



**JUNE 2022**

## **BRANCH MEETING – JUNE 11, 2022 11:30 AM – ELK’S CLUB**

### **SCHOLARSHIPS, INSTALLATION AND A YEAR IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR**

This June we are highlighting the presentation of scholarships to our recipients from California High School. Carole Restovich will be presenting the scholarships to these bright young students. Congratulations to each one of them!

In addition, we will be installing our new slate of officers who will serve in 2022/2023 while showing our appreciation for those who served this past year.

As Vice President Program Director, it has been my pleasure to work with my committee, Ann Topjon and Christine Heller. I am extremely grateful for their help! Their ideas and responsiveness aiding in procuring speakers for 2021/2022 benefitted our entire branch. Looking back on this past year, I thank them both for the programs we put together, whether it was learning about how the film, *The Graduate* all came together in Beverly Gray’s presentation, discovering ways to fight against Covid from Charlotte Libov, or appreciating the smooth sounds of quiet jazz from Jauhar Basrai in December as members read poetry.

Our curiosity was further piqued by Tracy Wittman’s homage to two historical Whittier women, Rebecca Bailey and Harriet Russell Strong. Then came Emily Teipe, whose jaw-dropping slide presentation of women in colonial times stunned us all. Imagine having to get “deputized” as your husband to do business on his behalf in his absence. Ok, let’s not, but three cheers for those women who did!

Our April speaker, Dr. Jackie Sanderlin took our breath away as she spoke about building community relations, especially in school settings. She narrated a story of a little boy who did “bad” things, but then in his regret, resolved that he would do better, and vehemently insisted, “I may do bad things sometimes, but I am a *good* boy.” The story of how, guided by his then Principal, Dr. Sanderlin, and his own willingness to develop that side of himself, was inspirational. Dr. Sanderlin spoke with passion and conviction, and when she was finished, we jubilantly celebrated her birthday with her.

Whether learning from a Fund Fellow like Yvonne Zhang who taught us the painstaking work of filmmaking or discovering the ideal Las Distinguidas award winners to celebrate women’s accomplishments, it’s been an amazing year. I expect the upcoming one will be just as incredible.

Claire Koehler,  
VP Program Director

# HOSPITALITY

Here it is June already! Time sure seems to fly these days. This is our last AAUW meeting until September. June is the month of “Dads, Grads and Brides” so they say. Certainly, it is the commencement of our summer months, BBQ’s, the beach, and other outdoor activities. Enjoy summer’s longer days but remember that sunscreen!

Do join us for this delightful AAUW June meeting because our special young ladies will be there—our Teck Trek girls. Let us wish them a most enjoyable camp experience!

**Time:**

11:00 AM for Social Time

11:30 AM-1:30 PM for the meeting

**Location:**

Whittier Elks Lodge

13620 Whittier Blvd.

Whittier, CA 90602

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

**Menu:**

\* Main entrée: Beef Lasagna served with a garden salad

\* Vegetarian entrée: Eggplant Parmigiana with a garden salad

Entrées include choice of salad dressing, dinner rolls, butter, dessert, coffee, iced tea, water

**Lunch cost:** \$25/per person

**Beverage only:** \$5/per 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 Entrée - Beef Lasagna
- . Vegetarian - Eggplant Parmigiana

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

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

Pauline Rogers

Hospitality VP

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



At the May meeting we hosted almost 60 members and friends at a wonderful luncheon celebration of accomplished women who have served the community. Dolores Seidman presided at the announcement of the GWA-AAUW Fund Named Gift Honorees. Susan Halliday and DeDe Shatzen presented the Las Distinguidas Honoree recipients. As we heard their inspiring stories, I thought of how grateful I am to be able to meet in person and honor the contributions of these women

## Thank you

June marks the end of our 2021-2022 GWA-AAUW Branch year. I want to give a huge thank you to all of the elected and appointed board members, committee members and volunteers. Working together we have stayed flexible with ZOOM meetings, presented interesting and relevant programs, honored women in the community, presented scholarships and implemented new programs based on AAUW strategy and focus.

MLSF created a grant program for 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to replace 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math/Science Day which was canceled due to Covid. We added a new position to the appointed board and welcomed Pat Dudley as our new DEI Officer when AAUW initiated a new program for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Our branch also began the AAUW Five-Star program which is helping us to plan our programs and activities using AAUW tools and strategies. We will most likely receive one star this year, but we are on track to earn more next year.

## June Meeting

We can look forward to meeting and hearing from the MLSF Scholarship recipients at our June luncheon meeting. Scholarship is a major initiative for our branch, and we all work to contribute to MLSF during the year. Maura Greeley will also preside over the installation of GWA-AAUW Officers for 2022-2023.

## Branch Governance

In accordance with our Bylaws and Standing Rules, the board approved a list of amendments to the GWA-AAUW Standing Rules. A copy of the recommended changes was emailed to membership and the matter was approved by the members at the branch meeting on May 14, 2022. A copy of the amended Standing Rules will be posted on our website at <https://whittier-ca.aauw.net/>.

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 NAMED GIFT HONOREES

At the branch meeting on May 14 we announced the closely held secret of Named Gift Honoree recipients, KAY CLARK and KAREN VAN DER BAAN.

Each year AAUW allows a branch to recognize members who provide leadership and contribute to the success of the programs and goals of the branch. These members are the ambassadors who promote the mission of AAUW. Although branches are allowed to name one honoree for each \$750 donated to AAUW Fund, the recommendation has been to limit the number of honorees to add to the prestige and honor of the award which is what we have done.

Kay Clark has been a member of AAUW since May 2018 which means it doesn't take long to become a dedicated worker. Even before that she has participated in Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Los Angeles from 1990 through 2004. She has also had "fun" and been involved with the Red Hat Society from 2004 to the present.

Kay came into our branch and accepted the position of treasurer mid-year at a time when we really needed one. She has continued in that position being efficient and thorough in all the tasks that it entails. She has also volunteered at the Math Science Conference held at Whittier College. At meetings she has always been willing to help and volunteers to participate in projects. She has worked closely with the Membership Chairs. She is a team player whose knowledge and cooperation are invaluable.

In addition to working with our branch she has been very active with Tech Trek. She was the UCI Tech Trek Camp Treasurer in 2018 and served as Camp Treasurer for Whittier Camp from 2019 to the present. She currently serves on the AAUW Tech Trek of the Future Task Force. Judy Pfeil, the Director of the Whittier Tech Trek Camp states: *"She is always on the ball and keeps us straight when it comes to budget and spending. She is very great to work with and always is willing to go the extra mile to help us run smoothly. She is a good friend and colleague. What makes her outstanding is that she is dedicated to the organization, has the knowledge to carry out her office and is willing to volunteer with the compassion and humor to make others feel comfortable working with her."*

Congratulations to our first recipient, graduate of McPherson, College in Kansas, KAY CLARK!

Karen Van der Baan has been a member of our branch since 2014. She became active quickly as part of the Membership Committee immediately and then Membership Co-Chair from 2016-17 and again from 2021-22. She initiated Really Great Stuff as a fund-raiser which has become a popular activity. Always friendly, she has welcomed new members to the branch, and has recruited several. Her activities have ranged from being a docent at the Pasadena Showcase House, being on the Tech Trek committee for 1 year and volunteering at the Math Science Conference both as a packet packer and handling registration at Whittier College.

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## AAUW FUND (continued)

Reaching outside our branch she has continued service to the community through the Whittier Boys and Girls Club since 2016 where she has served as a tutor and has worked for many years as a volunteer for the St. Anne's Guild for Mothers. Adriano Oge Aldridge, Associate Director of Development for St. Anne's, sent this message to be included in our tribute.

*"She has been an active donor, volunteer, Guild member and ambassador of St. Anne's Family Service for more than 25 years. If you know her, you already know that she is an absolute joy to be around. Her continued dedication to the mission of St. Anne's Family Services is truly invaluable. Her hard work and commitment has made a positive lasting impact, both directly and indirectly, in the lives of the many young moms and children in our care, and for generations to come. Her genuine thoughtfulness and concern for others, coupled with her style and grace, is a true reflection of the essence of who she is: passionate about being of service to others. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor and recognition; you absolutely deserve it!"*

*All the best!*

*With gratitude,  
Oge*

Congratulations to our next recipient, graduate of Cal State University Los Angeles, KAREN VAN DER BAAN.

Thanks to committee members Rozanne Child, Pat Dudley, and Carole Restovich who served to select the winners.

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Fund V.P.



Dolores Seidman,  
Kay Clark, Karen  
Van der Baan, and  
Carole Restovich

# Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI)

The definition of inclusion is simple: the act of including: the state of being included.

When looking through the equity lens that definition is too simplistic. Being included in an organization such as AAUW does not necessarily mean the organization is diverse or equitable for all members.

To truly be inclusive the organization must also be accommodating to those who may previously have been excluded (or self-excluded) for reasons such as race, gender, sexuality, or ability. All members must feel welcomed, appreciated and respected ---- have full access to all resources and be able to contribute to an organization's success.

The AAUW DEI toolkit quotes Verna Meyers, a diversity advocate, who said "Diversity is being invited to the party, and inclusion is being asked to dance." It means one's presence is both needed and valued. It means your opinions and ideas are sought out, listened to, and respected.

For membership in an organization to be maintained and grow Diversity, Equity and Inclusion must be the lens through which it functions. The GWA board members received a copy of the AAUW Equity Lens from the website's toolkit to guide and challenge the Greater Whittier Area Branch's leadership to use in its planning and programs.

Patricia Dudley

## MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This year MLSF has had good news and disappointing news. The disappointments are due to the economic state of our nation. We all know that when there is inflation our investments are affected.

The good news is \$800 was sent in by Myra Long's daughter in honor of her Elgin, Illinois AAUW branch's birthday.

**Scholarships:** This year MLSF budgeted \$28,000 for scholarships. The high school scholarships have gone smoothly with four in-person interviews at California High School and two former Tech Trek candidates were interviewed via zoom. MLSF is awarding \$13,000 to the six high school applicants.

We are experiencing a continuing problem communicating with Rio Hondo Community College despite numerous attempts to reach the school. This year there were no scholarship applicants from Rio Hondo. MLSF is offering additional scholarship money to continuing students who attend college full-time, according to the criteria of their four-year college, and who maintain at least a 2.25 GPA.

**Special Projects Fund:** Sharon Heck reported that money for a special project has gone to three great teachers. The MLSF Board is considering a suggestion to contact principals of local middle schools about the availability of special funds for use by math/science teachers during summer school.

We are grateful for the over \$6,000 donations received from the non-event fundraiser this spring. A big thank you to all who have donated or intend to make a donation in 2022.

Barbara Gile, Committee Chairperson  
Myra Long Scholarship Fund

# MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIPS

The Myra Long scholarship committee was thoroughly impressed with the dedication of this year's senior high school girl scholarship recipients. Their poise, devotion to schoolwork and service to community are testaments to their deserving this honor. Here is a brief biography of each.

- **Evelyn Gomez** would like to become a physical therapist. She has been involved in numerous sports at Cal High while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Her counselor comments, "I have always been impressed with Evelyn's mature attitude and her ability to communicate effectively." She is the youngest of five children.
- **Elizabeth Guzman** is a Cal High student who lives with her grandparents. "My family's experiences with cancer and poverty have encouraged me to prevent others from these experiences." One summer she worked with peers across the region and nation in a National Youth Leadership Forum in Medicine. She volunteers at PIH and works on the school newspaper. Elizabeth wants to become a registered nurse and work with UNICEF.
- **Alani Morales**, a senior at Whittier High and former Tech Trekker, hopes to become a physician's assistant. Alani has volunteered over 160 hours at PIH, tutors at the Boys and Girls Club, and founded Destined Doctors, a zoom club featuring speakers in the medical field. Her PIH coordinator says, "Alani has the heart for serving others."
- **Katelyn Perez** from Cal High wants to become an engineer. She volunteers at her church, has participated in school sports, and is a member of the drafting club. Her church Outreach Coordinator says, "She reflects the best that society has to offer." Katelyn will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.
- **Anett Pajuelo attends** Wilson High in Hacienda Heights and is also a former Trekker. She plans to study speech/language pathology. Her inspiration is her grandfather who had speech difficulties and passed away last year. She tutors at the Boys and Girls Club, has a 4.02 GPA, and is a member of the Spanish Honor Society. Anett recalls being nervous as she waited for her Tech Trek interview when someone whispered, "Hold your head up high and keep going." She uses that saying often.
- **Jade Zubiato**, a straight-A student at Cal High, would like to become a doctor. She is a member of the Link Crew where she promoted Kindness Week, has taken part in sports, and in numerous clubs. Her Spanish teacher commented, "No matter what I say about Jade's amazing qualities, this paper will never match her exceptional personality."

Two of the recipients mentioned their Tech Trek experiences. The committee decided to extend the scholarship program to those who took part in Whittier's Tech Trek camp in 2018. It was a deeply moving experience to help them, along with the others, in reaching their academic goals.

The MLSF committee includes Carole Restovich (chair), Ann Chambers, Pat Dudley, Barbara Gile and Susan Halliday.

# PUBLIC POLICY

There are so many disturbing things going on in the world that it was difficult to pick a topic for my last Public Policy article. Between the rise of fascism and the dangers it poses to our democracy; the echo-chamber of disinformation flying around the internet and rampant on social media; the economic stress that the combination of COVID, the Russian invasion of Ukraine; and corporate greed has wrought on Americans, it was difficult to choose. So, since this has always been a hot-button issue with me, I opted for the assault on Reproductive Rights.

AAUW's position on Reproductive Rights is simple – without them women cannot reach their full potential. Without the right to control the time and manner of our reproduction and the size of our families, all other rights are moot. Yet, 26 states are primed to ban abortions in part or completely if Justice Alito's majority decision draft is enacted.

It feels personal to us because it is personal. Whether you are a woman like me who fought this battle once and, on many days, feels too tired or disheartened to fight it again, or a young mother with daughters terrified of the anti-woman nature of the anti-choice attacks, it is highly personal because it removes our bodily autonomy in a way no other public-policy decision can.

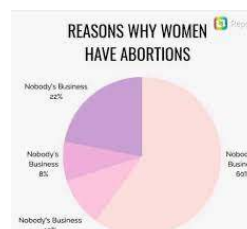
In the years that I have been researching abortion policy, I have heard every argument for government interference in this most personal of health decisions. Starting with the ludicrous notion that the fetus is a separate entity, to the idiotic idea that a newly fertilized, microscopic egg is a person with as many or more rights than the women forced to carry it to term to the ultimate absurdity that the anti-choice minority is pro-life, the lies abound. Please talk to me about how “pro-life” these anti-choice fanatics are when voting against the child tax credit, nutrition programs for children, and, just recently against the president's use of emergency measures to ensure an adequate supply of infant-formula.

I've also heard every argument for the right of women to make their own decisions, from privacy to the fact that outlawing abortion does not curb abortions; it increases women's death from illegal, unsterile, and unsafe abortions, and to the fact that these bans fall hardest on poor women and women of color. All of this resonates with me, but I have concluded that none of it matters. Does that surprise you? Let me explain.

At the crux of the matter is bodily autonomy. I do not care what anyone's opinion is on abortion. I simply am not concerned about anyone's point of view, except the woman in whose body the fetus must grow to survive. In no other medical situation can you be forced to use your bodily resources for the benefit of another human. You cannot be forced to donate blood to save lives; it matters not if you are the perfect organ match for someone who will die without that donation, you cannot be coerced. Heck, your organs cannot even be harvested *after your death* without your prior permission or the permission of your heirs. No states require that you put yourself in danger (mortal or otherwise) for the sake of someone else, even your closest relations or your child. So, how can it be that a woman can be coerced into carrying a pregnancy to term by our government.

One more thing to note. If you think these bans will stop with state legislatures, think again. The Anti-Choice minority will not stop until there is a national ban on all abortions from the moment of conception on, with no exceptions for rape or incest, and, quite possibly, not for the life of the mother, either. When Margaret Atwood was writing *The Handmaid's Tale*, she put it aside several times thinking the premise was too farfetched. She was wrong!

Patricia Cuocco, Public Policy Chair





# MEMBERSHIP

## **Thank You**

Thanks to Paula Ocampo for being a very kind and hardworking president during a difficult covid transition year.

Special thanks to Kay Clark, branch treasurer, who day in and day out was our guide and a supportive, knowledgeable team player.

Lastly thanks to all members that supported the Really Great Stuff events which helped the branch financially to the tune of \$895. And thanks to those who attended, brought food and (most important) brought guests to the Meet and Greet.

## **Membership Renewal Time**

Our current year is almost over. It is now time to renew your AAUW membership for 2022-2023. Every member is important to the GWA-AAUW branch, as we continue our dedication to community service, camaraderie, and the support of women of all ages.

You can renew online or mail your renewal to our treasurer, Kay Clark; 11915 Inez#8; Whittier 90605. Remember that the current renewal rate is now \$111.00. Paid lifetime dues are \$44.00.

Karen van der Baan  
Lynda Richardson  
Membership Co-Chairs

# HODGE FOUNDATION

The Foundation met on April 21 via ZOOM. The Main Library is getting ready to open. The Grand Opening is June 18, 2022.

The library has received a grant for training for planting seeds for sustainable living. This will be another one of the newer services being offered. The library has also received \$450,000 from U.S. Representative Linda Sanchez.

The Hodge Foundation has \$608,000 in assets as reported by the Treasurer. 1137 books have been donated to the library by the Foundation for the year 2021.

Respectfully submitted by  
Belen Duarte-Sousa



## FINANCIAL CORNER

There have been some improvements to National's website. A few of us have successfully renewed our membership online. When I paid mine, I found I had to identify our branch. Others didn't have to do that. If you want to pay online, be aware our Branch # is CA0124. The list is in alphabetical order by state, not by name. If you have any questions on how to navigate the new website, please let me know and I'll try to help you.

You can always mail your check to me, and I'll process it and get you renewed. 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

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.

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

Kay Clark,  
Treasurer

## JUNE MISCELLANY

June is Men's Health Month and National Adopt a Cat Month. Pets are proven to improve health. Just saying! June is also national LGBTQIA Pride Month. People who come out as being different ought to take pride in living their authentic lives, especially after decades of repression and persecution.

“What a strange thing it is to wake up to a milk-white overcast June morning! The sun is hidden by a thick cotton blanket of clouds, and the air is vapor-filled and hazy with a concentration of blooming scent. The world is somnolent and cool, in a temporary reprieve from the normal heat and radiance. But the sensation of illusion is strong. Because the sun can break through the clouds at any moment . . . What a soft thoughtful time.

In this illusory gloom, like a night-blooming flower, let your imagination bloom in a riot of color.”

— Vera Nazarian, [The Perpetual Calendar of Inspiration](#)



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Title: Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# SPOTLIGHT



Art Bridges informed us that Sandy Bridges, former GWA-AAUW member and good friend to so many, passed away early Saturday morning, May 7th. Many happy First Fridays were held at her lovely home in La Habra Heights, where she and Art hosted. She also was active in Morning Book, the Membership Committee, La Cuisine, and Memories. She was awarded Named Gift Honoree in 2013. Prior to becoming a member of the Whittier Branch, she belonged to the La Habra-Brea Branch. When she and Art moved to Prescott, Arizona she joined the local AAUW branch there. She was loved and admired by all who knew her. Both in her career and her personal life, she touched so many people with her kindness and graciousness. She will be missed by every one of them. Cards and condolences may be sent to the home: 608 Woodbridge Lane. Prescott, AZ 86303.

Dolores Seidman let us know of the death of William Nighswonger, husband of Honorary Life Member of our branch, Katheryne Nighswonger, on April 23. Kathy does not often attend our meetings although she was honored for her 50 years membership a few years ago. She was originally a member of the Montebello-Monterey Park Branch. Her husband was a well-known person in Montebello, having served on the City Council for 21 years. His obituary can be found on-line.

Former GWA AAUW Branch President **Ginny Ball** was recently honored as a **Woman of Achievement** by State Senator Bob Archuleta (32<sup>nd</sup> District). She was nominated for her outstanding work and dedication to the district during the ongoing public health crisis, according to Senator Archuleta. Ginny serves as a board member for many nonprofit organizations. A founder of Whittier First Day, Ginny continues to serve this transitional living facility that serves 2,300 individuals with housing and social services. Her leadership of First Day was crucial in serving displaced people during the Covid-19 shutdown. During her time as a board member of the Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce, Ginny founded the Whittier Apartment Owners Association, which brings landlords and tenants together. She was a pivotal resource for people dealing with housing issues during the pandemic. Well-deserved, Congratulations, Ginny.

Myra Long's legacy lives with us in many ways. Her two children, Bruce Long and Sara Ellen Anderson, have been generous supporters of our annual fundraisers over the years. This year, Sara Ellen also shared what is happening in her branch in Elgin, IL. The Elgin Area Branch celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020, but many of its events were canceled because of the Covid pandemic. Like us, they now are getting back into full swing. I encourage you to log on to their website [elginarea-il.aauw.net](http://elginarea-il.aauw.net) to see what her branch is doing.

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez presented an award to our member Vicky Marshall on her 106<sup>th</sup> birthday, last month. WOW!

Member Irma Perez-Houston is proud to let us know that her granddaughter, Sophia Marie Montes, is graduating on June 2, 2022, from Sonora High School, with a GPA of 3.8 GPA. She will be attending San Diego State College in fall, majoring in Marketing. Wonderful – a new AAUW member, for sure.

Barbara Gile reports: "In January of this year, my sister Waldie and I had a week's vacation in Laguna Beach. Waldie decided to move to Las Palmas, a senior living center, if I would also move. We sold our houses, decluttered most of our life treasures and moved to Laguna Woods, California in February. It has taken me three months to get everything settled. Waldie is very happy and well cared for in her own apartment. I still return to Whittier for church and to see friends at least once a week. I was able to keep my same home phone number that Bill had from 1950. My cell phone and email are also the same, only the address has changed.

My new address is: 24962 Calle Aragon (A301) Laguna Woods, CA 92736. I now know that change is good and refreshing. If you are ever close in Orange County, please stop by for a meal. The food here is excellent with a gourmet chef and caring staff. "Congrats, Barbara. Whittier is poorer for your departure.

## 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, June 16, 2022, 10 AM, we will meet at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Our topic for the June 16 meeting will be Chapter 4, "Myanmar's Neverending Crisis," in the 2022 *Great Decisions*. Dolores Seidman 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.

Sharon Heck, co-chair [S.Heck4peace@gmail.com](mailto:S.Heck4peace@gmail.com) 562-698-0476  
Sheryl Crockey, co-chair

P.S. We will be meeting on July 21, 2022, 10AM at Sharon Heck's home. Paula Ocampo will lead the discussion of Chapter 5, "Xi's China Takes on the Quad."

## FIRST FRIDAY

The June 3 First Friday will be at the home of Ann Topjon and Phil O'Brien from 6 PM - 8 PM. Please bring guests, your chosen beverage, and a snack to share, and be prepared to enjoy visiting with friends and making new ones.

The address: 5654 Palm Avenue, Whittier, between Broadway and Beverly Blvd.

I'm scheduling hosts for 2022-2023. July 1 hosts are Judy and Steve Flanders, August is open, September, October, and December are booked, and November and January through August are open. Please respond to me if you wish to host one of those months. Thank you.

Gwen Woirhaye, chair  
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# WRITING IS FUN

The June 29 meeting of Writing is Fun! takes place at 1:30 PM at the home of Pat Dudley. You may write on anything you please. Try it! You will experience a sense of accomplishment and will enjoy sharing your written ideas with an appreciative audience. Come join us!

Pat's address: 15718 Lindskog Dr. (north of Whittier Blvd., off Santa Gertrudes) Phone 562-447-6389

## MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

We are nearing the end of the Book Group season, with this meeting in June 2022 being our last for the 2021-22 year.

The June meeting will be:

**Thursday, June 23, 2022**, and will discuss the novel:  
**The Paper Daughters of Chinatown**  
by  
**Heather B. Moore**

We will hold a HYBRID ZOOM meeting.

The Discussion Leader for the book will be Carol Anderson (ZOOMing from Oklahoma).  
The Hostess/co-hostess will be Myra Weiss and Gen'nel Walters. The meeting is to be held at Myra's home for those that come for the in-person meeting.  
Myra Weiss' address is: 9724 La Cima Dr., Whittier, 90603.

You may RSVP directly to Myra via her email or her home phone: [myraweiss43@gmail.com](mailto:myraweiss43@gmail.com) or (H) 562-947-3343 or her (C): 562-8962270).

An email with the ZOOM meeting link and RSVP for in-person meeting will be shared by Myra Weiss to book group two or three (2-3) days before the meeting, for those that cannot attend in-person.

In the next newsletter we will list the books for the upcoming Modern Trends in Literature.

Questions? Interest in joining us? Contact one of the Co-Chairs:

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Nadine Wilcox (call/text) 626-340-9018, email: [n.m.wilcox462@gmail.com](mailto:n.m.wilcox462@gmail.com) .

## MORNING BOOK

We are meeting on Monday, June 6, at 10AM to discuss *Hamnet*, by Maggie O'Farrell, led by Linda Harris. The pertinent information is in May's newsletter. The meeting is at Ann Topjon's, 5654 Palm Ave., Whittier. Margo Reeg will co-host. We will also vote on the books for next year that you have suggested. If you will not be attending the meeting you can send in your selections to me, six total, prior to June 6.

Reminder: Our last meeting is on Monday, July 25, discussing *The Pull of the Stars*, by Emma Donoghue, led by Ann Topjon. A hostess and co-hostess are still needed. If no-one comes forward, we will have the meeting via Zoom.

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185

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## MYSTERY MAVENS

Mystery Mavens does not meet in June. We will meet again September 21, 2022, the third Wednesday. We are planning to meet at MIMI's at Whittwood, 6PM. We voted on our five book choices at our May meeting, and they are listed below. Come join us.

Sharon Heck

### Books for 2022-2023:

September 21, 2022

*Deja Dead* by Kathy Reichs

Reviewed by Kay Clark

November 16, 2022

*The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey

Reviewed by Georgine Sweeney

January 18, 2023

*Roseanna* by Maj Sjewall and Per Wahloo

Reviewed by Sharon Heck

March 15, 2033

*The Quiche of Death* by M.C. Beaton

Reviewed by Gwen Woirhaye

May 17, 2023

*The Ritual Bath* by Faye Kellerman

Reviewed by Brigitta Weger

Sharon Heck

## LA CUISINE PLANNING

Planning meeting Wednesday, June 22, 7 PM, at the home of Gwen Woirhaye. If you are interested in joining this group to explore food and cooking, as well as fellowship, please bring ideas, recipes, and enthusiasm to the planning meeting or email to the chair if you are unable to meet on that evening.

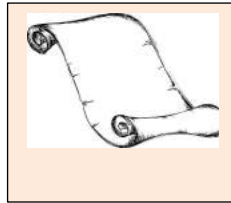
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JUNE 2022  
GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

First Friday	June 3 (Friday)	6 PM – 8 PM	Ann Topjon, Whittier
Board Meeting	June 7 (Tuesday)	7 PM	ZOOM
Morning Book	June 6 (Monday)	10 AM	Ann Topjon, Whittier
Branch Meeting	June 11 (Saturday)	11:30 AM	ELK'S Club, Whittier
International Concerns	June 16 (Thursday)	10 AM	Sharon Heck, Whittier
La Cuisine Planning	June 22 (Wednesday)	7 PM	Gwen Woirhaye, Whittier
Modern Trends in Lit	June 23 (Thursday)	7 PM	Myra Weiss, Whittier
Writing is Fun	June 29 (Wednesday)	1:30 PM	Pat Dudley, Whittier

CHECK WITH YOUR SECTION LEADERS FOR UPDATES AND ZOOM INVITATIONS



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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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