



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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2022**



BRANCH MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2022 11:30 AM – ELK’S LODGE

Books! Books! Books and More!

Greetings AAUW members! It’s a new beginning, a new season, and a time to gather for the experience of learning, listening, and engaging with others! We have a wonderful calendar year of programs that will have something to suit everyone, and to begin with, we have invited Bonnie Weber of the Whittier Library. She is actually retired now, but her love of books remains intact, and her knowledge is a treasure trove of what is worth reading.

Ms. Weber will be discussing books that are new, books that are loved, and some that are stubbornly memorable. Following her presentation, we will be given a set of questions about our own favorite books and how they have impacted us. This will allow us that unique opportunity, that unless we are in one of the book sections in AAUW, to openly share a literary work that has taken up residence in our minds and has either guided us, stunned us, enchanted us, or left us wondering about our own life choices.

We will also have the chance to trade one of our own books for someone else’s. A table will be set up for this delightful exchange. Books that are not taken will be donated to the library.

Finally, Ann Topjon who is our Section Chair this year, has invited and encouraged the various Sections to provide items that tell our membership about their activities. These items will be set up on a special Sections table for members to peruse either before or after the meeting.

As usual, we will be meeting at 11:30AM on the second Saturday of the month, September 10th. Our new president, Nadine Wilcox, will welcome us back, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, introduce new members, and present any business that needs our attention. Following that will be our speaker, Bonnie Weber and our Table Discussions of Books. See the Hospitality section for details and reservations.

Mask wearing will be encouraged, except while eating and drinking. Please come join us to kick off this new AAUW year of meeting and greeting, engaging, and discovering. We are looking forward to another year with our fellow colleagues!

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

HOSPITALITY

Branch Meeting Luncheon, September 10

Welcome back!

It is September the beginning of Fall already, oh my. Hope you all had an enjoyable summer. It has been a busy one for many of us. After all, summer is the time when the vegetation grows the fastest. I have been hard put to keep up with it. And the heat has been something else, hasn't it? How about those storms in our mountains? Good for the reservoirs it would seem. So looking forward to seeing all of you again at the Saturday, September 10 AAUW meeting.

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 of Barton Rd. behind Elks Lodge, park at rear. We will be seated in the banquet room.

Menu:

* Main entrée: Yankee pot roast with scalloped potatoes and small garden salad

* Vegetarian entrée: Large garden salad

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

Lunch cost: \$25/per person

Beverage only: \$5/per person and includes coffee, ice tea and water

No substitutions, deletions or special orders

Please **RSVP** with your selection from one of the following:

- . Main Entrée - Yankee Pot Roast with scalloped potatoes
- . Vegetarian - Large Salad

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, September 6 to 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

WELCOME BACK TO OUR NEW YEAR (2022-23) FOR GWA-AAUW MEMBERS!

I am honored to be your new President, and look forward to this coming year. My theme for the year is **INCLUSION OF ALL MEMBERS:** *engaging and including all new and returning members to our board and branch, in as many ways as possible.* We as your Board leadership would like to engage with you personally in whatever way pulls you into a more active role as a member in our local AAUW branch. Whether you participate in-person, or when hybrid ZOOM meetings are available (depending on your comfort level of attendance to section and general meetings, etc.), as well as by phone or in other ways personally that resonate for you as an ongoing or new member.

We are continuing to meet in person for board meetings, general meetings, and section meetings (in-person and hybrid when possible) as we are still challenged by COVID - 19 virus variants. Stay cognizant that changes may occur as deemed necessary, with guidelines posted by Los Angeles County Public Health (LACDPH), CA Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the CDC. Currently as of August 18, 2022 our risks are relatively under control, and in low to moderate level with masks being highly recommended for indoor activities. There is better access to COVID home antigen tests, and easier access to PH and our own primary medical providers to guide us all based on our individual needs. Still continue with necessary precautions that are recommended by PH and private health care providers. Some websites for LACDPH (below) are available for you to review if you have not already formed a habit of keeping up on COVID - 19 guidelines and news. Let's work together to keep our families, colleagues, and selves as safe as possible.

1. <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=4016>
2. <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

The June General meeting was eventful with Maura Greeley installing the new 2022-23 board members. We also celebrated our Scholarship awardees and their family members that were able to attend. It was quite eventful!

The new GWA-AAUW Board met at our retreat on July 21, 2022, (in-person & hybrid) at St. Matthias Episcopal Church to plan for the new year (2022-23). Sadly, Shirley A. Stewart informed the board of her resignation as the AAUW Fund VP one day prior to the retreat. I will work with the board members to identify a new candidate for this position by the August 30 board meeting, and if identified, and appointment is agreed upon by the board, a vote by membership will be held at the September 10 meeting at the Elks Lodge. Additionally, at this meeting, the membership will learn of the appointed chairpersons for 2022-23.

I want to welcome all of our NEW and RETURNING board members (many in new positions); we will work toward making this an eventful year.

Here is hoping that all had a wonderful summer break!

Nadine Wilcox, President, 2022-23

AAUW FUND

RECORD NUMBER OF CALIFORNIA FELLOWS AND GRANTEES

AAUW awarded \$6 million in Fellowships and Grants this year to 320 recipients. 49 of these are in California. There will be four Zoom meetings featuring many of these recipients as speakers. You will hear fascinating stories of their research. Registration will start in September for meetings on the following dates:

Saturday, Oct 15

Saturday, Oct 22

Sunday, Oct 23

Saturday, Nov 12- (GWA Meeting this date)

This is your chance to see where your AAUW Fund dollars go! The exact time and procedure for registration have not been announced yet, but stay tuned! It is possible the zoom programs will be recorded for later viewing.

OTHER AAUW FUND ACTIVITIES PLANNED THIS YEAR:

Saturday, February 11, 2023- GWA Program featuring Stacey Cabaj, AAUW Fellow, Assistant Professor of Acting and Pedagogy, Loyola Marymount University.

Saturday, May 13, 2023- Presentation of Named Gift Honoree(s) at GWA AAUW Branch Meeting.

Dolores Seidman

FINANCIAL CORNER



For anyone who hasn't renewed their membership, you are now in a grace period that ends 9/30/2022. Please make sure you get your dues in.

It would be best to pay on-line. If anyone needs help on how to get online, please contact me and I'll help you through it.

But 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
310/890-6510

The dues are \$111.00. Paid Lifetime Dues are still \$44.00 and Honorable Lifetime (members over 50 years) are \$0.

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

Kay Clark,
Treasurer

PUBLIC POLICY

When Women Vote, We Change the Conversation!

Since 1881, AAUW has been a leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls. AAUW encourages women voters to get involved in the political process and gain a better understanding of the impact legislative action can have on our lives.

The recent US Supreme Court *Dobbs* decision on abortion has stimulated action in many states across the nation, including California. Our legislature passed and Governor Newsom signed **AB 1666 which will enable a woman coming into California to receive an abortion to be protected from lawsuits** originating in her home state. This bill was co-sponsored by AAUW CA! A further step protecting a woman's right to make personal medical decisions is a **Constitutional Amendment, Proposition 1**, which will be on the November 8 ballot. It would amend the California Constitution to prohibit the state from denying or interfering with an individual's reproductive freedom in her most intimate decisions, which includes the fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and the fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives. AAUW CA supports this Constitutional Amendment.

Congressional races are particularly important this November. Redistricting after the 2020 Census has changed the boundaries of many Congressional districts. In the current partisan climate, we need to be aware of what is at stake in both our national and state upcoming elections. For most of us our current member of Congress, Linda Sanchez, CD 38, is still on the ballot. Be sure to become informed soon on the candidates for Congress in your district, if you are not in CD 38. As you sort through all this, please reflect on priority issues affecting us, our daughters, and granddaughters, and evaluate candidates' positions on these issues.

In the Whittier area there will be elections for Whittier Union High School District, Rio Hondo College District, Whittier City School District, South Whittier School District, Lowell Joint School District, Montebello Unified SD, Norwalk La Mirada School District, El Rancho School District, plus cities of Santa Fe Springs, La Habra Heights, and Pico Rivera councils. In addition, there are judicial run-offs, Sheriff run-off, Central Basin Water District and Metropolitan Water District. Many candidates will have their qualifications and answers to questions posted on VotersEdge.org

Here are resources to get helpful, non-partisan information:

- AAUW CA website: aauw-ca.org Public Policy section will soon have more detail on priority issues and questions to ask of candidates.
- AAUW website: aauw.org/policy/advocacy/tool-kit Ideas for branch activities, C/U partners, and specifics for 501 c 3 and 501 c 4 branches.
- CA Secretary of State website: www.sos.ca.gov voter info, Ballot Initiatives.
- State and County Voter guides – mailed to all registered voters in October.
- www.wedrawthelinesca.org – maps of newly re-drawn congressional districts
- www.VotersEdge.org/CA --League of Women Voters website for candidate information on local, regional and state candidates and ballot measures.
- Easy Voter Guide, www.easyvoterguide.org in 5 languages for quick information

Margo Reeg, Public Policy Chair

Diversity Equity, Inclusion (DEI)

2021-22 was the first year the branch appointed a DEI coordinator. The focus for the year was to broaden our understanding of the many terms associated with diversity, equity and inclusion. The State AAUW website has more terms and concepts to explore this year. This year's goal will continue to focus on these terms and begin to take action in our program and activity planning.

The state has provided the tools for us. The board received Using the Equity Lens as a resource for planning. Other resources and suggested actions from the state include:

Awareness

- Explore the [DEI toolkit](#)
- Become familiar with [DEI terms & concepts](#)
- View [DEI webinars](#) & YouTube videos
- Read books that focus on DEI (Book Sections take note!)
- Listen to others (A DEI speaker has been scheduled for a branch meeting).

Action

- Take the [Harvard Implicit Bias Tests](#) (This will be the focus of the October article)
- Discuss uncomfortable subjects
- Create guidelines for communication
- Provide feedback to DEI Committee (We don't have one YET)
- Ask for assistance & program ideas
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Pat Dudley



MEMBERSHIP

Our Whittier AAUW Branch was founded on September 30, 1925, so we will very soon celebrate our 97th birthday. We renamed ourselves the Greater Whittier Area Branch (GWA AAUW) a few years ago, but we have been advancing equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy for many years. As Membership Vice-President I am inviting each of you to help us continue the work of AAUW by inviting your friends and family members to join us. Membership growth is a responsibility of every member of the branch, so go for it!

Our Membership year is shaping up very nicely. We will have an early December fundraiser at Really Great Stuff, and another in mid-March. Karen van der Baan has graciously volunteered to chair those fundraisers, so watch for more information in future newsletters and at our Branch meetings.

We will be hosting a Meet and Greet in January 2023. The date has not been chosen, but begin thinking of who you might invite. Several new members joined us as a result of our 2022 Meet and Greet. It is also a very fun social event.

We will be ordering the solid plastic name tags quite soon. The price will depend on how many we order. We will have samples to show you, and we can take your order at our Branch Meeting on Saturday, September 10, at the Elks Lodge.

We have been contacting members who have not paid their dues for the coming year. Dues are now \$111. which includes your membership in the California and national AAUW organizations. You can pay your dues on the national website, AAUW.org, or send a check to our treasurer Kay Clark, 11915 Inez St., #8, Whittier, CA 90605. We hope all of you will continue your support of AAUW and remain a member of GWA AAUW.

Keep in mind the theme of our president, Nadine Wilcox – INCLUSION OF ALL MEMBERS





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

Please fill out completely and mail with check made payable to: Greater Whittier Area AAUW
Mail/give your check to: Branch Treasurer GWA-AAUW, P.O. Box 5333, Whittier, CA 90607-5333

ANNUAL DUES Please choose Membership type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Paid Life Member \$44	<input type="checkbox"/> Student \$38.81
	<input type="checkbox"/> General \$111	<input type="checkbox"/> Dual \$24
{National Dues \$67 + State Dues \$20 + Branch Dues \$24 = \$111 TOTAL} REMINDER \$88 of YOUR DUES IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE		
To order the following items, please include/add the following to your check:		
<input type="checkbox"/> I want the yearbook insert mailed to me - \$2		
<input type="checkbox"/> I want the AAUW binder, cost \$7 + (if mailed, postage \$5 = \$12)		

**If all your information is the same as in the yearbook, just print your name and write
"INFORMATION SAME AS LAST YEAR" across the application.**

*Fill in starred items to update your information. New members must complete ALL information.

Today's Date: _____

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

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

*Address _____ *City _____ *Zip _____

*Home Phone _____ *Cell Phone _____

*Work Phone _____ *Email address _____

Degree _____ Year _____ Major _____

College/University _____

Degree _____ Year _____ Major _____

College/University _____

Degree _____ Year _____ Major _____

College/University _____

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

2020-2021 GWA-AAUW Membership Questionnaire

Please print or fill in with text. Use the back of this paper if you need more space information.

Name: _____
Last First

Year joined AAUW _____

College/Universities attended

Years

Degree received

Elected Offices held in AAUW

Branch

Year (approximate is ok)

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Appointed Offices held

Branch

Year (approximate is ok)

 _____ continue on
 _____ back of paper

Committee / Section Chair Positions

Branch

Year (approximate ok)

 _____ continue on
 _____ back of paper

Committee / Section Chair Participation

Branch

Year (approximate is ok)

 _____ continue on
 _____ back of paper

Projects for AAUW Worked on/Completed

 _____ continue on
 _____ back of paper

Community Activities (Clubs, Volunteering, etc)

Organization

Year (s) (approximate is ok)

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 _____ back of paper

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

MYRA LONG SCHOLASHIP FUND (MLSF)

September 2022

“MLSF is a standing committee with the purpose of receiving, investing, and distributing funds from corporations and individuals for the purpose of providing educational scholarships, programs, conferences and seminars consistent with the corporation goals and objectives.” GWA-AAUW Bylaws

Fiduciary Responsibilities: The annual insurance premium of \$783.00 was paid. Tax preparation costs for 2020-21 of \$358.00 were paid. The Calton investment account was closed and \$84,654.22 was transferred to Edward Jones investment account in January 2022. A fund-raising letter was sent out in March on Myra Long’s birthday. We are grateful for the over \$9,000 donations received from the non-event fundraiser this spring and \$2,193.00 from Ellen Larson’s estate. A big thank you to all who have donated. Our committee meetings are held quarterly: February; May; August; and November. We are now meeting in the First United Methodist Church Board Room in Uptown Whittier at 9AM on the first Tuesday of the designated months. The meetings are open to all members. The committee will publish plans and activities in the GWA-AAUW monthly newsletter.

2021-2022 Update: This past year two of our directors moved from the Greater Whittier Area, and we know four of the directors were quarantined with COVID. Despite the many health and communication issues, money was raised, High School Scholarships were awarded to senior girls for 2022 fall college expenses, grants were distributed to Math/Science teachers, and six, middle school girls went to the Whittier College Teck Trek camp. A seventh girl was turned away due to lack of communication regarding the COVID restrictions. This means there is \$950 remaining in the State AAUW Special Projects Fund for next year.

Scholarships: This year MLSF budgeted \$28,000 for scholarships. The high school scholarships went smoothly with four in-person interviews at California High School and two former Tech Trek candidates were interviewed via zoom. MLSF awarded \$10,000 to the six high school applicants. Carole Restovich, Scholarship Chairperson reports that Rio Hondo Community College is now ready to disseminate the scholarship applications for 2022-23.

Special Projects Fund: Since Whittier College was not available for the annual Math/Science Conference, \$4,700.00 in grants was given to middle school Math and Science Teachers. Nine teachers applied and received awards. Principals of local middle schools were contacted regarding the availability of money for use by math and science teachers during summer school. Sharon Heck, Math/Science Coordinator is planning the Math/Science Conference in 2023. As always, we will need volunteers for the many tasks regarding this worthwhile program.

MLSF Committee Chairperson, Barbara Gile

MLSF Committee Directors are Ann Chambers, Patricia Dudley, Susan Halliday, Sharon Heck, Kaye Kidwell, and Carole Restovich,

MYRA LONG SCHOLASHIP FUND (cont.)

MLSF Nonevent Fundraiser 2022 Honor Roll

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The 2022 nonevent fundraiser was a great success. A total of 55 donors gave \$8,925. The donations ranged from \$25 to \$1,000.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the following donors:

Carol K. Anderson
Sara Ellen Anderson
Elizabeth Baca
Beverly Ball
Virginia Ball
Maurine Behrens
Jan Berry
Cindy Birt
Jacqueline Brearley
Letty Brooks
Janice Cecola
Kay Clark
Harriet Cornyn
Sheryl Crockey
Belen Duarte-Sousa
Patricia Dudley
Carole Duff
Judith Flanders

Janice Geiger
Barbara Gile
Maura Greeley
Susan Halliday
Sharon Heck
Marie Hegwer-DiVita
Naomi Hill
Louise Holden
Brenda Jahn
Helen Jewell
Kaye Kidwell
Peggy Kiefer
Mandy Knight
Claire Koehler
JoAnn Libolt
Marian Locke
Bruce Long
Beatrix Myers
Paula Ocampo

Linda Pomeroy
Helen Rahder
Yvette Rawlinson
Carole Restovich
Lynda Richardson
Pauline Rogers
Dolores Seidman
Lovey Sherman
Jill Smith
Patricia Stanley
Dee Thorne
Ann Topjon
Sue Turco
Karen Vander Baan
Gen'nel Walters
Myra Weiss
Nadine Wilcox
Gwen Woirhaye

Thank you again from the Myra Long Scholarship Fund Committee.

SECTION INFORMATION

Because of the uncertainty surrounding containment measures for COVID-19, scheduling section meetings will be difficult for the foreseeable future. We suggest that you keep in touch with your Section Chair for updated information.

MYSTERY MAVENS

Mystery Mavens will meet on September 21, the third Wednesday, at Mimi's Restaurant, 6PM. Please RSVP to Sharon at 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 *Deja Dead* by Kathy Reichs. Kay Clark will review the book and lead our discussion.

Here is some information on our book for September 21.

This novel was first published in September 1997 and it stars forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan. This series was the basis for the TV show "Bones." Kathy Reichs is a forensic anthropologist for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, State of North Carolina, and for the Laboratoire des Sciences Judiciaires et de Medecine Legale for the province of Quebec. The second book is *Death de Jour*.

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 Sjöwall 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

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, September 15, 2022, 10AM, we will meet at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Our topic for the September 15 meeting will be Chapter 6, "No End in Sight: a century of drug wars," in the 2022 Great Decisions. Christine Heller will lead our discussion. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well. 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

Everyone reads the material ahead of time, and we have a lively discussion around the topic. If you have newspaper articles or materials, we are happy for you to share them. All are welcome to join us for International Concerns. Please RSVP to Sharon as her street has permit parking. Daily permits will be available, and three cars can park in the driveway.

S.Heck4peace@gmail.com 562-698-0476

Sharon Heck co-chair
Sheryl Crockey, co-chair



FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday in September is cancelled because of holiday weekend.

October 7 we will meet at the home of Linda Pomeroy, 1620 North Cedar Crest, Brea. Please bring your choice of beverage plus a snack to share and enjoy visiting with friends from 6 to 8 P.M.

Directions:

Whittier Blvd. East to the end. Left on North Puente Street, right on Northwood, left onto North Poinsettia Ave., right at first cross street onto Oak Crest, which turns left and becomes Cedar Crest. Address will be on the right.

Still needed are hosts for November 4, February 3, March 3, June 2, July 7, August 4. Please contact chair if you'd like to host any of these dates.

Gwen Woirhaye
gwen@woirhaye.com

MORNING BOOK

Welcome to a new year of reading and discussion! We will meet on Monday, September 26, at 10AM, and our first selection is *The Lincoln Highway*, by Amor Towles. The novel begins in June, 1954, when eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction—to the City of New York. Spanning just ten days and told from multiple points of view, Towles's third novel will satisfy fans of his multi-layered literary styling while providing them an array of new and richly imagined settings, characters, and themes. Set in the 1950s, *The Lincoln Highway* is filled with nostalgia as well as the gentle naïveté and hijinks of those who are young, optimistic, and on a mission. The story follows four boys who set out to travel the country in search of a fresh start: Emmett and Billy want to find their mother who left them when they were young, and Duchess and Woolly are on the hunt for a stashed wad of cash. Sometimes their dreams are aligned but often they are not. In other words, adventure ensues: There's train hopping and car stealing, and with that comes the inevitability of trouble sparked from both good and bad intentions. Each of these young men is chasing his dreams, but their pasts—whether violent or sad—are never far behind. Please join us at Linda Pomeroy's home: 1620 N. Cedarcrest Dr., Brea. I will provide refreshments.

Because Covid is still an ever-present possibility, please test yourselves before coming. If you need a test, please contact me. I am planning to make it possible to have a hybrid meeting for those who live at a distance, and will send a Zoom invitation the weekend prior to the meeting.

The other books we are reading this year:

November 28: *The Last Train to Key West* (Chanel Cleeton)

January 23: 2023, *The Sentence* (Louise Erdrich)

March 27: *The Sympathizer* (Viet Thanh Nguyen)

May 22: *The Personal Librarian* (Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray)

July 24: *Trust* (Hernan Diaz).

I'm looking forward to seeing you!
Ann Topjon, Chair 562-665-1724

MODERN TRENDS

Please note new meeting date and time. We will now meet the Second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. We will also offer a Zoom option for those members who cannot join in person.

When: Thursday September 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Where: Home of Cindy Birt
2639 Ardsheal Dr., La Habra Heights

Book: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Gwen Woirhaye will lead our discussion for this novel that is a fictionalized telling of the lifework of Belle da Costa Greene, the personal Librarian to J.P. Morgan.

Questions and Zoom Requests: Please feel free to contact the co- chairs, Myra Weiss 562-947-3343 or Kristine Yeseta 562-696-0226

Next Up: Thursday October 13- *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware

THE NEW PHOENIX

The AAUW Whittier branch section titled The New Phoenix was started by our dearly missed Colleen Tan who passed away on July 8, 2019. She had requested that Sheryl Crockey and Carole Restovich continue the group since they had helped her with organizing the events.

This section was created by Colleen to offer support of our members who are divorced, widowed or single. We plan events and activities to enjoy together such as attending plays, visiting museums/ gardens, or dining at restaurants. All suggestions are welcome.

To reactivate the Phoenix section, we are considering an afternoon tea at the Spring Field Tea Garden in Fullerton at \$31.00 per person (date to be determined). If you are interested in joining the Phoenix group, please contact Sheryl or Carole (see below).

We carpool to our events so we are grateful for anyone who volunteers her car. The number of attendees is dependent upon the number of spaces in the cars. We would like to include interested branch members (single or not), but it depends upon space availability. Single members will have first choice.

We look forward to enjoying special times together as we grow in supportive friendships.

Please contact one of us if you are interested.

Sheryl Crockey
Cell: (567) 787-0727
(562) 695-1986
email: tosherylc@icloud.com

Carole Restovich
Cell: (714) 514-3220
email: bruinclr@yahoo.com

SPOTLIGHT



Sharon Heck reports that she had her knee replacement surgery on July 12 and she is progressing very well. She wants to thank everyone for their wonderful cards and good thoughts. She plans to have her other knee replaced in late January 2023, and she will, hopefully, heal into a whole new person. She is very thankful for all her AAUW friends.

Geri Marshall reports that she is out of hospital, and doing much better. Yesterday Vicki Marshall fell & broke her left foot & ankle. She was in Santa Paula visiting her son. They don't think she will need surgery. Geri says they are trying to find a decent Skilled Nursing Facility in this area. If anyone has any ideas, please let us know.

On a hot summer afternoon Dolores Seidman and Joyce Paul were having lunch at an outdoor restaurant in Claremont recently. A woman who looked familiar passed by and they realized it was Sally Schmidt, a past long time member of GWA AAUW. What began as a casual hello developed into a long visit with Sally sitting to join them. Many remembrances were exchanged of happy days and recent sorrows. Sally has given permission to include her contact information in "Spotlight" and would love to hear from old friends:

Sally Schmidt
Mt. San Antonio Gardens
900 E. Harrison, Apt. C10
Pomona, CA 91767

Cell: 562-544-5935
e-mail: Sally1sch@aol.com



Susan Halliday and family and friends shared wonderful memories at Doug Halliday's Celebration of Life on July 27, 2022. People from all over Whittier and beyond attended the event to remember a well loved member of our community.

Doug Halliday 11/24/43 – 8/18/21

Cindy and Dorwin Birt took a Viking River Cruise In August from Amsterdam to Budapest. Just look at the river view from their luxe stateroom.



SPOTLIGHT (cont.)

Vacation memories from Nadine Wilcox: "I went for a wonderful vacation for two weeks visiting family in Ontario, Canada. I also traveled north to Georges Bay (a southern bay and part of Lake Huron) and Western New York State (Batavia in Genesee County, 40 miles east of Buffalo), and also a weekend at Lake Chautauqua at a family reunion. We were across the lake from the goings-on at the Chautauqua Institution that occurred Friday, August 12, so we were not affected. It was my first time flying in 21 years! (Flew to New Zealand in July - August of 2001 and arrived home 11 days before 09/11.) I had so much fun not only with family and visiting, but trying to be on the good side of TSA and all the travel rules since I last flew. Plus, it was my first time doing major traveling across country and international since COVID started in early 2020. Fun was had by all that I spent time with. Enjoyed the beautiful rain when it came and such greenery, loved it! Wish I could have captured the rain and brought some back to dry SoCal. Also, I will be a new great-aunt (already one 6x over) to a new addition to our family, baby is my sister's 2nd grandchild, and is due in March 2023."

Wondering, by Claire Koehler

I was trepidatious about seeing her, unsure whether my mother would be the same since I saw her a year ago. So much had happened since then. She had moved to a new place-translation: a new revelation about her health. She had lost part of her vocabulary just this past January and could not speak well. Then within the past month, she had taken another fall that put her in the hospital. Now, she was out, but had been moved yet again, this time to a long-term care facility, Via Christi Village in Hays, Kansas where I and my brother were walking in to visit her.

It was a beautiful place, clean, with a reception area that was very open, yet glass-enclosed to protect the receptionist from Covid. Outside was a little machine with some serious technology inside, complete with a hand-sanitizing dispenser next to it. After the machine took my and my brother's temperatures and analyzed the questions we had answered, it spit out a typed name tag for us to stick on our clothes to prove we were legitimate visitors.

We walked along the wide, newly carpeted hallways with locked doors that had codes to open them, all of which my sister had told us about, thank goodness! It was peacefully quiet, and my anticipation grew as Dan and I made it to the 3rd floor and past the center hallway signs pointing down different hallways to Munjor, Vincent, and Catherine. That was it. She was in the Catherine section. We turned a couple more corners and Voila--room 709. (I know, room 709 on the 3rd floor)! Anyway, we peered into her room, wondering what we would see our Mom doing. There she was, our beautiful mother, Theresa, snugly napping on her bed in late morning.

We had no intention of waking her, but one wrong move and I noisily stumbled on a wheelchair footpad in my path, practically falling on top of her! Dan and I froze. Her eyes flew open. It was the moment of truth. Would she know us? Would she be able to speak to us today? The answer came to us in her knowing eyes, her broadening smile, and her welcoming, "Well hello! When did you get here?" What a joy! We visited in increments that day so she would not get too worn out. We talked about cursory things and played Yahtzee- with some help with the tallying of points (I've always been bad at math). It was a wonderful day!

DINING FOR \$\$\$\$

September 15, 2022, California Grill – Whittier

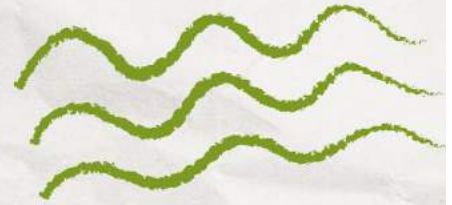
Welcome back GWA-AAUW members! We hope you had a wonderful summer. As we return to our monthly branch meetings, it will be nice to see everyone and share our summer adventures. Another great way to do that would be by inviting a friend or two to join you for our first fundraiser of the year at California Grill on Thursday, September 15. The California Grill team has been a GWA-AAUW supporter for many years. We can always count on them to provide a fundraiser opportunity for us. With their great menu and a beautiful patio expansion, it is one of Whittier's favorite dining destinations. **Open from 8:00AM – 9:00PM**, 20% of your bill will be donated to our Myra Long Scholarship Fund for both dine-in or take-out orders when you present a flyer. Flyers can be found near the end of this newsletter.

Each donation earned at these events goes directly into The Myra Long Scholarship Fund. This past year's scholarship fund provided 4 women, graduating from community college, with scholarships to four-year colleges or universities. In addition, it provided grants to 4 Math/Science middle school teachers and sent 7 girls to the on-campus Tech Trek Camp at the Whittier College campus this summer.

The restaurant industry continues to be challenged by the effects of the Covid pandemic, so many of our favorite Whittier area restaurants have decided to postpone their fundraising efforts. We are especially grateful to California Grill and 3 other restaurants who have agreed to support us during this difficult time. This year, Sheryl Crockey has joined me in organizing these fundraiser opportunities. I truly welcome her help as we continue to search for additional venues. We look forward to seeing you at California Grill on September 15th!

Carole Duff and Sheryl Crockey





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Thursday September 15, 2022

Join California Grill & Proudly support the GWA-AAUW when you present this flyer 20% of proceeds will be donated. This flyer is good for Dine in or Take out

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SEPTEMBER 2022 GREATER WHITTIER AREA CALENDAR

Board Meeting	August 30 (Tuesday)	7 PM	St Mathias
Modern Trends	September 8 (Thursday)	6:30 PM	Cindy Birt's
Branch Meeting	September 10 (Saturday)	11:30 AM	Whittier Elks Lodge
International Concerns	September 15 (Thursday)	10 AM	Sharon Heck's
Dining for \$\$\$\$	September 15 (Thursday)	8 AM -9 PM	California Grill
Mystery Mavens	September 21 (Wednesday)	6 PM	Mimi's Restaurant
Morning Book	September 26 (Monday)	10 AM	Linda Pomeroy's
First Friday	October 7 (Friday)	6 PM - 8PM	Linda Pomeroy's
AAUW Fund Event	October 15 (Saturday)	TBD	Zoom
AAUW Fund Event	October 22 (Saturday)	TBD	Zoom
AAUW Fund Event	October 23 (Sunday)	TBD	Zoom
AAUW Fund Event	November 12 (Saturday)	TBD	Zoom

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