



# GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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

**SEPTEMBER  
2023**



## **BRANCH MEETING – SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 10:00 AM – ELK’S LODGE**

Welcome back AAUW members! Are you ready to shed the heat of the Summer? Are you looking for a little change? We definitely have it, so I hope you are ready to jump into a new year of interesting speakers and some new activities in our program at a new time. We have a great lineup this year. Our first Branch meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> at The Whittier Elks Lodge at 10:00 AM will feature English Professor, Kathleen O’Gorman, who will bring us some insights about young immigrants in detention centers. She has worked as a volunteer at several sites in the U.S. where she interprets for these young people. Her abbreviated biography follows:

Kathleen O’Gorman is a retired Professor of English. She taught at Illinois Wesleyan University for thirty-five years and, before that, at the University of Notre Dame, where she earned her doctorate. She is a committed advocate for immigrants, having volunteered with a non-profit organization in Illinois on whose Board of Directors she also served. Over the past five years, her volunteer work as a Spanish interpreter with two California non-profits has included seventeen visits to detention sites where undocumented children and teens have been detained, including the facility at Tornillo, Texas, and Customs and Border Protection stations in Texas whose shocking conditions led to congressional hearings during the summer of 2019. For all site visits, she has been a member of teams interviewing detained, undocumented children and teens to assess the conditions of their detention. For the past two years, she has also volunteered as an interpreter with an organization that argues asylum cases in Immigration Court and facilitates reunifications of separated immigrant children with their family members or with U.S. sponsors. That work continues, as do her site visits to detention facilities.

In addition to hearing Kathleen O’Gorman speak, another great reason to come join us at our first Branch meeting is to participate in something new. Starting this September, we are going to offer a monthly book exchange, so if you have a book to swap, please bring it. This will be a terrific way to keep books circulating, and we won’t feel guilty for leaving them on the shelf to gather dust. Our thanks go out to Helen Jewell for this brilliant idea! With that in mind, please come join us for brunch on September 9<sup>th</sup>, see the Hospitality article for details.

Hope to see you there!

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

# HOSPITALITY

## **ATTENTION: NEW MEETING YEAR WITH A NEW MEETING TIME !!!**

Feedback from our recent Survey show that many thought too much of the day was taken up by our lunch meeting. It was suggested that if we started earlier there still be at least the afternoon to do other activities. So, we are going to try that for this AAUW year from September to June. **WE WILL BE STARTING OUR AAUW MEETING AT 9:30 AM. Kindly note the change of time.**

**Date:** September 9, 2023

**Time:** 9:30 AM for social time

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM for the meeting

### **Location:**

Whittier Elks Lodge  
13620 Whittier Blvd.  
Whittier, CA 90602



**Arrival and Parking:** use the driveway off of 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: Breakfast enchilada casserole, small side salad, Hispanic pastries
  - \* Vegetarian/Vegan entrée: Large Mixed Greens/Vegetable Salad
- Entrees include orange juice, hot tea, coffee, and water

**Brunch cost:** \$30/per person (cost increase because food prices are rising).

**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/Vegan entree

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, September 5 to [\*\*kayclark310@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:kayclark310@gmail.com) or if you do not have an email call Kay Clark at (310) 890-6510.

**NOTE:** If Kay Clark does not respond to your email reservation **call or text her!**

**REMINDER:** A RESERVATION IS NECESSARY TO GUARANTEE A MEAL.

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

Pauline Rogers, Hospitality VP

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all members and to our new year! I hope you had a wonderful summer (do share your “happenings” in the Spotlight Section of the monthly newsletter, it helps bring us together!).

AAUW CA has made great strides in short and long-term plans for the state goals and for each branch to participate in what they can this year. Peruse the website at <https://www.aauw-ca.org> for the changes they have made, with significant ones in the new member webpage. They have been very busy meeting and planning for this current year and have many great ideas.

Your GWA-AAUW board members also met (in July) and developed some new ideas to add to this year's sections and activities. We will be participating in the second year of the state program Gov Trek, our first year, and we all will learn more about it in the next month or two. Margo Reeg will head the board committee that will coordinate this activity. So do stay tuned for this activity, and more.

Since we do not have a Membership VP this year, a Membership committee was formed with Kay Clark as chairperson. The committee members are Paula Ocampo, Andrea Bellamy, Nadine Wilcox, and, when needed, guidance from past Membership VPs. Do remember that membership is the responsibility of ALL members, so toot your horn about GWA AAUW (as well as the state and national organizations) and bring potential new members in at any time. If you know of a prospective member, invite them as a guest to a branch meeting. The programs at our meetings should be a positive draw to new and existing members; Claire Koehler, Program VP, and her committee have lined up an interesting year of presentations.

The Tech Trek week-long camp was held in June at the Whittier College Campus and was a wonderful success. Many thanks go to all in our branch who helped coordinate our part of the camp. Those on the board really helped this roll smoothly especially Barbara Gile, Pat Dudley, and Ann Chambers; who conducted interviews; Kay Clark, who served as the Tech Trek Treasurer for the Whittier site; and Brenda Carillo, our Tech Trek Coordinator. Challenges were met along the way but resolved and our four campers had a wonderful week. AAUW-CA reports that there were eight in-person camps across the state, along with one virtual camp; with a total of 110 branches participating state-wide with more than 800 campers and 250 volunteers. It is a very busy state and local branch project. Thanks to all who helped it happen from our branch as volunteers, the team coordinating the process and MLSF for funding the costs. It was a wonderful success this year. Next month we will get to hear from the campers sent by our branch, so be sure to attend the October branch meeting.

Be sure to keep up with the DEI plans we have this year thanks to Pat Dudley. In the third year of incorporating DEI into our activities and goals more is to happen, so stay tuned, and we hope you participate. Members hopefully will have great experiences with what is in store for DEI this year.

When you receive the new 2023-24 YEARBOOK give great thanks to the Yearbook Editor, Susan Halliday. She and her team of board volunteers have been updating everything during this hot and busy summer. We truly appreciate Susan's willingness to take over the editor's helm from Patricia Cuocco. Quite big shoes to fill, we thank you so much!

Thank you all for making my first year go smoothly and here is hoping with all your guidance and support, my second year will go as well.

Nadine Wilcox  
GWA-AAUW President 2022-24



# 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 to me at:

11915 Inez St. #8  
Whittier, CA 90605  
[kayclark310@gmail.com](mailto:kayclark310@gmail.com)  
310/890-6510

The dues are \$116.00. 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



# AAUW FUND

AAUW is accepting applications for Fellowships and Grants for the 2023-2024 academic year. The *deadline for submission is November 15, 2023*. In the 2022-2023 academic year, AAUW awarded over \$6M in fellowships and grants to more than 320 women and community projects. This funding has a tremendous impact. It helps to ease the burden of student debt, which disproportionately affects women so that promising women can excel in their fields and become leaders in business, government, academia, community activism, the arts and sciences.

Dolores Gonzales-Hayes



# PUBLIC POLICY

Margo Reeg, Public Policy Chair, is on top of AAUW Public Policy for our branch. To start off the new year, she recommends those interested attend the webinar hosted by AAUW CA on censorship. Please review the article below and register to attend on September 21 at 7 PM.

## **AAUW California Public Policy Committee to Host Webinar on How to Prevent Book Banning and Curricula Censorship in California**

AUGUST 12, 2023

*By Kathi Harper, Chair "School Board Project" Sub-Committee*

In a 2023 survey, our membership made it clear that they were alarmed by the nationwide movement to ban books and censor curricula in K-12 schools, particularly as this censorship denies students' access to historically accurate information pertaining to marginalized groups.

This is perhaps unsurprising as AAUW members' concern with access to high-quality education has been long standing. When AAUW was founded in 1881, **its stated purpose was** "for practical education work, for collection and publication of statistical and other information concerning education, and in general, for the maintenance of high standards of education." Today, AAUW California continues to support this purpose in **the second pillar of our Public Policy Priorities**, "Equal Access to Quality Public Education for all Students."

Earlier this year, at the urging of the state Public Policy Committee, the state board adopted and membership approved the addition of an important bullet point under this second pillar, "Access to diverse staff and curriculum that represents historically accurate information." In furtherance of that goal, the Public Policy Committee has established "The School Board Project" (SBP) designed to ensure school boards up and down the state include members who are committed to "the maintenance of high standards of education" for all students – including access to diverse and historically accurate information.

Whether you are aware of problematic censorship happening in your district, you fear it may be coming, or you just want to learn more about what AAUW California is doing, we hope you will **join us virtually on September 21st at 7pm** for the presentation of "Book Banning and Curricula Censorship in California? AAUW California to the Rescue!" Kathi Harper, SBP Committee Chair, will explain the project, what we are doing, and how all AAUW California members can help. A representative from our collaborative partner, **Equality California**, will be in attendance to help you understand why this project is so important, and members from the **League of Women Voters** will be on hand to provide guidance on how to speak out effectively and civilly at school board meetings. We hope to see you there.

To register go to [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) and select webinars from the menu.

or try this link

**REGISTER**

# Diversity Equity, Inclusion (DEI)

In 2021-2022 members were introduced to the many terms associated with diversity, equity, and inclusion. In 2022-2023 members received handouts on Pronouns/Gender Identity, the AAUW Book List for DEI topics and were encouraged to take one or more Harvard Implicit Bias Tests. A dynamic speaker broadened our understanding of implicit bias.

The goal for 2023-2024 is to further understand implicit bias on a personal level and to become actively engaged in discussion of DEI topics.

## GWA AAUW READS:

All members are being invited and encouraged to participate by reading *The Person You Mean to Be* and two children's literature books identified at the end of this article. You will have an opportunity to attend 3-4 optional discussion sessions or form popup groups among yourselves. The monthly DEI newsletter articles will guide your reading with summaries of chapters, themes, and focus questions. Dates, times, and locations for the scheduled sessions will be announced in the October newsletter.

## Books for this year:

The book from the AAUW list that is most aligned with expanding our understanding of implicit bias on a more personal level is *The Person You Mean to Be* by Dolly Chugh. Dolly Chugh is a social psychologist and professor at the New York University Stern School of Business. By going to youtube.com and searching *The Person You Mean to Be* by Dolly Chugh, seven different conversations with the author will provide you with insight into the author and her book.

*Mixed Nuts* by Mai-Lis F. Bahr and *The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi, two children's books, will be the focus of one DEI session. Both deal with identity and inclusion situations that children face. *The Name Jar* has been cited as a controversial children's picture book and has been on banned book lists.

**No purchase necessary, you do not need to purchase these children's books in order to participate.**

At youtube.com you can search for *The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi to hear a reading by the author as well as other presenters. A reading by Susan Halliday of *Mixed Nuts* will be available in October.

Interested in participating? Sign-up sheets will be available at the September and October meetings to indicate you are interested in participating in reading the book selections. You can email me with your interest, comments, and questions at [kpudley2002@yahoo.com](mailto:kpudley2002@yahoo.com).

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Pat Dudley,  
DEI Chair



# MEMBERSHIP

The Greater Whittier Area AAUW Branch is approaching its 98<sup>th</sup> year! We have been around for a long time and have been active in advancing equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy for many years. As Membership Committee Chair, I am inviting each of you to help us continue the work of AAUW by inviting your friends and family members to join us. Membership growth is a responsibility of us all.

In addition to the wonderful Programs planned by our Program committee, we will have a November/December fundraiser at Really Great Stuff, and another in mid-March. Karen van der Baan has graciously volunteered to chair those fundraisers, so watch for more information in future newsletters and at our Branch meetings.

We will be hosting a Meet and Greet later in the year. The date has not been chosen but begin thinking of who you might invite. Several new members have joined us as a result of our past Meet and Greets. It is also a very fun social event.

We have been contacting members who have not paid their dues for the coming year. Dues are now \$116, which includes your membership in the California and national AAUW organizations. You can pay your dues on the national website, AAUW.org, or send a check to me. Please send to: Kay Clark, 11915 Inez St., #8, Whittier, CA 90605. Checks should be made out to GWA AAUW. We hope all of you will continue your support of AAUW and remain a member of our Branch - GWA AAUW.

Kay Clark,  
Membership Committee Chair





**Greater Whittier Area-American Association of University Women  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM for YEAR 2023-2024**

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 \$116	<input type="checkbox"/> Dual \$24	
{National Dues \$72 + State Dues \$20 + Branch Dues \$24 = \$116 TOTAL} <b>REMINDER \$93 of YOUR DUES IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE</b>		
<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? \_\_\_\_\_



## 2023-2024 GWA-AAUW Membership Questionnaire

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# MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND (MLSF)

## MLSF Nonevent Fundraiser 2023 Honor Roll

The 2023 nonevent fundraiser was a great success! A total of 52 donors gave \$12,000. Their donations ranged from \$25 to \$3,000.

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you** to the following donors:

Carol K. Anderson	Barbara Gile	Margo Reeg
Sara Ellen Anderson	Susan Halliday	Carole Restovich
Kathleen Arriola	Sharon Heck	Lynda Richardson
Elizabeth Baca	Marie Hegwer-DiVita	Pauline Rogers
Dianne Boradian	Christine Heller	Dolores Seidman
Maurine Behrens	Naomi Hill	Deirdre Shatzen
Cindy Birt	Brenda Jahn	Lovey Sherman
Jacqueline Brearley	Carole Johnson	Carole Shupek
Janice Cecola	Kaye Kidwell	Patricia Stanley
Ann Chambers	Peggy Kiefer	Georgine Sweeney
Kay Clark	Mandy Knight	Dee Thorne
Harriet Cornyn	Marian Locke	Ann Topjon
Sheryl Crockey	Bruce Long	Sue Turco
Patricia Dudley	Rosalind Marquez	Karen Van der Baan
Carole Duff	Beatrix Myers	Fay Weber
Judith Flanders	Paula Ocampo	Nadine Wilcox
Janice Geiger	Linda Pomeroy	Gwen Woirhay
	Yvette Rawlinson	



We've been excited to get back to a more normal post-Covid world:

- We hosted 394 eighth-grade girls and teachers from 27 middle schools at the 28<sup>th</sup> Math/Science Conference in January. Although we were drenched by the rain, we celebrated that we could once again introduce the students to outstanding career women and to STEM professions open to them.
- We awarded a total of \$27,000 in scholarships to six high school graduates and three Rio Hondo College women.
- We sent four middle-school girls to the week-long Tech Trek Camp in June.
- The grant program that we initiated during Covid for Math/Science middle school teachers has been very successful. To date, we have awarded 13 grants ranging from \$346 to \$834.

Thank you again for helping us touch so many young lives and making this a phenomenal year!

Myra Long Scholarship Fund Committee (Barbara Gile, Carole Restovich, Ann Chambers, Pat Dudley, Sharon Heck, Susan Halliday and Kaye Kidwell).

# 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.

While our meetings are typically on the third Thursday of each month, for September only, we will meet on September 28, 2023, at 10 AM, at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Our topic for the September 21 meeting will be Chapter 6, "Famine: a renewed threat in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?" in the 2023 Great Decisions. Our discussion will be led by Paula Ocampo. 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](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 there is a driveway. [S.Heck4peace@gmail.com](mailto:S.Heck4peace@gmail.com) 562-858-9253.

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



## INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS - WEEKEND EDITION

International Concerns - Weekend Edition will not be meeting in September 2023. We will resume our meetings in October. FYI, this group is contemplating forming a Weekend Book Section once the Weekend Edition of International Concerns is completed in November. Please check the newsletter for our future plans

Nadine Wilcox  
Section Leader

# MYSTERY MAVENS

Mystery Mavens will meet at 6 PM, Wednesday, September 20, 2023 and we will meet at a new location, The Original Roadhouse Grill, 15156 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90603, near Whittwood. Our September 20 book will be *Catering to Nobody* by Diane Mott Davidson. It will be reviewed by Andrea Bellamy. Come Join us!

## Mystery Mavens Books for 2023-24

November 15, 2023

*A Death in Vienna* by Frank Tallis Reviewed by Brigitta Weger

January 17, 2024

*Sidney Chambers and the Shadow of Death* by James Runcie Reviewed by Kay Clark

March 20, 2024

*A Murder of Crows* by Sarah Yarwood Lovett Reviewed by Mandy Knight

May 15, 2024

*Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanna Raybourn Reviewed by Jackie Brearley

Sharon Heck



# MODERN TRENDS

Modern Trends in Literature  
Thursday September 14, 6:30 PM  
Home of Kristine Yeseta  
13826 Walnut St, Whittier

Gen'nel Walters will lead our discussion of the book *Meet Me at the Museum* by Anne Youngson. This novel is about a farmer's wife and a museum curator seeking second chances. Set in Denmark, they are brought together by a shared fascination with the poem the Tollund Man.

Next month we will gather on October 12 to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry*.

## MORNING BOOK

We are looking forward to a new and exciting year of reading and discussion!

Please join us on Monday, September 28, at 10AM where we will be discussing *The Magnolia Palace*, by Fiona Davis, led by Dolores Seidman.

Eight months since losing her mother in the Spanish flu outbreak of 1919, twenty-one-year-old Lillian Carter's life has completely fallen apart. For the past six years, under the moniker Angelica, Lillian was one of the most sought-after artists' models in New York City, with statues based on her figure gracing landmarks from the Plaza Hotel to the Brooklyn Bridge. But with her mother gone, a grieving Lillian is rudderless and desperate—the work has dried up and a looming scandal has left her entirely without a safe haven. So, when she stumbles upon an employment opportunity at the Frick mansion—a building that, ironically, bears her own visage—Lillian jumps at the chance. But the longer she works as a private secretary to the imperious and demanding Helen Frick, the daughter and heiress of industrialist and art patron Henry Clay Frick, the more deeply her life gets intertwined with that of the family—pulling her into a tangled web of romantic trysts, stolen jewels, and family drama that runs so deep, the stakes just may be life or death.

Nearly fifty years later, English model Veronica Weber has her own chance to make her career—and with it, earn the money she needs to support her family back home—within the walls of the former Frick residence, now converted into one of New York City's most impressive museums. But when she—along with a charming intern/budding art curator named Joshua—is dismissed from the *Vogue* shoot taking place at the Frick Collection, she chances upon a series of hidden messages in the museum: messages that will lead her and Joshua on a hunt that could not only solve Veronica's financial woes, but could finally reveal the truth behind a decades-old murder in the infamous Frick family.

We will meet at Linda Pomeroy's home, 1620 N. Cedarcrest Dr., Brea. Carole Duff will provide refreshments. Carpooling is advised.



## DINING FOR \$\$\$\$



Hello everyone and welcome back! Hope you had a great summer filled with relaxation, a few good books and many memorable moments. As our new year begins, we look towards fall as the beginning of our Dining for \$\$\$\$ fundraiser events. Our first event will begin in October at **Mission Square Italian Restaurant** here in Whittier. Last year was our first visit there and we were thrilled to receive so many positive comments regarding the food and the lovely patio setting.

You will receive all the details and a flyer in our October newsletter but can mark your calendars now for **Thursday, October 19**, as the date of the event.

For our newer members, Dining For \$\$\$\$ events raise money for our Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Local restaurants support this endeavor by opening up their restaurants to us on a specific date and donating 20% of your bill directly to the scholarship fund. Simply present a flyer to your server for each bill at the table when ordering. Flyers and details will be in the upcoming newsletters for the year. We encourage and appreciate your support. Invite family and friends to join us. Feel free to pass out flyers to those you know who enjoy great food and would like to help us raise money for the important work the Myra Long Scholarship Fund does. It's a wonderful way to enjoy a meal while supporting our branch. Hope to see you there on October 19!

Carole Duff and Sheryl Crockey



## WRITING IS FUN

Writing is Fun! will meet on September 27, 2023, at the home of Carole Restovich at 1 PM.

When thinking about what to write about for your story, possible topics might be “I’m Out of Here” (recent travel experiences), “My All-time Favorite Movie” (and what it tells me about myself), or social media (helpful or despicable or both). Of course, you may write on anything at all. Just write!

We welcome anyone and everyone.

Carole Restovich

# FIRST FRIDAY



Due to the Labor Day weekend, we will not have a First Friday for September.

Save the date for the next month and be sure to come to First Friday on October 6 from 6 PM to 8 PM. The host is to be announced.

We look forward to gathering together to enjoy a relaxed social time. Please bring your beverage of choice and a snack or dessert to share.

Significant others and guests are invited to join us.

Gwen Woirhaye



## SPOTLIGHT

**Sharon Heck** attended a Doll Convention in Bellevue, Washington the week of July 31. Sharon is a doll collector and president of the Sierra Madre Doll Club. It was her first doll convention and she was very lucky. They had 300 Helper prizes for which you could buy tickets and put the tickets in the buckets of your favorite prizes. She won two of the drawings. The first was a 14-inch Madame Alexander 1950s ballerina doll and the second was four 8-inch Madame Alexander dolls. She bought several dolls in the Bargain Boutique and received a 12-inch Smokey Bear teddy at a special luncheon, so she had to do some creative packing for the flight home. Unfortunately, Sharon tested positive for Covid on Sunday, August 6, the day after her return. She took the five-day series of Paxlovid pills and is doing much better. She has isolated and rested, and she should be out and about very soon.

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

## SEPTEMBER 2023 GREATER WHITTIER AREA CALENDAR

Board Meeting	August 29 (Tuesday)	7 PM	Zoom meeting
Branch Meeting	September 10 (Saturday)	10:00 AM	Whittier Elks Lodge
Modern Trends	September 14 (Thursday)	6:30 PM	Kristine Yeseta's
Mystery Mavens	September 20 (Wednesday)	6 PM	Original Roadhouse Grill
AAUW CA on Censorship	September 21 (Thursday)	7 PM	Register for Zoom meeting
Writing is Fun	September 27 (Wednesday)	1 PM	Carole Restovich's
Morning Book	September 25 (Monday)	10 AM	Linda Pomeroy's
International Concerns	September 28 (Thursday)	10 AM	Sharon Heck's
Dining for \$\$\$\$	October 19 (Thursday)	TBD	Mission Square Italian

Please consult our style sheet and follow it when preparing your newsletter article. It will save me a great deal of time and work. If you do not have a style sheet, please let me know and I will send you one. Thank you for your cooperation and for sending in your articles by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. **All submissions must be in WORD documents as attachments to emails. Please create the document within WORD itself rather than cutting and pasting into WORD. Please DO NOT use TABS. Please, do not type the articles within the email itself. Please give the article a descriptive name, not merely "newsletter article," and use that name in the subject line of the email.**

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