



# GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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**APRIL  
2024**



## **ANNUAL BRANCH MEETING & ELECTIONS – APRIL 13, 2024 10:00 AM – WHITTIER ELKS LODGE**

### **Program - Bringing a Podcast to Life**

In April, our first full month of Spring, we are hosting a woman of great talent who understands the strength and purpose of community. Our speaker is Brenda González whose podcast, Tamarindo (<https://www.tamarindopodcast.com>), brings to light issues of special importance to the Latine community. She will be explaining how she came to work on this podcast and other aspects of her career that contributed to the development of Tamarindo. Following is a brief introduction to our speaker.



Brenda Gonzalez is a public speaker, fitness instructor, and nonprofit consultant, focusing on social justice causes. She founded Tamarindo Podcast in 2016 with the mission to use comedy and laughter to illuminate important issues impacting the Latine community.

Brenda’s experience as a formerly undocumented student shaped her interest in politics and she taught American Government at Cal State Fullerton before she was even eligible to vote.

Before consulting, Brenda was Regional Director at UnidosUS, the nation’s largest Latino civil rights organization. She also worked in corporate social responsibility for a fortune 100 company.



González’s unique experience of combining laughter with serious topics will surely make this both an enlightening and enjoyable presentation, so I hope to see as many of you at our April 13<sup>th</sup> Branch meeting as possible, see Hospitality page for details.

We would love to see you there!

Claire Koehler, VP Program Director and the Program Committee: Ann Topjon and Christine Heller

# HOSPITALITY

Welcome to **April** which welcomes in April Fools' Day (1st) and Earth Day (22nd). Time to get out and plant the spring garden. 🌱

## Annual Branch Meeting

**Date:** April 13, 2024

**Time:** 9:30 AM - Social time  
10 AM - Meeting & election  
11:00 AM - Program



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

**Arrival and Parking:** Use the driveway off Barton Rd. behind Elks Lodge, park at the rear. We will be seated in the Club Room or as it is sometimes called the “Card Room”. Kindly enter that room through the “back door” or rear entrance because the check-in table will be located in the back of the room. Look for the AAUW signs to guide the way.

### **Brunch Menu:**

- Main entrée: Waffle, bacon, scrambled eggs, fruit, whipped butter and syrup
  - Vegetarian entrée: Waffle, scrambled eggs, fruit, whipped butter and syrup
- Entrees include beverages: 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, April 9, to [pocampo@aol.com](mailto:pocampo@aol.com) or phone Paula Ocampo at (562) 447-7483

**NOTE:** Paula Ocampo is taking Kay's place this month. If you do not receive a confirmation from her, please call or text.

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

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

Pauline Rogers, Hospitality VP

# ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Greater Whittier Area AAUW will hold its Annual Branch Meeting on April 13, 2024. At that time, we will hold elections for the Board of Directors for the year 2024-2025. A voice vote will be conducted for the entire Slate of Nominated Officers.

## **GWA-AAUW SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR ELECTED OFFICE, 2024-2025**

President	Sharon Heck
President-Elect*	
Treasurer	Kay Clark
Program Vice-President	Claire Koehler
Hospitality Vice-President	Paula Ocampo
Membership Vice-President	Andrea Bellamy
AAUW Fund Vice-President	Sheryl Crockey
Public Policy	Margo Reeg
Recording Secretary	Mandy Knight
Corresponding Secretary	Maura Greeley
Past President	Nadine Wilcox
<u>Myra Long Scholarship Fund Committee (MLSF)</u>	
Director	Barbara Gile
Director	Carole Restovich
Director	Kaye Kidwell
Director	Susan Halliday
Director	Sharon Heck
Director	Patricia Dudley
Director	Ann Chambers

\*Position open

Nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

Note: This announcement was also sent to members via email on March 10, 2024

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Earth Day* - Spring has sprung by the time you read this newsletter. May we still receive some April and May showers, to bring the flowers a-blooming and to minimize any real drought. But still work on behaviors to save water to help our water supply in California, go to native California plants as you can in your yard, and do whatever it takes to make a difference for our Mother Earth, since Earth Day is arriving April 22. It's been 54 years of celebrating Earth Day to make changes in our behaviors, and scientific breakthroughs that have and will change our world hopefully for the better in regards to issues of Climate Change (across the world or in our own backyard).

*GWA-AAUW Annual Meeting and Elections* - The April 13th branch meeting is also our official ANNUAL meeting. We are voting for a slate of candidates for our 2024-25 Board. Sharon Heck has generously volunteered to run this meeting because I have a memorial to attend at the same time. We all encourage you to come to the ANNUAL Meeting April 13, 2024, since this is our meeting, we need to hear from you that day with your vote and any other support or messages you have to share. There can be nominations from the floor for any open position not filled on the slate (just be sure that that the nominee agrees to be nominated). We can and do make a difference when we participate.

*Supporting MLSF and AAUW Fund* - Consider all that AAUW (national, state and local) does through its scholarship programs (AAUW Fellows and more) to support women's education and encourage women to enter STEM careers. As March and April kick off fund raising, you can feel confident that your donations make a difference when contributing to Myra Long Scholarship Fund or to the AAUW Fund. These steps of donating will help those who have goals to work in STEM areas that may give back to solve environmental issues, as well as how we change and prepare for the future with our planet. As part of GWA-AAUW, you are helping students to attend Tech Trek, Math/Science Conference for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls, award scholarships for both high school and Rio Hondo, and also provide teacher's grants for middle school classroom projects.

*Whittier Elections* - April 9 is election day for City of Whittier, mayor and council members for representation in Whittier city government. Follow the information posted by the city of Whittier, and our own Margo Reeg, our Public Policy Chair, who keeps us enlightened about all things going on and important for voters/members in every city in our branch area.

*National AAUW elections* – Voting starts April 3 for a proposed amendment to the AAUW Bylaws to open membership to any individual who supports AAUW's important mission of advancing equity for women and girls. Visit the AAUW website for complete information at:  
<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election>.

AAUW's third-party voting vendor, Simply Voting, will provide Elector IDs and Passwords to all members. This information will be e-mailed to members before voting begins (and voters will receive regular reminders if they have not yet voted). Voters without a valid email address on file will be mailed a paper ballot.

Most members will receive emails from [vote@simplyvoting.com](mailto:vote@simplyvoting.com) with their unique Elector ID and Password to vote. All members without an email address on file will receive a paper ballot by mail. No additional paper ballots will be sent during the voting period. Voting will close on Wednesday, May 15 at 12:00 pm ET.

Respectfully submitted by Nadine Wilcox, President

# FINANCIAL CORNER

A reminder that it's time again to renew your membership for the majority of us. Most of our memberships expire June 30, 2024. New members have expiration dates one year from when they joined. If anyone wants to know when their membership expires, please let me know.

There are two ways to pay your dues.

If you want to pay on-line, you can do that now. For most of us, after you log in, click on "RENEW", make sure your information is correct, then choose "National" membership. Remember to say yes to the question, "Would you like to add Branch or State memberships?" If you don't, you will only be a member of National, not a member of our branch. The branch names are in the order by the branch number. States are alphabetical, but in California look for our branch under CA0124. Once you choose that, scroll all the way down to continue. You will notice that the State of California is already chosen for you. Your total should be \$116.00. For Lifetime members (those who have pre-paid National dues), choose "Lifetime." your dues should be \$44.00. ANY questions, please let me know.

The second way to pay would be to send your dues to me instead, please make the check 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

Regular dues are \$116.00. Paid Lifetime Dues are still \$44.00 and Honorable Lifetime (those who have been 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



# MEMBERSHIP

Since last month, we have had two more new members join our branch. Since last fall, we have 8 new members (!). A list was recently sent out to you to update your yearbook.

Dues for most of us are starting to be collected. Until June 30, 2022 all of our expiration dates were June 30. After that time dues expire one year after joining. Please see the Financial Corner for information on paying dues.

Remember, your dues enable our Branch to continue to work towards our mission statement to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. The ways our branch does this is through a presence in the community through the Greater Whittier Chamber of Commerce and the work done by Myra Long Scholarship Fund. They also enable National to give out scholarships and grants and advocate for girls and women.

In addition to the good your dues can accomplish through AAUW, they also open up the excellent speakers at our Branch Meetings, and the opportunity to socialize through our many Sections.

Kay Clark, Membership Committee Chair

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





**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have a sponsor? If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

## 2023-2024 GWA-AAUW Membership Questionnaire

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Year joined AAUW \_\_\_\_\_

College/Universities attended

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Degree received

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Elected Offices held in AAUW

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Year(s)\*

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Projects for AAUW Worked on/Completed

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

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\* approximate year is OK

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# AAUW FUND

## What is the Legacy Circle?

It is a way of making a planned gift to AAUW and affirm your commitment to equity. These gifts or bequests are donations that you designate in your will, estate or trust. There is no minimum gift requirement to join the Legacy Circle, and the benefits are many.

As a member of the Legacy Circle, you will receive a beautiful pin designed by Swarovski to honor your generosity.

To learn more contact AAUW Director of Advancement Katrina Sun Breese at 202-785-7766 or planned-giving@[aauw.org](mailto:planned-giving@aauw.org).

The members of our branch who belong to the Legacy Circle are listed on page 13 of our yearbook:

Judy Pappé\*\*

Jill Smith

Gwen Woirhaye\*\*

Rozanne Child

Dolores Seidman

Fay Weber

Cheryl A. Suit

Dolores Seidman, AAUW Fund V.P.



\*\*deceased

## Diversity Equity, Inclusion (DEI)

I enthusiastically encourage all members to attend our April meeting. In addition to its being our annual business meeting and election of officers, the April meeting is our yearly DEI program and we have a dynamic speaker lined up. See the Program report in this newsletter for Brenda Gonzalez Richards' background and experience. She will add so much to our knowledge and understanding of DEI issues. Please, please, come to support our branch officers and be informed on critical DEI issues by our speaker.

Our DEI project for the year, GWA Reads Together ends with our March 26<sup>th</sup> in-person session. We will finish discussing our book selection, **The Person You Mean to Be** by Dolly Chugh. Twenty-five members responded that they would read the book. There have been 14-15 participants in attendance at each monthly session. Participants will be asked to assess the project and make suggestions for where we go from here in our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion mission. All members are invited to submit ideas for further DEI projects. Send your comments and suggestions to Pat Dudley at [kpdudley2002@yahoo.com](mailto:kpdudley2002@yahoo.com).

Pat Dudley, DEI Branch Coordinator

# HODGE FOUNDATION

As a reminder to our membership and as an introduction to the new members, Greater Whittier AAUW honors our members who have passed away by donating \$50 to the Hodge Foundation of the Whittier Public Library. Through the Foundation, the library purchases books in memory of our members.

The Whittier Library purchases, with consultation with the members families, books that correspond with the members interests. The Greater Whittier AAUW has the pleasure of honoring the following members:

## Earlyne H Clemons

*A Book of Uncommon Prayer: 100 Celebrations of the Miracle & Muddle of the Ordinary*

by Brian Doyle

*The Monastery of the Heart: Benediction Spirituality for Contemporary Seekers*

by Joan Chittister

*Random Acts of Medicine: The Hidden Forces that Sway Doctors, Impact Patients and Shape Our Health* by Anupam B Jena

*Reflections on the Sunday Gospel: How to More Fully Live Out Your Relationship with God*

by Pope Francis

## Linda Pomeroy

*The Dish: The Lives and Labor Behind One Plate of Food* by Andrew Friedman

*Food Journeys of a Lifetime: 500 Extraordinary Places to Eat Around the Globe*

by National Geographic

*Lonely Planet, You Only Live Once* by Lonely Planet

## Ruth White

*Dear Sister, a Memoir of Secrets, Survival, and Unbreakable Bonds* by Michelle Horton

*The Dictionary People: The Unsung Heroes Who Created the Oxford English Dictionary*

by Sarah Ogilvie

*Good Night Irene* by Luis Alberto Urrea

## Gwen Woirhaye

*Eyewitness Shark: Dive into the Fascinating World of Sharks* by DK Publishing

(Dorling Kindersley)

*The Gentle Genius of Trees* by Phillip Bunting

*How to Be a Math Genius: Your Brilliant Brain and How to Train It* by DK Publishing

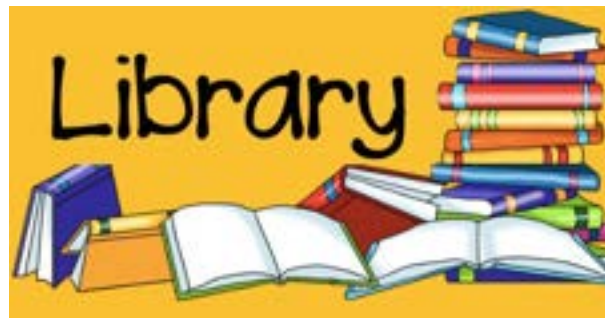
(Dorling Kindersley)

*The Observologist: a Handbook for Mounting Very Small Scientific Expeditions*

by Giselle Clarkson

These titles will be placed in the collections in their memories.

Respectfully submitted by  
Belen Duarte-Sousa



# MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF) Committee Report

The MLSF is busy this month. Eight 13-year-old girls from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Rivera Middle School in Pico Rivera were interviewed on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Five young women were selected to attend the Tech Trek Camp at Whittier College in June. The total cost will be \$6,000.

Two of the girls are designated as back up campers in case the original selected girls are not available. The review committee included: Brenda Carrillo, Ann Chambers, Kay Clark, Nadine Wilcox, Karen van der Baan and Barbara Gile.

Tech Trek is a weeklong science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) summer camp designed to develop interest, excitement, and self-confidence in young women who are entering the eighth grade. The camp is hosted by AAUW California and is a program of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Tech Trek offers two types of camps. One is residential in which students get a taste of college life by living in a dorm on a college campus; one is an online virtual camp for students who prefer to stay at home. Both types of camps are dynamic and offer plenty of fun, challenging activities, interactions with women who are in STEM fields, group projects, field trips, and a chance to meet other girls with similar interests. The camps are run by teachers, volunteers, and former campers who loved it enough to come back as counselors.

Carole Restovich, Scholarship Chairperson has worked with Rio Hondo Community College to have our scholarships advertised campus wide. Plus, she has met several teachers that will promote the availability of the MLSF. We will expand the High School scholarships to three schools. Interviews will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Ms. Jennifer Sedillo, our liaison at Pioneer High, says that two senior girls have already turned in their applications.

The committee will offer \$5,000 in Special Projects Grants to teachers. This has been a popular way to assist individual teachers to meet their goals.

Respectively submitted,  
Barbara Gile, MLSF Chairperson

Directors: Ann Chambers, Patricia Dudley, Sharon Halliday, Sharon Heck, Kaye Kidwell, and Carole Restovich



# 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, April 18, 2024, 10AM, we will meet at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Our topic for the April 18 meeting will be Chapter 3, "Risky Science Across Borders" in the 2024 *Great Decisions*. Paula Ocampo 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](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 on Thursday, April 18. 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

## WRITING IS FUN



The April meeting of Writing is Fun! (WIF!) will take place at the home of Carole Restovich on **April 24 at 11 AM**. Please note the new meeting time. Come with a sandwich or salad in hand and Carole will provide drinks and (maybe?) dessert. We will share our writing around the lunch table. As always, you may write on anything you wish. One possibility: "A Turning Point in My Life." All are welcome. The more writers we have, the more fun. Hope to see you there.

## MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

On Wednesday, April 10, we will join Whittier Reads for the book discussion of *Stealing Home: Los Angeles, the Dodgers, and the Lives Caught in Between* by Eric Nusbaum

6 PM at the Whittier Central Library, 7344 Washington Ave.

The final books of the year are:

May 9 *The Authenticity Project* by Clare Pooley

June 13 *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb

# MORNING BOOK

We will not meet in April. Our next meeting will occur on Monday, June 3, where we will gather in Michigan Park in Whittier to enjoy, not only the fresh spring air, but also to discuss *The Only Woman in the Room*, by Marie Benedict. the story of a brilliant woman scientist only remembered for her beauty. Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer. Underestimated in everything else, she overheard the Third Reich's plans while at her husband's side and understood more than anyone would guess. She devised a plan to flee in disguise from their castle, and the whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star. But she kept a secret more shocking than her heritage or her marriage: she was a scientist. And she had an idea that might help the country fight the Nazis and revolutionize modern communication, if anyone would listen to her. A powerful book based on the incredible true story of the glamour icon and scientist, *The Only Woman in the Room* is a masterpiece that celebrates the many women in science that history has overlooked. Please join us with your questions, a portable chair, your beverage of choice and any snacks you might like.

We will meet also on Monday, July 22, to discuss *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*, by Lisa See. Further information will be in next month's newsletter.

It is time to think about book selections for next year. Please send your ideas to me by May 15, including **TITLE, AUTHOR, NUMBER OF PAGES, AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE BOOK**, information easily found on Amazon. We will vote on these at the June meeting. I look forward to seeing you on June 5 as well as receiving some book ideas for next year.

Ann Topjon, Chair 564-665-1724



# MYSTERY MAVENS

Mystery Mavens does not meet in April. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 6PM at The Original Roadhouse Grill, 15156 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90603, near Whittwood. Our May 15 book will be *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanna Raybourn. It will be reviewed by Jackie Brearley. This is our final book until we begin again in September.

At our May 15 meeting we will choose our five mysteries for 2024-2025. Please send your nominated book descriptions to Sharon ([s.heck4peace@gmail.com](mailto:s.heck4peace@gmail.com)) as soon as possible so she can begin preparing the ballot. The book should be the first in a series, and the back cover of the book usually contains a good introduction to share with us. All are welcome to join us.

Sharon Heck

# FIRST FRIDAY

On April 5, First Friday will be hosted at the home of Dolores Gonzalez -Hayes, 6 PM to 8 PM  
8722 Seranata Dr.  
Whittier, CA 90603

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

This is a good opportunity for members, new and old, to socialize  
in an informal friendly gathering.

## Hosts for future months

May 3 – Belen Duarte-Sousa

June 7 – Ann Topjon



# DINING FOR \$\$\$\$

**Save That Date! - Thursday, April 18, 2023**

## **El Cholo Mexican Restaurant**



This month we are excited to once again be supported by the popular **El Cholo Mexican Restaurant in La Habra**. It is definitely a favorite of ours and always one of our biggest money makers too!

El Cholo will host our fundraiser on **April 18 from 12PM – 9PM**. Have a wonderful time enjoying their delicious food while dining in a beautiful, festive setting. You might choose to invite family, a group of friends or even members of one of your sections. Dining inside always ensures a fun time but there is also a patio located prior to the entrance where people enjoy relaxing meals too. And, remember, take-out can be a good option if you have a busy schedule that day. No matter how you choose to enjoy El Cholo, it's the perfect venue.

You will find a large flyer in this newsletter to present to your server so that a percentage of your bill for food or non-alcoholic beverages goes directly to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. **The manager, Raymond Uribe, generously chose to raise the donation to 25% of your bill this year!** Mini flyers will be available at the branch meeting and in an email reminder you will receive closer to the actual fundraiser date. Please plan on making this fundraiser event a success once again and **have fun!**

Carole Duff and Sheryl Crockey



**EL CHOLO**

*Est. 1923*

**El Cholo Mexican Restaurant  
Proudly supports  
Greater Whittier Area AAUW  
Myra Long Scholarship Fund**

**Dining For \$\$\$\$ Event**

**Thursday April 18, 2024  
From 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**El Cholo Mexican Restaurant  
840 E. Whittier Blvd., La Habra  
Phone (562) 691-4618**

**Dine -in or Take-out**

Present this flyer to your server.  
25% of your food & non-alcoholic beverage purchase  
will be donated to the  
Myra Long Scholarship Fund.  
You need one flyer for each bill at your table.

Please NO soliciting on premises.





# SPOTLIGHT

As reported in the Whittier Daily News, our local hero, **Yoshio Nakamura**, and **Linda Oberholtzer's** dad, was honored during the Whittier Union High School District Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, March 12, when the board members unanimously approved naming the fine arts building at Whittier High School after him. The honor is not only to acknowledge his contributions as a teacher and his commitment to art education but to also celebrate his achievements as a WWII veteran, a member of the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and serving the Rio Hondo College community.



Travel notes from **Mandy Knight**; “I just recently returned from a fun, informative and first-time trip to New Orleans ...during the Mardi Gras season!! The visit included a fabulous evening at the New Orleans School of Cooking where a former middle school teacher entertained us for two hours while she prepared a 3 course (think butter) meal of local fare (Corn and Crab Bisque, Chicken Etouffee, and Bananas Foster) while sharing her Creole culture and the rich and treasured history of the region. Cemeteries and their “above ground 2-bedroom condos”, the mansions and universities on St. Charles Ave, a visit to Mardi Gras World where floats are imagined, designed, and built, the French Quarter and Bourbon Street, the sounds of jazz wafting through the streets, and the revealing residue of beignets were just the warm up for the 2 parades that we enjoyed one evening. Beads and coins (and granola bars) were tossed and scooped up as the Druid Krewe parade floats streamed by our group, fully clothed, warm and comfy on a grandstand just around the corner from our hotel. The National World War II Museum is in New Orleans, and a wonderful way to take in moving personal stories, historical artifacts, and interactive displays illuminating the American experience during the WWII era. From the Normandy invasion to the sands of the Pacific Islands, the Museum salutes the optimism, courage and sacrifice of those who won the war and changed the world. From New Orleans, we traveled to Baton Rouge, stopping to take in a swamp tour (yes, we saw many gators!), multiple (all very different) plantations, the Tabasco plant, and St. Martinville’s “Evangeline Oak”, around which a love story so compelling became the inspiration for Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s epic poem, *Evangeline*. This trip was the perfect combination of fun and history!”



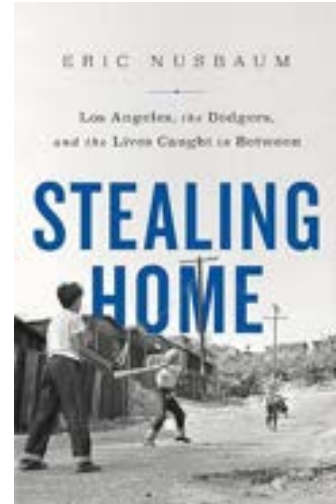
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## SPOTLIGHT (cont.)

**Community News** - Whittier Reads is an annual citywide literary event that encourages members of the Whittier community to read the same book at the same time and then discuss it in book groups and participate in special programs which are offered at our Libraries. The Whittier Public Library Foundation has been the sponsor for this community-wide program from its inception since 2004 and has provided funding for the implementation of this program.

The selection for the 2024 Whittier Reads is *Stealing Home*, by Eric Nusbaum. There are various fun, information and interactive programs offered during the month of April. They are all free of charge (except the Author's Dinner) To find out more about the programs you can attend go to <https://whittierplf.org/whittier-reads/>



Many people were out on Saturday, March 16, to visit the Art Salon hosted by **Quincey Grace** at her home in the Whittier hills. Among the artists presenting was **Emily Heller**, who just happens to be the daughter of **Chris Heller**. The art was enhanced by the beautiful setting with views of the city adding to the ambience.



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.

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## APRIL 2024 GREATER WHITTIER AREA CALENDAR

First Friday	April 5 (Friday)	6 PM – 8 PM	Dolores Gonzales-Hayes'
Board Meeting	April 2 (Tuesday)	7 PM	Zoom meeting
Branch Meeting	April 13 (Saturday)	10 AM	Whittier Elks Lodge
Modern Trends	April 17 (Wednesday)	6:00 PM	Whittier Central Library
International Concerns	April 18 (Thursday)	10 AM	Sharon Heck
Dining for \$\$\$\$	April 18 (Thursday)	12 PM – 9 PM	El Cholo Mexican Restaurant
Writing is Fun	April 24 (Wednesday)	11 AM	Carole Restovich's

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