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# GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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**MAY  
2022**



## **BRANCH MEETING – MAY 14, 2022 11:30 AM – ELK'S CLUB LAS DISTINGUIDAS**

At our meeting this month, we will honor two well-deserving women in the community with the Las Distinguidas award. Elizabeth Camp was nominated by Soroptimist International of Whittier, and Stephanie Salas was nominated by Boys & Girls Club of Whittier. They will be celebrated at the upcoming Branch meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Las Distinguidas Committee hopes that you will be able to attend the meeting to honor these amazing women. More information about them will be disclosed in next month's newsletter. The AAUW Fund Named Gift Honorees will also be announced,

### **HOSPITALITY (from Pauline Rogers)**

It's May and our second time of having an in-person lunch at a Branch meeting! It is such a pleasure to be back together this month on May 14, 2022. Kindly remember the COVID-19 protocol: wear masks when arriving and when not seated at your table. All attendees must be vaccinated and show proof of vaccination. If you have already showed your vaccination card to Kay Clark, you do **not** have to do so again.

We will meet at the Whittier Elks' Lodge; 13620 Whittier Blvd; Whittier. Join us at 11 AM for social networking. The meeting will begin at 11:30 AM, and end at approximately 1:30 PM.

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

**Menu:** Main entrée: Chicken Enchiladas with red sauce served with a garden salad; the vegetarian entrée is Mexican chopped salad. Both entrées include choice of salad dressing, dinner rolls, butter, dessert, coffee, iced tea, water. The **lunch cost** is \$25/per person. There can be no substitutions, deletions, or special orders.

You may attend with a **"Beverage Only"** \$5/per person that includes coffee, iced tea, and water. Please **RSVP** with your choice.

**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, **MAY 10**, to [kayclark310@gmail.com](mailto:kayclark310@gmail.com) or if you do not have email call Kay Clark at (310) 890-6510.

Kindly remember to wear your AAUW name badge. Thank you!

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



April meant a return to spring and in-person meetings. We are still careful by being vaccinated, wearing masks when appropriate and staying home when we are ill. Many of our section meetings that are in-person will also offer ZOOM access.

Our branch meeting on April 9 was back to in-person luncheon at the Whittier Elks Lodge. It was wonderful to see one another again, and everyone enjoyed the program. Those present voted unanimous approval for the 2022-2023 Slate of Officers. Congratulations to the members recognized for their 50 years with AAUW. Certificates and yellow roses were presented to those attending in person; Dolores Seidman Ann Topjon, Tobi Balma, Shirley W. Stewart.

If you weren't at the meeting, you missed out on a truly inspirational and enjoyable speaker. Dr. Jacqueline Sanderlin, as an educator, entertained us with heartfelt stories of her scholars. With her focus on reaching out, she seamlessly showed us a more inclusive sense of our community. We will remember Dr. J and her challenge, "Why Not!"

The new AAUW Community Hub website is up and running, and you can now access your member records online. Once you reset your password you can log in and update your personal information, renew membership, and even make a donation online. We will set up a ZOOM training session for those who still need help. Please contact me to get on the list, pocampo@aol.com.

Our branch has applied for the AAUW Five-Star National Recognition Program. I can confirm that we have achieved at least one star so far. More importantly, the program goals are helping us to align our activities with the AAUW strategic plan which includes a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion and other initiatives that foster the organization's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls.

AAUW California elections for state board are here; you still have time to vote. This year we are voting on eight positions including: Secretary, three (3) one-year term directors, four (4) two-year term directors. The voting period runs April 23-May 15, and all members should have received an email with their ballots. You can check out 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

At our May 14 meeting we will present our Named Gift Honoree(s). Since we enjoy keeping the winners a “secret” until the presentation at the meeting, you will have to attend to find out the results!

Of course, we will also announce the winners and give the information about them in the June newsletter.

As we have announced before, AAUW bestows this honor on members chosen by the branches who have given outstanding service to AAUW. Although AAUW allows branches to have one honoree for every \$750 donated to AAUW Fund, National suggests that we limit the numbers to make the honor “special”. We have done this since our branch has donated \$9,748 in 2021.

A list of these past honorees is in the Yearbook on pages 24-28.

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Fund V.P.

## FINANCIAL CORNER

As of this writing, the web site at National still has some glitches. Please be patient. We will notify you when dues can be correctly paid on-line. If you already did that, be aware the amount was wrong. AAUW did not have the dues increase applied. You may have to pay an additional \$5.00 later. The process is unknown currently.

The dues 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.

At this time, it is suggested you either mail your dues to me to process or wait until the new web site is ready. If you send a check, make it out to GWA AAUW (Greater Whittier Area AAUW) and mail 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.

Kay Clark,  
Treasurer

## Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI)

Our dynamic April speaker, Dr. Jacqueline Sanderlin, energized the members attending our first in-person meeting this year. She presented strategies for building an inclusive, diverse organization. Using her background as a principal in Compton, Dr. Sanderlin provided scenarios in which she used these strategies in maximizing a community partnership:

Embrace Community  
Demonstrate Passion  
Elevate Your Cause

Her book, Affirmation cards and This is My Year T-Shirts were available for purchase. By googling her name, you can learn about her successes in partnership development, the Why Not Incubator company she founded and her book The Why Not Challenge.

(Footnote: AKA “Dr. J “told a delightful story of a student “William” by reading a letter he wrote regarding his misbehavior and being sent to the principal’s office. Many may have been left wondering what has happened to William. After the meeting I had a chance to ask her this question. She said that William is currently set to graduate from Cal State Northridge.)

Pat Dudley

## MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A huge “Thank You” to all who have donated to this year’s MLSF nonevent fundraiser! For those of you who have not yet donated, **it is not too late!!** We hope you will consider sending in a contribution to help us fund the great educational work we support.

COVID thwarted our major in-person activities and events the past two years, and we were unable to host our annual Math/Science Conference and send girls to on-campus Tech Trek Camp. We are excited to report that in-person Tech Trek is back, and we are sending seven girls to the week-long camp on the Whittier College campus in June.

Because we were not able to host our annual Math/Science Conference during the pandemic, we launched a new grant program for Math/Science middle school teachers this year and have awarded \$2,600 to four teachers to date.

We would never let a pandemic stop our support for women and girls through our scholarship program! Last year, we awarded \$10,884 to four women graduating from community college who are continuing their studies at four-year colleges and universities. We also began a new high school scholarship program last year and awarded \$10,000 to four high school graduates. We are now taking applications for this year’s scholarships.

Help us continue supporting women and girls by sending in your donation today. Make your check payable to **AAUW-MLSF** and send it to: MLSF; PO Box 5333; Whittier, CA 90607-5333.

# PUBLIC POLICY

## Our Dangerous, Changing Climate

It seems fitting that as I sit down to write this, today is Earth Day. You often hear people claim we are destroying the planet. I disagree. I am more an advocate of the late comedian, George Carlin's, nuanced point of view. We will make a mess of this gorgeous planet we have been given. Mother Earth will get tired of us and flick us off like the "annoying little pissants that we are" (George's words, not mine); take a geological age to heal herself from our destruction and be just fine. We, on the other hand, will be, (how shall I put this nicely?) in deep trouble. FACT: there is no Planet B.

AAUW does not have a specific policy on Climate Change, however, it is hard to imagine that clean air, clean water, freedom from increasing horrific natural disasters all over the world, and the ability to inhabit much of the earth is not prerequisite for empowering woman and girls. It would be hard to concentrate on educating women when our very survival as a species is severely threatened and when climate-driven famine is a fact of life. Remember Maslow's hierarchy!

Another thing I hear climate change deniers often say is that over the eons, the climate has always changed, and that is true. If you look at a chart of **800,000 years** of climate, you will see a regular cycle of peaks and valleys. What may not be obvious is that, until 1850 or so (the start of the Industrial Revolution), the amount of Carbon Dioxide in the atmosphere never rose above 300 parts per million. Since then, the CO<sub>2</sub> has risen steadily and in 2021 was 412 ppm, or in increase of over 35%. Sadly, that rate is rising steadily.

Our Mother Earth is under attack, and in the long haul, she is not going to take it kindly. There is more than enough information out there to verify the veracity of that fact. Even the fossil fuel industry acknowledges that the 97% of climate scientists who have been warning about climate change are right. The industry just doesn't think NOW is the right time to act. By some estimates we have between 9 and 11 years to act. I would ask, WHEN then is the right time?

The most recent study I can find, the report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (part of the United Nations) shows **greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise**, and current plans to address climate change are not ambitious enough to limit warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels—a threshold scientists believe is necessary to avoid even more catastrophic impacts.

May is the month we honor our mothers. Seems that Mother Earth deserves major consideration, if we are to leave anything resembling a livable world to our children.

Patricia Cuocco, Public Policy



# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We voted on the slate of elected officers at the April 9 branch meeting which was held at the Elks Club Hall, and the officers will be installed at the June meeting. You will note we still need a President-elect. That person would serve as President for 2023-2024. Please contact Sharon Heck if you would be willing to make that two-year commitment. S.heck4peace@gmail.com

## 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	Sharon Heck
Public Policy	Margo Reeg
Treasurer	Kay Clark
AAUW Fund Vice-President	Shirley A. 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
Director	Ann Chambers

Sharon Heck, Committee Chair



# MEMBERSHIP

## Membership Renewal

Renewal time is here. Now the best way is to renew is to give Kay Clark a check at the next meeting or to mail it to her. This is because national has redone its online system and the kinks are not out yet. If you renew by mail, please send a check made out to GWA-AAUW to our treasurer:  
Kay Clark; 11915 Inez St. #8; Whittier, CA 90605.

The membership application follows. Dues for branch, state and national are now \$111.00.

## Congratulations to Members with more than 50 Year service!!

55 Years     Janice Geiger  
                 Linda Pomeroy  
56 Years     Katheryne Nighswonger  
57 Years     Lovey Sherman  
                 Gwen Woirhaye  
61 Years     Mary Ellen Mead  
66 Years     Ann Farmer

## Really Great Stuff

Thank you so much to all who attended and made our event so successful! And thanks to Teri Medina for being such a great hostess and for extending our time for 20% for an extra week. She had her usual selection of lovely clothes, jewelry, and accessories. The Easter bunnies, baskets and many other decorations and gifts were wonderful. With your generous support our branch made \$370 on this event!

## Meet and Greet

Our Meet and Greet will be May 21, 2022, from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Whittier Assistance League. 6339 Greenleaf; Whittier. Now is the time to reach out to invite friends, neighbors, relatives, and co-workers to join us at this event. If each member could bring one guest, we would have a full house!

Our Meet and Greet is an opportunity for our guests (potential members) to find out about the things AAUW is doing for women of all ages and to hear about the member enrichment activities such as the Book sections, Friday night socials, La Cuisine, and International Concerns. It is also a time to socialize and to enjoy each other's company and some very delicious food and beverages. Looking forward to seeing everyone and their special guests!

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

See you there!

Admission is \$5.00 for members; free for members who bring a food contribution. (Thank you to all that have volunteered to bring an appetizer or dessert.) Guests are free.

Karen van der Baan 562-695-0048 or vanderbaan@aol.com  
Lynda Richardson 562-715-5514 or lyndasue10@yahoo.com  
Membership Co-Chairs

## MEMBERSHIP (continued)

Karen and Lynda wanted to share the letter we received from long-time member Ruth White, regarding the invitation to participate in the 50-year Member Award ceremony:

Dear Karen,

Thanks for the personal invitation to the AAUW meeting on Saturday, but I will not be attending. Has it been 50 years? When I was new in Whittier and had two toddlers, AAUW was a place to meet like-minded women. Myra Long introduced me to the group and through attending various sections, I made many friends who I still have contact with today. The officers attended district workshops where we learned leadership skills and insights for personal growth. It was a great foundation for all aspects of life. The husbands also made many friends through La Cuisine dinners and membership parties.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to be a part of AAUW for 50 years and please give my regards to the current membership. The bulletin each month allows me to keep up with what's happening.

In appreciation,  
Ruth White

We also wanted to share this picture of 50-year member certificate awardees: Shirley W. Stewart, Tobi Balma, Dolores Seidman, and Ann Topjon. (They must have all joined as children!)



## MAY MISCELLANY

May is a very busy month. We celebrate National Mental Health Awareness; ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Awareness; Jewish American Heritage Awareness; Military Appreciation; Wildfire Awareness and Foster Care Month.

**M**aybe life isn't going upward  
**A**s you wish, but if you learn from  
**Y**esterday, you can win tomorrow







**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 \_\_\_\_\_

\*Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ \*Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*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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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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# SPOTLIGHT

Happy **106<sup>th</sup>** Birthday to Vicky Marshall  
– April 30, 2022. Celebration at Red  
Barn in Neff Historical Park, La Mirada.  
12-4PM. No presents, please!



Kudos to our own **DeDe Shatzen!** She was honored as **Volunteer of the Year by the City of Whittier** on April 21, 2022. This is the second time that DeDe has received this prestigious honor from the city. DeDe is the “go-to gal” for many organizations (like ours) and always steps up when there is a need. Among her many accomplishments, she is the force behind the Assistance League’s Thrift Shop and kept it running during the Covid Pandemic.

Longtime member Mary Ellen Mead, who will celebrate her 95th birthday on June 5, is comfortably settled at Vivante on the Coast, an assisted living facility in Costa Mesa, near youngest son Tom and his family. She's still reading the LA Times daily, the Economist weekly, the Atlantic monthly, and knitting and playing bridge. She loves hearing from her Whittier friends -- drop a note, or if you're in the area, do stop by! 1650 Monrovia Ave., #336 VN; Costa Mesa, CA 92627. Given her deafness, phone calls don't always work well -- but if you include your phone number in a note, don't be surprised if she calls! You can also be in touch with Mary Ellen through her daughter Tyra Ferlatte (text/phone: 415-847-2605, or email [tyra.ferlatte@gmail.com](mailto:tyra.ferlatte@gmail.com)).

Daniel and Lynda Richardson will be leaving soon on a long-awaited dream trip to Paris. They will be boarding the Viking longship and making their way to La Roche-Guyon, Rouen and Les Andelys. Upon their return to Paris, they will be staying extra days to take in the sights, museums and cafes and to enjoy all that Paris has to offer. This is an early celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary!  
Congratulations, Lovely People.

Sharon Heck tells us that her 85th birthday was on Palm Sunday, April 10. She was sick with COVID so everything from the 4-6 through 4-17 got cancelled. A family trip to Knott's Berry Farm with Cherie-created T-shirts was postponed until May. Cherie made her a great dinner complete with Birthday Cheesecake, so Sharon did have a lovely birthday. Can't keep our Sharon down.

Mandy Knight continues her wonderful travelogue: “How is one able to enjoy four European countries in a comfortable and leisurely manner? I recently boarded an Emerald Waterways ship for a cruise on the Rhine River. Flying into Lucerne, Switzerland and spending two days on land in this beautiful city was wonderful. The breathtaking views from Mt. Pilatus and the charming city center with shops and riverside cafes overlooking the Chapel Bridge was a perfect introduction to Europe. We boarded our ship in Basel, Switzerland to begin our 500-mile journey to Amsterdam in The Netherlands. Some of the highlights included a trip into the fairy tale like Black Forest in Germany, the Easter markets and magnificent cathedral in Strasbourg, France, and Heidelberg, German’s oldest university town with its impressive Heidelberg Castle and charming city center. Next came the most impressive sights on the river... the castles....one right after another, set high above the river, they were a magical reminder of times so long ago. Time in Koblenz, Germany was spent touring a fortress high above the Rhine and strolling through a restored castle along the Moselle River.

The UNESCO World Heritage Cologne Cathedral situated in its massive public square was certainly a highlight despite not being allowed inside due to Good Friday services. The cruise ended with a frenetic day spent in the bustling, bicycling city of Amsterdam! A trip to the Kuekenhof Gardens while the tulips, hyacinths, daffodils were in full bloom was beyond anything I could have imagined. The calm and beauty of these gardens were in sharp contrast to later walking through the streets of Amsterdam dodging sidewalk gatherings and speeding bicycles on our way to the Anne Frank house, a moving and spiritual experience for me. 1 ship, 120 passengers, and 4 European counties = MAGICAL!” Thanks, Mandy.

## 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 10 AM. On Thursday, May 19, 10 AM, we will meet at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Our topic for the May 19 meeting will be Chapter 2, "The Renewed Climate Change Agenda," in the 2022 *Great Decisions*. Fay Weber 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

## FIRST FRIDAY

May First Friday: May 6, 6-8 PM, will be at the home of Belén and Gaspar Duarte-Sousa, 4430 Woodmar Dr. Please bring your beverage of choice and a snack to share. Be prepared to visit with friends and meet a few new ones. Spouses, significant others, and possible future AAUW members are especially welcome. Please ascertain that any guests you invite are fully vaccinated.

It is energizing to be meeting in person again as the fifteen who attended in April learned.

Directions:

From the intersection of Beverly and Norwalk Blvds., head north on Workman Mill Rd. After 1.2 miles turn right on Spyglass Hill Road for .2 miles; turn right on Woodmar Drive to 4430, on the left.

Belén's phone: 562-6950178

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

# MORNING BOOK

We do not meet in May, but I wanted to give you a heads-up for our early June meeting to discuss *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell, a novel inspired by the son of a famous playwright(!). It is a story of the bond between twins and of a marriage pushed to the brink by grief. It is also the story of a kestrel and its mistress, a flea that boards a ship in Alexandria, and a glovemaker's son who flouts convention in pursuit of the woman he loves. Above all, it is the tender reimagining of a boy whose life has been all but forgotten, but whose name was given to one the most celebrated plays ever written.

Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award; New York Public Library Best Book of the year (2020); winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction. I hope you will join us on Monday, June 6, at 10AM with Linda Harris leading us in discussion. The meeting will take place at Ann Topjon's, 5654 Palm Ave., Whittier. Margo Reeg will co-host.

Our last meeting for the year is on Monday, July 25. We will be discussing *The Pull of the Stars*, by Emma Donoghue. A hostess and co-hostess are needed. If you can help, please let me know.

REMINDER: Please send book suggestions for next year. I have very few as of this writing. May 15 is the deadline!

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185

# MYSTERY MAVENS

Mystery Mavens will meet on May 18, the third Wednesday, at Mimi's Restaurant, 6PM. Please RSVP to Sharon at [s.heck4peace@gmail.com](mailto:s.heck4peace@gmail.com). We will follow the current requirements on vaccinations, etc., and we ask that you stay at home if you are not feeling well. Our book is *The Shaman Sings* by James D. Doss. Gwen Woirhaye will review the book and lead our discussion. We will vote on the five book choices for next year, so get any last-minute nominations to Sharon so she can prepare the ballots. Remember, the books are to be the first in a series mystery novel. Here is some information on our book for May 18.

“Welcome to southwestern Colorado’s Ute reservation – a place where the world of modern science and the mysticism of ages past murderously collide. The shocking death of a female physics student has shattered the peaceful community of Granite Creek, Colorado-- and police chief Scott Parris has a hunch he can’t even begin to explain. He saw the killing...in his dreams. Daisy Perika experienced the same visions. An aged Ute shaman who lives in a trailer on the lonesome highlands, hers is the realm of the Native American spirit. But Daisy doesn’t need scientific proof to know that the student’s breakthrough discovery was to kill for. And it isn’t over yet. Parris wants to believe that Daisy can unleash the truth. But will her visions of Coyote and fire make for evidence in a court of law? Now it’s up to Parris and Daisy’s nephew, Tribal Police investigator Charlie Moon, to summon the supernatural and seize the killer—before he strikes again.”

See you at Mimi's on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 6PM.

Sharon Heck

# WRITING IS FUN

The Wednesday, May 25, meeting of Writing is Fun! will take place at the home of Gwen Woirhaye at 1:30 PM. Remember that our topic is wide open. You may write on anything that you fancy. Come share it with an appreciative audience. All are welcome.

Gwen's Address: 5810 Friends Ave., north of Beverly Blvd.

## MAY 2022 GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

Vicky Marshall's 106 Bday	April 30 (Saturday)	12 PM – 4 PM	Neff Park (Red Barn), La Mirada
Board Meeting	May 3 (Tuesday)	7 PM	ZOOM
First Friday	May 6 (Friday)	6 PM – 8 PM	Belén Duarte-Sousa, Whittier
Branch Meeting	May 14 (Saturday)	11:30 AM	ELK'S Club, Whittier
Mystery Mavens	May 18 (Wednesday)	6 PM	Mimi's Whittier
International Concerns	May 19 (Thursday)	10 AM	Sharon Heck, Whittier
Writing is Fun	May 25 (Wednesday)	1:30 PM	Gwen Woirhaye, Whittier

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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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