



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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**MARCH
2024**



**BRANCH MEETING – MARCH 9, 2024
10:00 AM – WHITTIER ELKS LODGE**

Program - Our Women's History Speaker Returns!

Emily Teipe is a Professor Emerita of Fullerton College where she has taught for thirty plus years and continues to teach Women's History there.

Dr. Teipe spends retirement researching and writing books that focus on life in 18th century America as well as religious history. Emily was born in Baltimore, Maryland, attended the University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University, California State University and holds a doctorate from the University of California. She is the proud mom of four sons and six grandchildren.

Her recent publications are: *Our Beloved Friend, the Life and Writing of Anne Emlen Mifflin* co-authored with the late Dr. Gary Nash; *Different Voices, Women in United States History, Fourth Edition*; and a work in progress *Las Santas: Our Sisters in Faith and Spirit, Second Edition*.

Professor Teipe, who graced our stage in 2023, will be adding to last year's discussion on 'Women and Victorian Culture' by speaking on, "Women and Health in the Victorian Era."

By familiarizing us with her knowledge of what women's health looked like in the Victorian age, Emily Teipe will enlighten us on how far women have come since then. Please come to hear this amazing presentation. See the meeting details in the Hospitality Article. We hope to see you there!

Claire Koehler, VP Program Director
and the Program Committee:

Ann Topjon

Christine Heller



Professor Emily Teipe

HOSPITALITY

Welcome to March which brings Daylight saving time beginning March 10, followed soon after with the first day of Spring on March 19. In the spirit of diversity and inclusion, here are some of the multicultural and religions holidays observed in March: Ramadan (Islam) begins March 10; Holi (Hindu) March 25; Purim (Jewish) March 24; Ramanavami (Hindu) April 17; and the Easter holidays (Christian) leading to Easter Sunday on March 31.

Branch Meeting

Date: March 9, 2024

Time: 9:30 AM for social time
10 -12 PM for the meeting

Location: Whittier Elks Lodge
13620 Whittier Blvd.
Whittier, CA 90602



SPRING FORWARD
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD AN HOUR

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.

Brunch Menu:

- Main entrée: Breakfast vegetable quiche, fruit, and French pastries
 - Vegetarian entrée: Potato leek soup and salad
- Entrees include orange juice, coffee, tea, and water

Brunch cost: \$30/per person

Beverage only: \$5/per person (includes beverages)

No substitutions, deletions, or special orders

Please RSVP with your selection from one of the following:

- * Main entrée
- * Vegetarian entrée

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, March 5, to kayclark310@gmail.com or phone 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 all branch members,

Can't believe it is March already. A nice long winter/early spring month in SoCal. Hope you are all well. I miss seeing some of you at branch meetings. Even if you only come for beverage, you can hear our speaker present an interesting topic for the month. I know all of our days can be busy, especially weekends. Hope to see many of you this branch meeting since we have a welcomed speaker back on another topic of women in history (see page 1 Program description by Claire Koehler).

We also have a great need as a branch to have members step up to volunteer for the Executive board. Many of us stepping aside will still be able to guide and help new board members, as well as those staying on the board. You are never left alone or in the dark about what you need to know to get things done - just ask! Have no fear of writing an agenda item or report for the newsletter monthly, not always easy to remember what to share, but you have so many other members with experience, guidance is always available. This April, only next month, there will be our own Branch election for officers, so please volunteer your time and service. You will grow so much, and will be so appreciated by all members. You will be surprised of your leader capability as you go through the months of service. So please search your hearts, and come join the GWA-AAUW board. You learn and have fun too!

Also, in April there will be a National AAUW policy vote for ALL members, coast to coast, to vote on a new policy proposal. Please take your time to review the requested policy change coming from National. Go to national's website:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/>

It's a long website address to get you to the policy being put to vote. All the details are there. So, if the website above does not link you to the webpage if you click on it due to the newsletter being delivered by pdf format, just type in your browser:

[AAUW.org](https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/) resources member governance national election

That search should get you to the page to review the policy and other information National AAUW has for members. As a board we are taking a position of neutrality, and believe that this policy vote (For / or against) will be up to each and every member. So DO VOTE when National AAUW sends out the link for voting. If you have problems voting online, don't hesitate to contact me or one of us on the board for help. Only 25% of the National members voted recently when this was previously on the ballot. It takes 2/3 of the membership who vote to change policies.

See you at the March Branch meeting!

Nadine Wilcox, Pres., AAUW GWA



ERA: THE BIG PICTURE

MARCH 10TH MEETING, 2 P.M.

FRIENDSHIP HALL OF THE FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF SAN GABRIEL

It's time for a gathering of AAUW members; a time to greet friends, network and learn something new. LACIC has just the opportunity to do all three at our Sunday, March 10th in-person event: **ERA: The Big Picture**, our March meeting program to advocate for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). You'll learn about the history and attempts by legislators to pass the proposed amendment and then get it ratified. There's lots of legal controversy surrounding its passage and the current attempts to get it enrolled in the Constitution as the 28th amendment.

We will be meeting in the **Friendship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of San Gabriel, 201 N San Gabriel Blvd, San Gabriel, 91775**, at 2:00 pm for finger food, coffee, tea and a presentation on the ERA by Zoe Nicholson, artist, author and activist.

Please join us in celebration of Women's History Month and send your RSVPs to Ginny Hatfield at ginnyaauw@gmail.com or 818-970-4577.



A \$10 fee will be collected to offset the cost of the program. Please send checks to Deanna Arthur at 1608 S. Atlantic Blvd., Alhambra, 91803.

Hope to see you there. And feel free to dress for the occasion in ERA colors.

GINNY HATFIELD, PROGRAM CHAIR



Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC) is affiliated with AAUW of California (AAUW-CA). LACIC is comprised of AAUW CA's 13 branches in Los Angeles County, members of which meet to connect with one another, to connect with AAUW CA, and to connect with other like-minded organizations in LA County. LACIC's by-laws state that the purpose of the organization is "to open channels of communication among branches in the city and county of Los Angeles for the sharing of ideas and interests, especially in the areas of common local governmental jurisdiction as the city, the county, the school district, the community college district, etc."

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

The Greater Whittier Area AAUW branch is guided by our Bylaws and Standing Rules, both of which can be found posted on our website at <https://whittier-ca.aauw.net/> , select ABOUT US.

- As set out in our Bylaws, we will have an election for Branch Officers at the Annual Branch Meeting to be held on April 13, 2024.
- The names of the nominees for elected officers shall be published and sent by email to every member at least 30 days prior to the annual Branch meeting, no later than March 14, 2024.
- The year there is only one nominee for each office, the nominees will be presented as a slate of officers and elected by a majority of a voice vote.

As with many of the upcoming elections this year, *Your Vote Counts*, come to the Annual Meeting on April 13 to help select your Board for next year.

The Nominating Committee

Paula Ocampo
Sharon Heck
Kay Clark
Barbara Gile
Nadine Wilcox



MEMBERSHIP

Our Branch sponsored the Meet & Greet on January 26. It was a huge success.

We had four new members sign up that night and one more later. 7 guests came to the meeting. Thanks to all who invited a guest and to Andrea Bellamy who posted flyers around town. And thanks to all who came out to greet the guests.

We had 16 members come out to welcome our invitees and help. It was a very energetic crowd. Live music was provided by Lynda Richardson's husband Daniel, and Karen Van der Baan's game was fun and got everyone on their feet.

Great effort by my committee and the branch. Thanks to all!

Here is a list of our newest members, a separate mailing will go out with yearbook information:

Elsa Alvarado
Colette Kanengiser
Greta Lebow
Lisbeth Solberg
Liza Taylor

Kay Clark, Membership Committee Chair

Committee Members: Paula Ocampo, Nadine Wilcox, Karen Van der Baan,
Pat Dudley, Andrea Bellamy, and Susan Halliday



**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

ANNUAL DUES 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} REMINDER \$93 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 _____

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Degree _____ Year _____ Major _____

College/University _____

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

2023-2024 GWA-AAUW Membership Questionnaire

Name: _____
Last First

Year joined AAUW _____

College/Universities attended

Years

Degree received

Elected Offices held in AAUW

Branch

Year*

Appointed Offices held

Branch

Year*

Committee / Section Chair Positions

Branch

Year*

Committee / Section Chair Participation

Branch

Year(s)*

Projects for AAUW Worked on/Completed

Branch

Year(s)*

Community Activities (Clubs, Volunteering, etc)

Organization

Year(s)*

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

* approximate year is OK

Please use the back of the page if you need more room

AAUW FUND

Each calendar year National AAUW raises money through contributions to AAUW Fund. These funds support AAUW's programs such as Fellowships and Grants, Public Policy, Research, Start Smart, Work Smart, the Legal Advocacy Fund, Campus Action Projects and NCCWSL. For example, Maddie Dailey, the USC graduate student in Architecture, who spoke at our February Branch Meeting, was the recipient of one of these Fellowships. Over 350 of these fellowships from National go to students studying in California.

In 2023 our branch members contributed \$3,440.50 to AAUW Fund with \$3,090.50 going to the Greatest Need Fund.

Thanks to the following members of our branch who made individual contributions:

Elizabeth Baca	Janice Biby	Jacqueline Brearley
Kay Clark	Carole Duff	Patricia Dudley
Sharon Heck	Robert Henderson	Judith Henderson
Mandy Knight	Bea Myers	Paula Ocampo
Linda Pomeroy	Margo Reeg	Lynda Richardson
Francine Rippy	Dolores Seidman	Lovey Sherman
Ann Topjon	Sue Turco	Karen Van der Baan
Nadine Wilcox		

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Fund V.P.



Diversity Equity, Inclusion (DEI)

The next session of the GWA AAUW Reads will be on Tuesday, March 26 at 1:30 at the home of Pat Dudley. Read the remainder of the book, *The Person You Mean to Be*, for our discussion. Questions for the chapters have been sent to participants.

If you missed the webinar on Mary Church Terrell, it's not too late to view it. Mary's story on her journey to become a member of an AAUW branch resulted in a court decision. It also provides a comprehensive history of the evolution of AAUW. It is available on the AAUW-CA website. Access information is on the home page.

The GWA Board and participants in the DEI reading sessions took part in a survey being conducted by statewide DEI Branch coordinators. The survey is an environmental scan to measure the progress a branch is making in several aspects of the DEI Mission. The results of the survey will be sent to the state DEI committee to assist them in planning DEI activities and providing support for branches. Results of our survey will be made available when it is completed.

I participated in the National DEI Committee webinar in January. A few take aways:

- Branches are referred to as Affiliates.
- A new Civility Policy is posted on the national website.
- Emphasis was placed on Member Responsibilities.
- Open membership will again be on the ballot this spring.
- Affiliates sign agreements to follow national rules and face consequences if not followed.
- Historically, only 25% of the national membership votes. ALL members are encouraged to vote in our upcoming ballot. Make your voice heard in the decisions being presented.

Pat Dudley, DEI Branch Coordinator

AAUW CA PUBLIC POLICY

The Role of California School Boards

By Seena Trigas, Member AAUW California Public Policy Committee School Board Project

AAUW California is concerned about the censorship of classroom material, the heightened enforcement of board policies rejecting diversity, and providing discriminatory policies against gay and minority students. This concern now leads me, as a former school board member, high school teacher/department chair and adjunct college professor, to reflect on the role of school boards in California and their limitations.

The State Board of Education (SBE) is the controlling structure for K-12, and is the governing and policy-making body of the state for public education. Among its duties is the adoption of statewide academic standards for content and of curriculum frameworks. These inform and guide the local school boards in the development and implementation of specific curricula for K-12 students, and serve as the basis for the adoption of instructional materials. School board members represent districts within the school district boundaries.

In 2023 AB1078 was passed, which requires the California State Department of Education to assess if school boards are in compliance with state laws requiring public schools to provide diverse and comprehensive education. It requires local school districts with insufficient instructional materials to correct this and authorizes the department to purchase (at district expense) adequate curricula if the district restricts students from learning about important topics like racism, sexism, and gender-based marginalization.

AAUW branch members play a critical role in ensuring all California school boards are governed by board members who will follow AB 1078, and who oppose policies that infringe on the civil rights of LGBTQ+ students.

AAUW Morgan Hill members are attending meetings of the Morgan Hill Unified School District board to monitor both the board and the public for threats to AB 1078 and the rights of all students to an equitable education. If you would like to join the public policy team to attend MHUSD meetings, contact Public Policy Chair Susan Rife.



PUBLIC POLICY

The March Primary Election is the most important thing to focus on now. Please consult the website **VOTE411** (<https://www.vote411.org>) for information about candidates for county, state, and local offices and on **PROPOSITION 1**. Urge your friends and neighbors to use **VOTE411** and their SOS Election booklet to become informed. Then VOTE!!! Vote Centers open on **Saturday, February 24** and will be open through Election Day. Drop Boxes are available throughout the county and are open now. They are emptied daily to safeguard the ballots.

You are also eligible to be an Election Integrity observer of Vote Centers through the Registrar Recorders office or through Common Cause. Many voter resources are available at <https://toolkit.lavote.gov/> Members of the public can observe operations at the vote counting center in City of Industry on Crossroads Pkwy. both during the Vote by Mail processing before the election and after during the 29-day canvass. Ballots are counted on Tuesdays and Fridays. Verification of signatures on VBM ballots and verification of provisional ballots is ongoing. The 1% manual audit to crosscheck the computer tallies takes place in the second week of the canvass. Stay tuned to learn about the details of an organized go-see tour.

WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL ELECTION
APRIL 9, 2024
CANDIDATE FORUM MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

MAYOR
7:00 to 8:00 PM

COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1 & 3
8:15 to 9:30 PM

Volunteers welcome!

Submitted by Margo Reeg
Branch Public Policy Chair



MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

MLSF COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee met on, Tuesday, February 6, 2024, Nadine Wilcox, and Paula Ocampo were guests. The Tech Trek Coordinator was excused. She is employed full time.

The following issues were discussed and decided upon:

TECK TREK: Nadine Wilcox, in lieu of Brenda Carrillo, discussed the timeline for Tech Trek this year. Rivera Middle School in Pico Rivera will be the participating school this summer. Brenda has met with the principal and a counselor there to explain Tech Trek. AAUW's participants will attend camp during week two, June 23-29. Teacher nominations for Tech Trek participants are due February 16. Parents need to fill out applications by March 1. AAUW member Roslyn Marquez, along with Brenda Carrillo, will help with Spanish translation, mainly for parents. Those who volunteer at the camp must be AAUW members and must sign a Code of Conduct. The applications will be reviewed in March by Tech Trek committee members. A state letter to parents says that parents shall pay \$50 toward the camp.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Carole Restovich reported that Rio Hondo Community College and three area high schools (California, Pioneer, and Whittier) have been contacted and scholarship applications will go online shortly. It was approved that Rio Hondo's "Earlyne Clemons Nursing Scholarship" be valued at \$3,000 this year. Over \$5,000 has been donated in honor of Earlyne, so the more than \$2,000 left over from this year will cover a \$2,000 scholarship next year. The hope is to continue to fund a nursing scholarship at Rio Hondo.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Pat Dudley discussed the program for teacher requests in the STEM area. There is a \$5,000 budget for grants this year.

OTHER BUSINESS: In 1999, the Myra Long Scholarship Fund was incorporated under the direction of Judy Pappé. This means we are twenty-five years old and growing. To celebrate a fundraising letter will be sent to AAUW members, friends, and special donors. Cheri Trapani is diligently working on the design to have the letter ready by March 15th (Myra Long's birthday) Thanks in advance for making the Myra Long Scholarship Fund a viable part of our branch.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 9:00 AM
First United Methodist Church Board Room
13222 Bailey Street Whittier, CA 90601

All members are welcome

The word "SCHOLARSHIPS" is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Each letter is a different color, creating a rainbow effect: S (purple), C (blue), H (teal), O (green), L (yellow-green), A (yellow), R (orange), S (red), H (pink), I (light pink), P (light purple), S (purple).

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. On Thursday, March 21, 2024, 10AM, we will meet at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Our topic for the March 21 meeting will be Chapter 2, "Global Trade and Green Energy" in the 2024 Great Decisions. Quincey Grace will lead the 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. 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 on Thursday, March 21. 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 Women's Day.

March 8, 2024 is International Women's Day, the 2024 campaign theme is **Inspire Inclusion**.

Wear Purple: Purple is the official color of the day.
Wearing it shows solidarity and support.

When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world. And when women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance, and empowerment.

Collectively, let's forge a more inclusive world for women.



The United Nations days of observance are to Educate and Raise Awareness: Share stories, articles, and resources about women's achievements and the challenges they face.
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/womens-day>

MYSTERY MAVENS

Mystery Mavens will meet at 6 PM, Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at The Original Roadhouse Grill, 15156 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90603, near Whittwood. Our March 20 book will be *A Murder of Crows* by Sarah Yarwood Lovett. It will be reviewed by Mandy Knight.

“Dr. Nell Ward is an ecologist, not a detective. But when she's the prime suspect in a murder, only her unique set of skills could help to clear her name...

In the sleepy village of Cookingdean, Dr Nell Ward is busy working in the grounds of a local manor house. Whilst inspecting an old tunnel, she did not expect to overhear a murder. As the only person with any clues as to what happened, Nell soon finds herself in the middle of the investigation.

Desperate to clear her name Nell, along with her colleague Adam, set out solving the murder using their skills as ecologists to uncover details no one else would notice. But it soon becomes clear that playing Agatha Christie is much harder than it might, at first appear... “

Mystery Mavens will meet only one more time this year, on May 15, 2024. At that meeting we choose the five books we will read in 2024-2025. Please send your nominated books to Sharon Heck, s.heck4peace@gmail.com, as soon as possible. The books should be the first in a series, and please include a brief summary of the book. Thank you.

Mystery Mavens Final Book for 2024

May 15, 2024

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

Sharon Heck



MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

When: Thursday, March 14 @ 6:30 pm

Where: The home of Georgine Sweeney
16411 Pasada Ave, Whittier

Join us as we discuss the book:

Lady Justice: Women, The Law, and The Battle to Save America by Dahlia Lithwick

Paula Ocampo will lead the discussion of this book that tells the stories of some of the extraordinary women lawyers to whom this country owes a debt for their leadership and fearless advocacy during the Trump administration.

April 10 We will join Whittier Reads at the library.

May 9 *The Authenticity Project* by Clare Pooley

June 13 *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb

MORNING BOOK

We are meeting this month on Monday, March 25, at 10AM to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus. Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with-of all things-her mind. True chemistry results.

But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, she isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo. Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, *Lessons in Chemistry* is as original and vibrant as its protagonist. Andrea Bellamy will be leading the discussion.



We are meeting at the lovely home of Marian Locke whose garden is always spectacular, and she will also be providing refreshments. Her address is 15555 La Monde St., Hacienda Heights, 91745. You might arrange for carpooling. We will sadly miss two of our faithful members, Linda Pomeroy and Gwen Woirhaye.

Ann Topjon 562-665-1724

WRITING IS FUN

The March meeting of Writing is Fun! (WIF!) will be held at the home of Carole Restovich on Wednesday, March 27 at 1 PM. Everyone is welcome – we are not a professional writing group (although some of these members are pretty darn good!), but a group that enjoys writing about events of the day, memories, and/or random thoughts. Writing truly can be cathartic especially when shared with others. If you need a prompt, may I suggest a line or two from a favorite poem, play or book that has inspired/ appealed to you in some way? Come share your written thoughts.

Carole's address is 10413 Portada Dr., near Santa Gertrudes and Starbuck Dr.

Hope to see you there.
Carole Restovich

FIRST FRIDAY

March 1, First Friday will be hosted at the home of Fay Weber, 6 PM to 8 PM
2089 East Skyline Drive*
La Habra Heights CA

Please bring your beverage of choice and a snack or dessert to share.
Significant others and guests are invited to join us.



Hosts for future months

April 5 – *we still need a host*
May 3 – Belen Duarte-Sousa
June 7 – Ann Topjon

If you can host, please contact Cindy Birt at cindybirt@roadrunner.com or 562-697-7520

*Note: Hacienda Rd in La Habra Heights has been closed intermittently due to rainfall. An alternate route is to travel East on Whittier Blvd to Harbor Blvd, turn left, 1.2 mi to Fullerton Rd, turn left, 0.9 mi to East Rd, turn left and immediately turn right on to Skyline Dr. The Weber's house is on the corner and the driveway is immediately on the left, turn into the driveway. Park in the driveway leaving room for others to come after you. Carpooling is recommended.

DINING FOR \$\$\$\$

Mark your calendars! Silver Palace Restaurant Thursday, March 21, 2024

Happy Lunar New Year! 2024 is The Year of the Dragon. Let's celebrate by enjoying some of the most delicious Chinese food in the Whittier area. Everyone knows that Silver Palace is the place to go for a great dining experience. Manager/owner, Bob, never fails to extend his generosity by hosting a fundraiser event for GWA AAUW each year.

This year's fundraiser will be on **Thursday, March 21. Lunch hours are from 11:30 AM to 3 PM.** Doors will then close for a short break and reopen for **dinner from 4:30 PM to 9:15 PM.** Bob will donate 20% of each bill to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Dine-in meals are a real treat but take-out orders are also honored by presenting a flyer when paying at the register. The menu is extensive with both lunch specials and dinner combos too. A flyer can be found in this newsletter. Mini flyers will be available at the branch meeting and will also be emailed to you along with a reminder shortly before the event.

Come celebrate while supporting our scholarship fund!

Sheryl Crockey and Carole Duff





Silver Palace Restaurant

Is proud to support the ...

Greater Whittier Area AAUW

Myra Long Scholarship Fund

DINING 4 \$\$\$\$ EVENT

Thursday March 21, 2024

11:30 AM – 3 PM & 4:30 PM – 9:15 PM

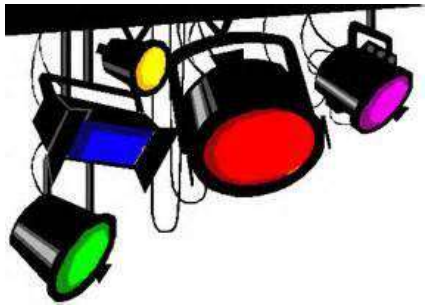
Silver Palace

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

Eliza Rhodehamel, granddaughter of **Yvette Rawlinson**, AAUW member since 1949, helped Team USA make history at the Youth Olympic Games held in Gangwon, South Korea this January. The four short track speed skaters stepped on the ice together to win Silver in the Mixed Relay. This is the first Mixed Relay team medal for the U.S. at a Youth Winter Olympic Games. Eliza is a high school sophomore and trains in Milwaukee, WI. Eliza was also selected to be the female Team USA flag bearer for the opening ceremony.



Over the past month, my mother-in-law, **Sally Groves**, has been in Providence/St. Jude Hospital in Fullerton, overcoming Covid and then pneumonia. She was intubated about a week after she went in, and then got a tracheostomy about two weeks ago. She has since had to go on dialysis and is struggling to talk again, but can't really, at least not yet. My husband, David and I spend as much time with her as we can, and this past Sunday, we spent all morning with her, trying to understand what she was trying to tell us as she tried to mouth words; but without enough energy or breath, we were not able to understand, so we sat holding her hand and giving her as much comfort as we could. We just have to take one day at a time and see what happens. It's quite a journey, so good thoughts and/or prayers for Sally from any of you who are so inclined would be appreciated.

Thank you,
Claire Koehler



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

Paula Ocampo, Newsletter Editor
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GREATER WHITTIER AREA CALENDAR

First Friday	March 1 (Friday)	6 PM – 8 PM	Fay Weber’s
Board Meeting	March 5 (Tuesday)	7 PM	Zoom meeting
Really Great Stuff	March 6 (Wednesday)	11 AM – 6 PM	14402 Whittier Blvd.
Really Great Stuff	March 7 (Thursday)	11 AM – 6 PM	14402 Whittier Blvd.
Really Great Stuff	March 8 (Friday)	11 AM – 6 PM	14402 Whittier Blvd.
Really Great Stuff	March 9 (Saturday)	10 AM – 5 PM	14402 Whittier Blvd.
Branch Meeting	March 9 (Saturday)	10 AM	Whittier Elks Lodge
LACIC Meeting	March 10 (Sunday)	2 PM	Friendship Hall, First United Methodist Church
Modern Trends	March 14 (Thursday)	6:30 PM	Georgine Sweeney’s
Mystery Mavens	March 20 (Wednesday)	6 PM	The Original Roadhouse Grill
International Concerns	March 21 (Thursday)	10 AM	Sharon Heck
Dining for \$\$\$\$	March 21 (Thursday)	11:30 AM – 3 PM & 4:30 PM – 9:15 PM	Silver Palace
Morning Book	March 25 (Monday)	10 AM	Marion Locke’s
DEI Discussion Group	March 26 (Tuesday)	1:30 PM	Pat Dudley’s
Writing is Fun	March 27 (Wednesday)	1 PM	Carole Restovich’s

CHECK WITH YOUR SECTION LEADERS FOR UPDATES AND ZOOM INVITATIONS

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 15th 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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