

**MARCH
2022**



BRANCH MEETING – MARCH 12, 2022 11 AM – ZOOM

Women's Legal Status

It's Women's History Month, and we have a program that fits the bill. Our speaker will be Dr. Emily Teipe, who most recently graced us with her knowledge in 2020 when she gave us a presentation commemorating the centennial of the 19th amendment, Women's Suffrage. This year Dr. Teipe will be presenting her lecture on *"In the place that God hath set for her" the legal status of women in the American Colonies*.

Emily Molesworth Teipe was born in Baltimore Maryland and attended Eastern High School for Females. She received her B.A. and M.A. from California State University, Fullerton. For the Masters' degree she completed additional studies at Richmond College, London in Classical Civilization, which consisted of on site courses in Greece, Turkey, Israel, Egypt, Italy, France, and the United Kingdom.

Dr. Teipe is Professor Emerita of Fullerton College where she taught for thirty years. She was nominated 21 years consecutively for "teacher of the year," was a finalist in 2003, 2006, and recipient of the award in 2009, and 2010. Although retired, she continues to teach her very popular class, "Women in United States History" for Fullerton College—online to 100 students each semester.

Her current work in progress is *Our Beloved Friend*, a study of an eighteenth-century Quaker reformer, which is due for publication this year with Pennsylvania State University Press.

Emily is active in her community at Windwood, Anaheim and as a volunteer for several rescue organizations such as Southern California Collie Rescue and German Shepherd rescue of Orange County.

Since we will be on ZOOM again for our March 12 meeting, the program will begin at 11:00AM. with social time between 10:30 to 11:00AM. President Paula Ocampo will send out the ZOOM link a day or two ahead of time, via Cindy Birt on email.

President Ocampo will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by this month's announcements and any business that needs our attention, like when our next Meet and Greet might be scheduled and when we can expect to revel in Really Great Stuff later in March. Following that will be our guest speaker, Emily Teipe, who will enlighten us on a historical view of women's legal issues (a 30–45-minute talk) followed by a 15-minute Question/Answer session. We look forward to seeing you there!

Respectfully submitted by:

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

HOSPITALITY

Hello Ladies,

We have another month on ZOOM. Aren't we lucky that such a program was created just when we needed it? We can still meet face to face through the Internet! It may not be our favorite way to meet but at least we can get together! By April, we are hoping to meet once again in person.

This month being March we celebrate Ash Wednesday on the 2nd; the return of Daylight Savings time on the on the 13th; St. Patrick's Day on the 17th and the beginning of Spring on the 20th. A busy month indeed!

Since we are still not meeting in person this month, I suggest we have another cup of tea or whatever during our ZOOM meeting. This month I will be having GOOD EARTH'S "Sweet and Spicy" which their original tea. It is delicious hot or cold. I like to make it in the summer as a sun tea. It is delightfully refreshing on a warm day. You can find this tea at Sprouts.

Wishing you and yours the "top of the morning" this coming month! 🍀

Pauline Rogers
Hospitality Vice President



Dining For \$\$\$\$

Save The Date! – Thursday, March 17 – Silver Palace Restaurant

11:30 AM to 3 PM for lunch. 4:30 PM to 9 PM for dinner.

This month, our loyal friends at Silver Palace will graciously welcome us to their restaurant. Silver Palace is our local venue for delicious, authentic Chinese food. We have enjoyed their food and their willingness to support our organization for many years. We applaud their efforts to serve the Whittier community throughout the pandemic. Once again Silver Palace will generously support us by donating 20 % of your bill directly to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund.

For those of you who are more comfortable eating at home, **Silver Palace will honor all take-out and indoor dining purchases by simply presenting our flyer.** A flyer can be found at the end of this newsletter. Do be aware that there is a break between the restaurant's lunch and dinner hours, as shown above.

Please join us. We look forward to seeing you for great food and a warm welcome!

Carole Duff

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We were back together on ZOOM for our February branch meeting, but with no compromise on program excellence. Tracy Wittman from the Whittier Historical Society & Museum spoke about two historic Whittier women: Rebecca Bailey and Harriet Russell Strong. Everyone was riveted to hear their stories. Brenda Carrillo, our new Tech Trek Branch Coordinator, also spoke about the upcoming Tech Trek camp this summer. The committee will work aggressively on a plan to select and send 8th grade girls to camp this year.

AAUW California is currently planning in-person camps and Whittier College has agreed to host camp this year. Judy Pfeil is Camp Director and Tobi Balma is assisting her. Judy has put out a call for volunteers; they need teachers, dorm moms, a nurse, junior and senior counselors, and workshop presenters. Many of you have participated in the past, you just need to be an AAUW member and over 21 to be a dorm mom. If you know someone who is interested, this may be a good motivation to join AAUW. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Tobi Balma at aauwtobi@gmail.com.

We will meet on ZOOM again in March; however, we are planning to meet in person in April and will confirm with details next month.

Sharon Heck is heading the nominating committee for next year's slate of officers. There are many ways to participate in branch governance and we need new voices. Please think positively when the committee contacts you. If you are interested, please contact Sharon to discuss in which ways you could serve. We will present nominees for branch vote in April.

Upcoming events include:

- LACIC Meeting on ZOOM– March 13, 2022, 2 PM - 4 PM
- March Branch Meeting on ZOOM – March 12, 2022, 11AM
- Equal Pay Day – March 15, 2022
- March Dining for Dollars – March 17, Silver Palace
- Really Great Stuff (3 days)

Wednesday March 30	12:00PM - 6 PM
Thursday March 31	12:00 PM - 6 PM
Friday April 1	12:00 PM - 6 PM
- AAUW Lobby Week April 11-15, 2022 - Branch Activities TBD
- AAUW CA Annual Event on ZOOM – April 30, 2022 (replaces yearly in-person conference)

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

AAUW FUND

California has raised \$494,020 for the calendar year 2021 for AAUW Fund to support scholarships, grants, leadership programs and other activities to ensure equity for women and girls. Our branch can be proud to have contributed \$9,748 from individual members and a branch donation.

We are able to select individuals as Named Gift Honorees for AAUW based on our contributions. A committee has met and made this selection which will be announced at our May 14 branch meeting.

Many thanks to the following branch members for their contributions:

Elizabeth Baca

Virginia Ball

Janice Biby

Carole Black

Jacqueline Brearley

Ann Chambers

Rozanne Child

Diana Clark

Kay Clark

Harriet Cornyn

Patricia Cuocco

Carole Duff

Margot Eiser

Barbara Gile

Susan Halliday

Sharon Heck

Judith Henderson

Mandy Knight

Claire Koehler

Joann Libolt

Carla Lowinger

Kathleen Marin

Bea Myers

Lucia Navar

Paula Ocampo

Linda Pomeroy

Lynda Richardson

Dolores Seidman

Ann Topjon

Gen'nel Walters

Brigitta Weger

Nadine Wilcox

Gwen Woirhaye

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Fund VP

FINANCIAL CORNER

This is a reminder, dues for 2022-2023 can be paid starting March 15. The total this year is \$111.00 because there was an increase in National Dues. State and Local dues remain the same.

Paid Lifetime Dues are still \$44.00 and Honorable Lifetime (members over 50 years) are \$0. For the rest of us, the amount of your dues that will be tax deductible next year is \$88.00.

The tax-deductible amount for 2021 is \$83.00.

Please send a check or pay online. Invoices will be emailed around the end of March if you want to pay online by credit card. Checks should be made out to GWA AAUW (Greater Whittier Area AAUW) and mailed to me at: 11915 Inez St. #8: Whittier, CA 90605

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kay Clark

Treasurer

PUBLIC POLICY

The Redistricting Process in L.A. County

Our guest Public Policy columnist, Margo Reeg, has given us a great deal of information on Redistricting, Margo is a new member of our branch, and she serves as the 2nd Vice-President for the Los Angeles County, League of Woman Voters. Thank you, Margo.

The Redistricting Process for Los Angeles County, the state of California, and Los Angeles City came to a finish in December with the publication of the newly redrawn maps for County Supervisorial districts, state Assembly, Senate, Congressional and Board of Equalization districts, and Los Angeles City Council districts. The League of Women Voters followed each of these processes for the year in which they were functioning. LWV Los Angeles observed City Council, state, and LA County. The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County board watched the new County independent commission process as the board has in at least two previous decades.

Monitoring the Process

The League's primary goal was to monitor the process by which the appointed commissions carried out the mandate to hold open meetings, seek training on voting rights laws and specific aspects such as Racially Polarized Voting, and hold ample public input sessions to learn from residents about their Communities of Interest. During this pandemic year the commissions were very resourceful in hosting all their meetings via ZOOM and, in the case of the LA County Commission, holding 5 in person public input hearings—one in each Supervisorial district— as well as several in-person commission meetings.

Los Angeles County Citizen Commission

On the Los Angeles County level, the creation of an Independent Citizen Redistricting Commission for the County came about due to a state law SB 958 passed in 2016. This law stipulated a specific set of requirements for the selection and qualification of commissioners as well as the requirements for the hiring of staff and consultants. These requirements made it very difficult for interested consulting groups to apply so the LA County Commission had at the end only one choice for a Demographic/Mapping group which was based in the East Coast. The Voting Polarization Consultant was also limited to groups mainly outside LA County.

The League worked closely with a group of organizations including Common Cause, MALDEF, NALEO, CHIRLA, Community Coalition, League of Conservation Voters, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-LA, the Advancement Project, and others to follow the entire process from the choosing of the Commission members, through drawing up bylaws, hiring staff, choosing consultants, and conducting meetings. On several occasions, the coalition wrote letters to the Executive Director and the Commission on procedural issues and public input. On some occasions members of the Coalition including League members made public comment during meetings. Our intent was to make sure that the Commission operated according to the law, followed the requirements of districting, educated residents on the means to communicate public comment on Communities of Interest, and held more than the minimum number of public hearings.

Redistricting Requirements

In the end, the newly drawn districts on the county level had to have substantially equal population (total deviation less than 10%), adhere to the Voting Rights Act to neither concentrate people of one

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racial group in one district nor to fragment the ethnic and racial communities to dilute their voice. In addition, districts had to be contiguous, reflect Communities of Interest, and if possible be compact.

In a County of over 10,000,000 people and only 5 Supervisorial Districts, it took a great deal of public comment, map drawing skill, understanding of neighborhoods and regions, and creativity to create 5 districts that were fair and gave the multitude of diverse communities in the County the opportunity to elect a Supervisor of their choice.

Final Maps

At the final map drawing session on Sunday, December 12, in response to many comments from residents in the San Fernando Valley and Chatsworth who wanted their area to be kept in one district, and to people from Glendale and Burbank who also wanted those cities to remain together, and to Asian Americans who wanted their neighborhoods in the city core to remain undivided, the Commissioners pulled the West Valley communities into the 3rd District and removed areas in the eastern part of the 3rd District into District 1. Then they placed Glendale, Burbank, and some of the studio lots into District 5 along with Pasadena and a number of foothill cities that had wanted to remain together. The LA County Commissioners were a diverse and highly qualified group of people who worked very hard to draw boundaries that make it possible for the County's very diverse communities to have a chance to elect a Supervisor of their choice.

The final maps are displayed on the county redistricting website, lacounty.gov/redistricting. In addition, statements by the Supervisors and a link to the lengthy [Final Report](#) are at [this location](#). Final maps for the state are found at www.WeDrawtheLinesCa.org/final_maps. Many of us will find that we have been moved into a new district that may be unfamiliar. The maps are organized by type—Assembly, Senate, Congressional, and Board of Equalization. Branch members will probably reside mainly in CD 38, SD 30 and 34, and ADs 54, 56, 59, and 64. Montebello is in 54, Whittier, Pico Rivera and Hacienda Heights are now in 56, Downey, Norwalk, La Mirada, South Whittier, and La Habra are in 64. These maps seem to be secure as no lawsuits have been filed either at the state or county level to challenge the new boundaries.

Final Report

In the final report the LA County Commission and the Executive staff made several recommendations to make the next process run more efficiently in the future. Among those recommendations is that the application and selection process for commissioners start sooner. They also recommended using online and hybrid meetings in the future even if there is no pandemic. Many more people were able to observe the process and make public comments using the online format than would have been able or willing to if all the meetings had been held at the county Hall of Administration. The Commissioners needed time to vet and hire their own staff and less stringent requirements for qualifying applicants to do demographic work and research on voting trends. To change the requirements for timing and for consultant qualifications will require a change in state law. Software implementation issues were a problem partially caused by the late arrival of final census data. The League concurred on many of these recommendations.

The League's job is to educate voters about the new district boundaries and to facilitate getting all candidates to post their campaign information on VotersEdge.org. On the county level most

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members will remain in the 4th Supervisorial District. On the state level many of us will find that the boundaries of our Assembly District, Senate District or Congressional District boundaries have been changed and we may be seeing unfamiliar candidates on our ballot in June. For current information about candidates running to represent you in the Assembly, Senate, and Congress, go to www.votersedge.org/ca starting in late March.

All in all, it was a fascinating process made more difficult by the restrictions of the pandemic. But the county is not the same place as it was in the 1990s and 2000s when we were first required to have districts that allowed an African American and a Latina to be elected, overturning the dynasty of 5 white men. Remember this is the first time in which the people in LA County will choose their representatives rather than the Supervisors choosing their voters. The Commissioners worked diligently to hear and accommodate the hundreds of Community of Interest statements to create districts that best enable residents to elect a supervisor who represents their interests. The California Citizens Redistricting Commission also heard thousands of comments, held dozens of public hearings, and incorporated that testimony into its final maps. In California the voters choose their representatives rather than the Legislators choosing their voters.

Margo Reeg



DID YOU KNOW?

The term gerrymandering is named after American politician Elbridge Gerry, Vice President of the United States at the time of his death, who, as Governor of Massachusetts in 1812, signed a bill that created a partisan district in the Boston area that was compared to the shape of a mythological salamander.



MEMBERSHIP



Wine Time

What a generous group we are!!!! Your quick response and overwhelming donations to our February announcement of the gift of Jan Berry's late husband's home crafted wines for AAUW were amazing. Thank you for your overwhelming donations. Cheers to all!

Membership Recognition

Throughout the year we are honoring our longtime GWA members at our monthly meetings. In the month of March, we will focus on our members with 31-40 years of membership. Thank you to the following women for your dedicated service and membership to our outstanding organization.

Gen'nel Walters, Congratulations for your forty years as a member of AAUW!

And kudos as well to these longtime members.

39 years Cindy Burt
38 years Kristine Yeseta
37 years Virginia Ball, Janice Cecola
36 years Jois Hofmann
35 years Fay Weber
34 years Jacqueline Brearley
33 years Maurine Behrens, Rozanne Child, Harriet Kittle Cornyn
31 Years Mary Gilmour

Attention Shoppers

Our Winter fundraiser at Really Great Stuff was such a hit that we are doing it again for Spring fashions and Easter gift items. The dates will be Wednesday March 30, Thursday March 31, and Friday April 1 from 12 PM- 6 PM. Don't miss out on this fun shopping experience and remember to bring a friend as 20% of all purchases goes to our AAUW GWA Branch. Light refreshments will be served. See flyer for more details!

Membership Dues

National AAUW dues will go up \$5.00 in the upcoming year of 2022-2023. General membership will be \$111. The membership application form in this newsletter on the following page, is updated.

Meet and Greet

We are looking into the possibility of an outdoor location for our Meet and Greet event and perhaps holding it in the afternoon. Look for more details soon.

Lynda Richardson & Karen van der Baan
Membership Co-Chairs



**Greater Whittier Area-American Association of University Women
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM for YEAR 2022-2023**

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 \$111	<input type="checkbox"/> Dual \$24
{National Dues \$67 + State Dues \$20 + Branch Dues \$24 = \$111 TOTAL} REMINDER \$88 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 \$7 + (if mailed, postage \$5 = \$12)		

**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: _____

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

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

*Address _____ *City _____ *Zip _____

*Home Phone _____ *Cell Phone _____

*Work Phone _____ *Email address _____

Degree _____ Year _____ Major _____

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

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)

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Appointed Offices held

Branch

Year (approximate is ok)

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Committee / Section Chair Positions

Branch

Year (approximate ok)

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Committee / Section Chair Participation

Branch

Year (approximate is ok)

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Projects for AAUW Worked on/Completed

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Community Activities (Clubs, Volunteering, etc)

Organization

Year (s) (approximate is ok)

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

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

What's DEI? A newly formed state committee providing resources, guidance, and ideas for promoting diversity for branches. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is in our branches and in our daily lives. AAUW promotes diversity in our membership.

The state committee has created a DEI Toolkit that provides a complete glossary of terms, the many dimensions of diversity as well as “how-to” programs for specific topics. Informative webinars are being made available from National AAUW. Notice of topics and links are mailed to members.

There are vast materials available to both the board and the membership. Our focus in each newsletter will be on the words and definitions that will broaden our understanding of the nuances of language we use in discussing diversity, equity and inclusion.

Board members are encouraged to read and explore the articles and resources in the monthly Board to Board emails. Members will also find articles and resources in the California Connection emailed to you monthly. The January issue provides a link to a 3 ½ minute video to learn more about AAUW's interest in DEI.

DEI Word of the Month: Diversity

The condition of having or being composed of differing elements: variety especially the inclusion of different types of people (such as people of different races or cultures) in a group or organization programs to promote diversity.

Variety. That's what diversity means in essence.

Source: DEI Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Toolkit: Key Terms and Concepts

Patricia Dudley
DEI Branch Coordinator

HODGE FOUNDATION

For those of you who might not recall, AAUW donates \$50 for each deceased member to purchase a book or books in their name. (And that is only for members who live in Whittier. We donate to the local library of non-Whittier residents.) The Hodge foundation requests our presence on their board.

The Hodge Foundation Board meeting was held by ZOOM on Thursday, January 20, 2022. Although several internal items were discussed, the items most interesting to our members would be of the progress of our Central Library. All construction appears to be on target to meet the June 2022 opening. There will be an expanse of 5200 square feet. State of art technology will provide for an enhanced children section; the Teen section upstairs will have the latest in computer technology and their own reference section.

The Whittier Library has been approved by the State Library to have a mobile library. This is different from the existing mobile units in that the new one can be driven by a staff member where the existing units required special drivers' license. Also, pending approval, the Library has planned to hire a full-time social worker to handle issues such as housing, health, veteran, etc.

The Board reported that the number of books purchased by the Hodge Foundation for the Library is 64.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2022.

MLSF GIVES GRANTS TO TEACHERS OF MATH AND SCIENCE

Our Myra Long Scholarship Committee (MLSF) has established a new grant program to assist 8th grade teachers of math and science. Invitations to apply for grants of \$300 to \$600 to support teachers in providing STEM enrichment opportunities to students were sent to the thirty school contacts of our Math/Science Conference for 8th Grade Girls.

Recently we awarded four grants. Alma Zavala, science teacher, and Rachael Schoonover, counselor, at Sierra Vista Middle School, Hacienda La Puente, were awarded \$600. They will establish an after-school club for fifteen 8th grade girls to learn JavaScript, Scratch & Swift. They will purchase the necessary equipment and the girls will apply the skills to use robotics to find possible solutions. They also asked for club T-shirts if there was enough money.

Lisa Buckmier, a teacher at Oswalt Academy, Rowland Schools, was awarded a \$400 grant. She gave a very specific list of items needed to teach Motion and Force, Sound & Light Waves, and Electromagnetism. A skateboard, rubber balls, rice, concave mirrors, a hand crank generator, and other materials were on the list. Ann Chambers, a retired science teacher, and a member of our review committee, stated that all the materials were needed and were good choices. Pat Dudley, a retired school principal, also served on the review committee.

Our third grant of \$350 was awarded to Christine Cienfuegos at Lakeside Middle School, Little Lake Schools. She will use the grant to purchase three electromagnet and electricity kits for use with 24 students. The kits would allow students hands-on experience needed to understand how electromagnets work and some basics of electricity.

The fourth grant of \$600 went to Roberto Alvarado, a teacher at Sparks Middle School, Hacienda La Puente. He has a total of 88 students in 3 periods and his application included the following: “Students will build and design a simple robot (bristlebot) to explore how friction is used to maneuver robots; they will explore Newton’s Laws of Motion; and experiment with the center of gravity of the brush to direct their robot. This lab will give the students the opportunity to engineer their own robot, debug or problem solve when they encounter problems, and work collaboratively to find an ideal design.” He was so excited when he received the grant and had planned to attend the January AAUW Meet and Greet to receive his check. We had to cancel the Meet and Greet so it is our loss that we will not see his excitement and enthusiasm.

We will again be sending out the invitation to apply for the grants very soon. We know that many teachers must use their own money to enhance their classroom teaching. We believe this is a very good way to help with that enrichment. Thanks to Pat Dudley and Ann Chambers for their assistance with our MLSF grant project for teachers of 8th grade STEM classes.

Sharon Heck



WE ARE INVITED

By our friend and dual member, Jill Smith.

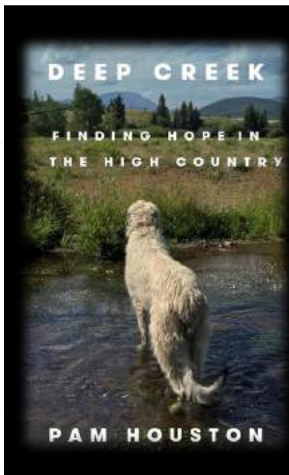


Littleton-South Metro (CO) Branch

Virtual Fundraising Event

Saturday, March 26, 2022

1:00 pm MT



Featuring Author Pam Houston & Her Memoir

Deep Creek: Finding Hope In The High Country

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Fee: \$30

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THE BOOKIES HERE!](#)



Pam Houston

author. teacher. speaker.

At 31 years old, fresh off a tour promoting her first collection, *Cowboys Are My Weakness*, Pam Houston had “no job, no place to lie except my North Face tent.” On an impulse and a good instinct, she spent her royalties on a 120-acre ranch near Creede, Colorado. It was more than she could afford and required more maintenance than she could manage. And yet, 25 years later, it’s the piece of land that’s defined the largest part of her life. **DEEP CREEK: FINDING HOPE IN THE HIGH COUNTRY** tells the remarkable story of “that girl who dared herself to buy a ranch, dared herself to dig in and care for it, to work hard enough to pay for it and to figure out what other people mean when they use the word ‘home’.”



“Deep Creek is a love letter to earth, animals, and the best of humanity. Pam Houston has taken our heartache and woven it back into hope. Her stories of love, loss, and a life lived in relationship to land give us good reasons not to give up on ourselves or each other. This is the book we need right now to remind us how to endure—passionately. An unstoppable heart song.”

—Lidia Yuknavitch, author of *The Misfit's Manifesto*

SPOTLIGHT



I'm really hoping that everyone was feeling well, doing fun things, and generally enjoying life and that is why I got only one Spotlight article – a difficult one at that!

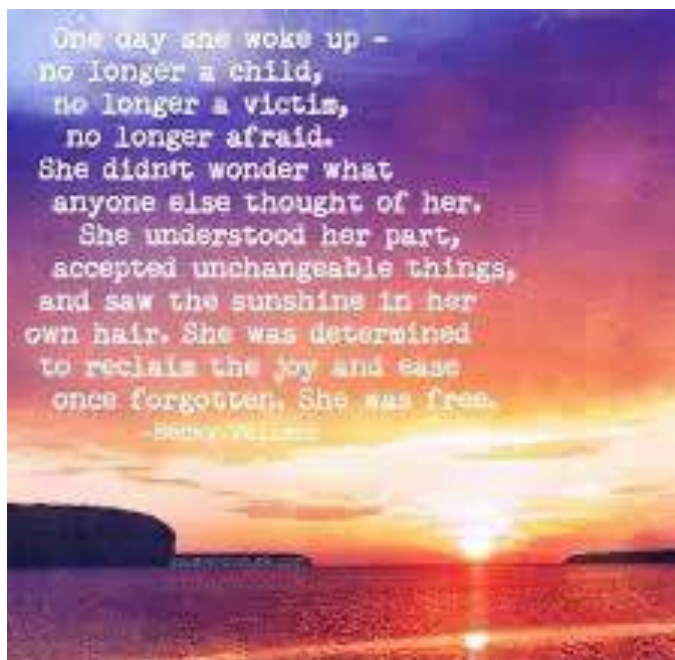
Kay Clark's sister was diagnosed with breast cancer. Decisions are currently being made about chemo/surgery. It's a large tumor that she discovered last August. Right now, Kay reports, we don't know the prognosis. Good thoughts and lots of love to you and your sister, Kay.

One of our members told me that she really likes SPOTLIGHT because it is a good way for us all to keep in touch in these difficult times. Even with the pandemic numbers getting somewhat better, it is still a scary time for all of us. I would encourage you to share things you are doing that may be of interest to branch members. We are all looking for ways to keep busy while staying safe, for things to engage and amuse us and for things to expand our minds. Isn't AAUW all about learning and sharing. Even your guilty pleasures are welcome – we all have them. Right now, mine is binge-watching two Netflix series: *Ozark* and *Sweet Magnolias*. The former is critically acclaimed, and the latter is, well, I'll be honest, not something I would admit to in one of my University English Literature seminars. My sister, Diana Clark, says I need to start *The Gilded Age*, which sounds a bit more acceptable.

Your turn!

Hoping there is a pot of gold under your rainbow!

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.

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, March 17, 10AM, we will meet at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Our topic for the March 17 meeting will be the bonus article, "Changing Demographics in the World," pages 5-16 in the 2022 *Great Decisions*. Belen Duarte-Sousa will lead our discussion. We will have a ZOOM meeting also. Let Sharon know if you need the ZOOM link. Books are still available for those who wish to join us. 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

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. 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

MYSTERY MAVENS

Mystery Mavens will meet on March 16, the third Wednesday, at Mimi's Restaurant, 6 PM. Please follow the current requirements on vaccinations, etc. and stay at home if you are not feeling well. Our book is *Murder at the Palace* by Margaret Dumas. Jackie Brearley will review the book and lead our discussion. Please start sending me book nominations for next year. The mystery book should be the first in a series. Email the title, author, and a brief summary to s.heck4peace@gmail.com. Thank you.
Sharon Heck

Book for the remainder of the year

May 18, 2022

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

MORNING BOOK



Join us for a discussion this month of *The Lost Gutenberg*, by Margaret Leslie David. Johann Gutenberg (c.1400-1468) was the inventor of moveable type in Europe. There were estimated to be 150 copies of the Bible printed but only 48 in existence. There are currently only three extant copies of the Gutenberg Bible which are thought to have been illuminated and bound in Mainz, the printing place, and this copy, #45, is one of these precious three.

The author recounts the five centuries in the life of one copy. The owners include the British heir of the Lea and Perrins Worcestershire sauce empire to Estelle Doheny, widow of Edward Doheny of the Teapot Dome scandal, and finally Keio University in Tokyo. Readers are drawn into the colorful lives of each of its collectors along the way. One learns about the culture of rare-book collectors in the 19th and 20th centuries.

The author focuses the narrative on the life of Estelle Doheny (1875-1958), the only woman to own it; it was a crowning achievement of her life as a collector and a devout Catholic. Later it was used for scientific experiments to discover the components of Gutenberg's ink. It is a riveting history for book lovers and bibliophiles alike. Next time we are allowed in to see the Huntington Library's copy, we will have new appreciation for the artwork, enlarged capital letters, and the type. Each one was hand decorated. There are many references to our area: Doheny Mansion, Doheny Eye Clinic, and St. Vincent de Paul Church, a Los Angeles cultural monument featured in many movies.

Marian Locke is the discussion leader. We are meeting on Monday, March 28, at 10AM. Currently, we are planning to meet in person at Marian Locke's home, 15555 La Monde St., Hacienda Heights 91745; 626-336-3430. Directions: Colima Rd. north to Hacienda Blvd.; left on Hacienda, left on Newton, left on Joan to La Monde; right on La Monde; 15555 is on corner with blue shutters. Carole Duff is the co-hostess. If the Covid situation changes and cases start climbing again, we will revert to ZOOM. We will make ZOOM an option in any case, and I will be sending an email in advance of the meeting to confirm location.

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185

FIRST FRIDAY

To remain safe, we will cancel the March First Friday as the Branch will still be meeting online. We plan to meet again the first Friday in April, which will be the 1st, April Fool's Day, so we'll hope we don't get fooled by that pesky virus! Dolores and Glenn Gonzalez-Hayes have offered their home.

Gwen Woirhaye, chair
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MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

On **Thursday, March 24, 2022**, the group will discuss the novel *The Miniaturist*, by Jessie Burton (published in 2014) via ZOOM.

Gwen Woirhaye will be the Discussion Leader and ZOOM hostess for the March meeting. An email with the ZOOM meeting link will be shared with the group and any other AAUW - GWA member who requests link, two to three (2-3) days before the meeting.

We will have discussion at the beginning of the meeting regarding how the group will meet in April (hybrid or solely ZOOM) and who will be the hostess if a hybrid meeting.

The list of remaining books to read and group meeting dates (with determination of meeting via ZOOM or in person discussed after each meeting while there are any increased concerns regarding COVID) are listed here:

- **April 28, 2022**, will be *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn. Gen'nel Walters will be the discussion leader.
- **May 26, 2022**, we will discuss Deacon *King Kong* by James McBride. *(Do we have a Discussion Leader and possibly a hostess for this meeting? Please alert Georgine and Nadine.)*
- **June 23, 2022**, will be *The Paper Daughters of Chinatown* by Heather Moore. The discussion leader will be Carol Anderson on ZOOM, we need a volunteer as a possible hostess.

In the March or April reading group meetings sections will discuss other business for future meetings. Such as 1) new chair (or co-chairs) volunteers(s), 2) book names submitted for 2022-23 reading list (>10) with voting to taking place prior May or June 2022 meeting, and 3) how we continue to meet (based on Covid - 19 LA County and AAUW - CA and GWA - AAUW Board recommendations — continue with hybrid or 100% ZOOM as needed by group and safety recommendations), and any other issues at hand for group planning for 2022-23.

Questions? Call Co-chairs: Georgine Sweeney at (home) 562-631-6698, or Nadine Wilcox (call/text) 626-340-9018, or e-mail n.m.wilcox462@gmail.com.

WRITING IS FUN

The March 23 meeting of Writing is Fun! (formerly Memories) will take place at the home of Carole Restovich behind Whittwood Town Center at 1:30 PM. We invite anyone who enjoys writing to join us. You may write on any topic you wish. Perhaps you have concerns about your city, the pandemic protocols, inflation, your favorite pet, least favorite neighbor – anything goes! Come share your thoughts with an appreciative audience. We write for the fun of it, to get things off our chests, to clarify our thoughts, and to provide self-expression.

Carole's address: 10413 Portada Dr., off Santa Gertrudes, south of Starbuck. Phone: 562-787-0727. All are welcome.

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**Wednesday March 30
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Friday April 1
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

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**Questions:
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MARCH 2022
GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

Board Meeting	March 1 (Tuesday)	7 PM	ZOOM
Branch Meeting	March 12 (Saturday)	11 AM	ZOOM
LACIC	March 13 (Sunday)	2 PM	ZOOM
Mystery Mavens	March 16 (Wednesday)	6 PM	Mimi's Rest. Whittier
International Concerns	March 17 (Thursday)	10 AM	Sharon Heck, Whittier
Dining for \$\$\$\$	March 17 (Thursday)	11:30 AM-3 PM 4:30 – 6 PM	Silver Palace, Whittier
Modern Trends	March 27 (Thursday)	7 PM	ZOOM
Morning Book	March 28	10 AM	Marian Locke, Hac. Hgts
Really Great Stuff	March 30, 31 & April 1	12 PM – 6 PM	Really Great Stuff, Whittier

CHECK WITH YOUR SECTION LEADERS FOR UPDATES AND ZOOM INVITATIONS



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FOR APRIL 2022.**

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