



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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**September
2024**



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to a new year for our Greater Whittier Area AAUW Branch. Our theme will be **STANDING TOGETHER FOR EQUITY AND ACTION**. We will study and act to fulfill the hopes of this focus. With speakers; activities; and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) programs; we will learn how to expand our AAUW Mission.

On July 18 we held our GWA AAUW Branch Board Retreat at First Friends Church Whittier, our new venue for 2024-2025. Board members became acquainted, and then made plans for the coming year. Some exciting programs and activities will be revealed in future newsletters. First Friends Church has welcomed us and we will be very happy to hold most of our Branch meetings in their fellowship hall. Join us on Saturday, September 14 to hear from our Tech Trek campers who attended the camp at Whittier College in June. There will be a continental breakfast served as you arrive and the program will begin at 10 AM. You must make a reservation so we can plan accordingly. Your \$10 registration fee covers all of the expenses of the meeting. Be sure to check the Program and Hospitality sections for details on the branch meeting.

We need to thank Susan Halliday for creating our Yearbook for 2024-2025. All members will receive a copy at our September 14 meeting. The book contains a roster of all of our members, as well as lots of other information. There is even some history of our Branch. Thank you again Susan and your proofreaders, Dolores Seidman and Kay Kidwell..

With all of our efforts and activities, 2024-2025 can be a wonderful year for our GWA AAUW Branch!

Sharon Heck
Branch President



AAUW MISSION STATEMENT – To advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

PROGRAM

It's a New Day!

September has always been such a promising time of year. It's the beginning of a new school year, the weather often changes from hot and blindingly sunny to a more moderate temperature, and the excitement of getting together with old friends and meeting new ones is in the air, spilling out in laughter and shrieks of gladness. That is how I feel about AAUW. A new day is here, and we are about to embark on a brand-new adventure!

This year, we intend to break out of some of our previous habits of having speakers nearly every month, and we are initiating a more robust inclusion of DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness) activities in our meetings as a way to strike a more equitable balance amongst our members with the hope of broadening our membership.

The kickoff of our new program will be meeting the Tech Trek girls fresh off of the Whittier campus where they learned about some of the specifics of STEM curricula and dabbled in experiments led by science experts. We will hear of their take-aways and what they learned in this exciting environment.

We will be engaging in our first DEI activity of the year as presented by Pat Dudley. Curious? Find out more in our DEI section of this newsletter.

Section leaders will also be part of this September Program, moving around from table to table so we will have a chance to ask questions or make comments. Each one will present a three-minute presentation at the table, explaining what their section offers, and perhaps one or two of the highlights of being in this particular group, be it Morning Book, Public Policy or Writing is Fun, among others. Listen to their spiels and consider embarking on a new journey by joining one or more of these sections that both informs us and connects us in new ways.

We look forward to seeing you and reuniting for our common cause, promoting girls and women through our efforts in the best ways possible. Come join us at the Branch meeting, Saturday, September 14th at 10:00 AM. We would love to see you!

Claire Koehler, AAUW VP Program Director
Ann Topjon, Program Committee



HOSPITALITY

Now we are returning from summer break and our new year is beginning. I want to start off with a big Thank You to Pauline Rogers who has done a great job as Hospitality VP for the last two years. She has coordinated many meetings and meals at The Whittier Elks Lodge whose staff also deserves appreciation for all their service.

This year, as Hospitality VP, I will be planning and coordinating with the 2024-2025 Board and will be responsible for arranging our branch meetings each month at the First Friends Church Whittier. As Sharon Heck as explained in her President's Message, we are trying something new this year. We hope you find our new venue and plans accessible and more affordable. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions, comments, or suggestions.

Thank you,

Paula Ocampo
cell (562) 447-7483
pocampo@aol.com

Branch Meeting

Date: Saturday, September 14, 2024
Time: 9:30 AM Social Time
10 AM Meeting begins

Location: Fellowship Hall
First Friends Church Whittier
13205 Philadelphia St.
Whittier, Ca. 90601.

Directions: We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. The entrance is off of the courtyard facing Washington Ave. Parking is off of the alley in the rear.

Meals: This year we will not be offering meals at the monthly branch meetings. We will have a continental breakfast to include beverages and pastries.

Meeting price: \$10 /person.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend. We do need to know how many people there will be so we can plan for seating and refreshments. Send your email to Paula Ocampo at pocampo@aol.com or phone/text to (562) 447-7483.

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

Paula Ocampo, Hospitality VP



MEMBERSHIP

The Greater Whittier Area AAUW Branch is approaching its 99th year! We have been active in advancing equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy for many years. As Membership VP and Committee Chair, this is **The Year of Growth**. I am inviting each of you throughout the year to help us continue the work of AAUW by inviting your friends, family members and casual acquaintances, such as women in a yoga class, book clubs and other groups you attend to join us. Invite a guest to a book club meeting, first Friday or a branch meeting. The committee is happy to contact any leads you may have.

We will have a fundraiser at Really Great Stuff this December 11th through 14th, and another in spring April 2nd through 5th. 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 and time have not been set, 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. See Financial Corner below for how to pay dues.

We hope all of you will continue your support of AAUW and remain a member of our Branch - GWA AAUW.

Andrea Bellamy, Membership VP



FINANCIAL CORNER

It's time for a new year. I hope everyone had a great summer!

This is a reminder that most of our members' dues needed to be paid by June 30. If you haven't paid your dues, please do so now. You still have time to renew your membership. (For more recent members, your due date may be different. 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 online, you can do that now at AAUW.org. Once 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 order by the branch number. Go to California and 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
310/890-6510

As a reminder: Regular dues are \$116.00. Paid Lifetime Dues are still \$44.00 and Honorary 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.

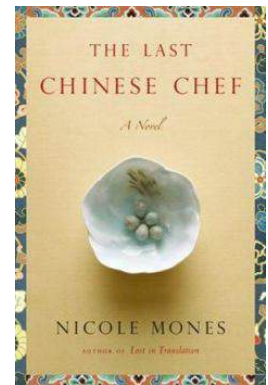
Kay Clark, Treasurer

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

The state DEI committee has developed a DEI Strategic Plan (2024-2027) to guide branches in its Mission of increasing growth, diversity and relevance of branch membership, activities, outreach, and collaboration with others. It envisions a day when equity is embedded in all that we do as AAUW members and branches.

GWA AAUW will continue to “learn” the terminology/language associated with DEI through newsletter articles and brief, fun, learning activities at branch meetings. At the September meeting a banned book trivia quiz will test your knowledge of the reasons a list of books for adolescents are banned.

GWA AAUW will continue GWA AAUW Reads DEI. The book that has been selected is *The Last Chinese Chef* by Nicole Mones. It is about a beloved cuisine that represents not merely the culture of a people, but every aspect of its people. A discussion session will be held on March 25, 2025. Anyone reading the book, or has read the book in the past will be invited to the discussion session. More information about the book, along with writing prompts will appear in the monthly newsletter to guide your reading. A special Dining for Diversity event is being planned giving members an opportunity to experience the cuisine in a setting connected to the book.



The planning committee’s goal was to provide a variety of interest-based programs, multiple activities, resources, information, and opportunities to engage all members in one or more DEI experiences. Members are encouraged to attend branch meetings at our new venue to take part in these DEI activities.

Branch members will be informed of and offered opportunities to learn and experience the diversity of our Greater Whittier Area communities through additional cultural opportunities and information that will be offered throughout the year.

Diversity Dateline

This new DEI resource for members is a calendar of Holiday, Religious Observances and Days to Observe that will be updated monthly. It fulfills several purposes:

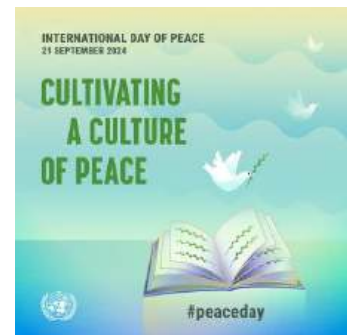
1. Awareness of the many days/observances/events of significance to our diverse population.
2. An opportunity to participate in cultural experiences surrounding these observances. Look for events and share the information with DEI coordinator (kpudley2002@yahoo.com) to notify members.
3. Members may wish to attend with family, friends and AAUW members.
4. Share your experience at one of the observances by submitting an article for Community Connections in the newsletter.

Pat Dudley,
DEI Coordinator

Diversity Dateline

<u>Holiday or Observance</u>	<u>Religious Group</u>	<u>Date</u>
Labor Day ⁽¹⁾		September 2, 2024
Ganesh Chaturthi ⁽²⁾	Hindu	September 7, 2024
Mawlid (Eid Milad un Nabi) ⁽³⁾	Muslim	September 15 (evening) September 16, 2024
International Day of Peace ⁽⁴⁾		September 21, 2024

- (1) Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. [wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labor_Day) **Observed by:** United States, **Celebrations:** Parades, barbecues
- (2) Ganesh Chaturthi, also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi or Vinayaka Chavithi or Vinayagar Chaturthi, is a Hindu festival that tributes Hindu deity Ganesha. The festival is marked with the installation of Ganesha's clay murtis (devotional representations of a deity) privately in homes and publicly on elaborate pandals (temporary stages). [wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganesh_Chaturthi) **Celebrations:** Chanting of Vedic hymns and Hindu texts, prayers, processions, idol immersion [A Festival of Hope and Prosperity](#)
- (3) Mawlid is an annual festival and holiday commemorating the birthday of Muhammad on the traditional date of 12 Rabi' al-Awwal, the fourth month of the Islamic calendar. A day central to the Sufi tradition of Sunni Islam, the Mawlid is also celebrated by Shia Muslims. [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mawlid) **Mawlid** is the Arabic term for the birthday of a holy figure, especially the Prophet Muhammad.
- (4) The International Day of Peace (“Peace Day”) is observed around the world each year on September 21. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. “In a world mired by conflict, inequalities and discrimination, we must strive ever harder to promote dialogue, empathy and human rights for all.” UN Secretary General, *António Guterres, June 13, 2024*




AAUW FUND

How we Support AAUW's Mission


Welcome to the new AAUW 2024-2025 year. I look forward to serving as your AAUW Fund VP this year. I will be working with our Program VP to arrange for an AAUW Fund Speaker (recipient of a Fund Fellowship or Grant) to present at a branch meeting. Also, we have until December 31, 2024 to make contributions to the AAUW Fund that will count towards our ability to select a Named Gift Honoree in 2025. I have listed below the various funds to which you can direct your donations.

Sheryl Crockey, AAUW Fund VP



AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110)

Allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it's needed most. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future.



Education and Training Fund (4450)

Addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination.

**STEM
Title IX
Pathways to Jobs**

*Examples of programs include:
Fellowships Alumnae Initiatives
Fellowships and Grants
Public Policy
Research*



Economic Security Fund (4449)

Ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life.

**Pay Equity
Title VII
Retirement Security**

*Examples of programs include:
Start Smart
Work Smart
Work Smart Online
Legal Advocacy Fund*



Leadership Fund (4452)

Supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by bolstering the participation of and increasing the number of girls and women in leadership roles, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

**Career
Workplace
Training**

*Examples of programs include:
Campus Action Projects
Empower
NCCWSL*

Contributions to AAUW are fully tax-deductible and can be made online at www.aaauw.org. You can also send your check payable to AAUW to the address below, and make note of the fund you wish to specify.

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Washington, DC 20090-8045

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www.aaauw.org

PUBLIC POLICY

Although the 2024 legislative session won't end until this fall, the governor has already started to sign bills. We are excited to let you know that three bills on our agenda have already been signed, AB 1955, AB1790, and AB2608. Hooray!

AB 1955 will prohibit school districts from requiring staff to notify parents if a student uses a different name or pronouns or identifies as a different gender than what is on their birth certificate. California is the first state in the nation to ban forced outings of transgender students.

AB 1790 will strengthen protections against sexual assault and harassment at California State University (CSU) campuses by requiring two reports from CSU on the status of their implementation of the State Auditor recommendations.

AB 2608 will require the California Community Colleges and the CSUs, and request the University of California, to provide educational and preventive information on sexual violence and harassment, including how to recognize if someone is at risk of drug-facilitated sexual assault.

Take Action Now! Action Alert:

Help Us Advance AB 2326 Alvarez and Fong

To continue our legislative successes, we are asking you to take action again on AB 2326 which will require the chancellor of each University of California campus, California State college campus and California Community College campus to have the primary responsibility for ensuring that campus programs and activities are free from discrimination and sexual harassment. The bill would require, among other requirements related to nondiscrimination, the office of the President of the University of California to annually present a report to the Board of Regents on the state of the University of California system in ensuring that programs and activities are free from discrimination based on specified characteristics.

Call Sen. Archuleta's office, 562-406-1001 to urge him to support this bill.

Amy Hom and Missy Maceyko

Co-chairs, AAUW California Public Policy Committee

publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org

CANDIDATE FORUMS

The Whittier League of Women Voters and AAUW will be working on setting up School Board Forums and possibly 2 City Council Forums for Fall. There are 7 school districts in our area including Whittier Union, El Rancho and Rio Hondo College. I have also been asked to do Paramount School District which abuts Montebello. Lots of assistance will be necessary to organize and conduct these forums. I plan to have Whittier Area Forums in Whittier City Hall so they can be televised. As of August 14 there will be elections for Rio Hondo College Areas 2 and 4, Whittier Union HSD Areas 2 and 3, Whittier City School District Areas 1 and 2, East Whittier CSD Area 2, and El Rancho Unified. Pico Rivera has a City Council election.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORUM

The Leagues of Women Voters of Los Angeles County and Greater Los Angeles will present a Candidate Forum on ABC7 on Sunday, September 29, 2024.

BALLOT MEASURES

There are 10 state measures, 5 Legislative and 5 Initiative, and one County Reform measure on this ballot. The League will have detailed information on all ballot measures on www.VOTE411.org. In addition, the League is publishing ELECTION INFO, an election news information pamphlet which will be at our local libraries. We will have Pros and Cons presentation of the measures at the October branch meeting.

Margo Reeg
Public Policy Chair



MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

MLSF 2023-24 Fundraising Honor Roll

This year's honor roll is a little different.... You gave for a variety of reasons: in memory of friends and loved ones, to fund special scholarships, to support the annual nonevent fundraiser or simply to support the wonderful work funded by MLSF. Some of you gave two or three times during the year! You donated \$11,890 to the nonevent fundraiser and \$19,073 in other donations. You were incredibly generous! Donations ranged from \$50 to \$8,000.



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

Elizabeth Baca	Janice Geiger	Yvette Rawlinson
Ginny Ball	Barbara Gile	Margo Reeg
Maurine Behrens	Quincey Grace	Carole Restovich
Jan Berry	Maura Greeley	Lynda Richardson
Rosemary Bertone	Susan Halliday	Pauline Rogers
Cindy Birt	Sharon Heck	Joanne Sarachman
Jacqueline Brearley	Naomi Hill	Dolores Seidman
Josephine Carpenter	Helen Jewell	Deirdre Shatzen
Janice Cecola	Kaye Kidwell	Lovey Sherman
Ann Chambers	Peggy Kiefer	Donna Smith
Kay Clark	Mandy Knight	Jill Smith
Ursula Clemons-Heslip	Marian Locke	Patricia Stanley
Sheryl Crockey	Bruce Long	Ann Topjon
Belen Duarte-Sousa	Rosalind Marquez	Sue Turco
Patricia Dudley	Beatrix Myers	Karen Van der Baan
Carole Duff	Paula Ocampo	Fay Weber
Judith Flanders	Cynthia Peterson	Nadine Wilcox

With great appreciation,

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

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Our International Concerns meetings are on the third Thursday of each month. On Thursday, September 19, 2024, 10 AM, we will meet at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601.

Our topic for the September 19 meeting will be Chapter 6, "Invisible Indonesia" in the 2024 Great Decisions. Sylvia Graber-Pastrone will lead the discussion. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well. 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, September 19. 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

MYSTERY MAVENS

Mystery Mavens will meet on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 6 PM at The Original Roadhouse Grill, 15156 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90603, near Whittwood. Our September 18 book will be The Spy Coast by Tess Gerritsen. It will be reviewed by Andrea Bellamy.

Books for 2024-2025

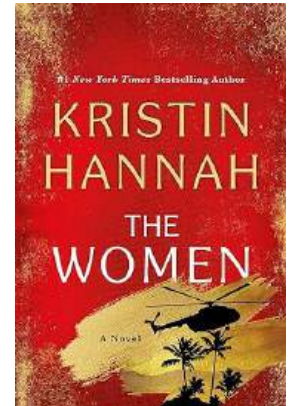
November 20, 2024	<u>Murder in Tuscany</u> by T. A. Williams	Reviewed by Brigitta Weger
January 15, 2025	<u>Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone: A Murdery Mystery Novel</u> by Benjamin Stevenson	Reviewed by Mandy Knight
March 19, 2025	<u>Grime & Punishment</u> by Jill Churchill	Reviewed by Sharon Heck
May 21, 2025	<u>The Thursday Murder Club</u> by Richard Osman	Reviewed by Janice Geiger

Sharon Heck

MORNING BOOK

Welcome to a new year of reading, discussion and fellowship!

We start with Kristin Hannah's book *The Women*. Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is over-whelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. In war, she meets—and becomes one of—the lucky, the brave, the broken, and the lost.



But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism, it is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.

We are meeting on Monday, September 23, at 10 AM at Margo Reeg's, 1011 Melgar Dr., Whittier. She will also provide refreshments, and I will lead the discussion. Zoom will be available, and I will send out the link the weekend prior to the 23rd, as well as questions for discussion. I am looking forward to a good year and seeing you all!

The other books for this year as are follows:

I Promise You I'll Be Home by Al Martinez,

edited by Sara (Sue) Hodson (who will be at the meeting!)

East of Eden by John Steinbeck

The Lost Book Shop by Evie Woods

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

Table for Two by Amor Towles

Ann Topjon

Chair 562-665-1724

MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

Modern Trends will continue to meet in person, with an option to join in via Zoom, on the 2nd Thursday of the month, with the exception of October when we will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

The first meeting this year will be 6:30 PM, Thursday, September 12th at Myra's house. We will be reading "The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post: A Novel" by Allison Pataki.

Below are the books and dates for Modern Trends for year 2024-25.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>REVIEWER</u>	<u>HOST</u>
Sept 12	<i>The Magnificent Life of Marjorie Post</i> by Allison Pataki	Andrea	Myra
Oct 17	<i>The Great Divide</i> by Cristina Henriquez (NOTE: This month 3 rd Thurs due to Booktoberfest)	Kristine	Georgine
Nov 14	<i>The First Ladies</i> by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray	Georgine	Georgine
Feb 13	<i>Grace: President Obama & Ten Days in the Battle for America</i> by Cody Keenan	Carol K	*TBD
Mar 13	<i>Unfinished Love Story</i> by Doris Kearns Goodwin	Greta	*TBD
April	Whittier Reads Book		
May 8	<i>Homecoming</i> by Kate Morton	Paula	*TBD
June 12	<i>How to Say Babylon</i> by Safiya Sinclair	*TBD	*TBD

In May we will start compiling the reads for the next year, and in June we will decide.

*TBD – To be determined

Myra Weiss



WRITING IS FUN

Writing is Fun! will be held at the home of Carole Restovich on Wednesday, September 25, at 11 AM. Bring your sandwich or salad and be prepared to share your written ideas on anything that amuses, disturbs or enlightens you. We are an informal group that enjoys the camaraderie as well as the written word. We write for clarifying thinking, for preserving family history, for self-awareness and for fun! Everyone is welcome. Dessert and drinks provided.

FIRST FRIDAY

It's time again to reunite with AAUW friends outside of our official meetings. Oscar Rivera and Delia Gonzalez are graciously inviting us to spend the afternoon at their Ranchito on Friday, September 6th from 6 PM to 8 PM.

The 1940's Rivera-Gonzalez property has been featured on the Whittier Garden Tour and on the Year Around Garden Club Garden Tour a few years back. They have also been featured in the Whittier Daily News Hidden Treasures Videos also a few years back. The home is constructed of unreinforced adobe brick with the original mosaic tiling throughout the house. You will enjoy seeing the River of Life trim throughout. Remember to wear casual clothes and flat shoes. It's a real treat that we will be able to enjoy ourselves among native trees and plants!

Friends and significant others are always welcome! Just remember to bring something sweet or savory, and your choice of beverage for everyone's enjoyment.



Address is 10814 Monte Vista, Whittier

Directions: Go east on Beverly Blvd to Norwalk Blvd, turn left, continue to Monte Vista, turn left, the house is the second property to your right. If coming on Whittier Blvd, turn right on Norwalk Blvd, continue to Monte Vista, turn right.

Respectfully submitted by
Belen Duarte-Sousa

DINING FOR \$\$\$\$



Dining For \$\$\$\$ Fundraiser Event

Date: September 19, 2024

Place: The Chicken Koop

Time: 11 AM – 10 PM

Hello everyone and welcome to our 2024/2025 year! This year, our Dining For \$\$\$\$ event continues with restaurants that are traditional favorites of ours as well as some new additions. Our September venue, **The Chicken Koop**, is one of our new additions and we hope you will enjoy it. It is a casual, family friendly restaurant in Uptown Whittier located near the cross streets of Hadley and Comstock. It's directly across from the Rite Aid on Comstock Ave. Limited street parking is available and there is a huge public parking lot right next door, so parking won't be a problem.

If you enjoy roasted chicken, you are sure to enjoy the variety of ways it is prepared at The Chicken Koop. This lively venue has a large menu where you can find bowls, chicken plates, tacos, wraps, specialty plates, and an interesting array of small bites & shared plates. Margaritas, mojitos and micheladas are available along with traditional beverages. There is a spacious indoor dining area and a smaller outdoor area for dining too. The Chicken Koop has a very popular take-out business so consider take-out as an option if your schedule is a busy one that day.

We would like our newer members to know that Dining For \$\$\$\$ was an event created to raise money for our Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Throughout the year, you will see how valuable this fund is to the work this branch does to achieve our goals. Attending these events is an easy and effective way for you to contribute while enjoying a meal with family or friends. **This month, 20% of all your food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases go directly into our scholarship fund.** Present a flyer to your server when ordering so that we can get credit for our purchases. **The owner also encourages you to simply take a photo of the flyer,** found in this newsletter, and present that photo.

We hope you will mark your calendars now for September 19th and join in the effort to support the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Mini flyers will be at our September branch meeting and in a reminder emailed to you shortly before the event. We hope to see you there!

Carole Duff



**The Chicken Koop Restaurant
is proud to support**

**Greater Whittier Area AAUW
Myra Long Scholarship Fund**

Dining for \$\$\$\$ Event

Thursday, September 19, 2024
11:00 AM – 10 PM

The Chicken Koop Restaurant
12824 Hadley Street #105
Whittier, CA 90601
(562) 464- 1780
Dine-in or Take-out

Present this flyer to your server and 20% of your food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases will be donated to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Daily Specials are not included in the donations.

Please No soliciting on premises

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



During the summer we lost our dear friend **Sue Settlage** who passed away on June 24, 2024. Memorial services were held on Friday, July 19th at First Friends Church Whittier after which the family hosted a luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Many AAUW members were in attendance and shared memories and condolences.



Our condolences go out to **Iris Harris** whose husband, David Harris, passed away in August. Dave Harris's memorial service will be Saturday, August 24, at 3 pm at First Friends Church. There will be a prelude with slides and music before the service begins. All are welcome. Instead of flowers, please make donations to American Institute of Organbuilders, or Doctors Without Borders. We look forward to seeing you and helping us celebrate Dave's life.



Belen Duarte-Sousa hosted a very enjoyable Jewelry Trunk Show at her home on Saturday, June 29, 2024. Many friends from AAUW were in attendance and took home some lovely jewelry. Such a creative lady.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS (cont.)



Mandy Knight was on the road to Texas and Oklahoma in May. “Billed as the “HGTV Fixer Upper and Food Network Pioneer Woman Tour”, it was all that and much more. We did visit Waco and explore the city that Chip and Joanna Gaines have transformed with their Magnolia Network, Magnolia Restaurant, Hotel 1928, The Silos and Magnolia Marketplace. We went through a house that was a featured re-do on Season 3 of their Fixer Upper show, poked our heads inside the Hotel 1928, ate at Jo’s Magnolia Restaurant and shopped at the Silos. To say that they revitalized this city with commerce and tourism is an understatement. In Pawhuska, Oklahoma, Ree Drummond (aka The Pioneer Woman) has done much the same, on a smaller scale. She, too, purchased old buildings that have been transformed into a hotel, mercantile and restaurant. It was fun to experience places and people many have enjoyed watching on television. The trip afforded us an opportunity to visit honky-tonks in Austin (there may have been some two-steppin’ involved) and multiple renowned barbeque spots not only in Austin but in Dallas and Waco as well. Did you know that Will Rogers has a fantastic memorial and museum in Claremore, Oklahoma? Another jewel of the trip was the Philbrook Museum of Art. I describe it as a smaller version of the Getty Villa; it was a villa built in Tulsa with oil money in the 1920’s. In 1938, homeowner Waite Phillips gifted the 72-room mansion and surrounding 23 acres of grounds as an art center for the city of Tulsa. The Philbrook Museum of Art opened in 1939. The collection features more than 16,000 objects with a focus on American, Native American and European art; it is considered one of America’s finest art museums, a must see if you are in the Tulsa area. In Dallas, we visited the area where Kennedy was shot, the grassy knoll and the Book Depository Museum as well as the George W. Bush Presidential Center on the campus of SMU. There was just the right balance of historical and cultural experiences to make it a fabulous way to spend 6 days. Oh....and there was the weather.....tornado warnings had us clicking our heels together for sure! Fortunately, they set down about 30 miles away, way too close for my comfort!”



We all want to hear about what is happening in the lives of our AAUW community. This section includes community news as well as your personal news, tips, and stories. Send me yours so I can include them in our next newsletter.

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GREATER WHITTIER AREA CALENDAR

Board Meeting	September 3 (Tuesday)	7 PM	Zoom
First Friday	September 6 (Friday)	6 PM – 8 PM	Rivera-Gonzalez Ranchito
Modern Trends	September 12 (Thursday)	6:30 PM	Myra Weiss's
Branch Meeting	September 14 (Saturday)	10 AM	First Friends Church Whittier
Mystery Mavens	September 18 (Wednesday)	6 PM	The Original Roadhouse Grill
International Concerns	September 19 (Thursday)	10 AM	Sharon Heck's
Dining for \$\$\$\$	September 19 (Thursday)	11 AM – 10 PM	The Chicken Koop
Morning Book	September 23 (Monday)	10 AM	Margo Reeg's
Writing is Fun	September 25 (Wednesday)	11 AM	Carole Restovich's

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