



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

<http://whittier-ca.aauw.net>

**March
2023**



Branch Meeting, Saturday March 11

PROGRAM

Good day AAUW Members. Is it possible? Can it already be March? Yes—and our Program for this month brings you one of our very own, Pat Dudley, to inform us about Tech Trek! Yes, we have heard about it. Some of us have volunteered to put packets together for the young girls who are lucky enough to attend it, and some have even possibly torn out their own hair trying to get this event off the ground. No matter your level of knowledge of Tech Trek, we could all use a little more, so it's time to get a dash of its history, how it has been impacted over the past few years due to Covid, and find out what is new with Tech Trek, all of which Pat Dudley will share with us on March 11th at our Branch meeting. Please join us to hear more about this amazing event that AAUW members sponsor for young girls so they can start their path toward a great future!

Time:

11:00 AM - Check-in and Social Time
11:30 AM -Meeting Begins

Location:

Whittier Elks Lodge
13620 Whittier Blvd.
Whittier, CA 90602

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

HOSPITALITY

March is the month of change. **Daylight Savings Time** starts on March 12, and **Spring** starts on March 20. In between, there is the joyful celebration of **St. Patrick's Day** on March 17. The days will be longer and likely a bit warmer. Time to plant that garden! Looking forward to seeing you at this month's AAUW meeting.

Menu:

Main entrée: Pork Chile Verde and Spanish rice
Vegetarian entrée: Cup of vegetable soup
Entrées include a salad with a choice of 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

A reservation made and **not** canceled by the deadline **MUST BE PAID**.

Please **RSVP** with your menu choice by **NOON**, Tuesday, March 7 to kayclark310@gmail.com, or 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!

Pauline Rogers, Hospitality VP

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

National, state, and local branch elections are around the corner. I encourage all members to participate in voting at all levels.

Branch Officers: Voting will take place at the April Branch meeting. The slate of nominees will be presented to you 30 days prior (via the March branch meeting and email). The Nominating Committee is looking for new members to serve on the board. Please consider joining, if not as VP, then work with a friend as Co-VPs. We can also set up an associate position to shadow and learn the job for the following year. You will enjoy the teamwork and help us keep our branch going. If you are interested, we encourage you to reach out to the Nominating Committee and contact; Paula Ocampo, Susan Halliday, Pauline Rogers, Claire Koehler, Sheryl Crockey, or Nadine Wilcox

Participate in voting by being present at the April Branch meeting!

For National and State AAUW Board elections see the timeline below. **CONFIRM** your correct email address in the National AAUW Membership/Community Hub (under Membership, but also if not tech savvy work with someone who is, to just verify your email address. This will assure you of receiving your ballot when the elections open. So, check between now and the end of March 2023.

National Election Details	California State Election Details
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 5 Voting opens (online voting is encouraged)• May 15 Online voting ends at 5:00 pm ET• May 17 Vote results announced online	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 22 Voting opens (online voting is encouraged)• May 13 Online voting ends at midnight PT• May 17 Vote results announced online

AAUW-CA will have its ANNUAL EVENT on April 22, 2023, via ZOOM from 9 AM – 4 PM. There will be inspiring keynote speakers, and watch the Speech Trek and Gov Trek finalists. Cheer on your fellow members and branches for all sorts of AAUW awards, get a public policy update and meet the board candidates. And, every awards event worth its swag bag has after-parties! Check the website (aauw-ca.org for further updates), and sign-up to attend via ZOOM.

This is the month for our MLSF Non-Event fundraiser. Read the MLSF news brief and actively participate and give generously to the level you can give to keep our scholarship fund healthy.

Dining for \$\$ is a fun way to earn money for GWA-AAUW, so please participate in it this month. There is more about it in the newsletter.

May the luck of the Irish be with you this month!

Nadine Wilcox
GWA-AAUW Branch President



PUBLIC POLICY

March is Women's History Month; a Fitting Time to Observe Transgender Day of Visibility



Melissa Maceyko, Member AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Each year on March 31, the world observes **Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV)** to raise awareness about transgender people. It is a day to celebrate the lives and contributions of trans people, while also drawing attention to the poverty, discrimination, and violence the community faces.

We understand how women's history tells the story of misogyny, which is the systemic mistreatment of women, girls, and feminine peoples through forms of physical and structural violence. But we rarely consider how it is linked to transmisogyny, which focuses on the complex intersections between transphobia and misogyny that are faced by trans women and girls, as well as transfeminine and gender non-conforming peoples. It is a term that attempts to capture multiple layers of gender-based marginalization and systemic mistreatment. If misogyny and transmisogyny are not combatted together, then the root of the problem will never truly be eradicated.

Although the past decade has seen a more vocal public push for diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives around gender, the current sociopolitical climate in the United States is not supportive of, and is often openly hostile to, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. Under this sphere of increased hostility is the explicit targeting of trans women and girls and transfeminine peoples with words, actions, and legislation. It is particularly important for women's organizations who seek to combat gender-based forms of oppression to build coalitions and take a stand against **misogyny and transmisogyny** in all its forms because misogyny and transmisogyny come from the same place. They both describe gender-based oppression that results from the prioritization of masculinity alongside the degradation of femininity.

Targeted hostility against trans women and girls and transfeminine peoples can be seen not only in the alarming uptick in physical violence against this community, but also in the increasing persistence and intensity of public debates over whether or not trans women and girls and transfeminine peoples are "real women" that belong in "women's spaces," including gender-specific bathrooms, women's sports teams, and locker rooms. These debates prioritize misplaced and misunderstood claims of biological authenticity. They are dehumanizing and cannot be disconnected from other forms of violence as they normalize widespread and explicit marginalization and exclusion.

As a women's organization, the increasingly hostile environment for trans women and girls and transfeminine people should be at the forefront of AAUW's collective education and activism - let's help ensure that history doesn't continue to repeat itself. Visit the Public Policy website to learn more.

Margo Reeg, Public Policy Chair

MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND (MLSF)

REPORT OF THE Myra Long Scholarship Fund Committee (MLSF)

On February 7, 2023, The MLSF Committee met with Bill Murray, our Edward Jones representative, to discuss the Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF) portfolio which took a loss of \$48,000 in 2022 but is regaining its value. Our portfolio goal through Edward Jones is 65% stocks and 35% bonds/cash.

In the future, we might consider lowering our investment in the Reaves Utility Income Fund. Mr. Murray suggests updating our portfolio percentages each year. In 2023 MLSF might consider placing some cash in a CD which now has an interest rate of 4.7%. Bill Murray's overview of the economy in 2023 emphasizes three areas: (1) the interest rate will probably fall as the year progresses (2) the Fed will pause when the interest rate nears 5% and (3) growth of the economy will appear at the end of the year and bonds will bounce back.

Scholarships: In the past five years \$65,834 in scholarships was awarded to Rio Hondo College and High School graduates.

In 1993, the directors of MLSF invested in the Rio Hondo Foundation and received matching money. Now we have been informed we have \$9,500 to use for Rio Hondo Scholarships. The applications are online, at Rio Hondo College. Also, \$20,000 can be allotted to California High School and Pioneer High School senior girl scholarship recipients. It was reported that both high schools, Cal High, and Pioneer High, are already on board with scholarship applications online.

Tech Trek: Burke Steam Academy in Pico Rivera will be selecting seven girls for Tech Trek interviews. In March four girls will be selected plus two alternates for a week at the Whittier College Tech Trek Camp. In the past five years, MLSF has spent \$36,191 to send the young ladies to Tech Trek.

Math/Science: Sharon Heck reported that despite the rain the Math/Science Day at Whittier College was a great success. Three-hundred-sixty-seven students attended, and 27 teachers from the 27 middle schools also enjoyed the day. Each girl received a blue backpack. The event lasted from 9 AM to 12:45 PM. This year there were 24 AAUW volunteers and more were needed. The Math/Science expenses from the last five years were \$19,482. There is no charge to the schools or girls.

AAUW participation as docents at the Pasadena Design House was discussed as a possible fundraising event. In 2017-2019 we earned \$3,240 by standing in beautiful homes and meeting the guests. The possibility of AAUW committing 20 volunteers to stand and be gracious for four hours each is not viable this year. If you feel guilty not volunteering, you may consider making a guilt donation.

The annual fundraising letter honoring the 100th birthday of Myra Long will be available at the March AAUW meeting and mailed to all that do not attend.

Barbara Gile, MLSF CHAIRPERSON, Carole Restovich, MLSF SECRETARY, Kaye Kidwell, MLSF TREASURER,
Ann Chambers, Pat Dudley, Susan Halliday, and Sharon Heck, MLSF DIRECTORS

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION (DEI)

The word PRONOUN conjures up memories of diagramming sentences, learning parts of speech and vocabulary like antecedent, singular or plural. A pronoun is simply a word that takes the place of a noun. A pronoun agrees with its antecedent in gender and number. For example: Mary or woman would be she or her. Women would be they or them.

But today's use of the word has become a point of confusion. It is not being used as a grammatical term following the rules we learned. PRONOUN is now used as a gender identity term. To better understand PRONOUN being used for gender identity, one must refrain from thinking in terms of what they learned in school. Instead, it must be looked at in the context of one's own internal sense of self and not outwardly visible to others.

It is important to understand that GENDER IDENTITY does not denote one's SEXUAL ORIENTATION or gender on one's birth certificate.

Our name is a proper noun. It is our public identity. Some people use names that have nothing to do with their birth names. JoAnne may be called Jo or a Patrick may be Pat. I know a Ron who goes by Butch. None of these examples causes any confusion or hesitancy when addressing them. We use a person's chosen name (and PRONOUN) as a signal of respect and acceptance.

The list of pronouns used in gender identity is not limited to the words we generally consider pronouns. If you have looked at your profile on your AAUW profile you will find a list of options you may use as your designated pronoun. There were several that were unknown words to me!

For a simple, straightforward article on the use of PRONOUN in today's world go to "A Guide to Gender Identity Terms", <https://www.nor/2021/06/02/996319297/gender-identity-expressions-guide-lgbtq> (I will bring a few copies to the March meeting.)

Takeaways for me after reading the article: If you stumble and make a mistake acknowledge your error. Move on. Be non-judgmental. Do not confuse gender identity with sexual orientation or preference. We already use they as a singular pronoun when we are talking about someone when we don't know who they are. (Example: A member of the club left an umbrella on a chair. They can claim it at lost and found. Also, see paragraph 2, underlined section.)

Pat Dudley, DEI Officer



AAUW FUND

At our February Branch meeting we heard from AAUW Fellow Stacey Cabaj, Assistant Professor of Acting and Pedagogy in the department of Theater Arts and Dance at Loyola Marymount University. Her topic was “The Sound of Touch” which was a new exploration for many of us, especially for me! Although it is impossible to recreate her talk, below is the link to some short videos about Playtronica which produces innovative musical gadgets which are able to transform touch between people and objects into sound. Stacey demonstrated some of the “gadgets” (which are expensive and produced by a separate company) and created sound by touching Nadine Wilcox’s finger!

She also discussed how this study may affect learning for those students who learn in different ways, such as autistic students. The possibilities are endless.

You may wish to view one or more of the short videos below to see this in action. Remember when we didn’t know what the internet was...never mind spending many hours on Zoom? This is just one example of the kind of studies the AAUW Fellowships produce. We look forward to seeing her book, *Lessons from Our Students*, when it is published soon.

Here are the links to the videos: (List provided by our granddaughter, Kelly Stevens.)

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Fund V.P.

Links for Playtronica

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lXe4WExMyeM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wMb2fNmzpGI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWp9JYR6LZo>

[https://www.designboom.com/technology/playtronica-touchme-midi-device-vegetables-musical-instruments-03-05-](https://www.designboom.com/technology/playtronica-touchme-midi-device-vegetables-musical-instruments-03-05-2020/#:~:text=how%20it%20works%20is%20by,anything%20that%20has%20water%20inside)

[2020/#:~:text=how%20it%20works%20is%20by,anything%20that%20has%20water%20inside](https://www.designboom.com/technology/playtronica-touchme-midi-device-vegetables-musical-instruments-03-05-2020/#:~:text=how%20it%20works%20is%20by,anything%20that%20has%20water%20inside)

<https://www.factmag.com/2018/06/15/sonar-d-2018-playtronica-midi-controllers/>



MEMBERSHIP

This will be a very brief Membership article because I had my second knee replacement surgery, two weeks ago on January 31, 2023. I am progressing well, but sitting at a computer is not something I should be doing for a long period of time.

We still have a large supply of our 2022-2023 Yearbooks. They will be available at our March 11 branch meeting. 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. Call Sharon Heck to make other arrangements. 562-858-9253. The yearbook is full of very useful information, and a complete listing of our membership.

We have one address change for a long-time member. Please make the change in your yearbook. I'm sure she would like to hear from any of our membership, as she enjoys receiving a printed copy of our newsletter.

Mary Ellen Mead, 1650 Monrovia Ave., #417 VN, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 (She changed apartments.)

Included in this newsletter for your use is an application for membership, and a questionnaire we would like to have completed by all members. We might have a questionnaire on file for you from a few years ago. Consider updating it and giving it to Sharon Heck.

I want to thank all who helped with our Meet and Greet on Saturday, January 21. We had a small attendance, but it was a very nice social time for our members. Thanks to all who helped. Think about inviting that newly retired friend or co-worker to our next branch meeting.

Sharon Heck, Chair

REALLY GREAT STUFF

AAUW SPRING FUNDRAISER
14402 Whittier Blvd
Whittier, CA 90605

Wednesday, March 15th

Thursday, March 16th

Friday, March 17th

Opens at 11:00 AM Closes at 5:00 PM

Saturday, March 18th

Opens at 11:00 AM Closes at 4:00 PM

20% of the sales go to AAUW

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR; BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY
TO THIS GREAT EVENT!**

Easter items, Clothing, Jewelry, Accessories, Home Décor, Handbags, Mirrors & more

Free Gift Wrap

**Any Questions, please call:
Karen van der Baan 562-695-0048**



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**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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 _____ back of paper

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)

 _____ continue on
 _____ back of paper

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

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, March 16, 2023, 10AM, we will meet at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Our topic for the March 16 meeting will be Chapter 2, "War crimes: what are they? How can they be prosecuted?" in the 2023 *Great Decisions*. Our discussion will be led by Sylvia Graber-Pastrone. 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. 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 there is a driveway. S.Heck4peace@gmail.com 562-858-9253.

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



International Concerns - Weekend Edition

All members are welcome; we will follow the same schedule of readings in the Great Decision 2023 Handbook as the Thursday 10 AM group.

When: Sunday, March 19, 2023

Time: 2:00-4:00 pm.

Place: Maura Greeley's Home. 4704 Canyon Rim Dr., Whittier 90601-1784 (Spy Glass Hill area)

Treats supplied by the primary group (Lori Graham, Nadine Wilcox, and Maura Greeley)

Topic: Great Decisions 2023, Chapter 2: War Crimes: What is a war crime? How does this definition apply to recent events in Ukraine?

Members in the Thursday Group that meets on March 16 @ 10 AM. that cannot make it to that section date/time, or other GWA-AAUW members who are interested in the section or topic, may RSVP to Nadine Wilcox (n.m.wilcox462@gmail.com) OR call /text Mobile: 626-340-9018) and join us. If you need reading materials beforehand contact Nadine.

MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE



Thursday March 9 at 6:30 PM

At the home of Myra Weiss, 9725 La Cima Dr. Whittier, 90603

562-947-3343

Janice Geiger will review *The Paris Bookseller* by Kerri Maher. The book retells the early 20th century story of American entrepreneur Sylvia Beach and her iconic bookstore, Shakespeare and Company located in Paris that attracted literary luminaries. Beach fought against incredible odds to bring one of the most important books of the 20th century to the world.

MYSTERY MAVENS

Mystery Mavens will meet on March 15, 2023, the third Wednesday, at Mimi's Restaurant, at 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 Quiche of Death* by M.C. Beaton. Gwen Woirhaye will review the book and lead our discussion.

Here is some information on our book for March 15, 2023. "The first in M. C. Beaton's Agatha Raisin series is *The Quiche of Death*. These are light mysteries—Agatha has retired from her successful business in London and moved to the Cotswolds where she keeps stumbling upon murders and eventually opens a private investigating business. There are 32 books in the series."

It is time for our Mystery Maven members to begin nominating books for 2023-2024. We will vote on our five choices for next year at our May 17 meeting. I have no nominees at the present time.
Sharon Heck

May 17, 2023, *The Ritual Bath* by Faye Kellerman, reviewed by Brigitta Weger



MORNING BOOK

I hope you can join our group in reading and discussing *The Sympathizer*, by Viet Thanh Nguyen, on Monday, March 27, at 10AM. The book has been described "as a startling debut novel from a powerful new voice featuring one of the most remarkable narrators of recent fiction: a conflicted subversive and idealist working as a double agent in the aftermath of the Vietnam War. The winner of the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, as well as seven other awards, *The Sympathizer* is the breakthrough novel of the year. With the pace and suspense of a thriller and prose that has been compared to Graham Greene and Saul Bellow, *The Sympathizer* is a sweeping epic of love and betrayal. The narrator, a communist double agent, is a "man of two minds," a half-French, half-Vietnamese army captain who arranges to come to America after the Fall of Saigon, and while building a new life with other Vietnamese refugees in Los Angeles is secretly reporting back to his communist superiors in Vietnam. *The Sympathizer* is a blistering exploration of identity and America, a gripping espionage novel, and a powerful story of love and friendship."

I will be leading the discussion as well as hosting the meeting. Dolores Seidman will provide refreshments. I will also provide a Zoom connection for those of you unable to be here in person and will send the link the weekend prior to our meeting. My address: 5654 Palm Ave., Whittier.

Ann Topjon 562-695-6185; 562-665-1724 (cell)

WRITING IS FUN



The March 22 meeting of Writing is Fun! (WIF!) takes place at the home of Carole Restovich, 10413 Portada Dr., at 1 PM. The topic is up to you! You may write about anything that piques your interest.

But, if you would like a little nudge, you might consider writing about your feelings, both pro and con, toward modern technology. Come enjoy an appreciative audience and a feeling of accomplishment. Questions: call Carole at 562-787-0727. Everyone is welcome!



FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday party will be March 3, 6-8 PM at the home of Judi and Bob Henderson, 5657 Citrus Avenue, corner of Floral Drive, four blocks north of Beverly Blvd. Please bring your beverage of choice and a snack to share. Guests welcome. The chair will be away that week so contact Judi Henderson @ (562) 693-4313 if you have any questions.

Gwen Woirhaye, chair
gwen@woirhaye.com

DINING FOR \$\$\$\$



Save The Date!

Silver Palace Restaurant - Thursday, March 16, 2023

Our AAUW members will be happy to learn that this month's Dining For \$\$\$\$ event will be held at the Silver Palace Restaurant. Silver Palace has been a Whittier favorite for many years. Owner Bob always offers his guests delicious, authentic Chinese cuisine. His continuous support for our branch each year has been greatly appreciated.

Restaurant hours for lunch are 11:30 AM until 3PM. The restaurant then closes for a short break and reopens for dinner from 4:30 PM until 9:15 PM. For those of you that are more comfortable eating at home, Silver Palace offers take-out as well as indoor food purchases. 20% of all purchases will be donated to The Myra Long Scholarship Fund and will be honored by presenting a flyer for each bill. A flyer can be found in this newsletter. Mini flyers will be available at our branch meeting and in a reminder to be emailed to members before March 16.

Come celebrate the Year of the Rabbit and have a wonderful meal!

Carole Duff & Sheryl Crockey



Silver Palace Restaurant

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Greater Whittier Area AAUW

Myra Long Scholarship Fund

DINING 4 \$\$\$\$\$\$ EVENT

Thursday, March 16, 2023

11:30 AM – 3 PM & 4:30 PM – 9:15 PM

Silver Palace

15326 Whittier Blvd., Whittier

Dine-in or Take-out

(562) 947-4043

Present this flyer during the event and 20% of your food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases will be donated to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund.

Please NO soliciting on premises.



SPOTLIGHT

Kay Clark reports: “I just got home from a 26-day tour of South America and Antarctica. It was amazing, beautiful, and wonderful. We started in Santiago, Chile and ended in Buenos Aires, Argentina. We didn’t step foot on the Antarctic continent, but it was so quiet and calm sailing around there. Here are two pictures; one of me in front of the continent and another showing only part of Iguazu Falls, the 2nd largest falls in the world. They are located at the border of Argentina and Brazil.”



Past President **Patricia Cuocco** sends greetings from cold and snowy Northern Nevada. She reports that neighbors claim this is unusual. The folks up the hill at Tahoe are thrilled. Patricia is an active AAUW member. She still belongs to our branch and will be starting her term as President of the Capital Branch on June 1. She wants all of the Greater Whittier Branch to know she misses you and hopes to visit Southern California in the late spring. The picture at right was taken from her front porch in early January.



Sharon Heck is back on her feet, literally! After a left knee replacement on January 31, she is up and walking and even hosted the International Concerns meeting on February 16, that’s fortitude! Sharon already had her right knee done in July. Sharon says: “I’m doing very well and finally able to help myself in most ways. It has been two weeks.

Thank you to those who sent me cards and well wishes. They are greatly appreciated.”

We also want to give a shout-out to **Mary Ellen Mead**. Barbara Gile has kept in touch with her and reports that Mary Ellen was the first Las Distinguidas and 50-year member of GWA-AAUW and now lives in Vivante, a beautiful Assisted Living facility in Costa Mesa, California. She is in a new apartment and closer to the elevator. Her new address is listed in the Membership section. Mary Ellen enjoys the AAUW newsletter each month when it is mailed to her.

Check this space next month for updates on what is going 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
(562) 447-7483
pocampo@aol.com

FEBRUARY 2023

GREATER WHITTIER AREA CALENDAR

Board Meeting	March 7 (Tuesday)	7 PM	St Matthias & Zoom
Modern Trends	March 9 (Thursday)	6:30 PM	Myra Weiss's
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Morning Book	March 27 (Monday)	10 AM	Ann Topjon's
AAUW CA Annual Event	April 22 (Saturday)	9 AM – 4 PM	Zoom

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