



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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**November
2022**



BRANCH MEETING – November 12, 2022 11:30 AM – ELK’S LODGE

Program - An Immigrant’s Story

November greetings fellow AAUW members! This month we will feature speaker and author, Hong-My Basrai, a Vietnamese immigrant whose family fled a tumultuous time in a country unglued by a twenty-year war they could not stop, yet found themselves enmeshed during its sprawling fallout. April 30, 1975 marked the end of the war, but for young Hong-My and her family, it was the beginning of a harrowing time which she recounts in her book, *Behind the Red Curtain*. Saigon, along with South Vietnam had fallen to Communist North Vietnam, creating havoc in the lives of many. Even though the war was “over” Hong-My’s parents knew they had to get their family out of the country quickly. Hong-My will share with us some of that ordeal and how they made it, eventually, to the United States.

Her presentation will include short readings from her book, *Behind the Red Curtain*, a shining example of triumph through pain, fear, and danger, all served up in poignant passages and a sharp wit. Hong-My is a member of the Writers’ Club of Whittier, and serves on the Board of The Progressive Vietnamese American Organization. She is also a Board member of Inlandia Institutes of the Arts, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to recognize, support, and expand literary activity in the Inland Empire. Please come listen to this amazing woman whose journey to the U.S. is nothing short of a miracle!

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

(Please see the Hospitality section on the next page for luncheon and meeting information.)

HOSPITALITY

Branch Meeting Luncheon, November 12

Turkey time again! Just where did this year go? Don't forget Veterans Day and that "all-important" Black Friday! Personally, I prefer to shop for Christmas on the day after Christmas sales. Then I add to my stash throughout the year as I find other tempting bargains. However, as you prepare for all the Fall and Winter holidays ahead may you and yours have joyous ones!

Pauline Rogers, Hospitality VP



Time:

11:00 AM - Social Time

11:30 AM - Nadine Wilcox, President, opens business meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance

12:00 PM - Lunch service begins

12:45 PM - Program begins, Hong-My Basrai will present her incredible narrative in a 20-30 minute time frame followed by a 10-15 minute question/answer session.

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 Club Room or as it is sometimes called the "Card Room". Kindly enter that room through the "back door" or rear entrance because the check-in table will be located in the back of the room. Look for the AAUW signs to guide the way.

Menu:

Main entrée: Beef lasagna accompanied by an Italian blend of vegetables

Vegetarian entrée: Large green salad with garden vegetables

Entrées include a salad with a choice of salad dressing, rolls, dessert, coffee, iced tea, and water.

Lunch cost: \$25/per person

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

No substitutions, deletions, or special orders

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, November 8 to kayclark310@gmail.com or if you do not have an email call Kay Clark at (310) 890-6510.

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

Main Entrée

Vegetarian

Beverage only

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We wrap up the month of November with a wonderful holiday, Thanksgiving. A time to reflect on the many people and things we have to be thankful for in our turbulent world. Share the time with family and/or friends, and even possibly reach out to a stranger or help with a Thanksgiving charity for those in need in our area, or reach out in your own way to a stranger in greater need than you.



I am writing this report early as I will be traveling from October 9 to 25, 2022 on a Viking River Cruise from Prague to Paris. This is my first visit to Europe, and I am traveling with a close friend who has traveled often to Europe. But it's the first time for both of us on a cruise or to visit Prague and we are very excited. I will have spotlight info to share upon return.

As citizens, it is both our privilege and civic duty to vote. Be sure you vote in person on November 8 if you have not already voted by mail. Vote for your candidates of choice and also vote for the issues. Your vote can help affect the state constitution, rescind or keep a previous proposition, or set new policies. I learned of the state and county initiatives at last month's LACIC ZOOM meeting. Margo Reeg will have presented a similar non-partisan view at the branch meeting in October. I know it was well done and informative.

My President's theme this year is **INCLUSION of ALL MEMBERS - *engaging & including all new and returning members to our board and branch, in as many ways as possible.***

I want all members to know that they are welcomed and appreciated and I encourage them to participate and share their ideas with the board and the group at large. At the same time, it is the AAUW way for the leaders to listen and offer support when a new member needs a little help getting started. There are many ways to participate in AAUW.

- 1) You can attend any Section meeting that is of interest to you. The details are published each month in the newsletter and new people are joining these groups all the time. You can also work together to start a new section based on your own interests or schedule. I wrote about that last month in the October newsletter.
- 2) You can sign up to volunteer. Frequently the leaders that need help will announce at the meetings and signup sheets are circulated at the meetings.
- 3) You can contact the board member, coordinator, or leader of the group in which you are interested or have questions. The newsletter and the yearbook are your resources for contacts and general information. Or just call an AAUW friend; we are all here to help.

Here is to a very meaningful and grateful November ahead for all, with your family and friends.

Respectfully submitted by: Nadine Wilcox, President, 2022-23

AAUW FUND

It's that time again! Since AAUW Fund operates on a calendar year schedule (January-December) donations to count for this year are calculated as of December. Donations made to AAUW Fund are used for Fellowships and Grants, Public Policy, Start Smart, Work Smart, Legal Advocacy Fund, Campus Action Projects, and NCCWSL. Details about all these programs can be found online at aauw.org

If you wish to donate in time to have a tax deduction for 2022 you can do so in one of 3 ways:

1. Go to aauw.org, log in, and click on the "Donate" button to pay by credit card. This is the fastest and easiest method. You can designate the cause you would like to support:

9110 - Greatest Needs Fund
4450 - Education and Training Fund
4449 - Economic Security Fund
4452 - Leadership Fund
4451 - Governance and Sustainability Fund

2. Write a check payable to AAUW for the amount you want to donate. Send it to AAUW/ PO Box 98045/Washington, DC 20090-8045. Mail early, preferably by November 30 to be sure it is processed in time. You can designate the cause you wish to support also.
3. Write a check payable to AAUW and give or mail it to Kay Clark, Branch Treasurer, 11915 Inez St. #8, Whittier, CA 90605, and include your designation in the Memo Line. Since checks need to clear AAUW by December 31, it is suggested you do this by November 15 since Kay will need to send them to AAUW.

Thank you for your support of the important work done by AAUW.

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Fund VP



FINANCIAL CORNER

For anyone who hasn't renewed their membership, your grace period now ends on 11/30/22. It was extended until then; however, this is the last extension. Anyone not paid after that date will be eliminated from the rolls of active members at National.

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:

Kay Clark
11915 Inez St. #8
Whittier, CA 90605
kayclark310@gmail.com
310/890-6510

The regular dues are \$111.00.

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.”

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

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

PROS AND CONS on all BALLOT MEASURES

League of Women Voters of California has produced Pro and Con arguments for all state Ballot Measures. They are posted at www.cavotes.org/news/ProsCons. The League also sponsors a voter education website, <http://votersedge.org/ca>, which has information about many local, state, and county candidates including judges as well as extensive information on the Ballot Measures. Please consult VotersEdge.org.

Margo Reeg, Public Policy Chair

Diversity Equity, Inclusion (DEI)

AWARENESS

Microaggression. Microaggression is a comment or action that subtly and often unconsciously or unintentionally expresses a prejudiced attitude toward a member of a marginalized group. It can be a casual comment or even a pun directed at someone.

Microaggression isn't the same as a regular insult. Microaggressions have to do with a person's membership in a minority or marginalized group. They are based on stereotypes tied to one's implicit bias. The intent of a microaggression may not be to insult or harm, but it can have a significant impact on those who experience it.

ACTION

How do we avoid perpetrating microaggressions? By examining our own language and biases we demonstrate a willingness to acknowledge a bias and the impact it may have on our perception or stereotyping of others.

Have you taken any of the Harvard Implicit Bias Tests suggested in the October newsletter? They may take you out of your comfort zone initially. However, they will be a powerful tool in gaining self-awareness of one's biases that unconsciously impact our conversations and interactions with each other. [Implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html](https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html)

As members of the Greater Whittier Area AAUW, we are part of a unique group with much in common but also diverse in our backgrounds, experiences, cultures, religions, careers, races, and beliefs. To be a truly inclusive group we must examine the biases that influence our attitudes and interactions towards each other.

Pat Dudley, DEI Officer



MEMBERSHIP

Our 2022-2023 Yearbooks were distributed at our September and October branch meetings. 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, November 12 branch meeting. The yearbook is full of very useful information, and a complete listing of our membership.

We have two new members to add to your yearbooks.

Dolores Avila, 15750 Marlinton Dr., Whittier, CA 90604, 562-943-6908,
aviladolores04@gmail.com

Linda Letizia, 1645 Las Palomas Dr., La Habra Heights, CA 90631, 562-303-8801,
lindarletizia@gmail.com

Welcome, Dolores and Linda.

There are still some of our members who owe AAUW dues for this year. Please send a check to our treasurer, Kay Clark, 11915 Inez St. #8, Whittier, CA 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. The application is not necessary unless some of your information has changed. Send only the check made out to GWA AAUW.

Included in this newsletter for your use is an application for membership, a questionnaire we would like to have completed by all members, and a flyer about the December fundraiser at Really Great Stuff (page 17).

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

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)

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Committee / Section Chair Positions

Branch

Year (approximate ok)

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Committee / Section Chair Participation

Branch

Year (approximate is ok)

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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?

MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE FOR 8TH GRADE GIRLS

Our Math/Science Conference for 8th Grade Girls will be at Whittier College on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Because of the pandemic, our last conference was in January 2020, so this is very exciting. It will be our 27th Conference!

After sending letters of invitation to our school contact, almost immediately, I had 27 schools sign up to bring 14 girls each to our conference. Signing up 20 speakers who have STEM careers has not gone as swiftly. I am having difficulty reaching some of our former speakers because it has been three years since our last conference, and some must have new email addresses. If you have suggestions of possible speakers, please let me know. I need to send the list of speakers to the schools by the end of November, so time is of the essence.

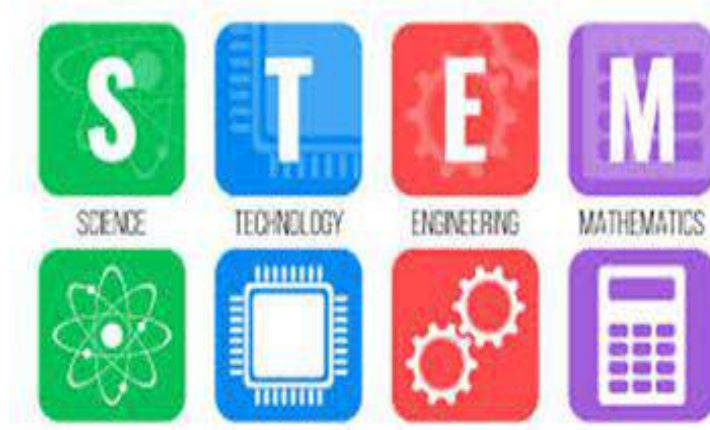
Dolores Seidman will be collecting the names of those who are willing to volunteer for the day. Volunteers will be needed from 8:00 -11:30 AM with complimentary lunch afterward. We need volunteers to serve as a hostess in each workshop, distribute packets, guide the students to the workshops, and do 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

I hope to see many of you at our long-awaited STEM activity, and please send me suggested speaker names with email addresses. s.heck4peace@gmail.com

Thank you.

Sharon Heck, Chair



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 of each month at 10 AM. On Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 10 AM, we will meet at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Our topic for the November 17 meeting will be Chapter 8, "Biden Foreign Policy in an Age of Strategic Competition," in the 2022 *Great Decisions*. Helen Jewell 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



MYSTERY MAVENS

Mystery Mavens will meet on November 16, the third Wednesday, at Mimi's Restaurant, 6 PM. 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 *The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey. Georgine Sweeney will review the book and lead our discussion.

Here is some information on our book for November 16.

“1920s India: Perveen Mistry, Bombay's only female lawyer, is investigating a suspicious will on behalf of three Muslim widows living in full purdah when the case takes a turn toward the murderous. The author of the Agatha and Macavity Award-winning Rei Shimura novels brings us an atmospheric new historical mystery with a captivating heroine. Perveen Mistry, the daughter of a respected Zoroastrian family, has just joined her father's law firm, becoming one of the first female lawyers in India. Armed with a legal education from Oxford, Perveen also has a tragic personal history that makes women's legal rights especially important to her. Mistry Law has been appointed to execute the will of Mr. Omar Farid, a wealthy Muslim mill owner who has left three widows behind. But as Perveen examines the paperwork, she notices something strange: all three of the wives have signed over their full inheritance to a charity. What will they live on? Perveen is suspicious, especially since one of the widows has signed her form with an X--meaning she probably couldn't even read the document.”

We voted on our book choices at our May meeting and the remainder are listed below. Come join us.

Sharon Heck



Books for 2023

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

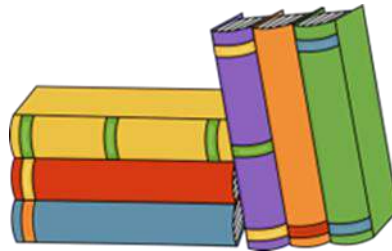
MORNING BOOK

November 2022

Please join us in reading and discussing *The Last Train to Key West* by Chanel Cleeton, on Monday, November 28, at 10 AM, led by Dolores Seidman. The novel begins as the tourists traveling on Henry Flagler's legendary Overseas Railroad on Labor Day weekend, see this as an opportunity to forget the economic depression gripping the nation. But one person's paradise can be another's prison, and Key West native Helen Berner yearns to escape. After the Cuban Revolution of 1933 leaves Mirta Perez's family in a precarious position, she agrees to an arranged marriage with a notorious American. Following her wedding in Havana, Mirta arrives in the Keys on her honeymoon. While she can't deny the growing attraction to her new husband, his illicit business interests may threaten not only her relationship but her life. Elizabeth Preston's trip to Key West is a chance to save her once-wealthy family from their troubles after the Wall Street crash. Her quest takes her to the camps occupied by veterans of the Great War and pairs her with an unlikely ally on a treacherous hunt of his own. Over the course of the holiday weekend, the women's paths cross unexpectedly, and the danger swirling around them is matched only by the terrifying force of the deadly storm threatening the Keys.

The meeting will take place at Margo Reeg's in East Whittier, 10011 Melgar Dr.; refreshments will be provided by Carole Duff. I will also make a Zoom connection available and send the link the weekend prior to the 28th.

Ann Topjon, Chair
562-665-1724



MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

Modern Trends is meeting on **Thursday, November 10th at 6:30 pm.** Myra will be leading the discussion of *The Chancellor: The Remarkable Odyssey of Angela Merkel* by Kati Marton.

We will be meeting on Zoom and in person at Georgine Sweeney's home. Georgine lives at 16411 Pasada, Whittier. Pasada is off Janine, past Murphy Ranch School, and before Valley Home Ave.

If you have any questions contact Kristine Yeseta or Myra Weiss.

(Please note that Modern Trends has changed its meeting to the 2nd Thursday of the month at an earlier time, 6:30 pm.)

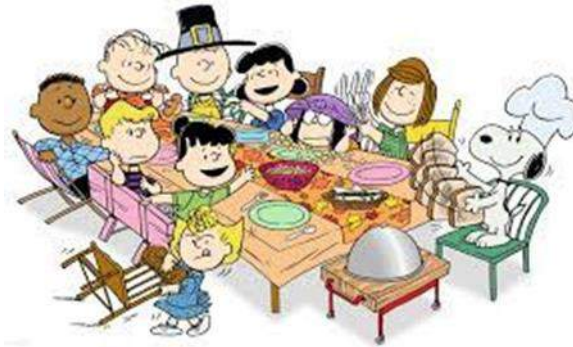
Myra Weiss

WRITING IS FUN

Writing is Fun! will meet on November 16 at 1:30 PM at the home of Carole Restovich. Note that this is a week earlier than our usual date due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Most of us take this time to write about what we are thankful for. You are welcome, however, to write on anything that inspires you. All are welcome.

Carole's home: 10413 Portada Dr., off Santa Gertrudes and Starbuck.

Carole Restovich
Phone: 562-787-0727.



FIRST FRIDAY

Shirley Stewart will host First Friday on November 4, 6-8 p.m. Bring friends, spouses, beverage of choice, and a snack to share.

This is the Shirley Stewart who lives at 14518 Rimgate, just south of California High School. Approach from Lambert or Mulberry, turn on Mills, north from Mulberry, south from Lambert. Go east on Hawes St. to Homage St. (3 blocks, south one block to Rimgate and west to address. Shirley lives on a cul-de-sac, so street parking is available; also, there are several spaces in her driveway.

We still need hosts for February 3, March 3, and July 7.

Gwen Woirhaye, chair
gwen@woirhaye.com

DINING FOR \$\$\$\$

November, 2022

For those of you that were unable to attend our last branch meeting, there will be no Dining For \$\$\$\$ event in November. We also will have no Dining For \$\$\$\$ event in December due to the very busy holiday season. Look for our next event in the January newsletter. Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Carole Duff and Sheryl Crockey

REALLY GREAT STUFF

FUND RAISER

Holiday Event

Save the Date

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.

Karen van der Baan

Happy Holidays

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 7th
Thursday December 8th
Friday December 9th
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Saturday December 10th
11:00 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



SPOTLIGHT



In memoriam: Ann Farmer, Louise Holden, and Lucille Serrano

We say goodbye to these three friends, whose recent loss in September and October is much to bear. All were cherished members of GWA-AAUW. We remember those we lost by donating books to the library through the Hodge Foundation. You will receive a report in the weeks to come from our Hodge Committee Liaison, Belen Duarte-Sosa.

Ann Farmer had been a member since July 1, 1956 (66 yrs.).
Condolences can be sent to her son, Mark Walton Chandler,
10190 Palm Glen #62, Santee, CA 92071.

Louise Holden had been a member since July 1, 1991 (31 yrs.).
Condolences can be sent to her daughter, Mary Jane Holden,
16356 Prudencia Dr. Whittier, CA 90603.

Lucille Serrano had been a member since May 7, 2018 (4 yrs.).
Condolences can be sent to her husband, Manuel Serrano,
1601 Waverly Glen, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.

Finding resiliency in trauma:

Carole Restovich not only handled things with aplomb, she made a checklist we can use if this happens to us. “I had my purse stolen from my son-in-law's car while we were at a football game Friday night at Pioneer High. Yesterday I spent at the credit union getting a new credit card, debit card, and checking account changes. Next, I spent time at the Sheriff’s Station filing a report. Then at home, I had the locks changed on my front door. Quite an interesting couple of days. Hope yours were much less interesting! The sheriff who took the theft report said it’s best not to leave anything of value in your car. We had stored my purse under a folded blanket and a jacket. The thieves were obviously watching the hiding attempt. Be careful out there!”

Beautiful family moments:

Karen van der Baan shared her recent family visit. “I was lucky to spend five days in beautiful Eagle just outside of Boise with my wonderful family. My 2½-year-old granddaughter, Emmeline, was participating in a Fun Run which I decided I couldn’t miss. It was a great time for all! She managed to finish the 1K which included an obstacle course with the help of her mother, my daughter-in-law, Kaci. Her dad and I were cheering them on!”



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
pocampo@aol.com

NOVEMBER 2022

GREATER WHITTIER AREA CALENDAR

Board Meeting	November 1 (Tuesday)	7 PM	St Mathias
First Friday	November 4 (Friday)	6 PM-8 PM	Shirley Stewart's
Election Day – Polls Close	November 8 (Tuesday)	8 PM	Your local polling place
Modern Trends	November 10 (Thursday)	6:30 PM	Georgine Sweeney's
Branch Meeting	November 12 (Saturday)	11:30 AM	Whittier Elks Lodge
AAUW Fund Event	November 12 (Saturday)	10 AM-12 PM	Zoom
Writing is Fun	November 16 (Wednesday)	1:30 PM	Carole Restovich's
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