeley, Mary Jane Holden

### New Members

We are very happy to welcome new member Susie Cortez. Please add her personal information to your yearbook. Her Big Sister is Karen van der Baan.

Susie Cortez  
12323 Rose Drive  
Whittier, CA  
90601  
Cell Phone 626-252-1063  
susiesmile18@yahoo.com

Lynda Richardson and Karen van der Baan  
Membership Vice Presidents

## AAUW MEMBERS HELP EACH OTHER

*Letter from AAUW-CA Board to Board:*

As the November 8, 2018 Paradise Camp Fire anniversary nears, those of us who received so much help from AAUW members in California and elsewhere, want to give an update and renew our thanks.

One small plea posted on the AAUW California website and a few emails asking for help brought tens of thousands of dollars in gift cards, offers of housing, furniture, and, in the case of a member who couldn't get her garage door open and had no replacement insurance—a car.

The Paradise board, all of whom (except yours truly) lost everything, gathered frequently to sort mail and distribute the contributions to 35 of our 40 members. After their needs were fulfilled, we gave cards and checks to our Tech Trek families, most of whom also lost everything and often had fewer resources. We offered gas money to the son of Suzy and Paul Ernst, the couple who were trapped by the fire and spent many months in the U.C. Davis Burn Center. There were so many ways everyone's contributions helped.

From all of us, thank you!  
Carol Holzgrafe and every AAUW Paradise member





**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

<b>ANNUAL DUES</b> 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		
<b>To order the following items, please include/add the following to your check:</b>		
<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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

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**Years**

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**Degree received**

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**Elected Offices held in AAUW**

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**Committee / Section Chair Participation**

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**Projects for AAUW Worked on/Completed**

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**Community Activities (Clubs, Volunteering, etc)**

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**Organization**

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

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# WE ARE INVITED

*Where were you? ... May 3, 1971\**

You are invited to welcome Author **Lisa Napoli, Honored Speaker** of  
**AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch's Annual Author's Event**  
Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 11:00 AM via ZOOM. There is no charge for this event.

Lisa Napoli comes to us from a long career in journalism, including staff reporting jobs at public radio's *Marketplace*, the pioneering *New York Times Cybertimes*, and as columnist/correspondent at MSNBC. She is the author, most recently, of *Up All Night: Ted Turner, CNN, and the Birth of 24-Hour News*. She has also written a biography of NPR benefactor Joan Kroc, titled *Ray & Joan: The Man Who Made the McDonald's Fortune and the Woman Who Gave It All Away*, and a memoir, *Radio Shangri-La: What I learned in Bhutan, the Happiest Kingdom on Earth*. Lisa lives in Los Angeles.

In her 2021 book, *susan, linda, nina & cokie: The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR*, Napoli takes us on a compelling journey with Susan Stamberg, Linda Wertheimer, Nina Totenberg, and Cokie Roberts. Learn firsthand about these women's enduring friendships, obstacles, successes, and lasting impacts while becoming national icons.

Ms. Napoli's book recounts the struggles women faced not only in journalism but in our lifetime, when women were truly "second class citizens." Ms. Napoli's prose offers us an inside look at the founding of National Public Radio via these 4 trailblazers. These women advanced gender equity for women and girls in the previously gender-biased workplace of print/broadcast journalism. This account will make you feel you were right there since "*All Things Considered*" hit the airwaves 50 years ago.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 AM via Zoom Invitation**. To attend this event, each person must submit their **email address & name to receive the Zoom Invitation**. Send your **email address & name to the President of Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch, Joe Des Barres:**

[joedesbarres@gmail.com](mailto:joedesbarres@gmail.com)

**Registrations will be accepted beginning now and until Monday, January 17, 2022.**

All registrants will receive a Zoom Invitation on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, with a reminder on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

MEET Author Lisa Napoli and SALUTE contemporary She/roes: *Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie*.

*\*That date marked the first broadcast of NPR's "All Things Considered" on fledgling public radio.*

## 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



Mystery Mavens does not meet in December, so our next meeting will be:

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 6:00 PM

***THE SECRET OF THE OLD CLOCK*** by Carolyn Keene

Reviewer – Mandy Knight

Quoting from the book cover: “Add Mystery to your bookshelf with **Nancy Drew**. For cliff-hanging suspense and thrilling action read The Nancy Drew Mystery Stories – the world’s most popular mystery series for young readers! Millions of fans have matched wits with Nancy Drew, helping her solve more than fifty baffling cases – from *THE SECRET OF THE OLD CLOCK* to the haunting mystery of *THE THIRTEENTH PEARL*. Join the fun.”

We will meet in a large private room at Mimi’s restaurant at Whittwood, 6:00 PM, January 19. 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](mailto:S.Heck4peace@gmail.com)

Here is our list of books for the remainder of 2022.

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 or nine articles on a variety of topics, and we read one article each month.

Our meetings are generally on the third Thursday each month at 10AM. Since we have completed the 2021 book, on December 16, 2021, our group will meet at the Thai Table restaurant in the Whitwood Mall (Whittier) at 11:30 AM for a Holiday Lunch. Contact Sharon or Sheryl for information.

On Thursday, January 20, 2022, 10AM, we will meet at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Our topic for the January meeting will be a review of 2021 and a look ahead at 2022 as our new *Great Decisions* preordered books will be distributed. We will watch the video for Chapter 1 of the book which will be discussed in February 2022. Everyone reads the book 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. 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

Eighteen attended November First Friday at Barbara Gile's. This is a nice-sized group of vaccinated people who wear masks in public places.

December 3 will be at our home, 6-8 PM. Please bring your choice of beverage plus a snack to share and join us for good conversation, food, and welcoming December. Guests are welcome as long as they meet the above standard.

January 7 we will meet at the home of Fay and Jack Weber, same parameters as above.

Directions:

December 3—5810 Friends Ave., Whittier, one block west of Painter Ave., one block north of Beverly Blvd. Parking permits will be clipped to the front gate. Park in the driveway if you have trouble with stairs and use the paved ramp from the driveway. 562-696-6405

January 7—2089 E. Skyline Dr., La Habra; Harbor north from Whittier Blvd., left on Old Fullerton Road to end; house is just ahead on the left, corner of Skyline and Fullerton Rd. 562-697-2101

We still need hostesses for February, July, and August 2022.

Gwen Woirhaye, chair  
gwen@woirhaye.com



# MORNING BOOK



We will not meet in December.

We start the new year by reading *Olive Kitteridge*, by Elizabeth Strout. At times stern, at other times perceptive, at other times in sad denial, Olive Kitteridge, a retired schoolteacher, deplores the changes in her little town of Crosby, Maine, and in the world at large, but she doesn't always recognize the changes in those around her: a lounge musician haunted by a past romance; a former student who has lost the will to live; Olive's own adult child, who feels tyrannized by her irrational sensitivities; and her husband, Henry, who finds his loyalty to his marriage both a blessing and a curse. As the townspeople grapple with their problems, mild and dire, Olive is brought to a deeper understanding of herself and her life, sometimes painfully, but always with ruthless honesty.

*Olive Kitteridge* offers profound insights into the human condition- its conflicts, tragedies and joys, and the endurance it requires. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the story "animates the ordinary with astonishing force... [The author] makes us experience not only the terrors of change but also the terrifying hope that change can bring: she plunges us into these churning waters and we come up grasping for air."

Join us for our first in-person get together on Monday, January 24, at 10 AM. The meeting will be held at Fay Weber's, 2078 E. Skyline Dr., La Habra Heights 90631. Ann Topjon will provide refreshments. Dolores Seidman will lead our discussion. For planning purposes, please let Fay and Ann know if you will be able to attend. I look forward to seeing you in person – at last!!

Ann Topjon 562-695-6185

## MEMORIES/WRITING IS FUN!

Our Memories Christmas luncheon will be celebrated at the home of Helen Rahder on Dec. 15 at 12 noon. (Please note change of date and time.) Last year Covid concerns cancelled our gathering, but now with full vaccinations we can again share a "Christmas Memory," either written or oral at Helen's charming home. Carpooling will be arranged. We invite new members to our relaxed and welcoming writing group. Questions? Please call Carole Restovich at 562-787-0727.

Helen's address: 1582 Rose Villa, behind Pasadena City College. The simplest driving route is north on Rosemead Blvd. to California Blvd. (past Huntington Dr.), left on California for about three miles, right on Hill St. (next to Cal Tech), drive north on Hill for three blocks and turn right onto Rose Villa to 1582, which is on the right. Please remember: PARK IN THE DRIVEWAY.

A new year. A new name. A new focus. Beginning in 2022 AAUW's writing group, Memories, is changing its name to Writing is Fun! This comes amid comments from AAUW members who enjoy writing but do not want to focus on memories of their past. So, we invite members who love to write to join us on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:30 to write on whatever piques their interest at the moment. We are not a professional writers' group, but one that accepts all writing in whatever form it takes.

We welcome everyone to our first WIF meeting on January 26 at the home of Carole Restovich, 10413 Portada Dr., off Starbuck behind Whittwood Center. Questions? Call Carole at 562-787-0727.

## MODERN TRENDS

January 27, 2022 (the 4th Thursday in January) at 7 PM, the Modern Trends in Literature Book Group will discuss *The Light of Days* by Judy Batalion. The discussion leader is Myra Weiss. Our hostess will be: Georgine Sweeney. She will also provide snacks & goodies. Her number is (home) 1-562-947-6681 for RSVP or email Georgine and the group with info as to participating in person or via ZOOM. A ZOOM link will be sent closer to the mtg date. Georgine's address is 16411 Pasada Ave, Whittier, 90603.

*If you're not vaccinated, please attend on ZOOM. To those coming in person, please wear a mask, and wash your hands; stay home or use ZOOM should you suddenly feel ill.*

Looking forward to a great January session of Modern Trends! To RSVP how you will participate with the group (in-person or via ZOOM) respond to Georgine's email address or call her (number below). An email will go out with the ZOOM link a few days before the meeting. Questions? Call Georgine Sweeney at 562-631-6698 (cell), Or Co-Chair Nadine Wilcox, at (cell) 626-340-9018.

\*\*\*The books for the balance of 2022 will be:

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.

## La Cuisine

This section ended a long hiatus with a great Jewish dinner at the home of Myra and David Weiss, attended by 18 members. Co-hostesses were Judy Flanders and Sue Turco.

Plans are underway for further dinners after the holidays, including one at a restaurant, one group dinner to which all La Cuisine members and substitutes are invited, and one in homes. If you are interested in joining this group as an individual or couple, please contact the chair.

Gwen Woirhaye, chair  
[gwen@woirhaye.com](mailto:gwen@woirhaye.com)



# Happy Holidays

## GWA-AAUW 2021 Holiday Event

New expanded time for shopping!

Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup>

Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

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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Greater Whittier Area  
American Association of University Women

Invites you to join us for a

**Meet & Greet**

Bring a friend or guest!

Friday, January 21, 2022  
6:00-8:00pm

Assistance League of Whittier  
6339 Greenleaf Avenue  
Whittier, CA 90601

*This is a great opportunity to mix and mingle over a glass of wine and appetizers in a casual setting, while learning what AAUW is doing in our community and the world.*

For more information call  
Lynda Richardson at 562-715-5514  
or Karen van der Baan at 562-695-0048

**See you there!**

DECEMBER 2021 & JANUARY 2022  
GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

Really Great Stuff	December 1, 2, & 3	12 PM – 6 PM	
First Friday	December 3 (Friday)	6 PM – 8 PM	Gwen Woirhaye
Board Meeting	December 7 (Tuesday)	7 PM	ZOOM
Branch Meeting	December 11 (Saturday)	11:30 AM	Elks' Club, Whittier
Memories	December 15 (Wednesday)	12 PM	Helen Rahder, Pasadena
International Concerns	December 16 (Thursday)	11:30 AM	Thai Table, Whittier
AAUW Fund Donations Deadline (Calendar Year)	December 30		
Board Meeting (tentative)	January 4	7 PM	ZOOM (if held)
First Friday	January 7	6 PM – 8 PM	Fay Weber, La Habra Hgts. <a href="mailto:joedesbarres@gmail.com">joedesbarres@gmail.com</a>
Deadline for ASG Invite	January 17		Mimi's Whittier
Mystery Mavens	January 19	6 PM	Original Roadhouse, Whittier
Dining For \$\$\$\$	January 20	11 AM – 9 PM	
Alhambra-San Gabriel Author Event	January 22 (Saturday)	11 AM	ZOOM
Meet & Greet	January 21 (Friday)	6 PM – 8 PM	Assistance League, Whittier
Morning Book	January 24 (Monday)	10 AM	Fay Weber, La Habra Hts
Modern Trends	January 27 (Thursday)	7 PM	Georgine Sweeney, Whittier

CHECK WITH YOUR SECTION LEADERS FOR UPDATES AND ZOOM INVITATIONS



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IN LATE JANUARY FOR FEBRUARY  
2021.**

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