

**APRIL  
2022**



**BRANCH MEETING – APRIL 9, 2022  
 11:30 AM – ELK’S CLUB  
 BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS**

Spring is here! New hope; new beginnings! It’s time to look forward and accelerate—goals, improvements, and new ways of thinking. Why, you may ask. Why not? This year, we are kicking off our new DEI (Diversity Equity, and Inclusion) program with a speaker who asks just that. In fact, Dr. Jacqueline Sanderlin is the cofounder and CEO of Why Not? Incubator. It is “a non-profit organization designed to provide community partnership coaching about unity, wellness, community, equity, and racial healing. Her book, *The Why Not Challenge: Say Yes to Success with School-Community Partnerships* shares her passion and practical takeaways for forming lasting community relationships between schools, organizations, and companies.” She will be speaking to us about building relationships to foster *better* community relationships to effect positive change.

**Dr. Jacqueline L. Sanderlin – Brief Bio**

Dr. Jacqueline Sanderlin has over 30 years of experience as an educator in grades K-12 and college. She has successfully served as a special education teacher, curriculum specialist, assistant principal, principal, after-school administrator, district administrator, executive director of school and community engagement and college professor. Her passion has led to cultivating more than 350 partnerships and dramatic improvements in some of Southern California’s most challenged schools. She is a sought-after national speaker and author of **The Why Not Challenge: Say “Yes” to School and Community Partnerships**. She was the consulting producer of the NBC reality show called, School Pride. She is currently the CEO/Founder of the Why Not Incubator (non-profit organization). She has provided keynote presentations and workshops around the world about the power of community to students, parents, educators and leaders. She currently is an Executive Board Member for the Goldie Hawn Foundation and Social Emotional Learning Alliance for California (SEL4CA). Her favorite quote is by Nelson Mandela who said, “I never lose. I either win or I learn.”



**Upcoming Events:**

**May 14:**

- Las Distinguidas award winners will be presented
- Name Gift Honoree(s) will be highlighted
- AAUW Meet and Greet, **May 21** between 2:00-4:00PM at:

The Whittier Assistance League  
 6339 Greenleaf Ave #573  
 Whittier, CA 90601

All members are encouraged to bring a guest (hopefully a potential future AAUW member) and an appetizer of your choice.

**June 11:**

- Myra Long Scholarship Recipients
- Induction of New Officers

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

# HOSPITALITY

We will be back in person for lunch at the branch meeting on April 9, 2022. So that all of our members still feel safe, we will continue our Covid-19 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 Road behind The Elks Lodge; park at the rear. We will be seated in the banquet room.

Menu:

\* Main entree: Champagne Chicken, served with a garden salad

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

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

Lunch cost: \$25/person

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

No substitutions, deletions, or special orders.

Please RSVP with your selection from one of the following:

- Main Entree – Chicken
- Vegetarian - Pasta
- 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, April 5 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!

Pauline Rogers  
Hospitality Vice President



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



March was Women's History Month and we celebrated with our March branch meeting on ZOOM with a truly interesting program presented by Dr. Emily Teipe. Dr Teipe's lecture was on "*In the place that God hath set for her*" the legal status of women in the American Colonies. We learned that even before suffrage, the early women's movement focused on gaining property rights and more legal autonomy over herself. Dr. Teipe also shared information on her new book, *Our Beloved Friend: The Life and Writings of Ann Emlen Mifflin*, a study of an 18th century Quaker reformer and another great story in women's history.

Don't miss our annual branch meeting on April 9 at the Whittier Elks Lodge (details in the hospitality section). Be prepared to again enjoy in-person fellowship and another great program arranged by Claire Koehler Program VP. Claire and her committee work hard to bring us relevant and interesting speakers. This month our topic will be on building relationships within our own community which supports our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative.

**At the April 9 meeting we will vote for branch officers for 2022-2023.** It's not too late to participate in branch governance. We still need more people involved; just contact me and I will match you up with the area of your interest. [pocampo@aol.com](mailto:pocampo@aol.com), (562) 447-7483

The AAUW virtual Annual Event is happening on April 30, 2022. Sign up to experience this event on ZOOM which will feature speakers, awards, and open conversations. Registration opens March 19. Watch for the email from AAUW with link to register.

AAUW California elections for state board are coming up. This year we will vote on eight positions including: secretary, three (3) one-year term directors, (4) two-year term directors. The voting period runs April 23-May 15, and all members will receive an email with their ballots. Members may also request a paper ballot. You can read most of the candidate's bios on the state website at <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2022-candidates/>

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.

# AAUW FUND

Have you heard of The Legacy Circle? It is a planned gift that you can make to AAUW as a beneficiary in your will, trust, insurance policy or individual retirement account. These gifts expand AAUW's programs and public policy agenda by providing for future generations. This will increase the number, scope, and size of the gifts that form the long-term financial reservoir for our work on behalf of women and girls. The best part is that you do not have to be wealthy to make this gift. It can be for any amount.

Recipients are given a beautiful AAUW Legacy circle pin designed by Swarovski. See if you can spot one at a future AAUW event. Current members are Rozanne Child, Dolores Seidman, Jill Smith, Fay Weber, and Gwen Woirhaye. The GWA AAUW named its Legacy Circle for Judy Pappé, now deceased.

For more information about how to donate, contact me at [deeseidman@gmail.com](mailto:deeseidman@gmail.com).

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Fund V.P.

## 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 Honorary 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  
[Kayclark310@gmail.com](mailto:Kayclark310@gmail.com)  
310/890-6510

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above contact info.

National has a new website. If you are having difficulties changing your password or updating your account, please let me know and I'll try to help. On March 31 National is having a webinar for us (President, Membership and Treasurer) to be able to make changes for our members. So, if you can't get in to change your data or just don't want to, let me know and when I can, I'll do it for you. Thanks for your patience.

Kay Clark,  
Treasurer

## Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI)

The American Association of University Women is the nation's leading organization advocating **equity** for women and girls.

Every member is aware that **equity** is the focus of AAUW. It is stated explicitly in the AAUW Mission Statement: To advance **equity** for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Yet, there is a need to look deeper at the term. Equity and Equality are often used interchangeably. Though they come from the same root they have different meanings that directly affect our understanding of what is equitable.

As defined on the AAUW.ca website:

Equity Refers to fair and just practices and policies that ensure all community members can thrive. Equity is different from equality in that equality implies treating everyone as if their experiences are exactly the same. Being equitable means acknowledging and addressing structural inequities, both historic and current, that advantage some and disadvantage others. Equal treatment results in equity **ONLY** if everyone starts with equal access to opportunities. Many of you are aware of my passion for shoes. I thought a shoe story might illustrate the difference between equitable and equality:

A small village population needs to walk to a nearby town on a rough, gravel road to access the shops, schools, churches, and services each individual needs. None of the men, women or children in the village has a pair of shoes so the town is inaccessible to them. A good Samaritan offers to provide shoes to the villagers so they can reach the town. The shoes arrive, 200 pair of size 7 sneakers. This is **equality**; every villager now has the exact same pair of shoes. But can all now reach their destination to access the services of the town? The answer is obvious. The same size shoe does not provide the same accessibility to travel to the town. To be **equitable** each villager needs a shoe that fits them to enable them to walk on the road. Shoes would need to be available in appropriate sizes, widths, even some with orthopedics to provide the same opportunity to each villager. That means some shoes may cost more than others or be a different style, but the difference is necessary to provide all villagers access to the town.

This gives new meaning to the phrase "If the shoe fits....."

Pat Dudley





# PUBLIC POLICY

*Our Public Policy article for April comes to us from the Public Policy Committee at AAUW-CA.*

## **Sexual Assault on College Campuses**

By Amy Hom

College campuses should be safe spaces where students can study, learn, pursue academic goals and engage in social activities. Unfortunately, college campuses have also long been places where students can face sexual violence. A 2019 study conducted by the Association of American Universities found the rate of undergraduates who experienced rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation to be 26.4 percent for females, 23.1 percent for transgender, genderqueer, or nonconforming (TGQN) students, and 6.8 percent for males.

A crucial first step toward solving problems is accurate reporting and measurement. While numerous studies show that campus rape is common, an analysis by AAUW found that the vast majority (89%) of 11,000 American college and university campuses reported zero incidents of rape. This speaks to the inadequacy of reporting structures rather than the frequency of assaults. Only 1 in 5 female undergraduates report their sexual assault to authorities, with victims often reluctant to notify officials because they worry that they won't be believed or might face retaliation. Many schools make it difficult for students to come forward, and a majority fail to properly report incidents of sexual violence when they occur.

Further exacerbating the problem, in 2017 the U.S. Department of Education, led by then-secretary Betsy DeVos, rescinded a number of sexual harassment protections under Title IX. The DeVos rule expanded protections for those accused of sexual misconduct. It subjected sexual abuse claims to higher standards of evidence than other claims. It gave the accused the rights to a live hearing and to cross-examine accusers, which was not previously allowed. And it released schools from investigating incidents that occur off campus. As a result of these changes to Title IX, it has become even more challenging to report sexual assaults through official university channels.

In March 2021 President Biden signed an Executive Order directing Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona to suspend, revise or rescind the DeVos-era rule, or begin the process of collecting comments to draft a new rule. The Department of Education started that process in June 2021 and announced in December that it will unveil new proposed Title IX rules in April 2022, a month earlier than initially expected. The Department has indicated that it intends to propose major revisions to the current Title IX rules, including the definition of sexual harassment and how schools must respond to complaints of sexual harassment. Further, the Department has stated that it will prioritize protections for students based on sexual orientation and gender identity. The AAUW CA Public Policy committee will be looking out for the Department 's new proposed Title IX revisions in the spring and will provide updates as they become available.

Once critical protections for students are restored and further protections established, additional focus will be needed to fully enforce Title IX and to provide oversight of schools' compliance with the laws. AAUW will continue to defend Title IX and promote its effective enforcement as a key to fair and equitable education for women and girls in the United States.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our Nominating Committee includes Paula Ocampo, Susan Halliday, Nadine Wilcox, and Sharon Heck. We have met and compiled a slate of elected and appointed branch officers for 2022-2023. You will notice we still need a President-Elect for next year. That person then becomes the President the following year. Please let one of us know if you believe you could fill that office. It is a two-year commitment, but you have a whole year to learn the president's job.

We also need a Membership Vice-President. Several people are willing to serve on a membership committee, but no one has chosen to chair it. Please come forward if you are willing to serve. You will have help with the tasks.

We will be voting on the slate of elected officers at the April 9 branch meeting which will be held at the Elks Club Hall, and the officers will be installed at the June meeting.

## PROPOSED GWA-AAUW ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023

President	Nadine Wilcox
President-Elect	
Program Vice-President	Claire Koehler
Hospitality Vice-President	Pauline Rogers
Membership Vice-President	
Public Policy	Margo Reeg
Treasurer	Kay Clark
AAUW Fund Vice-President	Shirley Stewart
Recording Secretary	Mandy Knight
Corresponding Secretary	Maura Greeley
Past President	Paula Ocampo

## Myra Long Scholarship Fund Committee (MLSF)

Chair	Barbara Gile
Secretary	Carole Restovich
Treasurer	Kaye Kidwell
Director	Susan Halliday
Director	Sharon Heck
Director	Patricia Dudley

Submitted by:  
Sharon Heck





# TECH TREK

***AAUW Whittier Tech Trek Summer Camp at Whittier College is in GREAT NEED of DORM MOMS, and a few Professional Women working in STEM fields (Professional Women's Night) at Whittier College for the week of June 19-25.***

In order to operate the camp, we need to have enough staff. As of 3/15/22, we have enough Core Teachers. What we don't have are enough dorm moms. To accommodate 100 girls, we need one Dorm Mom per ten girls. We need 3 more Dorm Moms. Think of recently retired members/younger members; college students; relatives: prospective members; teachers; neighbors, etc. This can be great opportunity for recruiting members.

It is certainly wonderful that branches raise money and (want to) send girls to Whittier Tech Trek, however, each year we struggle to find enough Dorm Moms (age 21 or older & eligible for AAUW membership). We hope branch members will step up and volunteer to be Dorm Moms! It is exceptionally rewarding. And, to emphasize again: to accommodate 100 girls we MUST have three more Dorm Moms.

**Dorm Moms:** DMs receive a small stipend, room and board and lots of joy. DMs are responsible for a small group of Tech Trek campers, provide emotional support, and respond to camper's questions and concerns throughout the week. DM's will hold daily meetings with their dorm groups, keep track of their whereabouts throughout the day, and accompany girls to campus activities and field trips. They will help with the enforcement of camp rules and policies. Training and support are provided!!

Also, if you are or know of a STEM related professional woman, please let us know.

Links to more descriptions can be found online at: <https://techtrek-whittier.aauw.net/volunteer/>

Questions? If you want more information or want to volunteer, please contact Tobi Balma at [aauw.tobi@gmail.com](mailto:aauw.tobi@gmail.com) and/or (562) 305-0285.

Tobi Balma  
Whittier Tech Trek  
Assistant to Camp Director Judy Pfeil





# MEMBERSHIP

## Membership Renewal

It is now time to think about renewing your AAUW membership for 2022-2023. You can either renew online or print the updated membership form at the end of this newsletter and mail it to our treasurer, Kay Clark. Remember that the current renewal rate is now \$111.00.

## Congratulations to our 50 Year Members!

We are very happy to be able to honor 50-year members at the April meeting. Not only will we honor the current 50-year members, Tobi Balma and Shirley W. Stewart, but the members of the previous years that we were not able to honor in person.

### Previous Years 50 Year Members

Carol J. Anderson  
Dolores Seidman  
Carol Shupek  
Ann Topjon  
Ruth White



## Really Great Stuff

We are all looking forward to our Spring Shopping Spree at Really Great Stuff in Whittier on March 30, 31 and April 1. The doors will be open from 12-6pm and light refreshments will be served. Please invite your friends and neighbors as 20% of our sales are returned to AAUW. This is a great place to buy Easter gifts, add to your wardrobe, select from a wide array of purses and jewelry.

## Meet and Greet

May 21, 2022; 2:00-4:00 PM; Whittier Assistance League

We are excited to announce that our annual Meet and Greet event will be on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at the Assistance League of Whittier. This outreach mixer for the community will be an afternoon event from 2:00 -4:00pm. We encourage you to invite guests to learn about AAUW GWA and a chance to meet members in person.

Many of you have already signed up to bring either an appetizer or a dessert. We will confirm that item with you at our April meeting. All guests attend free, and we will ask members for \$5.00 at the door if you are not bringing a dish.

Call or email Lynda or Karen the names of your guests so that we may have their name tags ready. Please wear your name badges to the Meet and Greet.

## Look for the flyer in this newsletter.

Karen van der Baan  
Lynda Richardson  
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

<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 \$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		
<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 \$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 \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ \*Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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Year joined AAUW \_\_\_\_\_

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**Projects for AAUW Worked on/Completed**

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

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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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Greater Whittier Area  
American Association of University Women

Invites you to join us for a  
**MEET & GREET**  
Please bring a friend or guest!

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
2:00 – 4:00 PM

**Assistance League of Whittier**

6339 Greenleaf Avenue  
Whittier

*Parking is available in the Assistance League Parking Lot in the  
alleyway behind the store.*

This is a great opportunity to mix & mingle over coffee, tea  
or a glass of wine and appetizers,  
while learning what AAUW is doing for our community.

*Guests/nonmembers Free of charge  
\$5.00 for current members and spouses\**

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

*\*\$5.00 waived if member brings  
an appetizer or dessert.*

**AAUW  
GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH**

**Really Great Stuff Spring Event  
14402 Whittier Blvd  
Whittier**

**SHOP FOR EASTER GIFTS AND CLOTHING!!  
SHOP FOR SPRING THINGS!  
SHOP FOR FUN!**

*Clothing, Jewelry, Handbags  
Easter Baskets and Gifts*

**Light Refreshments served**

**Wednesday March 30  
Thursday March 31  
Friday April 1  
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

**20% of the proceeds goes to AAUW**

***Bring your friends & family to this great event!***

**Questions:  
Lynda Richardson 562-715-5514  
Karen van der Baan 562-695-0048**



# SPOTLIGHT



It's SPRING – YAY! OK, so it's been cold and snowy in my neck of the woods and I'm looking forward to my first taste of Mountain Springtime.

I have it on good authority that Barbara Gile gave a wonderful presentation on AAUW to the Whittier Rotary Club members and their president, Ms. Laura Dryjanska, on Friday March 4. Nadine Wilcox assisted as media tech for a presentation to the group at the Roadhouse Grill in person and on ZOOM. Way to go, Barbara!

Kristine Yeseta welcomed first grand baby; a little girl named Makayla Charlotte. All the best wishes in the world for this new little one and her loving family.

Karen Van der Baan provided this: Patricia mentioned *The Gilded Age* in the last newsletter. I have been watching it and its depiction of that time period's high society in New York. In my younger days I read Edith Wharton's *Age of Innocence* and *House of Mirth*. This series seems to be spot-on in highlighting the very rigid rules of conduct in the upper echelons of society, the difficulty breaking into it and how easily one can fall from grace - not to mention the lack of kindness and empathy displayed by the 400. But it is very entertaining! Karen, I also understand that the costumes are fabulous!

Mandy Knight reports the proverbial good news/bad news scenario: It felt so great to pack a suitcase again! Traveling to and through the Copper Canyon in Mexico involved 40 wonderful people, one knowledgeable tour guide and an ever so cautious bus driver! Our journey of 1,500 miles began and ended in Phoenix; we traveled through the states of Chihuahua, Sinaloa and Sonora crossing desert, climbing into mountains and then back down to sea level to the Sea of Cortez. We stayed in 5 wonderful towns along the way and stayed immersed in the culture and customs of each region. The "jewel" of the trip was the Copper Canyon!

Seven times larger than the Grand Canyon, the Copper Canyon is a spectacular natural attraction in Northern Mexico. The Teleférico de las Barrancas del Cobre had us at bird's-eye level in a matter of minutes; this Swiss-style cable car cruises over the rugged canyon walls to reveal panoramas of the deep chasm below. Not a fan of a swaying cable car? We boarded the El Chepe railroad which claims to be one of the most scenic railroads in the world. It took 89 years to complete. There are 32 trestles and more than 86 tunnels covering the 420-mile journey from the coast to the Chihuahuan desert. It was a spectacular ride! It was so wonderful to be traveling again!

Unfortunately, as Mandy reports, "Not so fun was being back only 4 days to find water seeping up through the planks of the floor in the kitchen. Here's the short version of what I expect to be a long story: .... ice maker line to the refrigerator.... water mitigation.... the contents of my kitchen, living, dining and half of my family rooms are in my garage.....followed by the demolition of walls/floors/cabinets/countertops and 24/7 fans providing very own sleep noise machine! I'm told that restoration comes next..... more visitors tomorrow! Look for that installment in next month's Spotlight! Mandy, your trip sounds fabulous; the aftermath – not so much!

## 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, April 21, 10AM, we will meet at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Our topic for the April 21 meeting will be Chapter 1, "Outer Space Policy," in the 2022 *Great Decisions*. Helen Jewell will lead our discussion. We will have a ZOOM meeting also if one is needed. Let Sharon know if you would like the ZOOM meeting and 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](http://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](mailto:S.Heck4peace@gmail.com) 562-698-0476

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

## MYSTERY MAVENS

Mystery Mavens does not meet in April. We will meet again on May 18, 2022, the third Wednesday. Please watch the May newsletter for further information as we are planning to meet at MIMI's. Please continue to send 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. We will vote on our five choices at the May meeting. 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



We do not meet this month. The two remaining discussions this year will take place on June 6 and July 25 at 10AM. June's book is *Hamnet*, by Maggie O'Farrell, and discussion will be led by Linda Harris. In July, we will be reading *The Pull of the Stars*, by Emma Douglas, and I will lead that discussion. In the meantime, I am now soliciting recommendations for next year's meetings. Please email me titles, authors, number of pages, and brief synopses of any books (can be gotten from Amazon) which you would like to see discussed. I will take suggestions until May 15.

Happy Reading!

Ann Topjon 562-695-6185

## FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday is back on April 1 (no fooling). Come from 6 to 8 PM, bring your choice of beverage and a snack to share and spend the time visiting in person with AAUW friends and significant others and other guests. Party will be hosted by Gwen and Mahlon Woirhaye at 5810 Friends Avenue, one block north of Beverly Blvd.; one block west of Painter Ave. Parking permits will be clipped to the front gate.

Those with mobility issues may park in the driveway and use the ramp from the driveway around the house if desired.

Gwen Woirhaye, chair  
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## LA CUISINE

Décontracté (laid back) French dinner. Most of the recipes are simple, but delicious. On April 23, we will start at 5:00 PM for poolside hors d'oeuvres and the opportunity to visit prior to the sit-down dinner. This is a group dinner, so regular members and substitutes are included. Those on the list will receive an invitation from Fay and Jack Weber. Co-hosts are Susan and Drew Sones and Shirley and Jim Stewart.

Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Gwen Woirhaye, section chair.

Gwen Woirhaye  
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# MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

On Thursday, April 28, 2022, the group will discuss the novel *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn via hybrid (ZOOM and in-person).

Gen'nel Walters will be the Discussion Leader for the meeting. An email with the ZOOM meeting link will be shared by email by Myra Weiss to book group two - three (2-3) days before the meeting for those that cannot attend in-person. The hostess for the hybrid/in person meeting will be Nadine Wilcox (address 12423 Camilla St., Whittier 90601). Call or text Nadine at 626-340-9018 to RSVP, if coming in person.

The list of remaining book group dates and books are below and will be held as hybrid ZOOM meetings unless circumstances change. These dates and books are listed here:

**May 26, 2022** - *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride.

**June 27, 2022** - *The Paper Daughters of Chinatown* by Heather Moore.

We do not have discussion leaders or hostesses determined for these last two meetings and will inform of meeting details via email to group members and via the AAUW-GWA monthly newsletter.

Questions? Interested in joining us? Contact Co-chairs: Georgine Sweeney at (home) 562-631-6698, e-mail: [georginesweeney@hotmail.com](mailto:georginesweeney@hotmail.com), or Nadine Wilcox (call/text) 626-340-9018, e-mail: [n.m.wilcox462@gmail.com](mailto:n.m.wilcox462@gmail.com).



## WRITING IS FUN

Writing is Fun! will hold its April 27, 2022, meeting at 1:30 PM at the home of Carole Restovich. Everyone is invited to write on any topic that she wishes. Opinions on world events? Thoughts on Covid? Comments on motherhood - her day is coming up. This is the time to express yourself on anything that moves you before an encouraging group of open-minded women. Come join us!

**Carole's house:** 10413 Portada Dr., behind Vons's at Whittwood Center. Phone: 562-787-0727.

## APRIL MISCELLANY

April is National Keep America Beautiful Month and national Canine Fitness Month. Is the dog getting a few too many treats? I'm guilty, too, but do try and cut back.

April is also National Poetry Month. Edna St. Vincent Millay wrote this just after the close of WWI, cynical about spring and rebirth in a time following such horror.

*It is not enough that yearly, down this hill,  
April  
Comes like an idiot, babbling and strewing flowers.*

### APRIL 2022 GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

Really Great Stuff	March 30, 31 & April 1	12 PM – 6 PM	Really Great Stuff, Whittier
First Friday	April 1 (Friday)	6 PM – 8 PM	Gwen Woirhaye, Whittier
Board Meeting	April 4 (Tuesday)	7 PM	ZOOM
Branch Meeting	April 9 (Saturday)	11:30 AM	Elk's Club, Whittier
International Concerns	April 21 (Thursday)	10 AM	Sharon Heck, Whittier
La Cuisine	April 23 (Saturday)	5 PM	Fay Weber, La Habra Hgts.
Writing is Fun	April 27 (Wednesday)	1:30 PM	Carole Restovich, Whittier
Modern Trends	April 28 (Thursday)	7 PM	Nadine Wilcox, Whittier

CHECK WITH YOUR SECTION LEADERS FOR UPDATES AND ZOOM INVITATIONS



**NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE OUT IN LATE MARCH  
FOR APRIL 2022.**

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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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