



# GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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**October  
2022**



## **BRANCH MEETING – OCTOBER 8, 2022 11:30 AM – ELK’S LODGE**

Good day AAUW Members! Now that our first meeting of the new calendar year is past, we can look ahead to October’s Branch meeting where we will gain some insights from our speaker and Public Policy expert, Margo Reeg. Margo is presently serving as co-President of the League of Women Voters of LA County with Nancy Mahr from Rolling Hills. Margo served as Government Director of the California League of Women Voters from 1995-1999. After that, Margo has been VP for Voter Service on the LA County Board, giving her time extensively. She is devoted to the importance of voting, having been a League member for 52 years. In addition to Voter Service, she has also been involved in a number of studies regarding environmental issues and governmental issues like the Electoral College, and National Popular Vote. Margo also follows redistricting and will be involved in the Whittier City redistricting this winter. Furthermore, Margo is presently a consultant on Voting Rights for LWVC (League of Women Voters of California) where she analyzes bills related to election procedures and voting.

At our October Branch meeting, Margo will be presenting two measures that AAUW and the League support, in addition to discussing a confusing proposition regarding gambling. Considering the impact some of these measures will have on all Californians, it is imperative to know what is at stake when we cast our ballot this November. (Please see Margo Reeg’s “When Women Vote, They Change the Conversation!” in this month’s newsletter).

We will be meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM (second Saturday of the month) at:  
The Whittier Elks Lodge  
13620 Whittier Blvd, Whittier, CA 90605

Please remember to make your reservations with Hospitality so you will not miss this important meeting. (See the Hospitality section for details.)

We are looking forward to seeing you, sharing your thoughts, and engaging in conversation!

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

# HOSPITALITY

## Branch Meeting Luncheon, October 8

Is it time for Halloween already? This is the month when the Fall celebrations begin. Such a joyous time of year as long as the weather cools off! This past heat wave, wind storm, and rain have been quite a challenge! Whew! Glad all that is hopefully over. On to funny costumes and all those sweets. OOPS, must watch those calories! There are no calories, fat, or carbohydrates in chocolate, are there?

### 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 the driveway off Barton Rd. behind Elks Lodge; park at the rear. We will be seated in the banquet room. Or by chance, we may be in the Club Room next door to the banquet room. Look for the AAUW signs to guide the way.

### Menu:

#### Main entrée :

Tequila Lime Chicken, Spanish rice, refried beans

#### Vegetarian entrée:

Roasted Vegetable Fajita plate with vegan rice and beans

Entrées include a salad with a choice of salad dressing, chips and salsa, dessert, coffee, ice tea, and 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
- Vegetarian
- Beverage Only

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** and a reservation made and **NOT** canceled by the deadline **MUST BE PAID**. Please **RSVP** with your menu choice by **NOON** on Tuesday, October 4 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

Welcome to October and all the wonders it may give us. We have survived the grueling heat waves of September and enjoyed meeting at our first branch meeting on September 10. It was so nice to gather in person. After socializing, branch business was handled, here is what we accomplished during this session:

- \* By acclamation vote, Dolores Seidman was approved to be the AAUW Fund VP for the 2022-23 year. Shirley A. Stewart resigned from the position in July. We are all thankful that Dolores agreed to come back on in the position held last year. She will do a very good job.
- \* The AAUW Branch budget was approved after a presentation by Kay Clark.
- \* Sharon Heck, Membership VP, updated us on membership issues and had the 2022-23 Yearbook available for pick up at her membership table. Several section chairs took yearbooks for members to pick up at this month's section meetings; check with your section leader. The last alternative available is for pick up at one of two homes/porches; Susan Halliday's or Sharon Heck's.
- \* There was wonderful news that the 2022-23 Math - Science Day **WILL** be held on January 10, 2023, at Whittier College. More details to come.
- \* Additional updates were given about the upcoming Dining 4 \$\$\$ and Really Great Stuff fundraisers.
- \* Each Section Chair was present to briefly review with members about their sections, and each section had a small display on the tables with information or sign-ups. It was a very nice way to introduce new members and members that have been with us for a long time to the sections; how they work, new schedules, as well as the books and details on the activities.

Bonnie Weber, a retired librarian from the Whittier Public Library, was our program speaker at the September branch meeting on "Books, Books, Books, and More". She gave the group an update on the library renovations, with "Thanks" to the Community and the city government of Whittier for raising monetary resources through donations, grant applications, and additional resources from the state and county to assist the city and library in the successful completion of this project. Bonnie also spoke to us about BOOKS (something we all seem to love) that she highly recommended finding time to read. She gave great reviews on three books (marked below\*) and provided a reading list of several more. Enjoy looking these books up and reading them!

*Everybody Thought We Were Crazy* by Mark Rozzo\*

*Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan\*

*These Precious Days* by Ann Patchett\*


*All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keep Sake* by Tiya Miles

*Booth* by Karen Fowler

*The Women of Chateau Lafayette* by Stephanie Dray

*Who Killed Jane Stanford* by Richard White

*The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell

AAUW-CA Board held a Town Hall webinar on Sunday, September 11, 2022, to introduce the new state board leaders to branch board members and general members who registered and attended by ZOOM. It was a good kick-off to see new faces, and or familiar faces in new positions at the state level. This webinar is very informative and can be viewed on the AAUW-CA website at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org). Select *webinars/2022-23 webinars* from the menu at top of the page. Scroll down the webpage to 09/11/2022 Town Hall Meeting, and click on **Town Hall Meeting**. You can download a presentation and/or click on The  to view the video. For members new and of many years, there is always something to learn about the organization and how it is there to support us in many ways.

*May October be a wonderful month for all of us. Submitted by Nadine Wilcox, President*

# AAUW FUND

AAUW Fund Events will begin in October. Instead of having luncheons in certain geographical areas as in the past, members will be able to attend one or more events via Zoom. 39 inspiring California fellow and grant recipients will share nuggets of their fascinating studies at four fall AAUW Fund virtual events. See what, and who, your AAUW Fund dollars support. Sign up for one or all to learn about sustainable environments, global migration, refugee studies, campus sexual and racial violence, increasing STEM awareness, and other topics.

The events will take place on Saturday, October 15 from 10-12, Saturday, October 22 from 10-12, Sunday, October 23 from 1-3, and Saturday, November 12 from 10-12. The later date is the same date as our GWA branch meeting, but hopefully, all the events will be available later as recordings.



You can register for any of these events at [aauw-ca.org/aauw-2022-fund-events](http://aauw-ca.org/aauw-2022-fund-events). You can also make your donation to AAUW Fund at this time. (You can be generous since you do not need to pay the usual \$40 for lunch!)

An added feature this year is that there is a short biography of each AAUW fellow and grant recipient on the same website. Take a look; it's inspiring to see where our donations are used!

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Fund V.P.

## 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 online. 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 it to me at:

11915 Inez St. #8  
Whittier, CA 90605  
[kayclark310@gmail.com](mailto: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, They Change the Conversation

**AAUW California supports** the passage of **Propositions 1 and 28** on the November ballot in California.

**Proposition 1.** The decision by the Supreme Court of the United States to overturn *Roe v. Wade* dealt a serious blow to the rights of women to make their own decision about their bodies. This spurred many state legislatures to act to ban abortion, some with no exceptions for rape, incest, or endangering the life of the mother. Abortion bans in other states have already taken effect. Yet polls in many states show a majority in support of protecting the rights of women to choose to have abortions. Currently, women are coming from other states to obtain abortions in California. An Abortion Access website is being formed in our state to enable and assist out-of-state women with travel arrangements, housing, medical appointments, and other matters.

California Legislators, recognizing the remote possibility that at some future time state legislation could ban abortions, took timely action in June to pass SCR 10. This put **Proposition 1, the Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom**, on the November ballot. Passage of Prop 1 will amend the California Constitution, stating “Section 1.1 is added to Article I thereof, to read: SEC. 1.1. The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual’s reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives. This section is intended to further the constitutional right to privacy guaranteed by Section 1, and the constitutional right to not be denied equal protection guaranteed by Section 7. Nothing herein narrows or limits the right to privacy or equal protection.”

AAUW CA has begun a Social Media campaign to educate and encourage voters to support Prop 1. Weekly messages contain important facts. If you don’t use social media, we urge you to email the messages to others who do!

Prop. 1 is also strongly supported by the League of Women Voters.

**Proposition 28.** In the context of AAUW CA’s Public Policy Priorities in support of Education, AAUW CA supports **Proposition 28, The Arts and Music in Schools – Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act**. Studies on educational achievement prove that arts and music education improve student learning. Music education has been shown to improve cognitive development and spatial reasoning while the dramatic arts improve reading comprehension. Arts and music education has also been shown to improve school attendance and individual self-confidence and motivation to learn, particularly among poor and other at-risk students. Yet these programs are usually the first cut when school budgets are reduced. Prop 28 would provide a minimum source of annual funding coming from the state General Fund to K-12 public schools to supplement arts education programs. School districts would be held accountable to use the funds for hiring certificated employees and purchasing supplies and materials. Read the full propositions on the Secretary of State website, [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures)

**Become informed, and Vote on November 8, 2022!!**

**PLEASE NOTE:** There was an error in the AAUW California September Newsletter article. The article provided a link to National’s Get Out the Vote Toolkit; however, the link was to their old site. The site has been updated and the new and correct link is: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/advocacy-toolkit/>.

Margo Reeg, Public Policy Chair



# Diversity Equity, Inclusion (DEI)

What is Implicit Bias?

The term bias is easily defined and understood. It reflects a personal and sometimes unreasoned judgment: prejudice.

You probably are aware of your overt bias towards something but we all have unconscious biases, too. Unconscious bias is something you are not aware of; an idea or feeling not deliberately held.

It is important to identify and become aware of your unconscious biases as the first step in ridding ourselves of them.

The Harvard Implicit Bias Test is a tool to help you understand more about yourself. There are fifteen “tests” on subjects including race, gender, presidents, age, and weight.

## **Harvard Implicit Bias Test**

**[Implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html](https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html)**

The Implicit Association Test (IAT) measures attitudes and beliefs that people may be unwilling or unable to report. The IAT may be especially interesting if it shows that you have an implicit attitude that you did not know about. For example, you may believe that women and men should be equally associated with science, but your automatic associations could show that you (like many others) associate men with science more than you associate women with science.

You may be able to take something of value from the experience of taking one or more of these tests.

*Note: This is a computer-driven testing experience and I found it challenging to respond quickly which may influence the results.*

Pat Dudley, DEI Officer



# MEMBERSHIP

Our 2022-2023 Yearbooks were distributed at our branch meeting on Saturday, September 10. Members who paid for a new binder and/or the mailing of the yearbook should have received their copy. Please let me know if there are any problems concerning this, at 562-698-0476. We want to thank Patricia Cuocco for creating the yearbook again. She has done such a good job. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, Patricia. She has taken on several leadership positions in her new location in Nevada, but we are so happy she has remained a dual member with us. If a member wishes to pick up her yearbook, they are available at the home of Susan Halliday, 8531 Catalina Ave., Whittier, and at the home of Sharon Heck, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier. They will also be available at the Saturday, October 8 branch meeting.

Since the Yearbook was printed, we have received the following updates to the roster of members:

- Kathleen Marin - remove (H) home phone number
- Myra Weiss - new email, [myraweis43@gmail.com](mailto:myraweis43@gmail.com)
- Ruth White - new phone number, (H) 657-444-9089
- Deanna Woirhaye - rejoined, 1481 Belgreen Dr., Whittier, CA 90601  
(C) 626-833-8697, email: [toys@woirhaye.com](mailto:toys@woirhaye.com)

There are still some of our members who owe AAUW dues for this year. Please send a check to our treasurer, Kay Clark. The fee is \$111 and that includes membership in the national organization, the California organization, and our branch. It is also possible to pay your dues online, and Kay is willing to help you if you wish to pay online. Her phone number is 310-890-6510.

I am happy to report that I have two committee members who are willing to help me with membership activities at our branch meetings. They are Earlyne Clemons and Sue Settlage.

Thank you both for your willingness to serve on this very important committee.

Think about inviting that newly retired friend to our next branch meeting.

Sharon Heck, Chair





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

**College/Universities attended**

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**Years**

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**Projects for AAUW Worked on/Completed**

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

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

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# MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE FOR 8TH GRADE GIRLS

We are so happy to report that we will be having our Math/Science Conference for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls at Whittier College on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Because of the pandemic, our last conference was in January 2020, so this is an exciting announcement. It will be our 28<sup>th</sup> Conference!

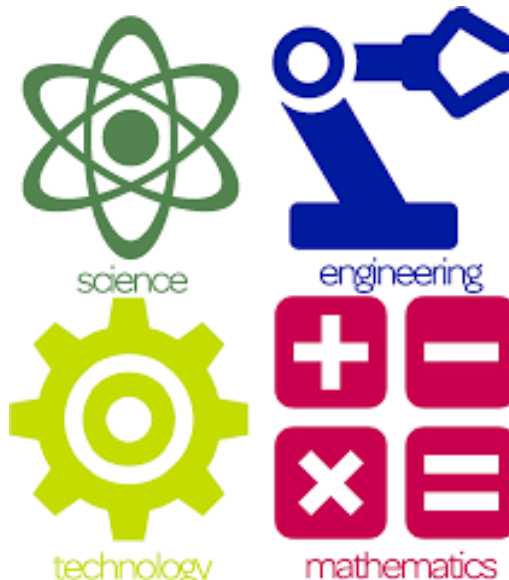
I will be sending letters to the schools that have participated in the past, and they will be able to register to send fourteen girls from their schools. We do this on a first-come, first-served basis until we reach our capacity of 400 participants. There is no fee for the girls, but the school must provide transportation.

We will have twenty STEM speakers and each student will hear six of them. They will have an opportunity to choose five of the speakers, and when I set up the workshops, I will give them some of their choices. We prepare tickets for entry to each workshop, and no one can enter without a ticket. The students are given a snack on their way to their first workshop, and the event ends for them at 12:45 PM on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

Dolores Seidman will be collecting the names of those who are willing to volunteer for the day. We do need volunteers to serve as a hostess in each workshop, distribute packets, guide the students to the workshops, and do other needed activities. The event is not until January, but we start our planning very early. Contact Dolores by email if you would like to volunteer. [deeseidman@gmail.com](mailto:deeseidman@gmail.com)

I hope to see many of you at our long-awaited STEM activity.

Sharon Heck, Chair



# MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND (MLSF)



**October 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*

It will be helpful to remind ourselves about the relationship between MLSF and the AAUW branch. The two were separate entities/organizations until the merger/incorporation in 2011.

MLSF was established as a separate entity by a few AAUW Whittier Branch members in late 1998 and received tax-exempt status under the federal Internal Revenue Code - section 501(c)(3) - in November 1999. The EIN currently used by GWA-AAUW is the original MLSF EIN.

There has always been a symbiotic relationship between MLSF and the branch - both benefit from the relationship. There are several reasons why members of AAUW Whittier Branch and MLSF thought a formal merging of the two would be even more beneficial than the sometimes-elusive symbiosis. Two of the major reasons are that (1) the branch gains tax-exempt status that previously it did not have and (2) the merger would help eliminate confusion among members and donors about what MLSF is and does. In the process, we also applied for and received status as a corporation under California State law. Remarkably, the Internal Revenue Service granted our request to change the name on the MLSF EIN to GWA AAUW, thus eliminating the agonizing process of the branch having to apply for tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3).

GWA-AAUW does not give or donate money to MLSF from the branch funds (look at the budget). The Whittier branch donates to the AAUW Fund located in Washington D.C. The branch does not provide any direct financial support in its budget to the MLSF. Generous members of GWA-AAUW, as individuals, support MLSF fundraisers and give direct donations. Also, the branch helps raise funds for MLSF by sponsoring activities like Dining 4 \$\$.

A way to remember the differences is: AAUW Fund = National Philanthropy and MLSF = Local Philanthropy and we all work together for a better understanding with the same goals.

Sometimes, symbiotic relationships can be quite confusing. Hopefully, this helps unravel some of the confusion about GWA-AAUW and MLSF.

MLSF Committee Chairperson, Barbara Gile

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

# NEW SECTION IDEAS



## Exploring the Formation of New Weekend Sections

Did you know that Section Groups can be formed by any interested members? For some new working members, as well as some longer-term members, there may be a desire to have a weekend choice of sections available, either on Saturday or Sunday (actual day and times to be determined as the group forms). One new member has a keen interest in the International Concerns Section that Sharon Heck chairs, but the member cannot make it to either mid-morning, afternoon, or early evening section meetings Monday thru Friday due to work hours and commute. Sharon Heck agrees that a weekend section of International Concerns would be a fine addition. If enough people respond with interest to this, the group could begin as early as January or February 2023, or sooner if there is a good response.

If you are interested in participating in a weekend International Concerns Section, please contact us by email with the Subject line: **Interested in Weekend International Concerns Section.**

Please copy both of us at:

Nadine Wilcox ([n.m.wilcox462@gmail.com](mailto:n.m.wilcox462@gmail.com))

Lori Graham ([loriluese@gmail.com](mailto:loriluese@gmail.com))

Include in your email which weekend days and times (give at least 3 options if you can) that work for you, and if you are allergic to cats (both Nadine and Lori have house cats in their respective homes). From there, Lori and Nadine will meet and contact members that express interest. If there seems to be enough interest in a weekend section of this topic and the group is formed it will be announced in the newsletter before the first meeting.

For this group, there is a purchase commitment to order the *Great Decisions* briefing book. The Great Decisions topics are developed annually by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). Sharon Heck's group orders all books together in advance to lower the cost and payment must be made upon placing the order. No books will be ordered without prior payment. A new weekend group could add to Sharon's order or place their own order as they decide. The cost runs around \$30, and the exact amount will be known closer to the order date.

For other members, this may open interest in Weekend Sections for other topics of interest. If a member has a particular interest or passion or wants to revive a past group that is no longer active, (i.e., gardening, walking group, etc.), or any other activity or topic please contact Ann Topjon (Section Chair) or Nadine Wilcox (President) for further information in forming a weekend section

Submitted by Nadine Wilcox and Lori Graham

# 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, October 20, 2022, at 10 AM, we will meet at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Our topic for the October 20 meeting will be Chapter 7, "Foreign Policy, Economic Power, and U.S. Industrial Policy," in the 2022 *Great Decisions*. Sheryl Crockey and Fay Weber 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](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 562-698-0476

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





## WRITING IS FUN

Writing is Fun! Yes, indeed it is, and we are meeting on Wednesday, October 19, at 1 PM to prove it. **(Note change of day.)** The topic is anything that strikes your fancy at the moment or tweaks a memory of your past. The meeting takes place at the home of Carole Restovich. Everyone is invited. You need not be a perfect writer – we write for fun, for clarifying our thoughts, for catharsis, and for memorializing life events. We read our written pieces aloud, and the audience is always supportive. Any questions? Call Carole at 562-787-0727.

Please remember to bring to the October meeting any written offering you might have on Christmas to be read at our branch meeting in December. The program committee wants early submissions in order to have time to find appropriate background music. They ask that the offerings be 250-300 words long. In my research, it seems 300 words is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a page. **Carole's address:** 10413 Portada (Turn right off Santa Gertrudes onto Starbuck St. behind Whittwood Center, then left on Portada)



## THE NEW PHOENIX

The New Phoenix group, comprised of AAUW members who are single, plans to meet at the next “Dining for Dollars” event on Thursday, October 20, at the Mission Square Italian Restaurant at 5 PM. The restaurant is on Penn across the street from the Doubletree Hotel where free parking is available. We would like to reserve a space on the lovely patio for an outdoor dinner where we can enjoy a meal with friends, have a portion of the bill go to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund, and discuss ideas for future trips together.

**Please call Sheryl Crockey at 714-514-3220 or Carole Restovich at 562-787-0727 so we can reserve a table.**

# MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

Please join us as we discuss this page turner with some interesting twists, good writing, and strong characters. Psychological thriller is a little outside of our usual read. This should be a fun evening.

Book- *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware

Where- Home of Kristine Yeseta  
13826 Walnut St., Whittier

When- 6:30 PM Thursday, October 13

Discussion will be led by Kristine who is also providing refreshments.



## MORNING BOOK

**OCTOBER 2022**

We will not meet this month, but here is the list again for a head start!

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)

Look for complete information on the November book in next month's newsletter.  
I still need hostesses/co-hostesses for the coming months. Please volunteer!

Ann Topjon Chair 562-695-6185

# MYSTERY MAVENS



Mystery Mavens does not meet in October. We will meet again on November 16, 2022, the third Wednesday. We are planning to meet at MIMI's at Whittwood, at 6 PM. We voted on our book choices at our May meeting and they are listed below. Come join us.

Sharon Heck

## Books for 2022-2023

November 16, 2022

*The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey, Reviewed by Georgine Sweeney

January 18, 2023

*Roseanna* by Maj Sjowall and Per Wahloo, Reviewed by Sharon Heck

March 15, 2023

*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

# REALLY GREAT STUFF

## Save the Date

Really Great Stuff Holiday Event

Wednesday, December 7th

Thursday, December 8th

Friday, December 9th

12 PM — 6 PM

Saturday, December 10th

11 AM- 5 PM



Please put this event on your calendar. It is a great way to support AAUW and to find wonderful gifts for others and for yourself! Twenty percent of the purchase price of all items goes to the GWA AAUW. Bring friends and their purchases are included in the fundraiser.





AAUW  
GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH

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

**SHOP FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS AND CLOTHING!!!**  
**SHOP FOR FUN!**

*Clothing, Jewelry and Handbags*  
*Gifts and Decorations*

**Light Refreshments will be served**

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**12 PM to 6 PM**

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**Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**11 AM to 5 PM**

**20% of the proceeds goes to AAUW**  
*Bring your friends & family to this great event!*

**Questions:**  
**Karen van der Baan 562-695-0048**

# FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday, October 7, 6-8 PM, at the home of Linda Pomeroy. Bring guests, a choice of beverage, and a snack to share. This is an informal time to visit and get to know members, spouses, and prospective members better.

Linda Pomeroy  
1620 North Cedar Crest,  
Brea, CA 92821

## Directions:

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

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

Gwen Woirhaye  
gwen@woirhaye.com







## SPOTLIGHT

Dolores Seidman shared her thoughts and experience with a new member.

“Thanks are due to Margo Reeg a new branch member and Public Policy Chair. As a long-time member of the League of Women Voters for 52 years, she was called upon with a few hours notice to take the place of the scheduled speaker on the Ballot Propositions at the branch meeting of the Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch of AAUW on September 19. Fortunately, she had the training provided by the League just the weekend before and was able to give a thorough explanation of the 7 statewide propositions as well as the 2 L.A. County ones. As a member of both these branches, I was proud to see Margo "save the day" where she was gratefully received!

This event led me to find out more about Margo's experience with the League and find it would fill a book! She has served the Whittier LWV as a study chair, Voter Service Director, Treasurer, and President. She served 2 terms on the LWV Board as Government Director. She has been on the LWV/Los Angeles County Board for 22 years serving as President from 2004-06 and as Co-President with Nancy Mahr since April 2022. She has also been vice president for Voter Service, publishing the Election Guide for many years. We are fortunate to have Margo's expertise to guide us now.

Irma Perez-Houston and her husband George were on vacation in San Antonio, Texas during the month of September. George's mother, Billie Houston, age 95, is the author of many Christian romance books including *The Road to Jericho*. Billie Houston and George's sons live in San Antonio, Texas. Irma reports that “due to the Covid circumstances, it's been 2.5 years since we have seen mother Houston. We are happy and excited to finally make the trip.”

We all love to hear about what is happening in the lives of our AAUW community. Spotlight is a great place to share your news, tips, and stories. Send me yours so I can include them in our next newsletter.

Paula Ocampo, Newsletter Editor  
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## DINING FOR \$\$\$\$

### October 20, 2022, The Mission Square Italian Restaurant – Whittier

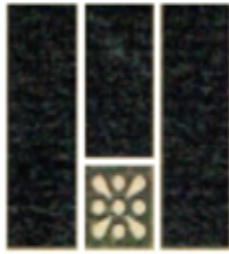
Happy October to all! Our second fundraiser event of the year will be at a restaurant we have not visited before. Sheryl Crockey made many attempts at finding a unique venue for us and was fortunate to convince Fred, manager/owner of The Mission Square Italian Restaurant, to agree to a fundraiser.

Mission Square, as it is commonly known, is housed in a quaint building directly across from the Penn Street side of the DoubleTree Hotel. Walking into the lovely courtyard, you feel as if you've been transported to a European location rich with greenery. There is both indoor and outdoor dining available.

The menu has a variety of Italian pasta dishes and entrees. 13 different kinds of pizza are described on the menu as well as an array of salads and appetizers too. **Lunch hours are from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM** while the **dinner hours are from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM**. **The restaurant is closed between 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM.**

We are told that Mission Square can be very busy with large groups in the evening so you might consider making reservations ahead. We hope you will want to try Mission Square on **October 20**. Present a flyer to your server so that **20% of your bill will be donated to The Myra Long Scholarship Fund**. A flyer can be found in this newsletter and at our branch meeting. Enjoy your experience at Mission Square and support our scholarship fund!





## **The Mission Square Italian Restaurant**

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Myra Long Scholarship Fund**

## **Dining 4 \$\$\$\$ Event**

**Thursday, October 20, 2022**

**Lunch 11AM-2PM \* Dinner 5PM-10PM**

**The Mission Square  
13033 Penn Street, Suite 100  
Whittier, Ca. 90602 \* (562) 458-5353**

### **Dine-in or Take-out**

**Reservations are available**

**Present this flyer to your server and 20% of your food and non-alcoholic beverage purchase will be donated to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund.**

**please No soliciting on premises**

## OCTOBER 2022

### GREATER WHITTIER AREA CALENDAR

Board Meeting	October 4 (Tuesday)	7 PM	St Mathias
First Friday	October 7 (Friday)	6 PM-8 PM	Linda Pomeroy's
Branch Meeting	October 8 (Saturday)	11:30 AM	Whittier Elks Lodge
Modern Trends	October 13 (Thursday)	6:30 PM	Kristine Yeseta's
Writing is Fun	October 19 (Wednesday)	1 PM	Carole Restovich's
International Concerns	October 20 (Thursday)	10 AM	Sharon Heck's
The New Phoenix	October 20 (Thursday)	5 PM	The Mission Square
Dining for \$\$\$\$ -Lunch	October 20 (Thursday)	11 AM-2 PM	The Mission Square
Dining for \$\$\$\$ -Dinner	October 20 (Thursday)	5 PM-10 PM	The Mission Square
AAUW Fund Event	October 15 (Saturday)	10 AM-12 PM	Zoom
AAUW Fund Event	October 22 (Saturday)	10 AM-12 PM	Zoom
AAUW Fund Event	October 23 (Sunday)	1 PM-3 PM	Zoom
AAUW Fund Event	November 12 (Saturday)	10 AM-12 PM	Zoom
Election Day – Polls Close	November 8 (Tuesday)	8 PM	(consider voting early)
Really Great Stuff	December 7 (Wednesday)	12 PM-6 PM	Really Great Stuff
Really Great Stuff	December 8 (Thursday)	12 PM-6 PM	Really Great Stuff
Really Great Stuff	December 9 (Friday)	12 PM-6 PM	Really Great Stuff
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